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Today:
 Increasing clouds today with a chance of snow. High of 35 with North winds 5-10 mph. Cloudy tonight with lows 20-25.

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Job seekers:
 Roughly 900 people showed up at job fairs for a new plastics plant to open in March.

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Not for sale: Idaho Power Co. has no intention of selling its hydroelectric dams.

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Bruins play: The Twin Falls boys' basketball team entertained defending state champion Madison Saturday night.

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Who won?: College football's most prestigious award - the Heisman Trophy - was awarded Saturday.

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Living with AUTISM

For autistic boy, progress moves slowly

TWIN FALLS - In a small room at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Child Development Center, 3-year-old Robert Casteel faces a big test.

About these stories

Robert Casteel, 3, of Twin Falls was diagnosed as autistic this summer. This is an ongoing series about his progress - and his parents' efforts to raise money for a preschool for autistic and other developmentally disabled children. The Casteels and experts say there is a lack of specialized, intensive services for autistic children in the Magic Valley.

Monday: Case studies of two teenagers with autism.

Mike Day of Boise is evaluating Robert for the first time. Day is considered by many the state's expert on working with autistic children such as Robert.

In a short life where learning is marked by small steps and setbacks, good days and bad days, this is an important evaluation day.

Also sitting at a child's table in the room is Bobette Grinstead, Robert's preschool teacher at Morningside Elementary School. Day will help her design a plan for Robert. When

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Autism campaign falls short; family ready to move

BOISE - Tammie and Chris Casteel hunted houses Friday morning in Boise, checking closets and bedroom sizes, kitchens and square footages.

"Look at the backyard," Chris Casteel said at the third house they viewed.

"I like the yard," his wife said. "It's a keeper." The Casteels plan to move from Twin Falls to Boise, where their autistic son, Robert, 3, can receive the intensive services he needs. Because of little community support, they've all but abandoned their efforts to raise \$234,000 to start up a Twin Falls program to serve seven children with autism and other developmental delays.

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**Stories by Pat Marcantonio
 Photos by Bruce Shields**

America's secret world 290,000 children work unlawfully to help produce goods for the nation's major brands

The Associated Press

Fifty-nine years after Congress outlawed child labor in its most onerous forms, underage children still toil in fields and factories scattered across America.

The poorest and most vulnerable among them start working before other children start kindergarten. Many earn wages below the legal minimum, often in exhausting, or even hazardous, jobs.

These children live in a world apart from most Americans, hidden from consumers and even the com-

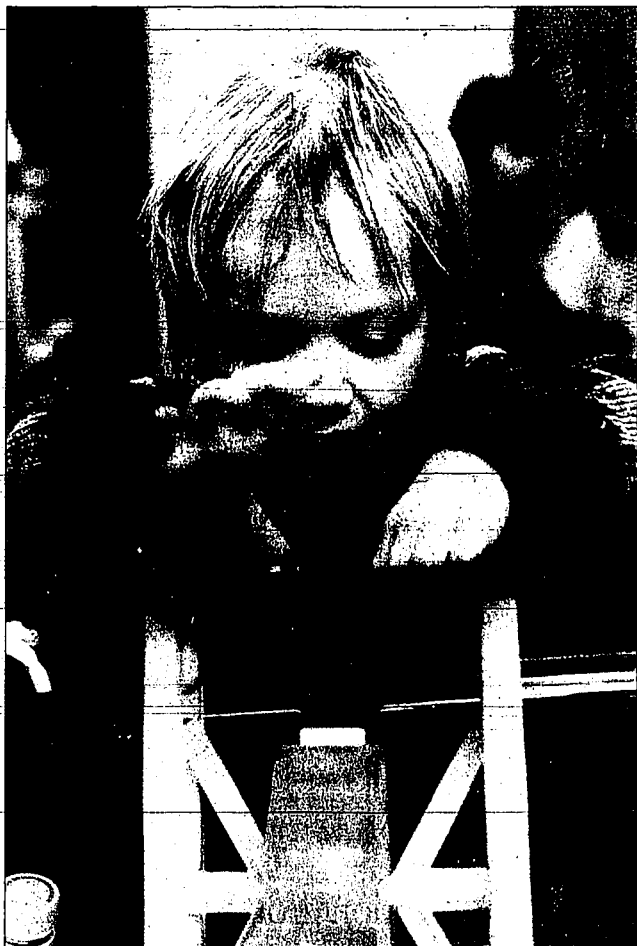


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 Why the laws fail.
Tomorrow
 Voices of the children.

Cassell, 13, who spent the summer field-picking, who spent the summer field-picking. Please see LABOR, Page A5



"He doesn't so much play with other children as play near them," said Robert's preschool teacher Bobette Grinstead. Still, learning to share is a basic skill Robert needs to learn.



After repeated illnesses and accidents which kept him out of preschool for nearly six weeks, Robert Casteel has rejoined his class at Morningside School. Teachers try to harness his self-motivation to teach him motor skills, using his fascination with rice to get him to concentrate on a task.



Eleven-year-old Jose Madrid picks green chilies on a farm in La Union, N.M., in October. Jose is pragmatic beyond his 11 years: "I'm not good at math, but I'm good at money."

THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 27 Low: 7
Mostly cloudy and breezy today with a slight chance of snow. Cloudy tonight, not so cold. Cloudy Monday with snow chance.

Treasure Valley

High: 37 Low: 26
Increasing clouds today with chance of snow. Breezy. Cloudy Monday with chance of snow, high in mid day.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 27 Low: 3
Increasing clouds today with chance of snow. Breezy. Cloudy Monday with chance of snow, high in near 30.

Eastern Idaho

High: 29 Low: 20
Patchy fog early today then increasing clouds. Mostly clear tonight. Cloudy Monday with chance of snow, highs near 30.

Northern Idaho

High: 31 Low: 29
Snow likely today. Mostly clear evening with fog. Cloudy Monday with snow likely.

Northern Utah

High: 35 Low: 22
Increasing clouds and haze today with a chance of snow. Mostly cloudy Monday with greater chance of snow. Highs 30-35.

Northern Nevada

High: 32 Low: 20
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Idaho

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MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today

High: 35 Low: 18
Increasing clouds with a chance of snow.

Monday

High: 34 Low: 20
Increasing clouds with a chance of snow.

Tuesday

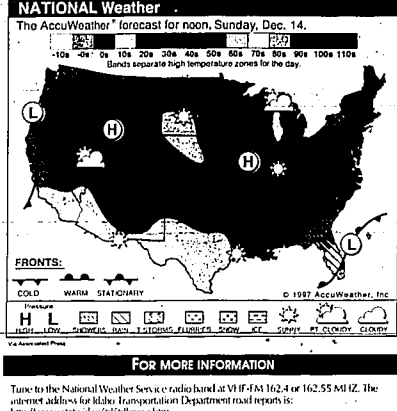
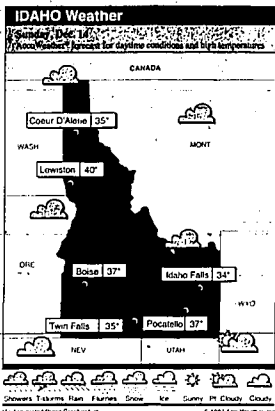
High: 40s Low: 20s
Mostly dry.

Wednesday

High: 40s Low: 20s
Possible scattered snow showers.

Thursday

High: 40s Low: 20s
Cooler with scattered snow showers.



UV INDEX
Index: 1 Boise: 376-8028
(minimum) Magic Valley: 886-2366
Burn time: Pocatello: 233-6724
80 minutes: Rigby: 745-7278

ROAD INFORMATION

SKYWATCH
Sunset today 5:05 pm.
Sunrise tomorrow 8:01 a.m.
Lunar phase: Full Dec. 13 last quarter, Dec. 21 new, Dec. 29 first quarter, Jan. 5.
Visible planets: Mars, Neptune, Uranus, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho/West: Surface high pressure centered over the Northwest brought another day of hazy sunshine and cold temperatures to the Gem state Saturday.

Only high thin clouds were present across the state at mid-afternoon.

A pronounced temperature inversion, showing warmer air aloft than at the surface, was indicated by the near 20 degree readings in the upper Snake River plain and an afternoon reading of 17 degrees at Island Park in the mountain county of eastern Idaho along the Montana border.

Sunny skies were expected across the Southwest, the Rockies and much of the Great Plains. The Pacific Northwest was expected to see rain showers later in the day.

Southeast: Rain was expected to be most severe in Florida. Strong storms were also predicted in Georgia and Alabama. Forecasters warned of flooding.

East/Midwest: Light snow showers were predicted from the Great Lakes to the Northeast, along with a trigrid cloud front.

- The Associated Press

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday 37	19
Last year 33	24
Normal 41	22
Water year to date: 2.16	
Normal year to date: 2.51	

Idaho	Highs/Lows
Boise	Max: 32 Min: 18
Coeur d'Alene	Max: 32 Min: 18
Fairfield	Max: 32 Min: 18
Hagerman	Max: 32 Min: 18
Idaho Falls	Max: 32 Min: 18
Jerome	Max: 32 Min: 18
Lewiston	Max: 32 Min: 18
Malad	Max: 32 Min: 18
Malia	Max: 32 Min: 18
McCall	Max: 32 Min: 18
Pocatello	Max: 32 Min: 18
Salmon	Max: 32 Min: 18
Stanley	Max: 32 Min: 18
Sun Valley	Max: 32 Min: 18

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Allanburg	44	21	0.0
Atlanta	40	35	0.3
Boston	43	10	0.0
Chicago	33	21	0.0
Denver	42	20	0.0
Des Moines	41	25	0.0
Detroit	42	20	0.0
Honolulu	75	62	0.0
Indianapolis	40	28	0.0
Indianapolis	41	25	0.0
Kansas City	40	19	0.0
Los Angeles	72	47	0.0
Memphis	38	26	0.0
Miami Beach	81	72	0.0
Milwaukee	36	22	0.0
Minneapolis	39	24	0.0
New Orleans	69	40	0.3
New York	39	34	0.0
Omaha	40	20	0.0
Philadelphia	40	18	0.0
Phoenix	63	37	0.0
Pittsburgh	46	28	0.0
Portland, Ore.	49	18	0.0
Portland, Ore.	44	35	0.0
Reno	47	19	0.0
St. Louis	42	25	0.0
Salt Lake City	33	12	0.0
San Francisco	50	44	0.0
Seattle	50	14	0.0
Spokane	31	20	0.0
Washington	46	29	0.0

Canadian Cities

Montreal	50	42	0.0
Toronto	32	25	0.0
Vancouver	32	29	0.0

Order to remove wolves surprises some

The Associated Press

The groups pushing for a federal court ruling to stop the wolf reintroduction project in central Idaho and Yellowstone National Park are happy that they've gotten it.

Others are puzzled by the decision, and wonder how it can be carried out.

On Friday, U.S. District Judge William Downes sided with farm groups and attacked the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to remove the wolves that have been transplanted since 1995.

However, he stayed action pending an appeal, and Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and wildlife groups immediately announced that they would appeal.

The judge agreed with critics who argued the service's action and recovery plan would result in less protection for wolves that would have migrated to the area on their own.

The ruling addressed lawsuits filed by the Mountain States Legal Foundation on behalf of Farm Bureaus in Idaho, Wyoming and Montana and the American Farm Bureau Federation. Downes' ruling also addressed similar suits that had been filed by the National Audubon Society



Wolves transplanted into Yellowstone National Park feed on an elk they killed in April.

and others.

The service caught and relocated 66 wolves to central Idaho and Yellowstone in 1995 and 1996 from Canada to help wolves, an endangered species. The population more than doubled to an estimated 155 animals. Downes ordered the agency to recapture all of the transplanted wolves and their offspring.

"This landmark program may now be in jeopardy — that's a

2nd conservation group plans to appeal ruling

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A second national conservation group on Saturday promised to appeal a federal judge's ruling declaring illegal the federal wolf reintroduction program in the northern Rocky Mountains.

The National Wildlife Federation said it will file a lawsuit with U.S. District Judge William Downes. Casper was fundamentally flawed in saying the program illegally reduced protection afforded to wolves that may migrate naturally to the recovery areas in central Idaho and Yellowstone National Park.

"We will not stand by and

real shame, and I will fight with everything I have to keep the wolves in Yellowstone where they belong," Babbitt said.

Suzanne Lavery, Wolf Recovery Foundation director at Boise, said, "I don't think the American people are going to stand for removing wolves from Yellowstone and Idaho after the program has demonstrated such success."

The conservation group

Defenders of Wildlife also said it would fight the ruling.

It is a largely even to discuss dismantling the greatest wildlife restoration effort in our nation's history. The idea of removing the wolves defies common sense," said Roger Schlickeisen, Defenders president.

"Can you imagine trying to remove dozens of wolves spread over millions of acres?" he asked.

Nev. Perce Tribal Executive Committee Chairman Samuel Penney at Lapwai said officials found Downes' logic puzzling. The tribe contracts with the federal agency to manage the Idaho wolf program.

"We are extremely surprised that a federal judge would order a remedy that involves removing the wolves, if the concern is that the Fish and Wildlife Service's program doesn't give the wolves the protection they need," Penney said.

Idaho Sen. Larry Craig joined the Farm Bureau party, with some reservations. "I would call removal of wolves in central Idaho and Yellowstone a victory for Idaho citizens, but the questions surrounding the listing of wolves under the Endangered Species Act still remain."

Downes ruled since the Fish and Wildlife Service acknowledged that fully protected wolves from Canada and Montana may migrate naturally to Yellowstone and Idaho, the reintroduction plan would illegally reduce their protection because they would be considered "experimental and non-essential" once they entered the recovery areas.

the wolf, and people who find wolves found on private land can try to drive them off, two activists that would be illegal for an animal with full protection as an endangered species.

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A rancher who caught a wolf preying on livestock could shoot

Clinton to propose child-care tax breaks

NEW YORK (AP) — President Clinton may make it easier for working families to obtain child care by proposing a bill that he will soon propose a major initiative with new federal subsidies and tax breaks. The New York Times reported Sunday.

The proposal — to be included in the president's State of the Union Message next month and in his budget request a few days later, it aimed at increasing the supply of child care and improving its quality, the paper said in a story made available on its Web site.

Clinton's proposals would include an increase in the federal

income tax credit parents can take for child care expenses, a new tax credit for businesses that build or operate child care centers for employees and an increase in federal money given to states to subsidize child care, the paper said.

The proposals would call for a national program to help states check the criminal history, day care center employees and scholarships for child-care workers to subsidize their training and assist in their pay.

The paper said Clinton has decided not to propose national child care standards, an issue that has provoked bitter clashes in the past.

New tax-free medical savings accounts get mixed reviews

WASHINGTON (AP) — Doug Hicks is a self-employed cleaner at Florida's Gulf Coast and when his wife left her real estate job to strike out on her own, the couple decided not to replace her family health insurance.

Instead, they're trying a medical savings account.

"I don't know if it's a great idea for everybody," said Hicks, 41, but "for people like us it is a perfect sense. We don't live paycheck to paycheck ... and also we're healthy."

About a year after Congress made medical savings accounts, known as MSAs, available on an experimental basis to the self-employed and small businesses — and a year before a separate test of them was opened to senior citizens on Medicare — people from Canada and Montana may migrate naturally to Yellowstone and Idaho, the reintroduction plan would illegally reduce their protection because they would be considered "experimental and non-essential" once they entered the recovery areas.

At the end of June, 22,051 Americans had opened MSAs, according to the Internal Revenue Service's latest count. About 17 percent, or 3,670 of them, previously had been uninsured.

For Hicks and his wife, who have two small children, who rarely spend more than a \$1,000 a year on health care, putting money aside in an MSA seemed more reasonable than spending \$500 a month to join a health plan. The savings are tax free if reserved to pay medical bills, and no insurance company restricts their choice of care or doctors.

To protect themselves from catastrophe, the family keeps a \$150-a-month insurance policy that would kick in if they ever top \$4,500 in annual medical expenses.

"I was looking at \$300 a month down the drain and this way it's \$350 that I can put into the MSA and it's mine to keep," said Hicks.

Bernadette Olson, on the other hand, doesn't expect to have anything in her MSA this year. She's just considering how she'll pay the bills.

Shortly after Olson's employer, Heartland Technologies Inc. of Noblesville, Ind., decided to contribute to worker MSAs instead of providing a health plan, her husband needed surgery.

Heartland will put \$1,000 in Olson's MSA this year and help pay the premium for catastrophic insurance that started paying bills after she and her husband racked up \$1,500 in medical bills. But the insurance company has rejected some claims, and the sons may lose more than the \$500 they already paid to meet their high deductible.

"Am I 100 percent happy with it? No," said Olson, who, as vice president of Heartland, helped make the agricultural research company's decision to try MSAs because other health benefits were becoming too expensive.

Critics of MSAs are too risky, they contend that the maximum \$25,000 people allowed under the experiment will even try them before it ends in 2000.

"I think MSAs are good for people who are healthy and know they'll never get sick," said Gail Shearer of Consumers Union. "I don't think that's a very big population."

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A St. Anthony player scored some Cannon Ball Cash, winning \$1,000! She purchased her winning ticket at Cougar Corner in St. Anthony.

A lucky player from Rigby win \$2,000 on Weekly Grand. The Winning ticket was purchased at Bob's Kwik Serv in Rigby.

POWERBALL
SATURDAY DECEMBER 13 NUMBERS
5 35 41 44 46
POWERBALL NUMBER 27

LOTTO
SATURDAY DECEMBER 13 NUMBERS
2 6 14 12 23 25

FRIDAY DECEMBER 12 NUMBERS
5 FAST
5 13 15 28 29

Cybersale of alcohol draws fire

Groups worry that underage will have access

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Log on to the World Wide Web and pull up the site for Beer Across America, a Chicago-based beer-of-the-month club. There, you can order a six-pack of the club's featured beer, Neptune 66, a pale ale billed as "rich and full-bodied" with "a pleasantly bitter finish."

Hop to another site, the Best Buy Wine Club, and you'll find an \$89.95 bottle of an old-style California chardonnay, which has "a vivacious, crisp, well-delineated personality." Punch in your credit card number and a shipping address, and mark a box indicating you're older than 21, and within a few weeks the wine will be delivered to your doorstep.

While many customers appreciate the convenience of these direct-to-home deliveries, some groups have begun a campaign against these cyber sales as being too convenient, saying the Internet makes alcohol too available to underage drinkers.

These critics rallied against the "direct shippers" at a news conference in Washington Friday. A newly formed coalition, Americans for Responsible Alcohol Access, outlined its opposition to what it calls the business of "cyberbooze."

"These Internet bootleggers routinely ignore state laws, making no attempt to determine if purchasers are of legal age," said New York State Attorney General Dennis C. Vacco, the coalition's honorary chairman. "As a result, teen-agers who can't legally buy a can of beer at the corner store can get virtually any type of alcoholic beverage delivered right to their doorstep."

He added that teen-agers are among the most prolific Internet users and are likely to be home



New York Attorney General Dennis Vacco shows a bottle of liquor at a news conference Friday in Washington, D.C., on the ability of underage youth to buy alcoholic beverages over the Internet.

alone in the afternoon when deliveries are made.

However, operators of beer and wine of the month clubs, many of which take orders over the Internet, dispute the characterizations. They say they police their sales, asking customers if they're 21 when they place the order and requiring them to show identification when the products are delivered. Most of the dozens of Web sites operating include warnings that underage drinkers cannot place or receive orders.

Furthermore, they say teen-agers aren't likely to be among their customers.

"No kid is going to want to buy a \$50 bottle of wine out of Napa Valley," said Todd Holmes, co-

owner of Beer Across America and International Wine Cellars, a company targeted by Vacco.

Underlying this debate, though, is the complex relationship between direct shippers, such as the beer and wine clubs, and alcohol wholesalers.

The U.S. alcohol industry operates in what's known as a "three-tier system" including producers, wholesalers and retailers. In most states, only licensed wholesalers are permitted to distribute alcohol, and only to licensed retailers and restaurants. Through this system, states collect sales and excise taxes and enforce the legal drinking age.

The wine and beer clubs, which usually are licensed retail-

ers in the states where they're located, say the wholesalers are using the underage drinking issue as an excuse to protect their own interests — and profits. They say the wholesalers don't want a wine club in California to ship their products to a customer who lives in, say, Vermont, thereby leaving the wholesaler in that state out of the transaction.

"They're concerned about us for one reason and one reason only — it bypasses them," said Jim Lowe, owner of Hog's Head Beer Cellars, a Greensboro, N.C., beer club.

"They can't go to the state and say, 'We're not getting our cut,' so they say, 'Look how easy it is for minors to get it.'"

Virginia authorities nab suspect using lip prints

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (AP) — Criminals are routinely nabbed because they leave fingerprints or stray DNA behind at the scene. A peeping Tom suspect in Virginia left lip prints.

Police arrested Robert N. Smith, 41, on Tuesday for allegedly peeping into apartments after the state forensic crime laboratory was unable to match his lip print with one taken of a window at one of the apartments.

"We got fingerprints all the time, but that's not the case, obviously, with lip prints," Paul Ferrara, director of the state Division of Forensic Science, said Friday.

The print was discovered on an apartment window Aug. 18, and a detective filed the print Sept. 11. Smith was arrested and charged

with indecent exposure at the same apartment complex about two weeks later.

Police got a search warrant for Smith's lips and found they had their man.

The indecent exposure charge was dropped at Smith's trial Tuesday when the chief witness failed to appear, but he was arrested on five misdemeanor peeping charges as he was leaving court.

He remains free on bond awaiting trial. He faces up to a year in jail.

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White House applauds financial accord

Deal to lower bank barriers should calm choppy Asian waters

WASHINGTON (AP) — A global agreement to knock down barriers to U.S. and foreign financial firms operating around the world wouldn't have come at a better time for the Clinton administration, after two serious trade setbacks. And analysts said it should also help at least modestly to calm a badly rattled global financial system.

American consumers will see little change from the landmark deal — a decade in the making — because the U.S. market is already open to foreign competition. But the agreement, reached Saturday morning in Geneva

among negotiators representing 102 countries, should prove a boost to American banks, securities firms and insurance companies in their struggle to crack open overseas markets. President Clinton called the pact an important confidence booster that shows "countries have chosen to move forward rather than backwards" in the face of Asia's financial troubles. The victory also came at a time when the administration was badly in need of a trade success story. Last month, Clinton was forced to withdraw his request to

Congress for authority to negotiate new free trade agreements. And last week, the World Trade Organization ruled against Eastman Kodak in a fight over market access in Japan.

Sensitive to these developments at a time when America's trade deficit is soaring, the administration stressed Saturday that the WTO negotiating process had worked extremely well in these negotiations to break down barriers that American companies have been complaining about for years.

U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky called the new deal "dramatically improved" over a 1995 package which the United States had refused to sign because only 45 countries had come forward with market-opening offers.

Barshefsky said 102 countries put offers on the table in the just-completed discussions and 71 of those were significant improvements over the status quo.

The completed deal will cover \$17.8 trillion in global securities assets, \$38 trillion in global bank lending and \$2.2 trillion in worldwide insurance premiums, according to a U.S. fact sheet. The agreement is scheduled to take effect March 1, 1999, after ratification in individual countries. For the United States, no action by Congress will be needed because with America's markets already open, the U.S. nego-

tiators did not have to make any new commitments.

U.S. banks, insurance companies and securities firms, which had urged the administration to walk away from the 1995 deal, voiced support for the new pact.

"This agreement advances the cause of free and open markets, which will help to bring the benefits of a more integrated financial system to people everywhere," said David H. Komansky, chairman of Merrill Lynch & Co.

"We think this is a great opportunity for the insurance industry to expand internationally, particularly in emerging markets that have been closed to us," Gary Bennan, chairman of New York Life Worldwide Inc., told reporters after a White House briefing.

Several Asian nations have been forced to seek huge financial rescue packages from the International Monetary Fund in

recent months after being battered by plunging stock markets, weak currencies and shaky banking systems.

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Clinton vows crackdown on drug overcharging

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vowing a renewed crackdown on the "unfair fraud tax" he said costs Medicare billions a year, President Clinton urged Congress on Saturday to pass legislation barring doctors from charging more for drugs than they pay themselves.

"Medicare is more than just a program. It reflects our values," Clinton said in his weekly radio address. "It's one way we honor parents and our grandparents and protect our families across generations."

Medicare fraud costs billions of dollars each year and undermines the nation's ability to care for those most in need, he said.

"Taxpayers deserve to expect that every cent of hard-earned money is spent on qual-

ty medical care for deserving patients," he said.

Clinton said that clamping down on drug overcharges would save \$700 million over five years. He noted that a recent report by the general of the Department of Health and Human Services found that what Medicare pays for drugs "bears little or no resemblance to actual wholesale prices that are available to physicians and suppliers that bill for the drugs."

"These overpayments occur because Medicare reimburses doctors according to the published average wholesale price, the so-called 'sticker price,' for drugs," Clinton said. "Few doctors, however, actually pay the full

sticker price."

"For more than one-third of these drugs, Medicare paid more than double the actual wholesale prices, and in some cases pays as high as ten times the amount," the White House said in a fact sheet.

Clinton said the proposal, to be included in his budget for the 1999 fiscal year, will "ensure that doctors are reimbursed no more and no less than the price they themselves pay for the medicines they give Medicare patients."

The president said his proposal is just one of a series of actions he has taken to curb waste, fraud and abuse in the Medicare system.

White House may sidestep Senate in naming Lee

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barring an unexpected change of heart by Republican opponents, President Clinton plans to sidestep the Senate and make Asian-American Bill Lann Lee the nation's top civil rights enforcer, White House officials said Saturday.

A show of flexibility by GOP senators is not anticipated and Clinton could act as early as Monday, the officials said.

"We still would like to see the Senate fulfill its responsibility by giving Mr. Lee a fair up-or-down vote" on his nomination to be assistant attorney general for civil rights, said a White House official who spoke on condition

of anonymity. "We are considering a number of options," the official said. "As we've said repeatedly, President Clinton is determined that Bill Lann Lee be in a position to enforce the nation's civil rights laws. We would prefer that he be able to do that through Senate confirmation of his nomination."

But in the end, Clinton will act. "A president's got to do what a president's got to do," another White House official said.

Senate Republicans, led by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, object to Lee's support of affirmative action.

Any decision by Clinton to place Lee in the job under his own constitutional authority could ignite outrage on Capitol Hill, possibly including retaliation against other Clinton nominees and legislative initiatives.

Clinton has several ways to make Lee the top civil rights prosecutor without Senate approval.

With Congress out of session, Clinton could grant Lee a recess appointment, placing him in the job for a year. That is the option most commonly discussed. The authority dates to the 18th century when Congress met infrequently and the president needed a way to fill vacancies.

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Paula Jones raises stakes in suit against Clinton

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Paula Curbin Jones' sexual harassment battle with President Clinton is David vs. Goliath no more.

What began as a struggle between a sitting president and a former low-level Arkansas state employee with two attorneys working on a contingency fee basis has evolved into a more even contest in terms of financial and legal assets.

The 3-year-old lawsuit, due to go to trial next May, stems from Jones' allegation that Clinton, while Arkansas governor in 1991, summoned her to a hotel room, exposed himself and asked her for a sexual favor, which she says she refused. Jones was a state employee at the time. Clinton has said he does not recall ever meeting Jones, and he has adamantly denied asking her for sexual favors.

Jones has insisted from the start that she is suing Clinton to right a wrong and that she has no political motive and is not seeking financial gain. She turned down a settlement offer in September that easily would have paid her lawyers' expenses and fees, prompting the attorneys to quit.

But political motive or not, she is now being backed by a coalition of conservative activists and fund-raisers, who have begun collecting money for her through direct-mail solicitations and from two Web sites on the Internet.

In addition, two conservative organizations in Washington are helping her indirectly by running cable television and radio ads appealing for information on sexual harassment by the president and other high government officials.

The result is instantly apparent. Instead of two Washington-area attorneys, Jones' legal counsel is a team of politically conservative Dallas lawyers brought into the case by the Rutherford Institute of Charlottesville, Va., a

non-profit organization that often has gone to court for causes supported by the religious right. The attorneys' travel, lodging, meals and other expenses are underwritten by the institute.

They are opposed by a formidable defense team put together for the president by Robert S. Bennett, whom many in the legal community call Washington's superlawyer. At \$475 an hour, he has represented top officials ranging from former Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger to former Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., in a political corruption case.

Although Clinton has not had an easy time paying Bennett or his coterie of associate lawyers at the pricey Sklen Arps firm, he is likely to be able to relieve any remaining debt after he leaves office.

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Robert comes down the hall, holding the hand of his mother, Tammie, his father, Chris, and several specialists observe the session unseen from an adjoining room.

Day wants Robert to match colored plastic cups.

"Same," Day tells Robert, who doesn't always look at Day. Autistic children usually don't make eye contact with people.

When Robert cooperates, he gets candy or a hug from Day. One time Robert reaches for a hug without performing the task.

"No, gotta lean chair for 'stand up' and 'sit down' directions. Such tasks get Robert ready to learn more, the specialists say.

All the while Grinstead watches and asks questions.

After half an hour, Robert starts rubbing his face with his hands. It's his self-stimulation—repetitive motions autistic children may fall into as if to retreat into their world. But Robert continues to do the tasks.

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He attends preschool four days a week at 2 1/2 hours a stretch. Thirteen children are in the afternoon class. Grinstead says she and two aides take turns working individually with Robert for much of the session.

A speech and occupational therapist also visit.

But in the past few months, Robert's attendance has been sparse. He has been ill for three weeks with strep throat and an ear infection, his mother says.

Last month, Robert pulled down on himself at home. His head required stitches and his eyes were blackened. A pink crescent-shaped scar still marks his forehead.

"Before his illness, he didn't cry," Grinstead said. Since he has returned he seems to tire quicker and is grumpier.

However, the next day is much better. Robert whines, but performs simple tasks, such as doing a puzzle. Grinstead gives him a chocolate chip or hugs him, kissing his head.

"Good job," she says. During playtime he becomes frustrated with a toy garage and bites it. He won't play with the other children, but plays near them or watches them.

Robert tries to climb over shelves to get plastic spoons or markers he arranges or carries—his apparent self-fulfilling.

"No, Robert," Grinstead tells him, and he gets down.

Robert is not the biggest challenge. One boy in her morning class does nothing but cry. One-third of this class of 4-year-olds are not toilet-trained but have progressed enough for kindergarten next year.

Day hides candy under a paper cup and does a kind of shell game. Robert finds the candy.

"He's pretty good at this," Day tells Robert's mother.

"He does good when there is food involved," Chris Casteel says in the other room.

Next to Chris, specialist Darrel Bournier smiles broadly at the change. During his summer sessions with Robert, the child cried the entire time. This time he doesn't cry once.

"I was impressed," Bournier says. Day gently tugs Robert to his feet then pushes him back on the chair for "stand up" and "sit down" directions. Such tasks get Robert ready to learn more, the specialists say.

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A therapeutic shell game administered by the region's leading autism authority, Dr. Mike Day, right, shows that Robert has high potential to learn. He was able to find a piece of candy hidden under a cup nearly every time.

What happens to autistic children?

Lack of understanding contributes to fund-raising difficulties

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Cancer and heart disease are pretty familiar illnesses. But autism is not your everyday disorder.

And that may be one reason a campaign to raise money for a specialized program in Twin Falls for autistic children failed, says one expert.

Because of lack of financial support, Tammie and Chris Casteel say they have abandoned their efforts to raise \$234,000 to establish the nonprofit preschool.

Their son, Robert, 3, was diagnosed with autism this summer, and they hoped to model a local center after a private one run by Mike Day in Boise. Day's program has been called the only one in Idaho to offer specialized and intensive services for autistic children.

Day says the Casteels faced

obstacles at the outset, including the raw numbers.

Statewide, there are just 159 autistic children in public schools, including 24 in the Magic Valley.

Duke Morton, developmental disability program manager for the Department of Health and Welfare in Twin Falls, also expected the Casteels would have a difficult time.

"First of all, the funding is very expensive and it's hard to get people to want to put that kind of money down," he said.

So where does this leave autistic children?

A general array of services is available for children, Morton said. But those with extreme behaviors—the autistic on one end, even very gifted children on

the other end—aren't always served as well as those in the middle.

Suite services can't provide the same level of care as Day's program because of staff restrictions, Morton said.

Depending on the child, Day offers 30 hours per week of training starting with one-to-one work aimed at getting children integrated in regular classrooms.

"Our staffing numbers have been fixed for years," Morton added.

A grant to fund specialized autistic services is a possibility, he said. Until then, he said, "We're kind of stuck."

But Cheryl Nickels of Jerome, director and founder of the Idaho

Autism Association, believes needed services for autistic children can be obtained within the existing school system. Her autistic son Alex is profic; he is now a high school senior.

Intensive, one-to-one work is the first, essential step to get them ready to enter school, she said.

"And if they don't get that they are likely not to make it," Nickels said, "but that doesn't take years, that takes a few months."

Usually, there is a whole service system to meet the needs of someone with an illness. The Casteels were trying to create one to help Robert and others, Day said.

But understanding autism probably is a formidable task for a community.

"In general as human beings, we're fairly uncomfortable with disabilities," he said.

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By next fall, the Casteels are likely to abandon their Twin Falls home.

"We sat and cried. We didn't want to move," Tammie Casteel said. "I hate to, but I don't want Robert to waste away."

"We have a lot of friends (in Twin Falls) and we liked our home," Chris Casteel added. "But we had to do what we had to do."

Since the couple started its campaign this summer, there have been moments of elation, but mostly the disappointment of poorly attended fund-raisers.

At an Oct. 24 auction of bachelors at The Presbox Sports Bar, the Casteels were smiling. Many bids came from the bachelor participants, but \$1,500 was pledged. Two television reporters even brought in more than \$200 each.

But a \$400 check from a contributor bounced twice, leaving the Casteels to pay \$100 to a bank. The earnings also were depleted by about \$500 for a tax exemption. She says the family has spent some of its own money on expenses.

"What hurt the worst is the bounced checks," she said.

While fund-raising, the couple investigated requirements for licensing a local program. One week at the time, Tammie Casteel met with Mike McIntyre at the Department of Health and Welfare.

Among the many subjects discussed was required staffing by professionals, such as a psychologist, physician and audiologist.

What is autism?

Autism is considered a brain disorder interfering with a child's normal development, but it's not known what causes or cures it. Its symptoms are varied and many, including poor communication skills and short attention spans.

Casteel said she knew people willing to volunteer.

"Where you are right now is a lot of paperwork," McIntyre told her. "Anything you need help with we'll be glad to help you out."

"This is all new to me, I'll be honest," she replied. "But I might as well jump in wholehearted. It feels better now that I know what they have to do."

At that point, she refused to acknowledge fund-raising defeat. But the next event further deflated her seemingly boundless enthusiasm.

A Nov. 15 night of bands at Muggers Brewpub drew only 20 donors and raised \$200 after expenses.

It was one more setback.

This summer, the family sent 500 letters to area businesses asking for support, but no one gave money. Tammie Casteel even went door-to-door. She doesn't think community leaders accepted the cause, but some individuals and businesses have been great, she says.

"I feel bad for the kids, but I'm angry at the community. It's not the money. It's the lack of involvement," she said.



KMVT anchor Shawn Bariga claims his 'prize,' Times-News Community Editor April Cmelik, during a celebrity bachelor auction the Casteels held to raise money for a proposed preschool. The auction raised only \$1,500, with most of the money coming from the participants.

She didn't believe her expectations were too high, citing the \$500,000 retired Twin Falls lumber dealer and contractor J.

Clifton Smallwood donated for a new clubhouse for the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley. Other campaigns, such as covering the

city pool, have drawn more money. Their only continued success has been from Hollywood, New

13-year-old girl hikes nearly 20 miles to save family

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — A 13-year-old girl hiked nearly 20 miles across the Mojave Desert in freezing temperatures to get help for her stranded mother and her young brother, an Air Force spokesman said Saturday.

The girl began her trek Thursday night when the family car broke down on the sprawling base best known for space shuttle landings.

The three, identified only as a military family, were returning from the desert city of Barstow, about 40 miles east of the

base. The car ran out of gas.

"All three of them — the mother, the infant and the child — started walking toward Edwards Air Force Base," said spokesman George Fox.

"After a while the mother, carrying the baby, got tired and couldn't go any farther. So the 13-year-old continued on."

"She must be really quite something."

Fox said of the girl's feat.

The 22-month-old boy was in serious condition Saturday at the base hospital with hypothermia

and frost bite to fingers and toes. Fox said night temperatures usually hover in the 20s. The mother and daughter also were treated at the base hospital for

hypothermia, he said.

Fox said times of the rescue were being withheld at the family's request.

Air Force security officers discovered the muddled girl Friday, about 12 hours after she set out, carrying water and a blanket. Fox applied for a transfer. He hopes his family still can be instrumental in bringing services for autistic children to Twin Falls. But the window of opportunity to help Robert progress is open. If it closes, their son could end up in a group home or institutionalized.

"That's the last place we need," he said.

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Faiviola Mares, 12, left, and her sister Laura, 10, watch over their nephew Albert, 2 months, while their parents and his work picking cucumbers in the fields.

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ing and bagging dresses in a Texas sweatshop. Children such as Bruce Lawrence, 8 already a three-year veteran of Florida's bean fields. The AP was able to follow the work products of 50 children to more than two dozen companies including Campbell Soup Co., Newman's Own, Costen, H.J. Heinz and Sears.

All the companies that responded condemned illegal child labor. Many launched investigations when told of suppliers employing underage children.

"If they are, that's against the law and they're gone — they don't supply to Campbell Soup Co.," said spokesman Kevin Lowery.

Actor Paul Newman, whose Newman's Own salsa is made at a plant supplied by New Mexico farms where underage children were seen picking chilies, ordered the plant to stop dealing with the farm's distributor.

He called the situation ironic, noting that his company gave \$9 million in charities this year, much of it to children.

"Even though we weren't aware of these infractions, I suppose we should have been," he said.

No one knows just how many U.S. children work illegally because no one, not the federal government included, has tried to count them all. To make an estimate, the AP had Rutgers University economist Douglas L. Kruse analyze monthly census surveys and other government data.

His study estimates that 290,200 children were employed unlawfully last year. Some were older teens working a few too many hours in after-school jobs. But also among them were 59,600 children under age 14 and 13,100 who worked in garment sweatshops, defined as factories with repeated labor violations.

Some corporate leaders said the young workers seen by the AP highlight a home-grown version of what they thought was largely a foreign problem.

Jim Sinegal, president of Costco Wholesale Corp., said his company has monitored overseas suppliers for years to avoid products made with child labor.

However, the company acknowledged buying cherries from a packing plant in Washington state where Flor Trujillo, 15, and six other child workers under 16 were sickened by carbon monoxide last July. Children under 16 are prohibited from working in such plants.

"We obviously have to take a look a little closer to home," Sinegal said.

In 1938, Congress declared an end to "oppressive child labor" by enacting the Fair Labor Standards Act.

It banned children under 14 from working most jobs, except on farms. It also extended responsibility beyond the child's employer, declaring that the taint of illegal child labor clings to a product from the workplace to the final packager or distributor.

Even with such strong laws, America's youngest workers remain among us.

Near Bowling Green, Ohio, Pasqual Mares looked sad in his 10-year-old daughter Laura, her



Laura Mares, 10, holds up a self-portrait outside her family's house at a migrant camp in Bowling Green, Ohio, in July. While Laura works the pickle and tomato harvest with her parents and sister, she hopes one day to be an artist.

back bent over a row of cucumbers. In a full week of harvest work, Mares said, he and his wife and their two working children had earned just \$120 — far below the normal minimum wage.

While America's youngest workers often are hidden from view,

their work products can make their way to the store down his street.

H.J. Heinz buys some of his chicken from Chestertown Foods, according to Chestertown plant manager Jack Laird. Filomena Simon Perez, 15, worked cutting

up chickens at the Maryland processing plant, which also sells to Campbell. She was one of six undocumented workers under 16 found when U.S. immigration agents raided Chestertown in September.

Campbell confirmed it buys mushrooms from a farm in Chester County, Pa., which this fall employed Jose Ortiz, age 14. While other kids were in school, Jose picked mushrooms eight hours a day.

At Heinz, purchasing agent Ronald Brooks said the company has worked for years to get farm workers' kids out of the fields and into decent housing or day care.

"We take the issue very seriously," Brooks said. "It's not totally new and foreign to us."

'Simple' labor law becomes complicated

The Associated Press

Federal law says 16-year-olds may not use blowtorches to burn hair from animal carcasses in slaughterhouses. Yet they are allowed to work as "headskinners."

These rules, and thousands more, are found in the 1938 Fair Labor Standards Act, a complex federal law with a simple goal: Keep kids safe and in school.

After almost 60 years of revision, federal child labor laws address everything from the time the sun comes up to the weight of a tractor.

The fundamentals, however, still say:

- Persons 18 and older may do any job for unlimited hours.

- Sixteen- and 17-year-olds may perform any job not declared too hazardous for them by the U.S. Secretary of Labor.

- Fourteen- and 15-year-olds may work in non-hazardous jobs outside school hours.

- In non-agricultural jobs, they may work no more than 3 hours on a school day, 8 hours on a non-school day, or 40 hours in a non-school week. They must not work later than 7 p.m. on school nights or 9 p.m. on other nights.

- Twelve- and 13-year-olds are barred from most jobs, but may work outside school hours on their parents' farms, or on other farms with parental consent.

- Children under 12 are barred from nearly all employment but may work on their parents farms.

They also may work on small farms that are exempt from federal minimum wage rules, as long as they have written parental consent.

Seventeen types of jobs are considered "hazardous" for 16- and 17-year-olds, including work involving explosives, driving cars and trucks, mining, logging and slaughtering. There more such restrictions for younger children.

There are four other exempted jobs in which children may work with little restriction: acting, wreath-making, delivering newspapers, and sport-related jobs such as baseball batboys.

Federal child labor law applies only to employers who are engaged in interstate commerce. Employers whose products never

CHILD LABOR LAW

Chronology of child labor legislation in the United States

1938 Congress passes the Fair Labor Standards Act restricting work done by children under 16 and establishing a minimum wage and maximum hours for all working adults and children.

Congress places legal liability on businesses by banning the shipment of goods if they're produced by children.

1939 New series of regulations allow 14- and 15-year-olds to do specific, nonhazardous jobs.

1949 Congress prohibits oppressive child labor in addition to the shipment of goods they produce. Parents are no longer allowed to employ their own children under 16 in occupations considered hazardous, except on farms.

1968 Congress bans children under 16 who aren't on a family farm from working agricultural jobs considered particularly hazardous — such as driving large tractors or operating harvesters.

1974 Congress tightens restrictions for children working on farms.

Several exemptions remain: 12- and 13-year-olds can work on a farm if they are employed by or have permission from their parents or guardian.

Children under 12 may work on a family farm or with their parents, written consent, on a small farm exempt from minimum wage.

1982 President Ronald Reagan proposes and later drops revisions to federal child labor laws.

1990 Department of Labor conducts Operation Child Watch — four unannounced, highly visible, raids. More than 2,500 investigations find more than 28,000 minors illegally employed.

1992 Congress authorizes maximum penalties for parents and \$10,000.

1992 A second set of raids are conducted. Inspectors find nearly 5,000 minors working illegally.

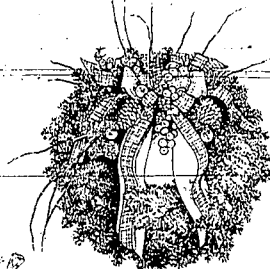
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Freed hostages show few signs of strain

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Malcolm Phillips squirmed in his mother's arms Saturday and then jumped on the floor to play with a toy car. His 2-year-old cousin, Ted Priest, sat contentedly in her mother's lap and looked curiously at a line of television cameras.

Barely a day after the children were rescued from an armed career criminal who held them hostage for three days, the children showed few signs of trauma from the ordeal.

At a news conference, the children's mothers, Iris Vickson and Adrienne Phillips, thanked Orlando police for rescuing their children. Four-year-old Malcolm called the officers "the soldiers."

A SWAT team early Friday stormed the house and killed John Edward Armstrong, 39, who had held the children.

"I would just like to thank everybody involved—everybody for sending out a prayer," said Ms. Phillips, Malcolm's mother.

A psychiatrist whom police consulted during the standoff said the children wouldn't suffer any long-term problems from the ordeal.

"I think they're going to be OK," said Dr. Richard Hall. They're young enough now where they won't process this."

During Friday's raid, seven SWAT team members entered the duplex through an unlocked kitchen door, silently moved through a hallway and burst



Iris Vickson hugs her 2-year-old daughter, Ted Priest, right, and Adrienne Phillips holds her 4-year-old son Malcolm after the two children were rescued from a hostage situation in Orlando, Fla., Friday. John Armstrong, who held the children for 68 hours, was killed in the rescue.

through the door of a back bedroom, where Armstrong was sleeping on a bed with the children.

Armstrong woke up and struggled with Officer Scott Perkins. Police gave no details about precisely what happened next, but in the end, Armstrong was shot to

death and Perkins suffered a wounded hand.

Perkins underwent surgery late Friday and was expected to be released from the hospital in one or two days, Police Chief William Kennedy said.

Armstrong had previous convictions for robbery, burglary and

attacking his wife. He was due to be released from prison on a robbery conviction on May 24, 1998.

Instead, he was freed in March, among about 400 inmates released under a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that allowed the state to release some prisoners early to relieve crowding.

Coal union joins industry to fight global warming treaty

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — When United Mine Workers fight, it's almost always the coal industry in the other corner. Now the union is teaming up with management to take on an even bigger adversary.

The union, known for its camouflage fatigues and its willingness to battle for organized labor's toughest issues, has called a truce with management so both sides can concentrate on defeating the proposed United Nations global warming treaty, which United Mine Workers President Cecil Roberts says would cost thousands of jobs.

As the treaty was announced last week in Kyoto, Japan, the UMW and the Bituminous Coal Operators Association had an

announcement of their own: Both sides had agreed on a new 5-year contract, nine months before the old one was due to expire.

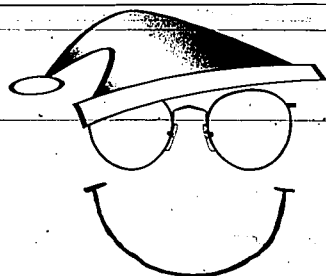
"The union has to pick its fights," Roberts said, and the overriding one isn't with the coal operators.

"We agreed among ourselves that we would set that fight off to the side, and take on Bill Clinton, Al Gore and the United States Senate," Roberts said.

The Kyoto agreement must be approved by two-thirds of the Senate.

"If I have anything to do with it—and I intend to have a whole lot to do with it—this just isn't going to happen," Roberts said.

Roberts' union has a reputation for winning the fights it picks.



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Police say girl was hidden from public view for 11 years

NEW YORK (AP) — Neighbors never saw the girl. And in all of her 11 years she apparently never went to school.

But somebody finally heard her cries for help.

On Friday morning, an anonymous 911 call led city police to the child, who lay crying and bleeding on a dingy bed in an abandoned Harlem brownstone.

The girl's mother, Betty Chappell, and her boyfriend, Ronald Sheffield, both 45, were charged with endangering the welfare of a child. Police were called to the dilapidated, four-story building Friday

morning. The apartment had no heat, electricity or hot water. Investigators said the girl was covered with dirt, oozing sores and bleeding. It's also possible she was sexually abused, police said.

The girl, who was not identified by police, was taken to St. Luke's Hospital and placed in the custody of the city's Administration for Children's Services.

She was listed in stable condition.

Child welfare authorities reportedly investigated the child's mother a decade ago but determined that abuse allegations were unfounded.

Judge declares 2nd mistrial in death of black motorist

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A second mistrial was declared Saturday in the case of two suburban police officers charged with involuntary manslaughter in the death of a black motorist.

After deliberating for 10 hours over two days, jurors said they were deadlocked and further discussion would be futile, prompting Judge James Rowley to declare the mistrial.

Brentwood Lt. Milton Mullholand and Baldwin officer Michael Albert were accused of contributing to Jonny Gammage's suffocation when they struggled with him during a traffic stop Oct. 12, 1995.

Gammage died of compression to the neck or chest while officers held him face down on the pavement on a dark highway.

Mullholand had pulled Gammage, 31, over for tapping his brakes, and Albert was among four officers who responded to Mulholand's call for backup.

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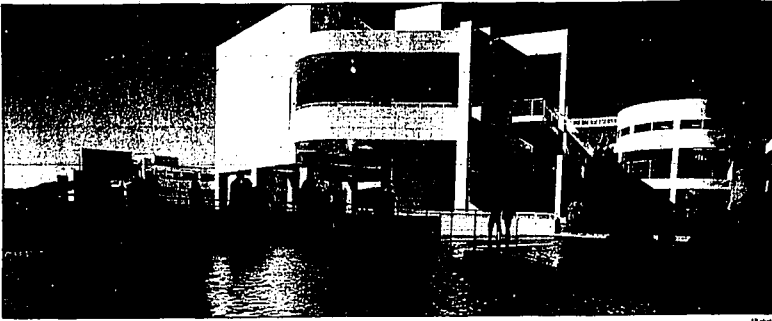
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NATION



A group of reporters previews the new Getty Center Tuesday in the Westwood area of Los Angeles. The Getty Center, a \$1 billion hilltop monument to art and architecture, is set to open Tuesday.

A quest for 1st-rate culture

L.A. has high hopes for megamuseum

LOS ANGELES (AP) — This city already has world-class earthquakes, riots and murder trials. Now it claims a world-class art museum.

The Getty Center, a \$1 billion hilltop monument to art and architecture, is set to open Tuesday, although a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Saturday. Its boosters hope the complex will finally refute the notion that Los Angeles has second-rate culture.

The thousands of tons of travertine stone that grace the Getty are nothing compared to the weight of responsibility the center has in turning L.A.'s miserable art image around.

Because when it comes to culture, about all the town has is lots of yogurt. Billionaire record producer David Geffen has even said the museum is "too good for Los Angeles."

The builders and supporters of the Getty say those kind of characterizations are undeserved. "Los Angeles is unquestionably the most progressive and stimulating place for art today," said Craig Knull, the owner of a Santa Monica gallery specializing in photography. "I don't think the Getty makes it that. The center is more of a reflection of what we have become."

Whatever L.A. has become, the fact is most people are still more likely to associate the area with seismologist Charles Richter than local painter Ed Ruscha — who was commissioned for a huge work in the Getty's auditorium lobby.

"People are now starting to take Los Angeles more seriously," said Jorge Mestre, music director of the Pasadena Symphony. "People are going to realize that there are a lot of important things that are not happening only in New York."

"This is a treasure that must be shared with the world and, indeed, it will," Gov. Pete Wilson said at Saturday's ribbon cutting. "There is no way we can estimate the value of this gift to Los Angeles."

"To the people of Los Angeles, I'm delighted to say, 'This is your place,'" said Richard Meier, the project architect.

Some members of the international media, who toured the Getty last week, believe the



The J. Paul Getty Museum Paintings conservator-in-charge, Andrea Rothe, center, describes a European painting to a visitor previewing the new Getty Center.

sprawling complex in the Santa Monica mountains will improve the city's global arts reputation.

"When I got here, I thought I was in a different city," Ikjoon Chi, a writer for the Korean Central Daily in Seoul, said while standing in the museum's cavernous main entry. "So much of what we write about in Los Angeles has to do with criminals, gangs and drug stuff. This is another dimension."

Planned, designed and constructed over 13 years, the Getty Center's 24-acre campus on 110-acre site is both a museum and arts complex.

Most of the estimated 1.5 million annual visitors will spend their time in the museum's 50 galleries. Staff and scholars on

the other hand, will use the Getty's research facility, conservation institute and arts education and grant program wings.

Unlike the encyclopedic collections in other leading museums, the Getty's collection is tightly focused, mostly on pre-20th century European paintings, drawings, manuscripts, sculpture and decorative arts.

The only living contributors to the Getty's permanent collection are a handful of photographers, including David Hockney, Danny Lyon and Milton Rogovin.

Most reviewers have praised the center and its architect, Richard Meier.

While the opening's ultimate impact on Los Angeles is impossible to predict, Getty officials say

simply discussing L.A. and the arts in the same sentence is a beginning.

"One thing the center already has done is increase awareness among the powers of the city, business and government leaders, of the power of culture to really uplift the city and create a positive wave within the city," said Stephen Rountree, vice president of the Getty Trust.

"And I think the Getty already has increased focus on other cultural and arts institutions within the region. There are so many good things going on in the city. And we want to share the spotlight with all the other art institutions in town."

McKinney loses bid to have judge dismiss charges

FORT BELVOIR, Va. (AP) — Defense lawyers for Army Sgt. Maj. Gene McKinney, who faces a court-martial in January for alleged sexual misconduct, failed Saturday to persuade a military judge to dismiss the charges.

As a result, the trial is to open Jan. 6 as scheduled. McKinney has asserted he is innocent of the 20 charges against him.

McKinney's civilian lawyer, Charles Gittins, argued that key figures applied improper "command influence" in the decision to prosecute McKinney. Gittins also argued McKinney was prosecuted because he is an enlisted soldier, whereas officers accused of similar offenses usually are allowed to retire quietly.

In his ruling, the judge, Army Col. Ferdinand Cleve, said he had heard insufficient evidence to support Gittins' arguments.

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WORLD



A North Korean woman and a family friend sit by the bedside of her malnourished son, who is suffering from severe pneumonia in Sinju, N. Korea, Tuesday.

Aid workers say winter cold is increasing suffering in N. Korea

BEIJING (AP) — A severe winter is taking its toll on the sick and the young in North Korea, where temperatures inside hospitals and orphanages drop to freezing and medicines are in short supply, aid workers said Saturday.

The severe food shortage has eased slightly, with North Koreans eating the fall harvest and tons of food donated by aid groups, said Norwegian Red Cross officials who returned from a week-long trip to the country.

"But hospitals lack basic medicines, with some using only 10 percent of their beds because fuel is so scarce they can't heat their rooms, said Red Cross spokeswoman Marte Ramborg.

"The critical thing now is the winter, and the medical situation in the hospitals," Ramborg said. "Patients are lying there with blankets that are not enough."

She said there was an increase of patients having bronchitis and pneumonia.

Economic mismanagement and

Students, workers protest IMF deal in South Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Pumping clenched fists into an overcast sky, 2,000 students and workers swore Saturday to resist South Korea's economic bailout deal, saying it will only inflict more suffering on the nation.

"We oppose IMF trusteeship! Abolish the IMF agreement!" the protesters chanted.

Saturday's rally — held in downtown Seoul's bustling Myeongdong commercial district — was the first major protest since South Korea signed a record-breaking \$57 billion bailout agreement with the International Monetary Fund on Dec. 2.

The loss of Soviet aid have left North-Korean industry without fuel or raw materials, compounding the suffering of three years of

bad harvests. The country relies on donations for much of its food.

The Red Cross said it has flown 154,000 pounds of antibiotics and other medicines to North Korea this month. The international Federation of Red Cross Societies is buying blankets, winter jackets and coal.

Officials of the Norwegian group, which has an office in Pyongyang, North Korea, visited six hospitals and five homes in North Pyongyang and Chagang provinces, Ramborg said.

North Korean officials have not released a death toll or other details about the hunger, but have acknowledged that rates of death and malnutrition are soaring among children.

Outdoor temperatures are as low as 4 below zero, and an unusually heavy amount of snow, about 6 inches, is on the ground, Ramborg said. She said hundreds of North Koreans with snow shovels were clearing highways because lack of fuel and spare parts has immobilized plows.

Team finds evidence of mass slaughter

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Hundreds of bodies dumped in wells and shallow graves in northern Afghanistan indicate mass killings by both sides in the nation's war, U.N. investigators said Saturday.

The investigators are looking into claims by Uzbek warlord Rashid Dostum that as many as 2,000 soldiers from the ruling Taliban militia were massacred during a failed campaign to capture the Afghan north in May.

The U.N. workers, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the dead they found apparently included unarmed civilians. Some of the bodies were stuffed in deep wells and others showed signs of torture.

Their mission was led by the U.N. human rights envoy to Afghanistan, Choong-Hyun Paik.

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Iraqi newspapers call U.N. inspector 'mad dog,' warn him from palaces

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Dubbing him a "mad dog," Iraqi newspapers warned the chief U.N. weapons inspector Saturday to keep away from presidential palaces.

Government-run papers said Richard Butler, who arrived Friday to press for access for his investigators, must respect Iraq's sovereignty and avoid making political statements.

Butler is expected to talk Sunday with Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz.

Saturday, Butler met with top U.N. arms monitors for a briefing on Iraq's disarmament progress, said Alan Dacey, spokesman for the U.N. inspectors in Baghdad. "Mad dog Butler arrives in

Iraq," declared a headline in Babel, Iraq's most influential newspaper, owned by Saddam Hussein's son, Oday.

"Respect for Iraq's sovereignty means respect for the symbols of this sovereignty which is embodied in presidential headquarters," said the government newspaper al-Jumhuriya.

Butler's four-day trip is his first visit to Iraq since he pulled out his inspection teams last month to protest Iraq's expulsion of its U.S. members.

The expulsion order touched off a three-week international crisis, which eased when Iraq allowed the Americans back in Nov. 21 under a Russia-brokered deal. Inspections resumed the

next day, and there have been no major confrontations since.

But Iraq has not retreated from its refusal to allow the inspectors into about 60 key sites — including about 40 of Saddam's palaces — that it insists are vital to national security.

The inspectors are in Iraq to monitor compliance with Security Council orders that Iraq get rid of all long-range missiles and its nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.

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WORLD

Hutus viciously attack refugees



An unidentified Congolese Tutsi refugee, whose eye is swollen shut due to a head wound from a machete, lies among many other survivors in a field tent at the Gisenyi Hospital, 80 miles north of the capital, Kigali, Saturday.

GISENYI, Rwanda (AP) — The attackers — men, women and children — came at the refugees from all sides in the middle of the night, swinging axes, machetes and nail-studded clubs.

For Bunahabuka Kivura, the father of 8, and other families cowering in their huts at the Mudende refugee camp, there was nowhere to run.

"So we closed ourselves into the room, and waited there to die," Kivura said Saturday.

Kivura, his wife and eight children, ethnic Tutsis from neighboring Congo, all survived Thursday's attack by Hutu rebels. But when they stepped outside the next morning, the dead surrounded them.

Authorities raised the death toll at the northwestern Rwanda camp to 272 on Saturday, up from 234 on Friday. Another 230 refugees remained hospitalized, many in critical condition with head wounds.

Kivura was a school principal in Congo, until attacks by Rwandan Hutus there sent him and his family on the run after mid-1996. At the Mudende camp, he taught refugee children.

But August, the Hutus fled to safety when Hutu rebels raided the same camp, killing at least 140.

But when the attackers surrounded the camp Thursday, setting alight huts, hacking and shooting, flight was impossible.

Barefoot and dirty, the refugees remaining from the 17,000 who had been at the camp crowded into large tents at the nearby Nkamira transit center Saturday. Blame in the attack fell on the same Hutu fighters blamed in Rwanda's 1994 genocide of a half-million minority Tutsis and moderate Hutus.



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Marchers protest Basque violence

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain (AP) — Tens of thousands of people marched three miles in silence Saturday to protest a politician's slaying that authorities blame on Basque separatists.

In the neighboring town of Irun, Spanish government ministers and other Popular Party representatives joined Jose Luis Caso's family to bury the town councilor from Spain's ruling party.

"Peace Now and Forever," read the Basque-language slogan on the banner at the front of the march through the northern coastal city of San Sebastian.

National and regional leaders led the procession, which came two days after a masked gunman entered a bar in Irun and shot 64-year-old Caso in the head.

Although no group claimed responsibility, authorities immediately blamed ETA, the armed

Basque separatist group that has killed nearly 800 since 1968 in its campaign for the independence of the Spanish Basque country.

The interior minister said the latest slaying avenged the recent convictions of the 23 leaders of the Basque political coalition Herri Batasuna for collaborating with ETA.

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EDITORIAL

Will neighborhood friction doom manufacturing plant?

The CEO of Leading Edge Earth Products Inc. is earning a reputation as a glutton for punishment.

LEEP boss Grant Record got a belly full this fall, after his company was announced as a possible tenant for a fiercely debated industrial park east of Twin Falls. Angry neighbors made that spot too hot for him, and he moved on.

Record had his ears burned again last week by neighbors of his new location, near Curry Crossing. If you have to endure this kind of ordeal to build a factory and employ people, it's a wonder that anyone ever does.

LEEP may have made some of its own bad luck through its choice of sites. But last week's meeting raised concern about a topic much-discussed in the 1990s: civility in public discourse.

Would-be factory builders aren't obligated to hold open-houses for their prospective neighbors, although they're wise to do so. Record chose an open and cordial approach, inviting nearby landowners to snack on ham and deviled eggs while discussing his proposal. It was a classy opening move.

Some (not all, thank goodness) of his guests rewarded him with catcalls and rude remarks. Such behavior doesn't speak well of a community that wants to promote its own prosperity.

Too much of today's public debating takes place in an atmosphere of rancor and confrontation. The pattern is sometimes abetted, we regret, by reporting and commentary in the media. Perhaps friendliness is impossible when people's lifestyles or property

values are at stake. Still, basic courtesy should rule public discussion.

The Twin Falls area needs a strong basic-industry foundation to balance our swelling retail sector. Farm employment can't grow much to meet the need. So treating prospective entrepreneurs graciously is in our interest, even when we disapprove of their choice of sites.

A factory making construction panels may not, in fact, be a desirable addition-to-Curry's farm-neighborhood. But it's interesting to note that, when the paper first reported Record's interest in the Curry area, several landowners asked us for his phone number, so they could investigate selling him their property. So much for altruistic protection-of-the-neighborhood.

Record faces several obstacles before he can hope to put his factory on the Curry site. Sewer service is a big ones. Fire protection is another. Can rural firefighters tap an adequate water supply to fight a factory fire? There are good reasons why the county comprehensive plan designates Record's chosen site as farmland. Factories are best-suited to urban areas, where they can benefit from city utilities and other services. LEEP's initial site in the east-side industrial park was a much more logical location, despite the donnybrook that chased Record away.

LEEP may find that no prospective site is without neighborhood friction. But working with a city, on a site already designated for industrial use, may ultimately be a smoother experience.



NATO's here to stay, but should it expand?

Expansion of NATO probably will occur, in part because it would be too awkward to turn back at this point. However, arguments for expansion strike skeptics as proof that NATO is a superannuated institution that has fulfilled its mission and now is implausibly improving a new one.

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Foreign policy was seen to have two issues - NATO expansion, which would bring in Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, and the supposed deadline for removing U.S. troops from Bosnia in June. However, in Britain, and especially at the Ministry of Defense, skepticism about NATO gets short shrift. That is partly because of Bosnia.

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GEORGE F. WILL

(Question: In NATO's nearly half a century, there has been an armed invasion of a territory of only one member. Which nation? Answer: Great Britain, when Argentina invaded the Falklands.) Robertson very much reminds a visitor that "even in the Labour Party's darkest, darkest days" it remained committed to NATO, which polls show is an acronym to which people respond very favorably. To which Labour government has slowed the decline of Britain's defense spending that accelerated in the last five years of Conservative government. Britain has the second largest contingent in Bosnia, a commitment that has cost more than \$2 billion since Yugoslavia disintegrated.

Europeans, Robertson notes, are bearing two-thirds of the costs of Bosnia, a portion that is apt to increase. And if the attempt to create a unified, multinational state in Bosnia fails, it says, the lesson for future ethnic cleansers will be "move fast, move quickly, move brutally."

This point is that NATO is alive and well and it works in Bosnia, which is not a minor undertaking. As Margaret Thatcher reminds, Bosnia is the reason why more Europeans have been killed in war in the last five years than elsewhere in the last 50.

However, there are other points pertaining to NATO expansion that must be expressed, if at all, more elliptically.

These points, which Robertson does not articulate, bear a striking similarity to the

rationale for NATO 49 years ago: The three purposes of NATO expansion are to entice America with an institutional base for continuing involvement in Europe, to remove central Europe as an arena of temptation for a resurgent Russia, and to lock Germany into an inhibiting web of associations.

When the question of NATO expansion comes to Congress, Americans will be compelled to consider the implications of extending a U.S. security obligation eastward to the Polish-Ukrainian border. They will also have to consider that the logic of expansion will work against stopping the eastward extension there. Why not include the Ukraine, and the Baltic States?

Britain may not be polite if it detects intention, on the far side of the Atlantic, to the task of maintaining stability in central Europe, where the destiny of Europe in this century has twice been determined, disastrously. It was a British prime minister (Neville Chamberlain in 1938) who described the crisis about Czechoslovakia as "a quarrel in a faraway country between people of whom we know nothing." However, he soon learned a lot. Britain's destiny in this century has been determined by two general European conflagrations, one that erupted in Sarajevo, the second on Poland's borders.

Concerning the latter, consider Lady Curzon's droll remark at one of the first post-war balls in elegant Mayfair in 1945. A man watching the swaying dancers of high society exclaimed, "This is what we fought the war for." To which Lady Curzon replied, "Oh, do you mean they are all Poles?"

Both sides of the debate about NATO expansion can use that story.

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LETTERS

Free Triumph of harassment

Enough is enough! It's time for the Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency to fold their tents and admit honestly there is no real problem in Triunphi and leave this problem in the hands of the people and their time and our money in trying to fix a problem that does not exist.

Way back, someone said there were "toxic metals" in Triunphi tailings and nearby yards.

They checked and came up with minute amounts of lead and zinc which had been there since the Ice Age.

So it became a health problem. The only trouble was they (EPA/DEQ) could not find anyone who could qualify as being unhealthy that had lived or worked there.

They harped on "potential." That word is their Bible. They leaned on it like a crutch. If all arguments fail, they say the "potential." These bureaucrats have been here since 1990 and all they have done is harass the inhabitants.

The waste dump from the mine has been in place since 1940. The tailings from the mill since 1951. These waste piles were in place when all the present inhabitants moved here. Their children have played on and around them forever and the "potential" does not hold true. All the newspaper reports have been negative on the side of EPA and DEQ.

Also the terrific amounts of money that someone - you and anyone else - can raise to clean up a problem that could honestly be walked away from. I am not writing this because I am part owner of the Triunphi Mine and a potential responsible party to the cleanup but writing this because this is representative of government bureaucracy running unchallenged and

they challenge people who cannot afford to have someone defend them. The thousands of dollars already spent on studies would have been better spent on some other constructive activity.

The waste dump is a historical remnant of a productive mine that was one of the economic backbones of the county and should be left alone as a historical monument.

The water out of the mine as it flows through the wetlands tends to purify itself some way. Cows and horses have been drinking the water since it began with no mortality!

There is a certain amount of iron bearing gold in the tailings that will not blow, being too heavy, but the finer pulverized rock will blow, leaving the heavy metal in repose.

RUPERT HOUSE
Haley

Phonics shouldn't be a law

Anne Fox has recently proposed to legislate phonics in kindergarten and first grade. She also proposes to have a required instruction class for all new teachers.

I agree with Ms. Fox when she says that phonics is better than the "see and say" method that is currently being taught in schools. I don't agree, however, that it should be law. I think teachers and educators should be responsible enough to educate the children the very best way possible.

As a society, should be morally responsible enough to see that if something isn't working (i.e., "see and say"), we should get rid of it and use something that has been proven to work (i.e., phonics). We, as parents and teachers, should not be so irresponsible that the lawmakers have to pass legislation to make us competent.

LYNDI K. REED
Wendell

Sprewell, others must realize actions bring reactions

Let me see if I understand this correctly. You're going to pay me \$32 million. To play basketball, I'll be limited by men, sought after by desirable women. I'll have summers off. But the boss is combative, autocratic and might yell at me sometimes.

I think I can handle that. In fact, for \$32 million, he can yell at my whole family. People put up with worse every day for much less compensation.

So would someone please explain this Leonard Sprewell thing to me? Ok, I understand the basics Sprewell, a member of the NBA's Golden State Warriors, is verbally abused by his coach, P.J. Carlesimo. The outraged player attacks the coach, goes away for something like 20 minutes, then comes back and does it again, at one point choking Carlesimo and threatening to kill him. In response, the team tears up his contract, and the league suspends him for a year.

That much I get. What I can't figure out is why Houston Rockets forward Charles Barkley is advocating a player boycott in support of Sprewell. Why Johnny Cochran is calling the punishment excessive and why, even if it is, I should care. Why some of Sprewell's backers have insinuated that the real issue is race, being that Sprewell is black and Carlesimo, white.

I can't see it. Here's what I do see: the unimpeachable example of someone doing something stupid, then standing surprised to learn that there will be consequences.

LEONARD PITTS JR.

When did this become a novel concept?

Some will frame this in terms of arrogant athletes, coddled by yes-people until they lose touch with the real world. But the point is larger than pro sports. The basketball floor is hardly the only place you'll see people who've been insulated from responsibility for their actions.

You can find them on Hollywood backlots and in tony prep schools. On street corners and in courtyards. In offices of government and commerce. You can even find them at your local elementary school - boys and girls who fall classes but get promoted anyway because being held back would bruise their self-esteem.

So instead, we bruise their sense of personal accountability.

Maybe we citizens of the '90s didn't invent blame-dodging, but we're the ones who've raised it to an art form. There's something warped about an era in which a woman can spill hot coffee in her lap and have the authority to sue the restaurant that sold it to her.

Small wonder people are lining up to make excuses for Sprewell, to minimize his punishment, or find some way to make this not his fault. And don't you just know this

isn't the first time that's been done on his behalf? Maybe that's why, for days after the incident, he seemed to have no idea why people were even mad at him. Note that his initial apology was to fans, friends, everybody except the guy whose window he grabbed.

That didn't come until eight days later. O'Leatrell is apparently a little slow on the uptake.

Is a year excessive? Who cares? I can find more crucial things to worry about.

If the suspension stands, let Sprewell spend it wondering what it is about him that led to such a stupid and self-destructive act. And maybe explaining to young people the lesson the rest of us have had such poor luck in getting across: Actions bring reactions.

Eron where I sit, the pay is lousy. Assuming he's made wise investments - heck, assuming he socked away a mil or two in a passbook account - he won't have to apply for food stamps between now and Christmas '98. Not only that, he's still young and talented enough that whenever he returns, some team will be more than happy to have him.

So you'll forgive me if I find it hard to take Sprewell's side here. I just wish I had the talent to take his job.

Put me in, coach. Yell to your heart's content.

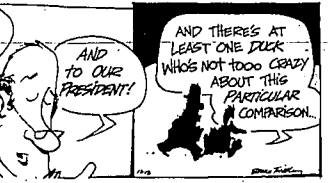
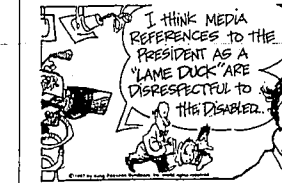
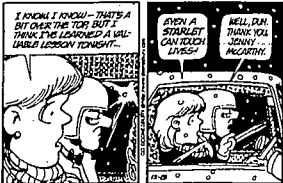
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OPINION

Low jobless rate not solely good news

Where you bowled over, as so many economists have last week, by that breathtakingly low 4.6 percent unemployment rate? Don't say the Great Swami here in 24 years.

That is the lowest jobless rate in 24 years. Which by the usual standards sounds like good news. As was proved by our nation's press. As was proved by our nation's presidents, who jumped up to claim all the credit for it. The development is due primarily to a generational thing. You might say, "It's the demographics, stupid!"

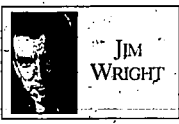
Twenty or 30 years ago, adult baby boomers weren't making enough babies. Enough, that is, to replace workers leaving the work force a couple of decades down the road. Which is now. What this startling new statistic probably means is the beginning of a handsome development the Hudson Institute warned Congress about last summer: a long-running shortage of good workers, who already are being trained for the future.

A rate this low doesn't show a job shortage, it shows a shortage of qualified people to fill open jobs, which are going begging. Just walk through the malls and you'll see signs saying "help wanted" and "positions available" and "now seeking management associates for our Geo Team!" (The last tells you a trendy boss is desperate to hire.)

The shortage of good help can throw a monkey wrench into any economy. And not just for a quarter or two of the business cycle but for decades. There are now factors spinning the cycle now — call it a "paradigm shift," if you like.

I remember a conversation with my boss, the late Joe Dealey, back when those last low rates applied, many years ago. Noting the heat of the blast-furnace heat of the peaking business cycle at the time, he said, "The search for good help is getting so tough, all the employable labor is unemployed, and a lot of the unemployed are, too."

I recall hoping he was including



me in the former group rather than the latter. But as this cycle turned down, the nationwide shortage of help to fill jobs turned into a shortage of jobs for people who wanted to work. So why won't we see a quick return to the norm this time?

Several reasons, beginning with those babies that didn't happen way back then. The result is this scary statistic from Alan Reynolds of the Hudson Institute: During the 1980s, the yearly addition of new workers to the labor force averaged a normal 1.7 percent. But for the next 13 years, the growth in young Americans reaching working age will average only about half of that, 0.9 percent per year.

The pitifully low figure includes both "employable" and "unemployable" youths, already born. So it is worse than it looks. Awful public education in many areas means the labor force of poor prospects gets bigger. Now under a high-tech firm like Electronic Data Systems out in suburban Plano, Texas, snaps up a select span of a bankrupted economy — not for its hardware or technology but for the good people employed there.

Some claim "immigration" will fill the growing gap between modern employers and applicants. An economist from Deutsche Bank even suggested we import Europe's jobless. But the big demand is for new workers who can read, write, speak the language and who can be readily trained. And if you can imagine Congress restricting immigration to only English speakers with high IQs, you are hallucinating. Finally, there is the corrosive aftereffect of a decade of chain-

sawing — "downsizing" and other politically correct euphemisms for dismissing millions of proven "employables," long-service, older workers. The wholesale dumping of older workers by American industry did much to alienate and embitter many of the younger workers, too. Destroying trust, the Dibernating of the work force has shown up most obviously among younger workers. But chain-sawed older folks have their own woes.

A recent study by the American Association of Retired Persons discovered the number of older people in "involuntary part-time work" more than doubled to 400,000 between 1979 and 1993. And it also found more than 7 million older workers, 50 to 64, now underemployed at jobs far below their experience and educational levels. Most such make-do jobs lack pensions, health insurance and other fringes.

That is a scar of age bias in the past. Now, changes need to be made — fast. Not just to return those older who want to work to the full-time labor force but to prevent similar callous, shortsighted treatment of all those aging boomers.

The best place to start is with Social Security's earning penalty and income tax rules that hit hardest the skilled, two-paycheck senior couple most needed by the new economy — Huskies. It's noted such infamous policies "confiscate nearly the entire net income of the second earner."

We still are slaying the dragon of the Depression and its 25 percent jobless rate, but that scarcity of jobs is long since over. When the nation is short of good workers, rules that push our best and most experienced workers out to pasture aren't just dumb, they are gold-medal, world-class stupid.

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Republicans take turns attacking each other; Stallings may benefit

Republicans are spending the early days of the 1998 congressional campaign in the 2nd District heating up on each other, to the point that former Democrat Congressman Richard Stallings could be gaining ground even though he isn't actively running yet.

The GOP contenders' jockeying for primary support could leave the party so divided that Stallings might just be handed the congressional seat he's won four times previously.

It appears to be conservative elements attacking the moderates so far.

In recent days, former Rep. Sylvia McKeeth of Boise said the ultraconservative Idaho Eagle Forum will oppose state Rep. Mark Stubbs of Twin Falls because of his 1993 vote against a proposed constitutional amendment to ban flag burnings.

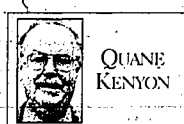
David Ripley of the anti-abortion Idaho Choices Life political committee said it won't back House Speaker Michael Simpson because he voted against an anti-abortion bill seven years ago.

Simpson contends that he voted against House Bill 625 in 1990 because he was advised it was unconstitutional by a number of people — including David Ripley.

Even Keotul County Commissioner Ron Rankin, who lives about as far from the 2nd District as anybody can, put his two cents in several days ago. He called on state GOP Chairman Ron McMurray to disavow Stubbs' vote on the flag-burning bill. Allowing Stubbs to win the nomination, Rankin said, would hurt Republicans statewide.

State Sen. Stan Hawkins of Ucon, who has Ripley backing him along with Rankin allies, tried to stay positive. He promised that if elected, he would support a constitutional amendment sponsored by Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch to prohibit burning or other physical desecration of the American flag.

And showing he knows just who votes in Republican primaries, Hawkins claimed to have the best conservative credentials of anybody in the race to replace Republican Michael Crapo, who is running for the U.S. Senate.



Stubbs is getting his Magic Valley law practice in shape for an extended absence during the campaign. He has volunteered help from party activist Mike Duff, who managed Idaho Chenoweth's successful 1994 upset of Democratic Congressman Larry LaRocco. Duff's allegiance might signal an effort to appeal to the conservative wing.

Meanwhile, Stubbs is still bristling over all the talk about his 1993 vote on flag-burning. He opposed the nonburning memorial on the grounds it violated free speech rights.

"I'll compare my patriotism to Stan Hawkins' patriotism any day of the week," he said. "I don't like flag-burners any more than Sylvia McKeeth likes flag burners. They both miss the point big time."

Former GOP state Sens. Ann Rydahl and Dane Watkins, both of Idaho Falls, have formed exploratory committees but haven't been very active so far. If they stay in the race, Hawkins stands to see them siphon 8 percent to 10 percent of the conservative vote in the Upper Snake River Valley from him. That would make it easier for the more moderate Stubbs or Simpson to capture the nomination.

Stallings, meanwhile, is sitting back waiting to make his formal announcement after the first of the year. He is executive director of Pocatello Neighborhood

Housing Services and won't take a leave of absence until later. He's starting to put together a staff to imitate what would be his sixth campaign for the seat he gave up in 1992 to unsuccessfully run against Republican Dirk Kempthorne for the U.S. Senate.

For Republicans, the 1978 gubernatorial primary might be coming to mind. Democrat John Evans was campaigning for a full four-year term after moving up to the state's top job when Cecil Andrus resigned in 1977 to become President Jimmy Carter's interior secretary.

The most conservative candidate in a six-way race, then-House Speaker Allan Larsen of Blackfoot, scraped together just enough votes to win the GOP nomination. But he couldn't generate much statewide support and lost by 55,000 votes to Evans in the general election.

Of course, the 2nd District is more conservative than the state as a whole, and it might be that the Republican with the most conservative credentials wins the nomination. But Stallings still will be a favorite in November.

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JAMIE CARLTON
Kimberly

If God were one of us, that would change Christmas

I struggle each year: What is the right thing to do at Christmas? So many people get so depressed. Average gift-giving per family exceeds \$900 (most of it in reward at 21 percent interest). Just yesterday I got four pieces of beggar mail from New York to New Delhi. Bell ringers accost me at every store I enter. Super deluxe sales are everywhere. Lots of parades and parties and plays.

What if God really was one of us, just a job like one of us — so goes the song.

And all that is as it should be. Cause if we really believed God really did enter the world in human flesh — wow! That

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would change everything. When I was little, I believed in Jesus and Santa Claus 'cause they (the big people) told me it was true. Santa came from far away to bring me presents, mostly clothes, which I didn't really care about, and toys, a few. But my friends got more toys and better ones and I was jealous. We found out the hard way until one day they broke, which didn't take too long.

My grandma used to give us the Sears and Roebuck toy catalogue to look at, pages and pages of color pictures of neat-looking stuff. We listened and drooled over this kiddie porno magazine with its color pictures of neat-looking stuff.

One Christmas Eve, I opened a bedroom door and saw them lying naked on the bed. I became terrified. Adults with their presents half wrapped. They all looked at me with embarrassed faces. They quickly whisked me out and slammed

the door. Alone an inconsolable mass of twisted, bawling flesh curled up on the floor. Santa was fake! The adults lied to me. Jesus was fake too. I'm not sure which was worse, as a little kid. Hard-edged reality at age 7. I didn't know if there was a heaven, but I knew there was a hell.

Guess they were doing what they thought was good and holy and right, alongside everybody else. Maybe that's why I hate magic tricks, even today. Something not real appears to be real. It took a long time to believe in Jesus again. Somebody hidden in a plain brown wrapper, without pretense, the ultimate reality, just the opposite of magic.

What if it really is true? What if God were really one of us? Why, that would change everything about Christmas! Well, wouldn't it?

PHIL AATH
Berger

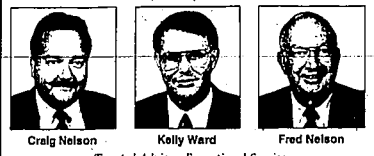
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Section B

It's time for upright folks to pay up

There's a lot of talk around the state these days about the need to increase "sin" taxes - you know, the levies on beer, wine, cigarettes, bowling.

That's just wrong, you want to know the truth. The serious money is in taxing righteousness.

Do the math: Three hundred thousand Idahoans, give or take, went to church this morning. And while maybe 100,000 spud-heads had a drink last night, nearly 1 million didn't.

Say 20,000 Idahoans went on a first date Saturday night. At least 20,000 of them were home - alone - by 10, because you simply can't park and make out on streets that have been rolled up.

Let's face it. Recreation and reserve are the state's second- and third-most popular leisure-time activities, right behind couch tipping. Most Idahoans are so upright that

Job seekers turn out in hundreds

900 people express interest in 61 jobs at plastics plant

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The numbers don't match reality.

Despite low unemployment rates, roughly 900 people showed up at two job fairs offering 61 job openings at Clear Shield National Inc., a new plastics plant that will open in March.

"I was surprised, especially when you look at unemployment levels in the Magic Valley, which are low," said Ken Becker, Clear Shield's plant manager. "To me, it was astonishing."

To accommodate overflow, the second job fair was held in an auditorium at the College of Southern Idaho Saturday morning. More than 700 would-be employees filed through a crowded plant at Clear Shield Wednesday night for the first job fair, company officials said.

"This is the best thing I've heard of in a long time, but boy, so many people," said Kathy Rodriguez of Twin Falls, clutching her one-page job application Saturday.

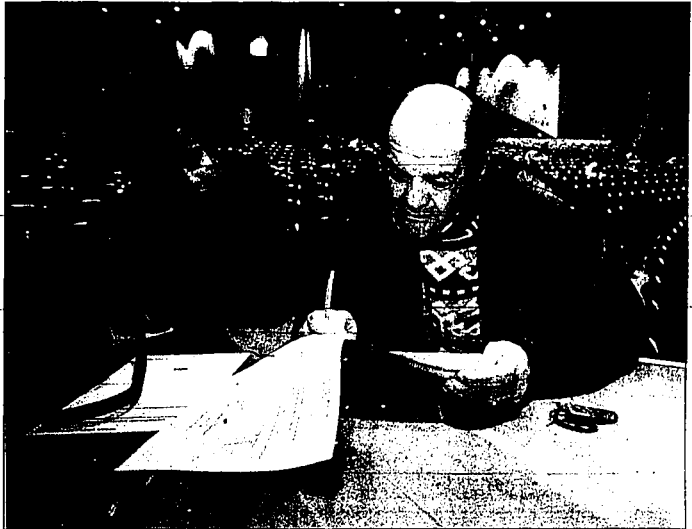
Before taking application forms and mingling with executives, job hopefuls watched a video presentation outlining their benefits, should they be the ones hired at the plant. Eventually, 120 people will work for the plant.

Trent Doison, 20, a lead operator at a food packaging plant in Twin Falls, said he was drawn to the job fair because of rumors about great benefits.

"It's a bigger company ... it's something we don't get. I work at a smaller company," Doison said.

Clear Shield benefits include regular increases at wage increases for merit and automatic cost-of-living increases, good dental plans and health insurance with deductibles of \$50 per person and \$200 per family. The company even does out extra pay on birthdays.

The attitude seems positive, said Shannon Malone of Murtaugh, a single



Vasilie Potoles and Monica Mirela were two of the nearly 200 applicants that attended the Clear Shield National Inc. job fair at the College of Southern Idaho Saturday. The company has 61 positions it plans to fill.

mother of one child and part-time employee at CSI.

"It seems like a really laid-back company, with deadlines but not too much pressure," Malone said.

Some job-seekers, such as Gordon Lee Jr., a beam mill operator in Twin Falls, remember all too well the plants that came to Twin Falls and later folded, such as Norco Windows Inc.

Lee said he is impressed by the Clear Shield plant's working conditions, and considers it to be "a little more stable and a little more dependable" than others.

Sara Welch of Twin Falls picks beans at a plant across the street from where Clear Shield has been under construction. Over the months, she has watched with anticipation as the building went up

"brick by brick."

Welch likes the opportunities the company says it provides for moving up the job ladder.

"I'm just a bean picker," Welch said. "You don't move."

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DON'T ASK ME

Steve Crump

they have to go to Nevada to blush.

So instead of making a virtue of necessity, the state government ought to make a virtue of virtue.

I say give every upstanding Gem Stater a little paper carton to carry around with him. Every time he or she behaves nobly, they must drop a quarter into the slot. Every time an Idahoan thinks about doing the right thing, it costs a nickel.

It'll be on the honor system, of course, but most of us excel at guile anyway. By the end of the first year, Phil Batt will be living on Maui, the Legislature will have bought out Micron and the tax commission will be sending you checks.

And for those of you fellow citizens whose rectitude you doubt a bit, there's a ready alternative to complying with Idaho's taxpayer system: Exile to Utah. Sin is real expensive there.

I can absolutely guarantee that I had more fun than you did this weekend.

That's 'cause I dropped in on hometown boy Ezra Pound's read-aloud at the Hailey Public Library. It's a fund-raiser to buy the house-where-Pound-was-born. (The event continues today, in case you selfishly frittered away your Saturday singing or shopping.)

They're reading The Cantos. Out loud. That's Pound's reverend masterwork that is easily the most-admired and least-read piece of great literature in the English language.

Pound, who was born in Hailey in 1895 and unaccountably never came back, went on to Princeton and became eminent, eventually inventing the syntactic fracturing, modern style that made James Joyce, T.S. Eliot and Yngi Berra possible.

But a lot of folks have trouble warming up to Pound's work, seeing that it doesn't make any sense plus it's written in 14 different languages that nobody speaks any more.

Not me. Without knowing it, I think Ezra set the standard for the next generation of cowboy poetry.

See what you think:

picabo Corral
vulcan strikes the anvil of Scatology,
and having faltered, sets a Spell and a spits a Spell,
there's Mischievous
in personal chaffing
damn Straight
camel Straight?
george Straight, my neigh-saying sorrel,
spake thus:

manly men walk pigeon-hood but pigeonly pigeons know better *Hoo-Haw!*
Im a saddle tramp never knowned a presbyterian myself not one who used pork fat on saddle Sores but then I been to Town

Falls twice
at the County fair met a filly
purdy little thing ate a tater pig cure to Do-Si-Do?

shoot, nay, aprodithe
Baby got her bluejeans on, cover thy buck neckkedness with gingham, Calloppe!

knowest thou not Pan's clarion cry to tus-cany?
pigLatin, but spritely?
"Ornagnay ubnyan orlfnay ndnany
ruiscnag tinay panay ndnany oundnany
htnyay odnmay."

so buy me a Ford Truck cruise Up and down the Road.

Last week I asked readers to rate their towns' Gomer Facer, or the likelihood that citizens of a given community will behave in a fashion that will get them east as livestock on "Hee Haw." I'm proud to report that Twin Falls and Filer are off to a fast start.

"Twin Falls rates an 8 (on a scale of 10)," please see CRUMP, Page B3

Millions in cash, assets await thousands of Idahoans

Does the state have your property?

By Steve Koehler
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - Jerry Jackson of Twin Falls recently received a \$119 Idaho Power Co. check through the State Tax Commission.

He was one of the commission's 80,000 owners of unclaimed property worth \$20 million - all of which can be had at no charge by the rightful owners.

"We didn't even know about the lost money," said Jackson's wife, Sue. "Jerry will probably put the money in his car fund."

Jackson had paid the extra money back in 1982 and assumed it had been credited to him. He had to prove he lived at the residence at the time where the power company charge occurred before the money was sent to him.

Tonya Parker of the commission list-

The Times-News

The Internet is the quickest way for people to learn whether they are on the State Tax Commission's list of those with unclaimed property.

The commission's Internet site has a search mechanism. You enter your name, and it shows the results of its search.

The Internet address is <http://www.intersurf.com-naupaid.cgi>. Alternatively, people can write to:

State Tax Commission, P. O. Box 36, Boise, ID 83722-2340.

If you are on the commission's list, you will have to file a claim form to get your property. You also will have to prove who you are. A photocopy of a driver's license can be adequate.

Telephoning the commission (334-7627) to request a claim form can be frustrating because the line often is busy. The commission also has a fax: 334-7655.

commission's list. "I can hardly believe this," he said.

His disbelief turned out to be right. The account with his name belonged to another Mike O'Brien.

Occasionally some people get angry because they think the state has taken their money, she said, but once they realize the state actually is protecting it, they calm down. There are no service charges or deductions made by the state.

"We hold it in safekeeping and don't allow anything to happen to it," she said.

Besides individuals, the commission's list includes the names of businesses, organizations, and public institutions. Idaho has the nation's highest return rate for unclaimed property, 70.4 percent, Parker said.

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Idaho Power says changes won't cause it to sell dams

By N.S. Nokkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Deregulation is the El Nino of the electric utility industry - lots of potential effects are ascribed to it, but the actual impact still is uncertain.

An announcement earlier this week that Montana Power Co. planned to sell its power generating plants in the face of possible deregulation raised an obvious question: Would Idaho Power Co. do the same?

But Idaho Power has no intention of selling its hydroelectric dams or its interests in two coal-fired generating plants, said Jim Miller, vice president of generation.

"Idaho Power wants to stay in the generating business," he said. All utilities are dealing with deregulation in different ways, he said. Montana has decided it doesn't want to compete in the power generating market - Idaho Power does, Miller said.

Even if Idaho Power sold its generating plants, it is not likely that another company could operate them any better, or with any more benefits to the state, Miller said.

Idaho Power's rates already are among the cheapest in the country. In 1995 it cost the utility about 2 cents per kilowatt hour to generate its power. That same year, it cost Montana Power about 2.4 cents, Miller said.

ed the unclaimed property awaiting owners - checking and savings accounts, stocks and bonds, utility deposits, un-cashed checks, and insurance proceeds (beneficiaries and refunds). She said the contents of safe-deposit boxes are perhaps the most interesting assets.

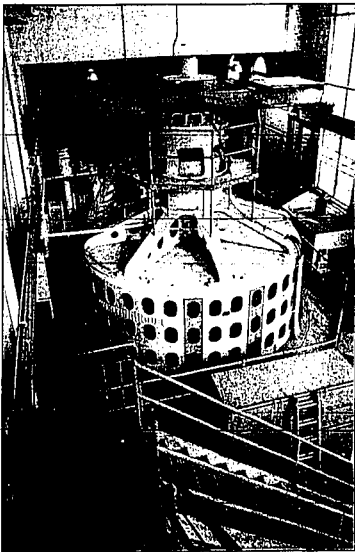
"We've found syringes, and vials of who knows what, antique pictures

(really neat stuff) and fascinating jewelry," Parker said. "It's kind of surprising that stuff is left behind."

People most often are excited about their unclaimed property, she said, even if it's only \$30.

"Money is money," Parker said.

Mike O'Brien of Wendell was surprised to learn his name was on the



Despite the pressures of deregulation, Idaho Power Co. has no plans to sell any of its generating plants, including the Shoshone Falls plant.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Year 2000 will cost Lincoln \$8,000

The Times-Hews
-SHOSHONE - The coming of the new millennium will hit the Lincoln County sheriff's office right in the hub.

"The new software is a whole lot better."
-Steve Southwick, sheriff
planned to pay for the year 1999.
"The new software is a whole lot better," Southwick said. It

told commissioners the manufacturer of the existing software will refund the \$2,000 the county paid for the system.
...the same thing with bells and whistles," Southwick said.
Commissioners told Southwick they would work the computer and software into the budget within the next two years.

VALLEY IN BRIEF

Woman faces charges for fighting
CASTLEFORD - A Castleford woman was charged with disturbing the peace on Saturday morning on charges related to fighting.
Michael and Tina Burt were cited on misdemeanor charges of domestic battery, said deputy Paul Bach of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department. In addition, Tina Burt was charged with carrying a concealed weapon, a misdemeanor, and aggravated assault, a felony, Bach said.
The couple started fighting at 7:30 a.m. after coming home from a party, Bach said. Michael Burt called 911 after Tina Burt left the house armed with a large butcher knife, which she carried hidden in her pants, he said.
Tina Burt was in custody without bond Saturday evening.

Broken furnace closes school
SHOSHONE - Lincoln Elementary School will be closed Monday while the school furnace is being fixed.
The furnace began malfunctioning Thursday and Friday, forcing students and staff to move into warmer parts of the school, said Principal Alva Hocklander. Replacement parts for the furnace aren't readily available, Hocklander said. The school sent notes home with children last week about Monday's closure. Hocklander advised parents to be alert for further delays. So far, she expects classes will resume Tuesday.
"The good thing is we're moving into a new building next year," Hocklander said. "So we won't have these kinds of problems next year."
Compiled from staff reports

DEATH NOTICES

Grace K. Hewitt
TWIN FALLS - Grace Kathryn Hewitt, 80, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 1997, at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.
Leonard J. Grabow
KETCHUM - Leonard J. Grabow, 84, of Ketchum, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 1997, at the Blaine Manor in Hailey. Service and burial will be at Arlington

National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. Local arrangements are under the direction of Wood River Chapel in Hailey.

Jessie I. Lewin
SHOSHONE - Jessie I. Lewin,

96, of Shoshone, died Friday, Dec. 12, 1997, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center in Gooding.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Shoshone Chapel.

SERVICES

Shanna L. Andrus of Marietta, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, 1 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.
Caroline J. Kurtz of Gooding, 2 p.m. Monday, Demary's Gooding Chapel. Remains will call from 1 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names are omitted at patients' request.
Pearl Robertson of Twin Falls.
CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Admitted
Rosa Martinez and Ann Anderson, both of Rupert; Lee Bennett and Haley Critchfield, both of Oakley; and Mary Vega of Burley.
Released
Kristi Potter, John Weaver, Jennie Harrison and

Christina Herman, all of Burley; Willie Deric of Paul; Bernita Christensen of Heyburn; Mouria Phillips of Albion; Cindy Murray of Zayachy; Mungam of Ducky; and Kenneth Bailey of Gilbert, Ariz.
Births
A baby was born to Mary and Martin Vega of Burley.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Some names are omitted at patients' request.
Admitted
Betty Gibson of Rupert.

Idaho artists help decorate White House

The White House says nine Idaho artists, including a Ketchum artist, helped decorate the White House for Christmas this year.
The official White House Christmas tree is in the Blue Room. Five Idaho needlepoint artists contributed to the tree skirt. They are Jane Heiserman of Idaho Falls and Linda Cronquist, Rhon Robertson, Marsha Parrish and Kayo Spengler, all of Moscow.
Glass artists contributing to the decorations are Ralph Mossman and Mary Mullaney of Driggs, Dennis Cole of Coeur d'Alene and Roger Roloff of Ketchum.

Yakima business magnate and son die in plane crash

UNION GAP, Wash. (AP) - A Yakima business magnate and his son died in a fiery plane crash after a trip to Seattle to watch a professional basketball game.
Michael Meroy, whose age was not immediately available, was flying the 22-year-old Aero Commander that crashed and burst into flames about 10:30 p.m. Friday near the Yakima airport, and his 16-year-old son, Michael Jr., was the only passenger, police Sgt. Larry Worden said.
"There aren't any survivors," said Lee Fryer, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman.
Investigators for the FAA and the National Transportation Safety Board were dispatched to try to determine the cause of the crash.
Police Chief Bill Silvers said the plane appeared to drop from the sky, exploding on impact.
"The flames were pretty huge," said Tom Berg, who was driving home with his wife, Sharon, from a Christmas party when the crash occurred.
Relatives said Meroy was a pioneer family and president of Mercury Enterprises, had taken his son to the Seattle SuperSonics Portland Trail Blazers game Friday night.
The plane was registered to Yakima Theaters Inc., a Mercury subsidiary which had owned the fixed-wing turboprop for two or three months, records showed.
When Meroy took over the family business in the early 1970s, the best-known holdings were two one-screen indoor movie theaters.
Yakima Theaters now owns 19 indoor screens, and no other company has been able to enter the indoor movie business in town.
In December 1992, Cinemark USA of Dallas announced plans to break Meroy's monopoly by opening a \$5 million, eight-screen movie house in Yakima.

Filer students ready for holiday concert

FILER - Filer High School music students are tuning their pipes and raising their scales in preparation for their upcoming Christmas Concert.
At 7:30 p.m. Monday, the school's band, choir and madrigal groups will honor in song the spirit of this holiday season.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rate information, call 733-0931, extension 278

JEROME
Myra 'Jean' Allison Watts
Myra 'Jean' Allison Watts, 63, of Jerome and Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 12, 1997, at her home in Jerome.
She was born July 23, 1934, in Twin Falls, to James and Albertine Bonnet Wainwright Sr. She attended St. Edwards Catholic School and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1952. Jean worked for two years at the University of Idaho and one year at Sells in Twin Falls in the credit department. On Aug. 18, 1956, she married Eddie Allison in Filer. They were married by his grandfather, Wainwright. Jean and Eddie had four children. They moved to Louisville, Ky., for four years while Ed attended the University of Louisville. Dental School. Jean worked there four years for the General Electric Co. They moved back to Twin Falls, where he set up his dental practice. They were later divorced in 1982. Jean later married Jack Watts, the first principal of Robert Watts Junior High in 1986, and they moved to Jerome to the Little Bighorns.
She was a member of the Twin Falls Returned Church, the Women's Country Club and Ladies Golf Association. Magic Steppers Dance Club, the Twin Falls Regional Cancer Support Group which was very meaningful to her and a past member of the Twin Falls Good Sam (Blue Birds) Trailer Travel Group. Jean enjoyed painting, tube lighting and camping, but most of all she enjoyed surface area around hunting with her loving husband and four friends.
Survivors include her husband, Jack of Jerome, daughter, Cathy (Chis) Bell of Pottsville, Ore., stepdaughter, Mary Lou Watts of Seattle, Wash., stepson, Mike (Katie) Allison of Santa Barbara, Calif., Patrick Allison of Seattle, Wash., and John (April) Allison of Boise, Idaho. Both Robert and Eddie were preceded in death by her parents, Allison of Santa Barbara, Calif., Patrick Allison of Seattle, Wash., and John (April) Allison of Boise, Idaho.
A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17,



1997, at the Twin Falls Reformed Church with Pastor Brian Vietman officiating. The family suggests memorials be sent to the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 656 Adeline Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301. Cremation took place under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory in Twin Falls.

JEROME

Vic Camozzi
Vic Camozzi passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his family, Thursday, Dec. 11, 1997, following a five-year battle with cancer.
Vic was born June 9, 1916, at Birch, Wis., the son of Samuel and Teresa Brogkole Camozzi, one of eight children. His parents were of Italian immigrant stock and he was always proud of his heritage and was affectionately referred to as the "Italian Stallion" by his friends.
After graduating from Roosevelt High School in Seattle, he attended college at the University of Washington, where he graduated with a degree in mining engineering. He had worked at the mines in Jaridge, Nev. to earn his way through college.
On Nov. 2, 1942, he married Ruth Clements at State College, Pa., and shortly after he reported for active duty in the Navy. He served as a lieutenant aboard a minesweeper in the Pacific Theater for four years and was a very patriotic man who was always proud to have served his country.
Following his discharge, Vic moved to Jerome to work with his brother, R. O. Camozzi, at the Cinder Products Company, which was later to become Voico Inc. He became the general manager of Voico in 1952 and completed 50 years of service, retiring recently due to ill health. He was a company man, who had a soft spot in his heart for his workers and employees. His family and colleagues will always remember the fact that totally destroyed the Jerome store through fire occurred during the middle of the night, by the next morning Vic had made arrangements for Voico to open at an alternate location and had hundreds of materials on their way from other Voico yards. The store never closed for a day, because Vic did not want his employees to be out of work. He personally designed the new store and was proud of his store managers and employees and appreciated very much their dedication and loyalty.
Throughout his professional career, Vic was very active in the building materials industry. He belonged to the Idaho Concrete Masonry Association and the Western Building Materials Association (WBMA), which consists of lumber dealers from the five western states. He had served as the president of WBMA in 1979 and was honored as an outstanding lumber dealer by his WBMA colleagues in 1986.
He was also active in community affairs. He was 51 years here, serving as president of Jerome Chamber of Commerce and the Jerome Rotary Club and he was

honored as Citizen of the Year by the chamber in 1935. He was also a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Jerome Elks Lodge, past president of Toastmasters and member of the Jerome Country Club. Even after his children were grown, he remained a loyal supporter of the Jerome schools and had donated land to the city of Jerome which became Camozzi Park.
Vic was devoted to his wife, Ruth, of 55 years and they celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1992 with a festive party for their only child, his family was very important to him and he instilled a strong sense of family loyalty and a good work ethic in each of his daughters.
It is a family tradition that his four daughters and their families gather at Vic and Ruth's house for every holiday. The families also frequently gather at the Camozzi cabin in the Boulder View summer home area. Vic designed and built the cabin which was always a legacy he left for his daughters and his grandchildren. He is a legend to his grandchildren and they will always remember him. He was also an excellent cook who loved to prepare meals for his friends and family. His Italian spaghetti became legendary and visitors to the Camozzi house often left with their arms laden with food sent home by Vic.
Vic loved to fish and spent many happy hours fishing with his lifelong friend, Cedar Payton, as well as other family and friends. Vic was an excellent golfer who approached the game with the same hard work and determination as he did everything else in his life. He was very proud of his handicap dropped to a single digit.
Vic and Ruth explored the world together on many different trips. His daughters will always treasure the memories of a family cruise to the Mexican Riviera. As a gift, he also sent Ruth and his four girls to Hawaii and the Caribbean because he wanted the girls to have a chance to travel and spend time with their mother, who always treasured him.
Vic will be remembered as a generous and compassionate man who worked hard all his life and will always be remembered for his loyalty and love for his family and friends.
Vic is survived by his wife, Ruth, four daughters, Vicki (Victor) Haines of Boise, Patty (Gary) Williams of Ogden, Utah, Carol Robertson of Salt Lake and Antia (Steve) Hanna of Twin Falls, and 11 grandchildren. Antia surviving are three sisters, Ann Hartman and Stanfield and Helen Kinick, all of Seattle, Wash., as well as many close friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.
A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 15, 1997, at the Jerome High School auditorium with Warren Miller officiating. Burial will follow at the Jerome Cemetery with military rites.
Although no viewing is planned, at Vic's close friends may call from 10 to 8 p.m. today at the Robert Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome to sign the register book.
The family suggests memorial contributions to the Jerome Episcopal Church or Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Home Health and Hospice Program.

IDAHO ROAD REPORT

BOISE (AP) - Here are Saturday afternoon's road conditions from the Idaho Department of Transportation.
Interstate 84 - Dry.
Interstate 86 - Dry.
Interstate 15 - Utah link-Idaho Falls, dry; Idaho Falls-Dubois, icy spots, broken snow floor; Dubois-Brands Pass, broken snow floor.
Interstate 90 - Washington line-Coeur d'Alene, wet; July 4th Pass, icy spots; Catalina-Wallace, dry; Wallace-Loakman Pass, icy spots.
Idaho 55 - Boise-Horseshoe Bend, icy spots, slick; Horseshoe Bend-Dubois, icy spots; broken snow floor; Donnelly-McCall New Meadows, broken snow floor.
US 95 - Oregon line-Cambridge, dry; Cambridge-New Meadows, Riggins, icy spots; Riggins-Whitebird Hill, dry; Whitebird Hill, icy spots; Grangeville-Caldwell, icy spots; Caldwell-Lawson, icy spots; Lewiston Hill, dry; Lewiston-Hill-Beneva County line, dry; Beneva County line-Coeur d'Alene, wet; Coeur d'Alene-Bonner County line, dry; Bonner County line-Canadian border, dry, wet.
Idaho 21 - Boise-Idaho City, dry; Idaho City-Banner Summit, icy spots; broken snow floor; Banner Summit-Stanley, broken snow floor.
US 12 - Lewiston-Junction State Highway 3, dry; Junction State 3-Koonkia, icy spots; Koonkia-Lowell, icy spots; Lowell-Powell-Lolo Pass, icy spots; broken snow floor.
US 20 - Mountain Home-Cat Creek Summit, dry, icy spots; Cat Creek Summit-Idaho 75, icy spots; Idaho 75 Carey, dry; Arco-Idaho Falls, icy spots, snow floor; Idaho Falls-Ashton, dry, icy spots; Ashton-Montana, broken snow floor, icy spots.
Idaho 75 - Shoshone-Ketchikan, dry; Ketchikan-Clayton, icy spots; Clayton-Cody, icy spots; broken snow floor.
US 93 - Nevada-Craters of the Moon, dry; Craters of the Moon-Arco, icy spots; Arco-Challis-Law, wet, icy spots; Challis-Law, broken snow floor, snow floor.
US 91 - Dry.
US 30 - Dry.
US 26 - Junction US 20-Blackfoot, dry; Idaho Falls-Ririe-Wyoming line, icy spots.
Idaho 51 - Dry.
Idaho 28 - Mud Lake-Salmon, icy spots, icy, broken snow floor.

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U of I program develops with changing times

Extension agents focus less on canning, clothes making, and more on problems like bacteria, stain removal

By Penelope Reedy
Times News Writer

BURLEY — When it comes to survival, a University of Idaho cooperative extension agent wouldn't be a bad person to be stranded on a deserted island with.

The Mini-Cassia area has two such resources helping families and individuals adjust to changing times: Joan Parr in Burley and Diane Schermbauch in Burley. Parr, a 26-year veteran of the extension service in Burley, who received her master's degree in 1958 in family and consumer science from California Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Joan Parr is working outside of the home, she said, and children's extracurricular activities sometimes make families feel swamped. Traditional home life has shifted from a heart-centered one to one where the women, even rural women,



Samuel Rocha, 10, of White Pine Elementary School, and Ashley Smith, 11, of Acapulco Elementary, enjoy learning counted cross-stitch in an after-school holiday craft session taught by Val Bowen, Trish Hurst and Tina Mullins and sponsored by the extension office.

aren't cooking and preserving foods like they used to, and men, especially young men, are taking over some of the food preparation. "Food safety rather than preservation is a concern," Parr added. "Someone will cook and say they left a roast out overnight

and ask if it's safe to eat, things like that." Even so, she said, "older gentlemen will meet me in the hallway and ask, 'What you got cooking today?' not realizing very little of my time is spent in a kitchen anymore."

Concerns about food preservation seem to have skipped a generation, she said. Questions these days are coming from young wives whose own mothers are members of the convenience-food generation. Unfortunately, these younger women can't ask their mothers for

advice about gardening, canning, freezing or drying food. Stain removal is another frequently asked question, Parr said, laughing. "We used to help people with clothing construction," she said. "Now people want to know almost exclusively about removing stains from fabrics."

Extension resources are no longer used exclusively by rural women who were perceived as isolated and out of the mainstream. Because of cars and advances in communications, isolation has diminished. However, new problems have replaced old ones.

Recent changes in the welfare system, for example, have caused a variety of people and agencies to utilize this university resource in ways not imagined 20 years ago.

Marie Hanzel, self-reliance supervisor at the Mini-Cassia Health and Welfare office, said because its focus is on helping people reach self-reliance, it encourages clients to attend such extension classes as money and resource management, family issues, parenting, stress management and time scheduling. Health and Welfare provides some of the classrooms, as well.

Timmy Roger Harmon, 20, 260 Oak St., Castleford, public possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine; public defender appointed; released on own recognition; bail set at \$2,000. Clifford Ernest Harmon Jr., 35, 445 Fifth Ave. E., Twin Falls; failure to purchase valid driver's license, failure to pay; public defender appointed; bail set at \$300.

tion we can share," Parr said. Parr and Schermbauch describe the extension as a giant network. Information available to consumers is not limited to an agent's expertise. Agents are able to draw from Idaho, U.S. and even worldwide resources to answer questions on almost any topic.

Schermbauch, a former consumer economics teacher at Kuna High School, has been with the extension in Minidoka County for six years. She received a bachelor's degree in clothing and textiles in business at Arizona State University, and then returned later to the University of Illinois for a master's degree in psychology of dress.

"How people dress is about people's perceptions of themselves," she said. Recent discussion about school dress codes, she said, is an example of just how important people think dress is to a community's welfare.

Although the people once known as "home economists" have changed and adapted, their work is just as important to the community welfare as ever. "Families need help," said Parr, who believes if things are going well in families, a community is just as important to the community welfare as ever.

"Everyone belongs to a family," she said, "even if that family is one person living alone."

Times-Herald staff writer Penelope Reedy can be reached in Burley at 672-0442.

Check it out

For more information on how the University of Idaho Extension Agency can help you or your family, and for lists of available classes, call Joan Parr in Burley at 676-1443 or Diane Schermbauch in Burley at 438-7254.

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Twin Falls County

TWIN FALLS — Recent activity in Twin Falls County 5th District courts included:

Arraignments

- Joseph Valerio D'Ambrò, 50, 1007 S. 165 E., Gooding; driving under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; bail set at \$500.
- Kyle Eugene Wynia, 34, 2908 11th Ave. N. Ext., Pomeroy; Twin Falls Work Center; escape by one charged at a controlled substance; pleaded innocent; preliminary hearing set Friday; bail set at \$500.
- Bartlett Blaine Livingston, 37, 206 Lois St.; Twin Falls intimidating a witness; warrant issued; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set Friday; bail set at \$500.
- Raymond Tyler Holley, 31, 428 S. Cent.; Twin Falls aggravated battery; preliminary hearing set Friday; public defender appointed; bail set at \$1,500.
- Phillip Ray House, 22, Twin Falls; burglary, three counts; preliminary hearing set Friday; bail set at \$20,000.
- Andrea Ruth Knopp, 29, 337 Third Ave. E.; Twin Falls possession of a controlled substance; preliminary hearing set Friday; public defender appointed; released on own recognition; this charge.

Andrea Ruth Knopp, (Knopp), 29, 337 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; released on own recognition; this charge only.

Patrick James Olson, 38, 253 Monroe, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a concealed weapon; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; released on own recognition.

Kirk Douglas Mullins, 34, 227 Jefferson St., Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine; preliminary hearing set Friday; to hire private attorney; bail set at \$1,500.

Kirk Douglas Mullins, 34, 227 Jefferson St., Twin Falls; driving with out proper license, possession of a controlled substance, marijuana; pleaded innocent; to hire attorney; bail set at \$500.

Morgan Lewis, 28, 1193 Galena Drive, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, amphetamine; preliminary hearing set Friday; to hire private attorney; released on own recognition; this charge.

John Jason Cantu, Jr., 22, homeless; disorderly conduct; open container violation; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; released on own recognition; this charge.

Jeremy Mostad Summerlin, 20, 1135 Cherry Lane, Pocatello; driving without privileges, fictitious display of license; pleaded innocent; preliminary hearing set Friday; public defender appointed; released on own recognition; this charge.

2800 E., Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; released on own recognition; this charge.

John J. Ricks, 48, 367 Elm 44, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; released on own recognition; this charge.

Michael Albert Conner, 17, 306 Center, Filer; driving under the influence, illegal consumption of alcohol; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; released on own recognition; this charge.

Leon Orlando Gonzalez, 19, 750 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls; failure to purchase driver's license, failure to pay; warrant issued; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; bail set at \$125 cash.

Ryan Eugene Cunningham, 14, 853 Ash St.; Twin Falls; possession of tobacco by a minor; failure to appear; warrant issued; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; bail set at \$100.

Leif J. Roberts, 34, 1285 E. 4400 N.; Bulli; driving under the influence, driving with an expired license; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; released on own recognition; this case only.

Chris M. Farnsworth, 21, 1000 N. Latrobe #3, Jerome; fraudulent use of transaction card; state moved to dismiss felony and proceed on misdemeanor citation.

Troy Gene Platt, 51, P.O. Box 924, Jefferson, Texas; fugitive warrant from Montana for felony theft and burglary; public defender appointed; fugitive hearing set Friday; bail set at \$20,000.

Timmy Roger Harmon, 20, 260 Oak St., Castleford; public possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set Friday; released on own recognition; this charge.

Randal Wayne Rogers, 42, 544 Fifth Ave. N., Twin Falls; felony driving without privileges; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set Friday; bail set at \$1,000.

Clifford Ernest Harmon Jr., 35, 445 Fifth Ave. E., Twin Falls; failure to purchase valid driver's license, failure to pay; public defender appointed; bail set at \$300.

Clifford Ernest Harmon Jr., 35, 445 Fifth Ave. E., Twin Falls; driving with expired driver's license; failure to pay; warrant issued; bail set at \$100; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed.

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Clifford Ernest Harmon Jr., 35, 445 Fifth Ave. E., Twin Falls; felony possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine; public defender appointed; bail set at \$2,500.

Steve Hermander, 28, 1640 P St. #1, Heyburn; driving under the influence, excessive BAC and DWI; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed.

Joel E. Stewart, 36, Osterloo Ave., Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; released on own recognition; this charge only.

Joel E. Stewart, 36, Osterloo Ave., Twin Falls; driving under the influence, resisting arrest, parole violation, failure to pay; two warrants issued; pleaded innocent; parole violation set for evidentiary hearing; set for preliminary hearing; bail set at \$1,500 and \$588.50.

Ronald Eugene Riebold, 38, home-

less, 1951 S. 750 E., Bliss; driving with invalid license, failure to appear; warrant issued; public defender appointed; warrant bail \$2,000; released on own recognition.

Walter J. White, 29, 16 1/2 Addison Ave. W., 230, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender denied; bail set at \$500.

Christopher Jay Fay, 21, 1410 Ninth Ave. E., Twin Falls; ending a police officer's possession of burglary tools; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; released on own recognition; this charge only.

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Ketchum council continues discussion about zoning amendments

KETCHUM — The Ketchum City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at City Hall, and the public is welcome. First on the agenda is continuation of a public hearing about proposed zoning amendments establishing three categories of day-care businesses. Following is a public hearing on proposed amendments to a zoning ordinance in the community

core district.

Public comments include Polly Higgins, of Wood River Reservoir, Conservation and Development, explaining the organization's services; and Theresa Combs with an explanation on the WWRAP survey.

In other business, the council will consider Red Fox Development's application to subdivide 121, 131, 141 and 151 Red Fox Lane in the Chateau of Northwood Subdivision into

eight townhouse sublots; Bob Crosby's application to subdivide, lot at 3019 Warm Springs Road in the Warm Springs Village Subdivision into three townhouse sublots; and the application from M. Resorts to subdivide 317 and 319 Skivay Drive in the Scorpion Amended Subdivision into 10 lots and one open-space parcel.

Council members will consider ordinances regarding nuisances in the city, amending a zoning ordinance for the community core district, and granting a nonexclusive franchise to Scott Brushers to operate taxicabs within the city. They will hear the third reading of an ordinance for day-care businesses and consider authorizing an agreement with the Environmental Resource Center to allow a sign within the Leadville Avenue right of way. An executive session may conclude the meeting.

As of December 1st, Dr. Gilbert K. Crane has moved.

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Bikers open their big hearts, provide toys for children

By Kurt Friedemann Times-News writer

BURLEY - Thirty bikers in black leather astride roaring Harley Davidson are hard to miss.

And holiday shoppers got an eye for Saturday as the string of chattering choppers made its way down Overland Avenue, through Paul and on to Rupert to lend a helping hand to Santa Claus.

"I'm a family man myself," Harley owner Don Thueson said. "This is a great cause, there are a lot of needy families out there."

The motorcycle enthusiasts collected \$1,800 and brought mounds of toys to the Rupert square for needy families this holiday season simply because, they say, it's fun to get together and do it.

The group collected the money and piles of toys and organized the ride in only seven short days, said Harley rider Gary Tavon, one of the organizers.

"We hope to raise even more next year," he said. "We plan to put collection jars out much earlier."

They donated the money and toys to the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council, which will distribute the gifts to children without toys this Christmas.

"About this time of year you long for the roar of your bike, and this is about the only way to

do it," Terry Hanson said. "Besides, if Santa does it why can't we?"

Everyone seemed to have their own reasons for riding along, but most said they just wanted to help those less fortunate than themselves.

"Most of these guys are family-oriented," Jess Parker said.

He said it had always been his late wife's wish to own a Harley, so before she died she asked him to get one for her.

She told me, "You make sure you get one and ride it," he said, so he rode his bike for a good cause Saturday afternoon.

"No one should be without on Christmas," Parker said.

Christmas council representative Juanita Kerbs encountered a similar sentiment when she came to collect the bikers' bounty at the Rupert square.

Smiles peeked from behind shaggy beards and brightened wind-scattered faces as Kerbs accepted toys and hugs from men with nicknames such as Matt and Maddog (Dangerous, for short).

"We need more people like you," she said. "It will be a good Christmas this year knowing the kids will have toys."

Times-News staff writer Kurt Friedemann can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.



Right, Don Thueson and Beth Cooper, left, and Gary Pawson lead a Harley Davidson pack on a ride through Burley, Paul and Rupert gathering money and gifts for the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council Saturday afternoon. Left, Harley biker Calvin Garner of Rupert gives an arm load of toys to Christmas council representative Juanita Kerbs. Below, Burley rider Joe Valdez opens a truckful of presents after Saturday's ride.



KAREN E. MADDOCK/The Times-News

Steelhead listing could jeopardize salmon plan

SALEM, Ore. (AP) - The state of Oregon went to great lengths to help steelhead trout prosper, but a decision it could take care of the salmon problem on its own, but those efforts might be undone if federal officials decide to list the steelhead as an endangered species.

In less than a week, Gov. John Kitzhaber's office must complete its plan for protecting steelhead, but state and federal officials still are working on just how serious the plight of steelhead is.

If the National Marine Fisheries Service does not believe the state's plan offers strong enough protection, the agency could decide by February to list the fish for federal protection.

"We're very concerned," said Jim Martin, salmon advisor adviser to Gov. John Kitzhaber. "It's not a very damaging to (Oregon's efforts) and a big setback to landowners who are cooperating. ... We'd lose half the money right away."

Kitzhaber and legislative leaders in the spring put together a proposal, which relies largely on voluntary efforts from landown-

ers and watershed councils, to restore coho salmon runs.

Wilson says the state pledged \$12 million to the plan, but on the grounds that no fish, salmon or steelhead, would be listed for federal protection. The recovery effort would cost \$30 million over during the next two years.

The partnership helped avoid a federal listing for coho. Now, state officials are scrambling to convince the legislature to the plan that they hope will fend off a listing for steelhead. The deadline is Thursday.

Rob Jones, a spokesman for the fisheries service, said no decision has been made on listing steelhead and that none would be announced before the agency's Feb. 9 deadline.

The state's strategy for helping steelhead will be considered in making the decision, along with other factors such as population sizes and threats to survival, Jones said.

Neither the state nor the fisheries service will discuss the actual figures behind the a disagreement over the numbers of steel-

head. "We think there are more fish than they do," says Barry McPherson of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The fisheries service decided against listing the coho partly on the strength of the state's strategy for restoring the fish. The strategy, known as the Oregon Plan, is being watched nationally as a model for state-led recovery efforts of imperiled species.

In August, the fisheries service delayed a decision on listing three populations of steelhead, which belong to the same family as salmon. Federal officials blamed the delay on the disagreement over numbers and the risks to the fish. The reprieve gave the state time to expand its coho plan to include measures for steelhead.

Coho and steelhead share many of the same streams, but steelhead have a much wider range, swimming up the Columbia River and its tributaries in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

If steelhead populations along the coast are listed, it could put an end to Oregon's once-famed

steelhead fishing. For a decade, as steelhead declined, anglers have had to release any of the wild fish they have caught. Under a listing, they would not even be able to catch them.

Even if steelhead are not listed, the state's recovery effort likely will probably would require cities, farms and industries to reduce their impacts activities affecting on water quality and make bigger contributions to saving fish.

Even if the steelhead is listed, Oregon will continue to work with Washington and California to develop a regional strategy for protecting the steelhead, Martin said.

But Martin worries that a listing would discourage further landowner and local watershed council participation, which have been crucial to the state's voluntary program.

"Everywhere you look, you see energy and excitement about implementing the Oregon Plan," Martin said. "We'd hate to see something take that momentum away, especially if it wasn't biologically justified."

Appeals court affirms conviction of racist bomber

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A federal appeals court in Denver has affirmed the conviction of a racist skinhead who bombed a Dixie College dormitory occupied by two black students in 1993.

Robert Allen Little Jr. was convicted last year of placing a pipe bomb outside the dormitory on Oct. 10, 1993. The morning after the bombing, another black student found a note on his door that said, "All niggers ought to die" and "KKK."

At Little's trial in U.S. District Court in Salt Lake City, witnesses testified Little admitted responsibility for the bombing and vowed to shoot all the blacks at the St. George college. Two acquaintances reported Little's comments to police.

The next day, police found Little's apartment and searched PVC pipe, 53 fuses and lead fragments similar to those found at the scene of the bombing. Little fled the state while the search was under way.

Authorities caught up with Little in 1995 while he was serving time in a juvenile facility in California for firebombing the house of black family in that state. That incident occurred sev-

eral months before Little moved to St. George in 1993.

Little, who was 16 at the time of the Dixie College bombings, was charged as an adult. The indictment accused him of malicious damage by fire and explosive, possession of an unregistered firearm, and two counts of interfering with the housing rights of a person on the basis of race.

A jury found him guilty on all counts on May 13, 1996. Two months later, U.S. District Judge Dee Benson sentenced him to the maximum 12 years in prison and fined him \$12,000.

Little appealed, arguing the federal courts had no jurisdiction in the case, that he shouldn't have been tried as an adult, and that the evidence was not sufficient to sustain a conviction.

The three-judge appeals panel rejected all of those arguments. Writing for the court, Judge Deane R. Tacha said the federal courts had proper jurisdiction because local authorities declined to prosecute the case. It was appropriate to try him as an adult because he was at least 16, had a prior felony conviction and was accused of committing a violent crime, the judge added.

Police mannequin helps prevent careless driving

NORTH SALT LAKE, Utah - Police officers spend his days sitting in a police cruiser strung straight ahead through mirrored sunglasses like the stiff he is.

He never blinks. He never slinks. He never makes a bad bust. And he never complains about being stuck on the traffic beat.

In fact, he's the most cooperative on Police Chief Val Wilson's North Salt Lake force. "He works as long as we want him to and he's effective in slowing down traffic in school zones," says the chief.

The only drawback to Frank He's a real dummy. Really.

Dubbed "Frank the Wonder Dummy" by the North Salt Lake Police Department, the legless tar-

get dummy can slow down speeders through his direct presence.

He does not issue tickets. This isn't PhotoCop. Frank is just there, to remind drivers to ease off the gas he is.

Wilson decided to get the life-like figure two years ago after hearing about other small cities using dummies to bolster their lean departments. Frank's presence on the squadrons Wilson to deploy his nine officers elsewhere in the community.

After juggling department stores for a surplus mannequin, proved fruitless, he ordered Frank from a police supply catalog. For \$30, an artist painted a face on the new recruit, complete with a thin mustache. The department then dressed him in a uniform, gave him some shades and put him

behind the wheel of a patrol car.

Wilson says North Salt Lake has seen a dramatic increase in traffic. Many commuters are dodging turn-up Interstate 15 by taking U.S. Highway 89 through town, so Frank comes in handy on the streets.

But not everyone realizes he is a nobody. "One woman keeps calling us, and gripes, 'What's wrong with that policeman?' He just sits there and never moves," says Wilson.

"We tell her he's just ordered slowing down traffic in a school zone."

(Occasionally, a real police officer takes Frank's place to keep motorists guessing.)

Another woman - who believes Frank is a great idea -

suggested the hat Frank now wears, and once a truck driver broke out laughing when he realized he was trying to get directions from a mannequin.

Sid Groll, director of Peace Officers Standards and Training office, which credits the state's law-enforcement officers (but not dummies), says North Salt Lake is the only Utah city he knows of using a fake cop. He calls the idea "interesting."

Gerald Arenberg, a spokesman for the National Association of Chiefs of Police in Washington, D.C., praises the initiative.

Arenberg, a retired police chief, says many police departments have to be innovative because of tight budgets. About 90 percent have forces of 50 members or less, he says.

Crews accidentally explode shell next to snowmobile route

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Salt Lake City crews were lucky that no one was using a popular snowmobile route in American Fork Canyon when an avalanche shell exploded there this week.

The explosion didn't seem to be trying to shoot down avalanches in Little Cottonwood Canyon when a shell sailed over, the top of Mount Bally and exploded next to the trail, according to a copy-right story in The Salt Lake Tribune on Saturday.

"It was human error," said Al Soucie, the snow ranger in Alta who was one of two people firing the 105-millimeter shells. The other ranger was Alta general manager Onno Wieringa.

Soucie said coordinates used to aim the rifle apparently had been transcribed incorrectly on a sheet that said "We try to minimize it." A detailed review of the inci-

dent is under way, said Michael Siegel, Salt Lake District ranger for the Wasatch-Cache National

Forest. "We want to make sure nothing like this happens again."

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 Monday: Breakfast chicken pizza
 Tuesday: Pepperoni pizza
 Wednesday: Chicken pizza
 Thursday: Chicken fajita in a flour tortilla
 Friday: Hamburger on a bun

BLISS
 Breakfast served everyday
 Lunch: Choice of hamburger or salad bar available Monday through Thursday with pizza bar every other day.
 Monday: Baked potato with cheese and ham.
 Tuesday: Steery pie on a bun.
 Wednesday: Noodles with cheese.
 Thursday: Pepperoni pizza pizza.
 Friday: Chili with cheese

BULH
 Breakfast: Juice served everyday
 Monday: Cereal and cranberry toast
 Tuesday: Strawberry and yogurt
 Wednesday: Bacon and gravy
 Thursday: Turkey and toast
 Friday: Chicken nuggets

Lunch: Choice of hamburger and vegetable
 Monday: Cereal and cranberry toast
 Tuesday: Strawberry and yogurt
 Wednesday: Bacon and gravy
 Thursday: Turkey and toast
 Friday: Chicken nuggets

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH
 Breakfast: Juice and milk served everyday
 Lunch: Choice of salad bar with sandwich or soup sandwich bar every day. Main lunch menu varies.

CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
 Breakfast: Fruit or juice served everyday.
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Waffles
 Wednesday: Cinnamon sugar ice cream
 Thursday: Pancakes
 Friday: Waffles

CASTLEFORD
 Breakfast: Cereal and pancakes
 Tuesday: Cinnamon rolls and cereal
 Wednesday: Scrambled eggs and cereal
 Thursday: Pancakes and cereal
 Monday: Juice and milk served everyday
 Lunch: Salad bar and variety of hot choices.
 Monday: Hamburger
 Tuesday: Hamburger
 Wednesday: Turkey and dressing
 Thursday: Tuna
 Friday: Christmas dinner

DETRICH
 Breakfast: Choice of juice, milk, hot chocolate, cereal, toast or oatmeal.
 Lunch: Salad bar and variety of hot choices.
 Monday: Hamburger
 Tuesday: Hamburger
 Wednesday: Turkey and dressing
 Thursday: Tuna
 Friday: Christmas dinner

DONAHUE LUTHERAN SCHOOL
 Breakfast served everyday
 Lunch: Choice of hamburger, salad bar on Wednesday, salad bar on Thursday, pizza bar on Friday. At middle school and high school, choice of salad bar, hamburger pie or pizza lunch served daily, main lunch menu, or six choice items. Daily schedule served once weekly.
 Monday: Chicken nuggets with sauce
 Tuesday: Sloppy joes on a bun
 Wednesday: Christmas dinner - baked ham
 Thursday: Finger snacks
 Friday: Trawling

HENDERLY
 Breakfast served everyday
 Lunch: At elementary school, main lunch menu is served each day. At grade level is offered salad bar on Thursday. Fourth grade will be offered salad bar on Thursday. At middle school and high school, choice of main lunch menu or chef salad each day.
 Monday: Chicken with sauce
 Tuesday: Chicken noodle soup and deli sandwich.
 Wednesday: Barchetta
 Thursday: Christmas dinner - baked ham
 Friday: Hotdog on a bun

MIDDLE SCHOOLS
 Breakfast served everyday
 Lunch: Salad bar, pizza bar or deli bar available on alternating days. Middle school has a choice of

second lunch menu.
 Monday: Chicken burger on a bun.
 Tuesday: Chili
 Wednesday: Enchilada
 Thursday: Beef stew
 Friday: Fried chicken

GOODING HIGH SCHOOL
 Breakfast served everyday
 Lunch: Salad bar, pizza bar or deli bar available on alternating days. Also choice of hamburger line, pizza line or deli items. Middle lunch menu varies everyday.
 Monday: Chicken nuggets
 Tuesday: Barchetta
 Wednesday: Hot and cheese on a bun
 Thursday: Oven fried chicken
 Friday: Fried chicken

HAGERMAN
 Breakfast: Monday: Scrambled eggs in a flour tortilla.
 Tuesday: Berry yogurt and wheat toast
 Wednesday: Cereal and milk
 Thursday: Turkey and toast
 Friday: Fried chicken

HANSEN
 Breakfast: Monday: Scrambled eggs in a flour tortilla.
 Tuesday: Berry yogurt and wheat toast
 Wednesday: Cereal and milk
 Thursday: Turkey and toast
 Friday: Fried chicken

IDAHO SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND
 Breakfast: Choice of juice, fruit, and cereal
 Monday: Sausage pizza and toast
 Tuesday: Mufflet and scrambled eggs
 Wednesday: Bacon and gravy
 Thursday: Turkey and toast
 Friday: French toast and bacon

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Troy school board members invite state to help meet its school building needs

TROY (AP) — If the state is so concerned about the condition of the Troy Junior-Senior High School building, then it should come to Troy and help — possibly putting up the money for repairs. That was the message this week from the Whitepine School Board. Members voted to invite Department of Education officials to Troy, just outside Moscow, to address building problems. That includes where to find money for repairs and whether it's better to repair a 32-year-old building or start over with a new one. District officials readily admit

the 1905 building, with original wiring in many areas, needs safety improvements. They say they don't have the money. The district received an order from the attorney general's office and has until Tuesday to fix the wiring or come up with a plan to do it. District officials say that's an unreasonable deadline. "The state has looked at this in a very simplistic fashion so far," Superintendent Harold Ott said. "They're only concerned about the wiring but anyone that reads the safety inspector's report or

even walk through the school can see there are tremendous other needs in the building. Estimates for wiring repairs alone are \$174,000 and bringing the entire building up to code is expected to cost \$2.17 million. "We simply do not have that kind of money available ... and if we were to terminate a substantial number of our classified employees in the district for the next six months, we still would not be able to come up with those funds." Board Chairman Pat Smith wrote in a letter to Attorney General Alan Lance.

Happy Holidays!

Thank You — to all my many clients and friends, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a joyous Holiday Season.



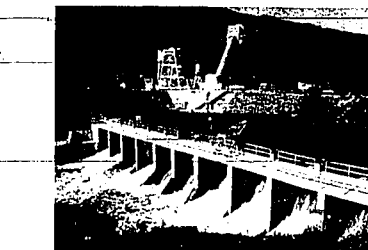
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driving; pleaded guilty five days jail with five suspended; \$200 fine with \$100 suspended; \$63.50 court costs; six months' supervised probation; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Saul Flores Costaneda, 21, 51 W. 200 N. Jerome, driving under the influence; failure to purchase driver's license; failure to show proof of insurance; pleaded innocent, court found guilty; \$1,000 bond forfeited; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Sentencings
Damon Cano Gosme, 32, 136 S. 100 W., Moroni, Utah; indicted on...

dismissing
Leabado O. Hernandez, 28, 311 E. K. Jerome, failure to carry driver's license on person; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Galen Boyd Newhouse, 57, 472 Idaho Highway 25, Jerome, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; 180 days jail with 178 suspended; \$750 fine with \$400 suspended; \$78.50 court costs; 180-day driver's license suspension; DUI school; victim panel; one year's supervised probation; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Department changes policy on veterans homes

LEWISTON (AP) - The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has changed its national policy about non-prescription drugs and payments for veterans health care.
Idaho Attorney General Alan Lance had sued the agency on July 8 to protect prescription drug benefits for people at the Lewiston veterans home. Lance's office was informed Thursday Veterans Affairs will change its policy nationwide.

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Chief Economist for the State of Idaho Mike Ferguson is the author of 'GPS Land Navigator', a complete guide book to using global positioning equipment.

between magnetic north and true north, and accurately estimate their mileage.
Ferguson still devotes much of his time to learning the use of maps and compasses.
'GPS fundamentally changes the way you navigate in the backcountry. Once you know how it works, it's a whole lot easier,' he said. 'But because it's an advanced technology and uses an electronic device, it's subject to failure. If you don't have batteries, you don't have a position.'

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TV evangelist Schuller recovers from minor heart attack

Los Angeles Times
IRVINE, Calif. - The Rev. Robert H. Schuller was recovering from a minor heart attack Saturday, rendering him unable to preach Sunday at his Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, Calif., and making it questionable whether he will appear in the pulpit for a scheduled global-

televized Christmas Eve sermon. Schuller, 71, was in 'very good condition' and in good spirits at the University of California, Irvine, Medical Center, where he was visited by his family Saturday afternoon, said his doctor, Tom Cesarini. The high-profile televangelist, whose 'Hour of Power' broadcast draws about 30 million viewers, is expected to be

released within three or four days, though he may not fully recover for a month.
His son, Robert A. Schuller, will substitute for him in the pulpit at the 10,000-member Crystal Cathedral in the two scheduled services Sunday morning, said Schuller spokesman Michael Nelson. The cathedral staff includes other pastors who often substitute

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Evidence in Nichols case lies in records

DENVER (AP) — Attorneys in the second Oklahoma City bombing trial are putting the final touches on closing arguments this weekend after meeting privately with the judge to complete jury instructions.

After a three-day break, the jury of seven women and five men will return to court Monday to hear closing arguments before U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch hands them the case against Terry Nichols.

Deliberations could begin as early as Monday afternoon.

"I can't imagine a case far either side where closing arguments are going to be as important as they are in this one," said Denver attorney Andrew Cohen, a legal analyst for the trial. "The evidence is so complex and the case is so circumstantial and it's lasted for so long. And the jury can't take notes or ask questions."

"It's going to be absolutely critical for the prosecution especially to make it make sense to jurors."

Matsch, who met with attorneys Friday, warned jurors a day earlier to avoid news accounts and even skip company holiday parties in case coworkers wanted to discuss the case. He said he will not sequester the jury.

Nichols, who didn't testify during the trial, faces the death penalty if convicted of murder and conspiracy in the April 19, 1995, blast that killed 168 people.

Timothy McVeigh, 29, was convicted on identical charges earlier this year and sentenced to die.

During six weeks of testimony, jurors heard from about 200 witnesses and saw a variety of evidence, from the 250-pound axle of a Ryder truck that Nichols took to McVeigh to a receipt for ammoni-

um nitrate fertilizer wrapped around two \$50 gold coins and found in Nichols' kitchen drawer.

But most of the crucial government evidence lies in records from a telephone calling card, motel room receipts and storage shed rental leases that prosecutors say establish a timeline for the bomb plot.

The defense, meanwhile, attempted to raise reasonable doubt by questioning that time-

line and suggesting that other conspirators were involved.

Defense attorneys attacked the FBI's handling of bomb-related evidence and the prosecution's theory that Nichols and McVeigh constructed the bomb on April 18, 1995, at Geary State Fishing Lake near Herington, Kan.

Prosecutors called two witnesses who said they saw a Ryder truck at the lake that day, but a string of defense witnesses told jurors they

saw a Ryder truck at that lake as much as a week earlier.

Other defense witnesses said they saw McVeigh with other men who didn't fit Nichols' description at key times during the weeks before the bombing.

But, Cohen said, they failed to establish an alibi for Nichols on April 18, 1995, and failed to poke holes in claims that Nichols robbed an Arkansas gun collector to help finance the bombing.

Kaczynski jury prospects mull death penalty

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — For five weeks, the jury searched their souls in public. Some wept. Some wrung their hands and sighed heavily. They were ordinary people being asked to do something extraordinary — they could order someone's death.

The 170 jury prospects questioned for the trial of Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski proved to be a mix of American anguish over the death penalty. Even among those who favored the ultimate sanction, some hesitated.

"It's real easy to sit around the kitchen table and talk about the death penalty," said one man. "But when you sit in a courtroom and see someone sitting in front of you who's a real person and not someone in the news or in the paper, it is very difficult."

The man sitting in front of him was Kaczynski, the math professor-turned-hermit accused of going on an 18-year string of bombings that killed three men and injured 29 people.

Kaczynski's lawyer, Quin Dennis, said the long inquiry into jury attitudes provided surprises.

"I think from reading the questionnaires it looked like people were very doctrinaire on the death penalty," he said. "But they were much more troubled about it when they were questioned in court."

Chief Prosecutor Robert Cleary wouldn't discuss the answers given by prospects, but said he was impressed with the extent of the inquiry.

"I think it's fair to say you've just witnessed an important phase of the criminal justice system at work," Cleary said. "It was an in-depth, searching voir dire (jury selection), and the depth of the inquiry was a testament to the process."

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“The players are getting away with everything these days. If (NBA officials) don't get total control back, the inmates are going to be running the asylum.”

— Kally Tripucka, a former Detroit player who is now a broadcaster

SCOREBOARD

High school boys' basketball

Twin Falls 84	Madison 64
Kimberly 65	Murrah 48
Valley 51	Hansen 34
Buhl 53	Groeding 43
Wendell 78	Gleims Ferry 49
Declo 69	Filer 45
Pouzeville 87	Minico 56
Bishop Kelly 80	Thurston 68
Jermine 76	Vallivue 65
Raft River 69	Dieterich 48
Ketchum 61	Richfield 36
Cascade 52	Camas County 46
Wood River at Middleton (n)	

High school girls' basketball

Raft River 66	Dieterich 33
Shoshone 44	Groeding 33
Cascade 42	Camas County 35
Twin Falls at Nampa (n)	

College men's basketball

CSU 90	Oregon JV 26
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Pro basketball

Indiana 109	Washington 92
New Jersey 113	Denver 95
New York 95	Philadelphia 83
Charlotte 85	Cleveland 84
Detroit 83	Boston 77
Minnesota 112	Phoenix 101
San Antonio 107	Orlando 78
Chicago 97	Toronto 70
Niami 87	Milwaukee 84
Sacramento at Golden State	

Pro football

N.Y. Giants 30	Washington 10
Pittsburgh 24	New England 21 OT

IN BRIEF

Best West tennis program ranks near top

The Dec. 9 Rolex Collegiate Tennis Rankings, administered by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, ranks Boise State (16th), UC Santa Barbara (25th), UC Irvine (70th) and the University of Idaho (72nd) among the nation's top 100 tennis programs.

Idaho's No. 1 doubles team of Danny Wilman and Darin Currell ranked 18th in the nation. Of the top 50 doubles teams, New Mexico State (37th) and Cal Poly (49th) were the only other Big West schools represented.

Twin Falls tennis group applies for USTA grant

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Tennis Association has applied for a grant from the United States Tennis Association's five-year \$31 million Plan for Growth fund.

The organization is hoping to be awarded some of the first \$5 million made available through grants from the USTA for 1998. The Plan for Growth represents the most ambitious initiative to promote and develop the growth of tennis in the United States. The USTA's goal is to attract 800,000 new players to the sport through Play Tennis America and to increase the number of frequent players by one million by the year 2002.

The USTA will announce grant recipients on Monday.

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The Times-News

Golden Eagles boot Mountaineers

By Daman Clow
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Curtis Bobb tied a school record Wednesday against Treasure Valley. On Saturday, it was his team's turn.

The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team upped its record to 11-1 with a 90-26 thumping of the Eastern Oregon junior varsity.

The meager Mountaineer production broke the record set by the 1979 (pre-shot-clock) Golden Eagles, who allowed 31 points in a loss to Spokane. In 1999, CSI allowed Snow 49 points in what is listed in the Eagles' athletic program as the regular season record.

"Our guys maintained their focus," CSI coach Jim Thrash said. "That's one thing I was proud of."

Ironically, Bobb — who hit a CSI-record nine 3-pointers the previous game against Treasure Valley — was the only Golden Eagle who did not get on the scoreboard Thursday. The hosts shot 64 percent from the field, hitting 10-of-16 shots.

In contrast, Eastern Oregon shot 21 percent on the night, hitting 10-of-48 shots.

Joe Marshall led CSI with 21 points, Jarvis Mullaugh added 13 and Chico Moore had 10, including eight in the first half.

The team has one more home stand before the holidays, playing in the three-day Arctic Circle Classic beginning Thursday.

With its tallest player at 6-foot-5 and only one player listed over 200 lbs., the Mountaineers were at a disadvantage

inside, and the Eagles took advantage of it from the start. CSI's first 20 points came in the paint, including 10 of the first 12 from Moore and Juliano Jordan.

With a commanding 20-5 lead, Marshall hit back-to-back 3-pointers and Jarvis Mullaugh added another and the Golden Eagles led 29-8.

After James Frieta's 3-pointer put Eastern Oregon in double figures with seven minutes left in the half, CSI finished the period with a 17-3 run and took a 46-14 lead into the locker room.

The Mountaineers (2-6), who fell in front to Treasure Valley the night before, managed just five field goals in the first half, four of them from beyond the arc.

Trying to equal the long-range performance in the second half, Eastern Oregon went just 2-of-16 and scored just 12 points in the final 20 minutes.

Marshall converted four steals into fast-break baskets in just two and a half minutes, as CSI scored 27 of the half's first 30 points. Marshall led the team with seven of CSI's 18 steals. The Mountaineers committed 20 turnovers to the Eagles' seven.

CSI 90, Eastern Oregon 26
Madison 64, Kimberly 65
Murrah 48, Valley 51
Hansen 34, Buhl 53
Groeding 43, Wendell 78
Gleims Ferry 49, Declo 69
Filer 45, Pouzeville 87
Minico 56, Bishop Kelly 80
Thurston 68, Jermine 76
Vallivue 65, Raft River 69
Dieterich 48, Ketchum 61
Richfield 36, Cascade 52
Camas County 46, Wood River at Middleton (n)

Twin Falls thumps defending champs

By Jeff Nielsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls boys' basketball team has felt all along that it could be one of the better teams in the state.

Saturday, the Bruins proved it. Shooting well from all over the floor and putting the clamps on Madison's big men, Twin Falls jumped out to an early lead and cruised to an impressive 84-64 victory over the defending A-1 state champion Bobcats.

Twin Falls improved to 3-1 with the victory.

"This helps us realize how much potential we have," Twin Falls guard Kirk Blackwood said. "It shows that we can play with anybody."

Play — and dominate.

Behind Blackwood's 14 first-quarter points, the Bruins took an early 25-14 lead. Madison closed back to within four points early in the second quarter, but the Bruins went on an 18-3 run to put the game away early.

Twin Falls led 47-30 at the half.

Madison didn't get any closer than 12 points after that, and trailed by as many as 23.

"This win is huge," Twin Falls coach Dan Vogt said. "This has got to give our kids a lot of confidence — if it doesn't, I'm going to have to check some IQs. Our kids should know now that they can play with the best in the state."

Madison, which beat Highland in last year's state championship, returned its two leading scorers from that team in Dallas Stevens and Kory Wilcox. The pair was held to a combined 18 points by a tough Bruins defense.

Wilcox, a 6-foot-8 center, scored just seven points.

"We did a good job on their big guy, and outbounded them," Twin Falls center Mark Thrash said. "Everyone

says we're too small, but . . ."

Thrash was his steady self on the inside Saturday, leading his team in rebounding while scoring 25 points. The 6-5 senior connected on all 14 of his free-throw attempts.

"Mark doesn't always get the pats on the back from me that he deserves," Vogt said. "But he is one of the better players in the state. He's been rock solid for us."

While Thrash was solid Saturday, Blackwood was spectacular.

The 5-8 point guard finished with a vastly career-high of 28 points, including four 3-pointers. He also connected on all six of his free-throw attempts.

"I'm not surprised that Kirk did that," Vogt said. "He had a real strong fourth quarter (against Pocatello) on Thursday. I think that gave him a lot of confidence."

Blackwood scored 13 points in the fourth quarter in the 65-53 loss to Pocatello. He followed that with a 5-for-7 shooting performance in the first quarter against Madison.

"At the start of the game, I thought my shot was on, but I didn't know for sure," Blackwood said. "After I made a couple shots, I could tell then that I was in the zone."

Forward Jake Robertson added 12 points for the Bruins. In all, nine Twin Falls players scored.

"This was real big for us, especially after that loss to Pocatello," Thrash said. "We didn't play well against Pocatello all that (Saturday), we came out and played hard. Everyone stepped their game up."



Twin Falls' Mark Thrash goes inside on Kory Wilcox of Madison who picked up a foul on the play. The Bruins won, 84-64.

Heisman surprise: Woodson claims prestigious trophy

NEW YORK — Charles Woodson came up with the interception of a lifetime Saturday night — the Heisman Trophy.

Woodson, Michigan's All-American cornerback who also starred as a wide receiver and punt returner, made Heisman history as he became the first primarily defensive player to win college football's most prestigious award.

In one of the biggest surprises in the 63-year history of the Heisman, Woodson won over Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning, who had become the preseason favorite for the trophy when he announced last spring he was returning for his senior season.

"This will be with me the rest of my life," Woodson said at the Downtown Athletic Club. "I was sitting in that chair and saying to myself, 'Do I really have a shot?'"

While Manning threw for 3,819 yards, 36 touchdowns and led the third-ranked Vols (11-1) to the Southeastern Conference title and an Orange Bowl, the Heisman voters chose Woodson, who went from sublime to sensational when he became Michigan was on national TV.

Woodson's dominance in the Wolverines' 20-14 win over Ohio State on Nov. 22 may have been the Heisman clincher. He intercepted a pass in the end zone to stop a Buckeyes' scoring threat, caught a 37-yard pass to set up Michigan's first touchdown and then

Heisman voting

NEW YORK (AP) — Voting for the 1997 Heisman Trophy, with first, second and third-place votes and total points (voting on 32.5 basis):

Player	First	Second	Third	Total
Charles Woodson, Mich.	433	200	68	1,813
Peyton Manning, Tenn.	281	263	174	1,543
Ryan Leaf, Washington St.	70	205	246	561
Randy Moss, Minn.	56	60	253	369
Ricky Williams, Texas	4	31	61	123
Quincy Enunwa, Texas Tech	1	1	41	43
Tim Dwight, Iowa	5	3	11	32
Casey McNeal, UCLA	0	7	12	26
Tim Couch, Kentucky	0	0	23	23
Antoan Zeno, W.Va.	3	0	10	21

broke open a tight defensive struggle with a 78-yard punt return for a score — his fourth TD of the season.

After the touchdown, Woodson looked as if he were ready to strike the Heisman pose, leaning forward and trying to stiff-arm an imaginary defender, but he was swarmed by celebrating teammates.

When asked if he'd like another shot at it after winning the Heisman, Woodson said "I'd love to strike the pose." And he did.

He also struck a decisive blow for defense.

"Defensive players can now go out and play their games," Woodson said. "This has opened doors."

The closest defensive player had come to winning was in 1980, when Pittsburgh defensive end Hugh Green finished second behind South Carolina running back George Rogers in 1980.

Since then, other defensive players have finished in the top five, including Marvin Jones (fourth, 1992); Steve Emman (fourth, 1991); Brian Bosworth (fourth, 1986); and Terry Hooge (fifth, 1983).



New England Patriots quarterback Drew Bledsoe (31) releases a pass under pressure from Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker Jason Odom Saturday during their quarter action.

Steelers drive back from 14-point deficit to win

The Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — Kordell Stewart needs a new nickname now that he's no longer "Slash." How about "Comeback Kid?"

For the second consecutive game, Pittsburgh's multi-talented leader brought his Steelers back from a 14-point deficit as they virtually clinched the AFC Central title Saturday. Only a

loss by 64 points or more in their final game can stop them.

"I don't know if I could say anything that would do justice to that football game," Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher said after Saturday's stunning 24-21 overtime win over New England.

"Do your best to flush it down the drain when you take a shower," Patriots

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Charles Woodson

Players don't respect coaches

Coaches yell at players. Always have, always will. "You have to understand, that's coaching," Seattle guard Hersey Hawkins said. "No big deal."

To some NBA players, however, it is a very big deal. So they point or yell screen back or demand a trade, throw a towel in the coach's face or orchestrate a mutiny.

And then there's what Latrell Sprewell of the Golden State Warriors did to P.J. Carlesimo. At practice Dec. 1, Sprewell choked his coach, threatened to kill him and left the gym and came back 15 minutes later to go at him again.

Was it an isolated attack? Was it a microcosm of a society growing ever more hostile and more violent?

Or was it a sign that the NBA increasingly has become a battleground between mega-rich players and coaches who earn much less? Carlesimo's \$3 million annual salary is among his profession's highest, but it's less than half of what Sprewell's take was before the suspension. Some players earn five, seven, 10 times as much as their coach.

"The player today has much more power in almost everything he does because of the money and because of the guaranteed con-



Danny Alingo
Got a towel thrown in his face

tract." Seattle coach George Karl said. "And the guy that's losing power is the coach. Is that right or wrong? It's just the truth."

Los Angeles Lakers guard Eddie Jones said the NBA's reputation as a "player's league" has never been more deserved.

"I don't think you can give (players) all that control and think they're not going to misuse it sometimes," he said. "Give the coaches the control so they can stop someone from flipping out ... That's what's going to have to happen."

Said Portland coach Mike Dunleavy: "You have more of a chance for some guys who are ... set for life to become, at times,



Robert Horry Scottie Pippen

jerks and to be willing to stretch the limit of patience and decorum."

But don't put all the blame on the players, Cleveland forward Danny Ferry said.

"The coaches' egos are bigger and the players' egos are bigger," he said. "The league has gotten so much attention, notoriety and money. If there is more (acrimony) now, perhaps that's why."

In addition to most players being black and most coaches being white, there is a significant age difference.

"You have different cultures clashing because they don't understand each other," Philadelphia's Terry Cummings said. "It's just like the way our society is."

Morgan, Sigel advance to Senior PGA final

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Gil Morgan's 18-foot birdie putt on the fifth hole of sudden death Saturday advanced him and partner Jay Sigel to the Senior PGA final in the \$2.1 million Diners Club matches.

Morgan's putt knocked Jack Kiefer and Bob Duval out of Sunday's final.

Kiefer and Duval defeated John Jacobs and Gary Player 1-up to force a three-way playoff.

Vincente Fernandez and Bruce Summerhays moved into the playoff with a 2-and-1 victory over Morgan and Sigel in their match earlier Saturday.

Fernandez and Summerhays were eliminated on the first hole of sudden death when they failed to match the birdies of the other two teams.

Bob Eastwood and Walter Morgan completed a sweep of their three matches with a 2-and-1 victory over David Graham and Chi Chi Rodriguez.

Eastwood and Walter Morgan will play Sigel and Gil Morgan for the Senior PGA championship Sunday.

"Our first match was phenomenal," Gil Morgan said. "We were 12-and-10 and Vincente and Bruce were 14-14. I felt like we had to be on our toes all day every minute. Very tight matches and then five more holes in the playoffs."

Dave Stockton and Larry Nelson (2-1) defeated the winless (0-3) defending champions Bob Murphy and Jim Colbert 2-up.

In the PGA Tour competition, two-time defending champions Tom Lehman and Duffy Waldorf swept their bracket (3-0) with a 4-and-3 victory over Mark Calcavecchia and Jeff Sumner (0-3) to advance to Sunday's final against Steve Elkington and Jeff Maggert.

Elkington's 6-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole eliminated Brad Faxon and Billy Andrade (2-1). Elkington and Maggert (2-1) defeated Justin Leonard and Mike Hulbert (1-2) 2-up to force the playoff with Faxon



Gil Morgan, right, and Seniors partner Jay Sigel line up a putt at the eighth hole in the third round of the Diners Club Matches Saturday in La Quinta, Calif. Morgan and Sigel won 2-1 and won a playoff in the third day to advance to the finals Sunday of the round-robin match-play event, for the three pro golf tours.

and Andrade.

Jim Furyk and Lee Janzen (2-1) defeated John Cook and Tommy Tolles (1-2) 2-and-1 in the lower bracket.

John Daly and Tim Herron (1-2) defeated Faxon and Andrade (2-1) 2-and-1 to force Faxon and Andrade into the playoff with Faxon and Andrade.

In the LPGA division, Nancy Lopez and Laura Davies improved to 3-0 with a 2-up victory over Helen Alfredsson and Allison Nicholas (1-2) to advance to the final against Juli Inkster and Dottie Pepper.

Inkster and Pepper's 4-and-3 victory over Colleen Walker and Brandie Burton (0-3) completed a 3-0 sweep of their bracket and advanced them to the final.

"We've driven the ball well all three days, and this narrow course places a premium on driving accuracy," Pepper said. "It helped our strategy of trying to get both balls on the green for birdie tries."

Sunday special: What do we call all these new pro hockey teams?

First of all, understand that the world of sports passed through the rabbit hole long ago and that it came out a little less than half of what it once was.

A quarterback takes a touchdown and then celebrates by head-butting a concrete wall, knocking himself out of the game. Goofy stuff goes on all the time.

In this curious climate, Nashville's new hockey team was christened a couple of weeks ago.

Now, if you didn't know Nashville was getting an NHL team, you probably missed the fact that Carolina also has one.

And, by the way, Atlanta, too.

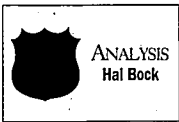
And, oh yes, Columbus and Minnesota.

The four-team expansion — Carolina is the reincarnation of the failed Hartford Whalers — will swell NHL membership to 30 teams by 2000, spreading player talent a little thinner and nicking names a little thicker.

New hockey teams need basic stuff — pucks, sticks, helmets and nicknames. The first three are easy. The last is more of a challenge.

Already taken by minor league franchises were candies like The Beast of New Haven, the Albany River Rats, the Jacksonville Lizard Kings, Mississippi Sea Wolves and Orlando Solar Bears.

The NHL already has Panthers, Sharks, Bruins, and Penguins, leaving the ultimate king-dom picked over rather thoroughly. Copycat names are frowned



upon, eliminating a large number of possibilities. This left the new teams groping.

Carolina did something original, calling its team the Hurricanes. This had to be a big hit with those poor souls along the state's coastline who have been battered by storms over the years.

Atlanta's previous NHL team was called the Flames, an odd choice considering how William Tecumseh Sherman dealt with the city in the waning days of the Civil War. Given a second chance, the city's expansion team will be called the Thrashers, named after the tiny state bird because ... well, owner Ted Turner likes tiny birds.

What chance does a little creature like that have in the rough and tumble world of hockey? Not to worry. Management has assured fans that the thrasher is a tough customer.

Columbus picked Blue Jackets, leaving some people a little bewildered. The name was a tribute to local Civil War heritage. Ohio had more soldiers in the Union Army per capita than any other state.

The mascot will be a Stinger, described as a red-eyed snarling

bug with a thick stinger, wearing a federal blue jacket with stars on the collar and a Union Army hat, worn on a jaunty angle.

Minnesota, with three years of lead time, has decided yet and is mulling over five finalists. The choices: Blue Ox, Frezza, Northern Lights, Voyageurs, White Bears and Wild. With the baseball team for sale, Twins may be available.

That leaves Nashville, which begins play next season. Ownership was not about to follow Turner's bird route, and Columbus' Civil War idea probably would not have received a lot of support in Tennessee.

And so, the proprietors of the team, determined to avoid wrinkles at all costs, decided to go in a very different direction.

Nashville's new NHL team will be called ... drum roll, please, maestro ... the Predators.

Yeah, Predators, defined as one that preys, destroys or devours. You got a problem with that?

Think about it. Predators, also used by the Orlando team in the Arena Football League, is a perfect name for the chip-on-the-shoulder attitude so prevalent in sports these days. The inhabitants of the rabbit hole approve wholeheartedly.

And with the next expansion arrives, killers will still be available.

Hal Bock writes for The Associated Press.

Weather wipes out World Cup racing again

VAL D'ISERE, France (AP) — First it was rain, then snow. On Saturday, fog wiped out World Cup skiing.

The men's downhill was postponed to next Friday and moved to Val Gardena, Italy, where a another downhill already had been scheduled for the following day.

A women's super-G was washed out Thursday and a giant slalom was postponed Friday. On Saturday, fog wiped out World Cup skiing.

original schedule, a giant slalom Sunday that included the return of Alberto Tomba following a bad back. Tomba missed the second run of a giant slalom at Park City, Utah, and withdrew from the slalom because of the injury.

After this weekend, the men move to Italy on Monday with a night slalom scheduled for Sestriere.

The women, whose races next weekend at Veysonnaz, Switzerland, were canceled because of a lack of snow, have a

revised schedule that calls for five events at Val d'Isere in the upcoming week: a downhill Wednesday, a Super-G Thursday, a giant slalom Friday and a slalom and combined Saturday.

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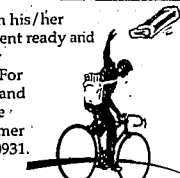
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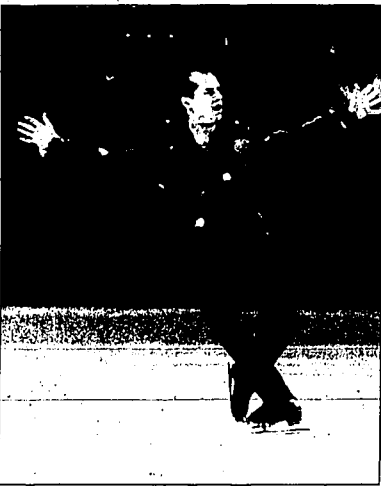
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Four-time world champion Kurt Browning dazzles the crowd with a routine during the world professional Figure Skating Championships at the MCI Center in Washington, Friday.

Rock 'n' roll wins for Browning, Yamaguchi

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was a major retro-rock 'n-roll night at the World Professional Figure Skating Championships.

Kristi Yamaguchi skated and shimmed to Elvis Presley's "Trouble" to win the women's title for a fourth time Saturday, while Kurt Browning gyrated to the Commodores' "Brick House" to take the men's crown for the third consecutive year.

"With that music, you have to have a certain attitude," Yamaguchi said of her routine that earned all 9.8s and 9.9s. "I was having fun out there."

The pairs event was won by Radka Kovarikova and Rene Novotny, who also won the title two years ago. Renee Roca and Gorshar Sur were first-time winners of the dance.

If the music itself provided flashbacks—Browning's routine only added to the sense of déjà vu. He also skated to "Brick House" when he won two years ago, but he performed the rerun flawlessly, hitting four triple jumps in a program that shows off his astute dancing ability.

After winning last year, Yamaguchi apologized to the crowd for what she considered a substandard effort. This year, she held such a huge lead after a superb technical program Friday night that she was able to retain her crown Saturday even though she did as much dancing as skating — landing only one triple jump — in between her Elvis-style movements in a short, 2:10 program.

"I missed my last jump tonight," Yamaguchi said of a stumble that forced her to abandon a triple toe loop. "But overall I was a lot happier with both of my performances. I couldn't have skated a lot better. The technical side only counted 40 percent (tonight), so I concentrated on the artistic."

Her marks placed her ahead of Ekaterina Gordeeva, who had another fine skate to complete her best competition as a singles skater. Her flowing, ethereal routine to Brazilian classical music ended with her hands pointed to the sky, a reference, she said, to a "flying soul." She earned five 9.9s for artistic impression.

"It feels better when you're landing your jumps," said

Gordeeva, whose pairs partner and husband, Sergei Grinkov, died of a heart attack two years ago. "It makes me feel more like a singles skater."

Third went to Denise Biellmann, followed by Nancy Kerrigan, Josee Chouinard and Oksana Baiul. Baiul, after an embarrassing technical program Friday night, came back strong with a sassy routine to "All That Jazz."

"I was very, very, very, very, very, very nervous," Baiul said of her Friday skate, when she crossed herself and seemed close to tears before her program. "I was there, but I wasn't. ... I felt uncomfortable."

It was Baiul's first major competition since a car-accident-in-January-had-her considering retirement, but she was able to control her nerves Saturday-and-finished-with-a-huge smile.

"I realized I could do it," Baiul said. "I was really enjoying it. I was smiling. I was skating for myself."

Second to Browning was six-time champion Brian Boitano, who skated masterfully to the "Shenandoah-They Call the Wind Mariah" medley. But he was unable to make the gap between him and Browning after his third-place finish in the technicals.

Rudy Galindo, who performed an imaginative routine in a red clown outfit — essentially skating pairs with a hula-hoop — was third, ahead of Victor Petrenko and Eric Millot.

"I couldn't have skated a lot better. The technical side only counted 40 percent (tonight), so I concentrated on the artistic."

—Kristi Yamaguchi

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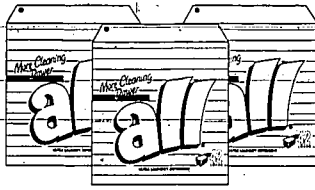
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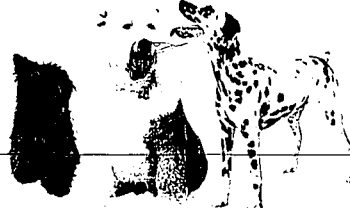
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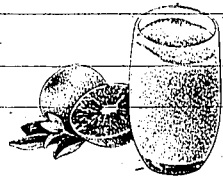
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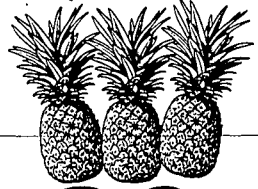
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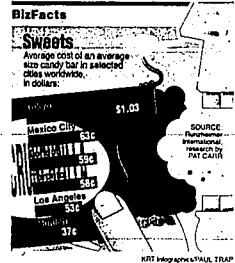
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Business consultant to speak at CSI series

TWIN FALLS — Business consultant Anthony Robbins will be the speaker at 1 p.m. Thursday in Aspen 108 at the College of Southern Idaho for the final program of The Leadership Series.

Robbins will discuss "Action," one of the four qualities of leadership. He will explore issues such as the role of action in leadership and examples of leadership in business. He also will answer any questions.

Cost for the teleconference is \$20. Tickets are available at the Continuing Education Office in the Taylor Building on the CSI campus. For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2208.

Jerome Chamber sponsors Business After Hours Thursday

JEROME — The Jerome Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a "Business After Hours" from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Con Paulos Auto Superstore, 901 S. Lincoln.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tours are available, and door prizes will be awarded. A scavenger hunt is planned.

Prudential Insurance Co. moves to Blue Lakes address

TWIN FALLS — The Prudential Insurance Co. of America has moved to 1061 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

The telephone number remains the same: 734-0888. Tom Tippett is the agency specialist.

Zions receives federal nod to underwrite revenue issues

SALT LAKE CITY — Zions First National Bank has become the first U.S. financial institution to gain federal clearance to authorize municipal revenue bonds.

The approval comes from the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency on Thursday for its subsidiary, Zions Investment Securities Inc., to underwrite the issues.

"What it means is that smaller Utah communities will be able to borrow money at a lower price than they otherwise could and that will save taxpayers money," said David Hemingway, executive vice president of Investments for Zions Bancorp, the bank's Salt Lake-based parent company.

For years, Zions has underwritten general obligation bonds. However, with Thursday's approval it became the first bank in the nation to receive permission to underwrite municipal revenue bonds under a rule adopted by the OCC last December.

That rule allows banks to offer, through operating subsidiaries, products and services that may not be offered by the parent bank.

Passenger numbers down at Salt Lake City airport

SALT LAKE CITY — Passenger traffic at Salt Lake International the past three months has dipped to the point where the airport could end the year with a lower passenger volume than in 1996.

If that happens, it would be the airport's first annual decline in passenger traffic in 17 years. In 1980 traffic failed to exceed 1979 numbers.

The latest figures, for monthly travel ending Oct. 31, show more than a 3 percent drop from October of 1996. Passenger traffic for September was 7.3 percent lower than for the same month a year ago, and August traffic was down 2.1 percent.

Washington company foresees laying off fewer than 500

RICHLAND, Wash. — Fluor Daniel expects to lay off fewer than 500 workers in 1998, but is uncertain when those layoffs would occur.

But the 60 days advance notice that was given to laid-off Hanford workers in the past will be trimmed to two weeks.

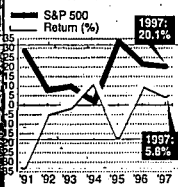
Among other major Hanford contractors, Battelle-Northwest is expecting to add a few workers over the year, while Bechtel remains uncertain because its budget is on yet firm.

Fluor said its three restructuring plan to the Department of Energy this week.

Betting on a bear market

The U.S. stock market is on a seven-year bull run, but an increasing number of investors are turning bearish. The number of short sellers, who bet stock prices will decline, has increased in recent years. Short selling typically loses money in a bull market, but that's not always true.

Short sellers' returns compared with Standard & Poor's 500 Index's

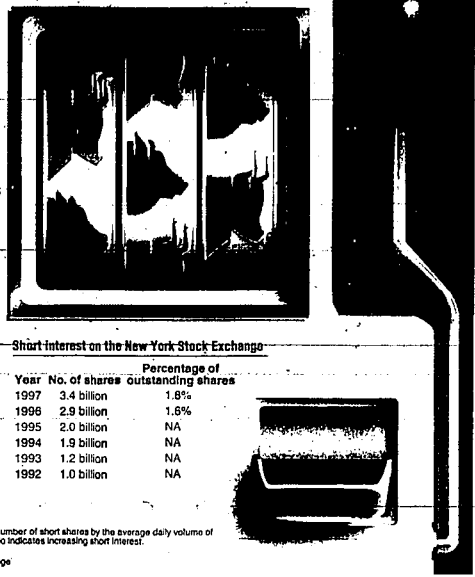


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* This ratio is computed by dividing the total number of short shares by the average daily volume of all shares traded on the Nasdaq. A higher ratio indicates increasing short interest.

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Solid bonding

In economic crisis, more people turn to Treasury bonds

By James K. Glassman
 The Washington Post

One simple, safe investment is benefiting as a severe economic crisis spreads from Asia to Wall Street: It's the good old U.S. Treasury bond.

If you own a bond, its value rises as interest rates fall. And last week, rates were falling sharply. On Thursday, the yield on the bond with the longest maturity, 30 years, dropped below 6 percent for the first time in two years. And Friday, it fell some more, finishing at 4.93 percent — down from 6.14 on Monday.

This decline is "not a fluke," says Brian Wesbury, chief economist for Griffin, Kubik, Stevens & Thompson, a Chicago research firm. He reminded clients last week that "in January 1966, with inflation near current levels, the 10-year Treasury yielded 4.6 percent." It's now 5.8 percent.

Thanks to falling rates, bonds have lately been outstripping stocks. For example, since June 12, the Dreyfus 100% U.S. Treasury Long Fund has returned 10.2 percent — in interest pay-

ments plus the increase in the value of the bonds it holds. But the Dreyfus Growth and Income Fund, which owns stocks, has returned only 2.9 percent.

Does all this mean you should sell your stocks and jump onto the Treasury bandwagon? Not at all. It does, however, mean that this is an excellent time to reassess your portfolio and make sure you own enough bonds as part of your overall asset-allocation strategy.

How much is enough? If you're in your twenties or thirties and saving for retirement, the right level of bonds is usually none. With time on your side, history shows that you can ride out severe declines in the market and, over time, earn average annual returns of 10 percent with stocks.

But, as you get older, you need to balance your equity holdings with bonds. They dampen the overall volatility of your portfolio, so that, while returns are lower, so are risks. As you approach retirement, you don't want to see your net equity decline by 20 percent in a single horrendous stock-market year.

Experts say that at age 40, a good mix is about 60 percent stocks and 20 per-

cent bonds. At 50, you should be shifting to about 70-30. These are just guidelines; personal tolerance for risk is another big factor. If sharp moves in stocks turn your stomach or interrupt your sleep, then you should own more bonds.

And check your allocations annually. When stock prices are soaring, as they have been in recent years, the proportions can easily get out of whack. A few years ago, you might have owned \$80,000 in stocks and \$20,000 in bonds. The stocks could now be worth \$175,000 and the bonds \$25,000. In such a case, you should either sell \$15,000 worth of stocks and buy bonds, or, if you can afford it, put \$20,000 in new cash into bonds.

Besides ballast, bonds have two other uses: They pay current income in the form of interest (though it's taxable at the highest rate, so it's smart to hold them in a tax-deferred account), and they can be used for speculation — that is, trying to make short-term profits on the increase in their value as rates fall.

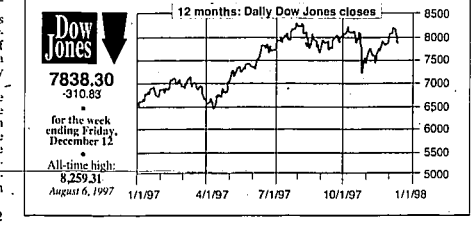
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Don't jump to any conclusions on Wall Street

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — If your taste in books runs to mysteries, you might find yourself riveted by this stock market. If you're looking for an easy read with a predictable outcome, you're definitely in the wrong bookstack.

The market, which has defied the attempts of most analysts to pigeonhole it, did so again this past week. Just when some readers were starting to believe Wall Street had come to terms with the economic problems in Asia and the consequences they might have in this country, U.S. stocks once again fell in response to overseas declines.



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Promising Web tools require new kind of thinking

By Dan Gillmor
 Knight-Ridder News Service

What if searches on the World Wide Web actually zoned in on the information you were looking for? What if you could use specialized software to automatically compare product prices from dozens of vendors?

And what if you could see a Web page exactly as the designer intended, rather than the quirky way the Web-browsing software displayed it?

With a little luck, and a lot of effort by the world's Webmasters, you might be able to do all of those things before too much longer. There's a catch, of course: The Web crowd will have to adopt some new ideas.

As the huge Internet World trade

show kicks off in New York this week, the buzz will include all sorts of technobabble and alphabet soup. I'd like to tell you a little about two emerging Internet technologies, and why they matter.

I don't claim that XML, which stands for Extensible Markup Language, and DHTML, short for Dynamic Hypertext Markup Language, will profoundly change your life. But I do think they're extremely valuable additions to the tools of the Web designers' trade — and if properly used they could make the Web, and your Web experiences, a lot more useful.

The current display standard is HTML, or hypertext markup language. Browsers follow HTML instructions on how to display pages.

HTML is simple to write, and it's one key reason that the Web has become so ubiquitous. But the Web is evolving. It's moving away from static pages and pictures plus hyperlinks toward multimedia and other, even more interesting things. In the emerging Web, HTML is too limited a tool. XML could help shatter those limits.

An essential word in XML is "extensible" — the notion that Web page creators can extend the capabilities of the Net, to accomplish what they and their users wish. In theory, they won't have to wait for giant software companies to decide what capabilities to include in

Next!

Execs recall nightmarish job interviews

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The prospective employee walked into the interviewer's office, took a seat and began to answer questions. Suddenly, there was a knock at the door.

Pizza delivery!

The guy being interviewed "had arranged for a pizza to be delivered to my office," recalled the human resources executive, still huffed by the incident. "I had to ask him not to eat it until later."

Strange but true — and far from an isolated incident, according to a study of executives responsible for hiring at 200 of the nation's largest companies.

The study, conducted for Commemorative Brands, a maker of class rings, found that many high school and college graduates seeking entry-level jobs are saying goodbye within minutes of their first hello to an interviewer.

The participating executives had little trouble recalling some of the mind-bending mistakes by prospective employees. In return for their honesty, the executives received anonymity.

"Here are their responses to this question: 'What is the most unusual or humorous incident you recall during an interview for an entry-level position?'"

"The envelopes," he began to snort.

"The reason the candidate was taking so long to respond to a question became apparent when he began to snort."

— EXECUTIVE
 job interview

"Why did he go to college? His ill-conceived answer: 'To party and socialize.'"

Next!

"I had graduated cum laude, but had no idea what cum laude meant. However, she said she was proud of her grade point average. It was 2.1!"

Next!

"She actually showed up for an interview during the summer wearing a bathing suit. Said she didn't think I'd mind."

Next!

"I had asked the candidate to bring a resume and a couple of references. He arrived with the resume — and two people."

Commemorative Brands, producers of Balfour and ArtCarved rings, commissioned the New York research firm Schulman, Ronca & Bucuvalas to conduct the survey.

In addition to these must-to-avoid tips, the survey uncovered some do's for the aspiring employee: Schedule your interview before 10 a.m. Try to get in on a Tuesday, Friday is the day to avoid. Don't save your best for last; most interviewers make up their minds within 15 minutes.

Most important, pay attention. Listen to the questions and give complete answers. And never, never follow the example of this hapless candidate:

"Without asking, he casually lit a cigar and then tossed a match onto my carpet — and couldn't understand why I was upset," one executive related.

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Consider how this might improve searching. As Nielsen notes, today's search engines basically look at a Web page as a mass with no context that multiple pages form a site or information space about that topic. "An XML-created page (or group of pages) could make that a search engine that understood what it was seeing."

Suppose you wanted to post a collection of user manuals online. Suppose, further, that you wanted a search engine to find all of the chapters relating to a specific topic, say developing Web databases, from each of the manuals. Using XML, you could create a search engine to find all of the chapters relating to a specific topic, say developing Web databases, from each of the manuals. Using XML, you could create a search engine to find all of the chapters relating to a specific topic, say developing Web databases, from each of the manuals.

An even more interesting, and related, capability comes under the name of "structured documents." XML-structured documents will let Web developers create entirely new kinds of Internet services.

Take product catalogs, says Dan Sheela, executive technical producer and editor at large for C/Net's "Builder.com" Web-development site (www.builder.com). Companies selling music CDs, for example, could agree on XML formats that let their sites list titles, prices and descriptions. Someone could write software that goes out on its own, finds specified titles, compares costs (such as prices and shipping charges) and makes a purchase.

The major Net commerce today, of course, is business-to-business. And XML could be a boon there. Businesses have been using an online standard called Electronic Data Interchange for exchanging product data, price quotes, invoices and the like. XML could greatly simplify that process. If XML catches on, look for all kinds of groups to look

specialized Net applications. DHTML (dynamic HTML), meanwhile, is a combination of technologies. As the name implies, it can help Webmasters make their pages more lively. A big advantage is the ability to change one element on a page without forcing the user to reload the entire page in the process.

DHTML also allows capabilities to a system called "style sheets," which give designers far more power to ensure that their pages will show up on user's screen precisely as intended. Today's Web pages can look entirely different on different computers, depending on the browser and/or operating system, because of limitations in HTML itself. Text might show up in different locations on the page, depending on which browser was displaying it, for example.

But DHTML is not a standard yet. The major browser companies, Microsoft and Netscape, are fighting over one of the technologies, called the "document object model," at its heart. The major Web standards body, the World Wide Web Consortium, has not yet decided which approach to

even if the software industry suddenly agreed on a standard, moreover, DHTML would be more a dream than reality for most computer users. It will work only on the newest browsers, which leaves out most of us.

I'm hoping for the best — a demarcation of DHTML, followed by its wide adoption. I'm hoping Webmasters everywhere will latch onto XML, too. But I'm not foolish enough to imagine that this will happen instantly.

But I'm not present of UserLand Software Inc. (www.scripting.com), which creates Web-development tools, has seen buzz words come and go. He believes, and XML could be a boon there. Businesses have been using an online standard called Electronic Data Interchange for exchanging product data, price quotes, invoices and the like. XML could greatly simplify that process. If XML catches on, look for all kinds of groups to look

"HTML is a crack," he says. "But, for now, it's the best crack we've got."

Dan Gillmor writes for the San Jose Mercury News.

Market

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The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 310.83 over the week, closing at 7,838.30. On top of the blue chips slipped 10.9.

Only a week ago, it looked like the market had pretty much shaken off the Dow's 554-point drop in Oct. 27 that has been caused by concerns over Asia. A week ago Friday the Dow was just 110 points short of the all-time high of 8,259.31 reached in August, and the Standard & Poor's and New York Stock Exchange composite indexes had reached new highs.

Although the Nikkei average in Tokyo fell 3 percent and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index fell 8 percent, nothing else happened over the course of the week to change the fundamental forces in the market. The biggest change may have been in traders' perceptions of how the continuing downturn in Asia might affect U.S. corporate profits — they started to believe that the first estimates of a minimal impact were wrong.

Analysts say a definitive answer on Asia is not likely to be found anytime soon.

"The Asian thing at the moment is going to contribute to some slowing in our growth next year and some moderation of our earnings," said Eric Miller, chief strategist at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities in San Francisco. "It still remains an uncertainty as to whether it's somewhat contained or will get

much uglier." That uncertainty is likely to be reflected in a very uneven slowing in the stock market into next year.

Two're expecting a very segmented, two-tier market with the Dow and other certain industries doing well," said Eugene Peroni, director of technical research at James Montague Securities in Philadelphia. Small-company stocks are not expected to do well, and "we're leery of the tech stocks."

The smaller stocks, and the high-tech firms that looked overseas for big growth, are considered most vulnerable to what's going on in Asia.

Many traders historically have looked for a "muted year" in the market, particularly because institutional investors and mutual funds are looking for stocks to dress up portfolios for their annual reports. But "things estimate a little too optimistic for next year and are in the process of coming down," Miller said. That and Asia are "dampers on that (general) sentiment and are giving us a muted year."

On Friday, the yield on the Treasury's closely-watched 30-year bond fell to four-year lows, ending the week at 5.92 percent.

While lower interest rates often have been a positive for stocks, that wouldn't be the case if traders were pulling money out of stocks in search of safer assets offered by U.S. government securities.

Bigger paychecks but not top clout

Few women gain the elite job positions

NEW YORK (AP) — Women are winning more executive jobs and big paychecks, yet few are poised to move into the highest posts in large corporations, a research group reported Thursday.

At the pinnacle of the Fortune 500, women hold few "line" positions — jobs that directly involve corporate profits and losses and that traditionally lead to the highest positions in business, the research group Catalyst said in its annual census of women at the top.

The study said 20 percent of women corporate officers — the people in the senior ranks of a corporation — hold line positions, compared with 41 percent of male corporate officers.

"That's an indicator of where work needs to be done," said Sheila Wellington, president of the respected New York City-based group devoted to helping women advance in business. "Corporate leaders should take steps to ensure their leadership pipelines include women."

The study also said women hold 10.6 percent of corporate officer posts in the Fortune 500, up just slightly from 10 percent last year, and that 24 percent of such companies have no women corporate officers at all, up from 19 percent last year. Two entire industries, mining-crude oil production and textiles, have no women corporate officers.

Bonds

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Speculation is not much different from casino gambling. It can be speculative and thrilling, and you also can lose a lot of money. But one attraction of Treasury bonds over roulette is that, if you hold till maturity, you know that, so to speak, you'll get your investment back in full.

That's what makes the zero-coupon bonds. These are Treasury bonds that have been stripped of their coupon interest. Instead, investors buy them through brokers at a discount to their full face value — and get that value at maturity.

For example, by paying about \$4,600 today, you can buy a zero that will give you a guaranteed \$10,000 in the year 2011. That's an effective interest rate of 6 percent, or a little higher than a standard bond that matures in 14 years. If rates fall, your zero will jump in price. You could sell it then at a nice profit; the market for zeroes is always liquid.

Of course, if rates rise, the value of your zero will fall. But then, you can take the second alternative and merely hold it to maturity. It's a nice feeling to know that, in the worst case, you'll more than double your money in 14 years.

While guessing the course of interest rates is normally as fruitless (and expensive) as guessing the course of the stock market, there is an excellent case to be made right now that the direction is down, down, down. I've had that conviction since June. At the time I entered the zero that matures Aug. 15, 2020. It was then priced at \$1,960 for a face value of \$10,000. On Friday, it was trading at \$2,550. That's an increase of 30 percent.

The problem is that, five

Women in management

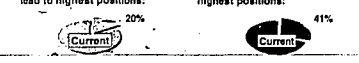
Women are making progress in getting bigger paychecks at the Fortune 500 biggest companies, but they're still finding it hard to reach the top levels of corporate management.

Title	Total number	Number of women	Percent
Chairman/Chief executive officer	500	2	0.4
Vice chairman	134	2	1.4
President	177	1	0.6
Chief operating officer	14	0	0
Senior executive vice president	28	0	0
Executive vice president	46	3	5.3
Total	873	51	3

Percent of female corporate officers in the Fortune 500:



Percent of female corporate officers with jobs that traditionally lead to highest positions:



Percent of women among the top earners in the Fortune 500:



executives still make up only 2.5 percent of the roughly 2,500 best-compensated executives.

The group's findings were released a day after a U.S. study reported that women hold just 3 percent to 3 percent of top management posts around the globe.

despite making up 40 percent of the workforce. The International Labor Organization said that women U.S. managers earn 68 percent of their male counterparts.

Despite the small-like pace of change, Wellington and women corporate officers interviewed by The Associated Press found Catalyst's results encouraging.

"In very small periods, dramatic change is not likely," Wellington said in a telephone interview. "The number is going in the right direction, although we will remain vigilant."

Meredith Fischer, vice president of corporate marketing at Pitney Bowes, also wasn't heartened when told of the results. "It's somewhat impatient to expect more change," she said, noting that there are many more women in lower management ranks now poised to advance.

At Pitney Bowes, women make up 42 percent of the company's 42 corporate officers. The company was one of 23 firms where women make up more than a quarter of corporate officers.

More companies are realizing that a diverse work force isn't just a legal and moral imperative, but is more economically sound. Varied employees, provided they work well together, produce more creative ideas — an edge that companies increasingly have.

That's in part how Coopers & Lybrand, one of the Big Six accounting firms, has improved its record on women's advancement, said Jim Hayes, director of human resources. The firm made up 10 percent of the firm's 1,400 partners, up from 7 percent two years ago.

annual rate.

Why? First, there seems to be glut of things in the world — overinvestment has bred overproduction — in autos, semiconductors, clothes and more. The worst case is Asia, which is now suffering the consequences. But, as economist John Makin, my colleague at the American Enterprise Institute, points out, deflation can be exported, and that is what the Asians are doing, shoveling their cheap goods (made even cheaper by currency devaluations) in our direction.

For consumers, price declines can be wonderful. But for businesses, they can be devastating. A reasonable scenario is that, as prices fall, so will the rate of growth of corporate profits. Debt may become harder to service. Losses could ensue, then layoffs, then misery.

While, in the short run, this plot would be terrible for stocks, it could be delightful for bonds, on rights is always risky. But, on bond, now balancing your portfolio with them may be particularly prudent.

As the level of interest rates falls, there are also benefits for municipal bonds, which pay tax-free interest, and corporate bonds, which pay more interest, but you have to worry about credit quality. Prices for both munis and corporates could fall (and rates rise) if the U.S. economy slows significantly. I'm not saying that will happen, but why run the extra risk? Treasuries, even with a lower taxable yield, seem more attractive.

"Still, there are no guarantees. For all investors who are already heavily invested in Treasury securities may find that they need the cash and start selling, driving up rates. And, then, there's inflation. It's not to be feared. The U.S. labor market remains tight. Unemployment is at a quarter-century low of 4.6 percent, and it upward pressure on wages would seem inevitable.

So remember that speculating on bonds is always risky. But, on bond, now balancing your portfolio with them may be particularly prudent.

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TRADEWINDS

Area man's fingers work farm toy wonders

The Times-News

BURLEY - Phillip and Marie Snow recently opened Snows Toy Box Collectibles, which specializes in antique toys.

The store is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 1340 Overland Ave. (across from the Burley Post Office).

Phillip Snow said they specialize in antique toys and have "lots of cookie jars," old bottles, Lionel trains, dolls, old bottles, NASCAR, bronzes, Hot Wheels, lunch boxes, ceramics and some furniture. Most of the stock in the store is from San Francisco.

The Snows moved to the Mini-Cassia area from Santa Rosa, Calif., to be near their grandchildren after retiring as a teamster and a nurse. The store is a natural extension of years of collecting antiques.

TWIN FALLS - Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center announced the appointment of Dr. Eric Heidenreich to the position of staff physician.

Heidenreich recently moved to Twin Falls from Arizona, where he served in the U.S. Air Force and worked for a community psychiatric center. He and his wife, Tanya, are originally from Phoenix, Wash.

Heidenreich's training includes Dartmouth Medical School and Whitworth College. He has been a board-certified



Eric Heidenreich

psychiatrist since 1994 and is a member of the American Psychiatric Association. He will be providing inpatient and outpatient psychiatric and addiction treatment services for both adults and adolescents at Canyon View.

TWIN FALLS - Wanda Alsop recently earned a designation with the Bob Ross Co. as a Certified Ross Floral Instructor.

The certification comes as a result of hundreds of hours of practice and more than 120 hours of certification classes with Bob Ross Teacher Trainers. It allows Alsop to teach the Wet-on-Wet floral painting technique of Annette Kowalski, associate and partner of Bob Ross, who most people know through the "Joy of Painting" TV series that airs on public television.

Alsop and her husband, Pat, operate the Brush Stroke Studio in Twin Falls. They offer private and group lessons at the studio, through the College of Southern Idaho Continuing Education Department, in several craft stores throughout southern and eastern Idaho and in central Arizona. Individuals interested in floral painting instruction are encouraged to call 734-4023.

The Times-News

The following is a summary of some of the stories found in this week's Ag Weekly.

MINDOKA - When most people look at a sheet of brass or a piece of construction paper they see a sheet of brass or a piece of construction paper.

Gus Bryngelson sees farm implements.

Farmbeat

From brightly colored creations made with paper to intricately designed equipment miniatures, Bryngelson translates his love of farming to toys.

It all started when he was a young man growing up in Mindoka County. Money was often hard to come by for some bought toys, so Bryngelson would sit for hours with a pair of scissors, glue and construction paper and create farm tractors, beet harvesters and combines.

They had moving and interchangeable parts. His mother had the foresight to keep them and now they provide a history for his adult hobbies.

"I'm a compulsive collector," Bryngelson said surrounded by a number of collections - most predominantly rows and rows of miniature farm equipment - only a fraction of his entire collection.

The farm toy collection started small - he bought a few pieces for a friend and thought they were neat. Then he and a friend challenged each other to see who could collect the most toys.

Though "he with the most toys" often wins - Bryngelson was disqualified from the contest because he started making his own.

"Even if I hadn't cheated I had more than him," he said with a smile. "But after the contest ended neither one of us were smart enough to quit."

Lack of good hay forces dairy changes

BHUL - A lack of good quality dairy hay has some Magic Valley dairy producers turning to other feedstuffs this winter.

The first two hay cuttings were rained on last summer, leaving good quality dairy hay in short supply, say area dairy watchers.

That's pushed the price of premium hay up to \$120 to \$135 per ton.

"With most dairy rations alfalfa based," said Travis Flick, a ruminant nutritionist for



Gus Bryngelson puts the finishing touches on a miniature hay bed.

Rangen's in Buhl, "milk production goes as hay quality goes."

Poor quality hay has higher fiber content and lower feed value. Even worse, the cows won't eat it.

To compensate, dairy producers are changing rations to be less hay dependent by using other protein sources such as canola, corn distillers' grain and corn gluten. That's increasing feed costs slightly because the cost of the protein sources into the Magic Valley remains fairly high.

One way to hold down protein costs is to feed for specific amino acids, rather than aiming for a total protein concentration, Flick said.

A bumper crop of good to excellent quality local corn silage is helping dairy producers get by with less hay. Some producers are feeding a couple pounds of straw plus corn silage and supplement so they don't have to feed any alfalfa hay, he said.

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Historic pact, technology news hit business headlines

The Associated Press

Industrialized nations agreed on a historic pact to control the Earth's greenhouse gases, banks gobbled one-another up and Wall Street found Oracle's disappointing earnings hard to swallow.

A look at what happened in business this past week:

GREENHOUSE ACCORD

The United States and other industrialized countries ended 11 days of bargaining at a conference on global warming in Japan with a historic pact to control the earth's greenhouse gases.

Delegates from 150 nations committed their countries to rolling back carbon dioxide and other emissions to pre-1990 levels.

U.S. Republicans complained the treaty would let developing countries off too easily and send American jobs overseas. They predicted it wouldn't be ratified by the Senate.

The accord calls for the United States to reduce greenhouse gases to 7 percent below what they were in 1990. Europe and Japan would make cuts of 8 percent and 7 percent, respectively, below 1990 amounts. The reductions would be achieved between 2008 and 2012.

Such reductions would require U.S. businesses and consumers to use substantially less energy and redirect the country's energy policy to encourage a shift away from fuels with a high carbon content.

That's bad news for industries that deal with coal and oil, but good news for solar and battery makers.

ORACLE OUCH!

Bad news for Oracle Corp. was

bad news for Wall Street. The problems began when Oracle reported second-quarter earnings rose just 4 percent from a year ago because of economic turmoil in Asia and the strength of the dollar. A strong dollar makes U.S. goods more expensive in overseas markets. Oracle is the world's biggest provider of database software and the second largest software maker overall, behind Microsoft.

The disappointing report jolted investors and investment firms downgraded their ratings on the company.

A whopping 172 million Oracle shares changed hands Tuesday, making it the most actively traded issue in history. The selloff spilled over into other technology shares, and the technology-heavy Nasdaq Stock Market showed steep losses, falling 97.32 on the week to close at 1,536.38.

THE LIGHT TOUCH

by Craig Smith



The blizzard may bring happiness, but the stark brings tax exemptions.

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MONKEY

Sandal scandal

Similarities in the products spawn lawsuit against Wal-Mart

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — At first glance, the sandals John Kalinich holds in his hand are nearly identical: A series of multicolored nylon straps anchored to a black rubber sole.

And that, Kalinich says, is the problem. The company, Teva Sport Sandals, has a patent for the sandal he holds in his left hand. The sandal in his right hand is sold by Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. without Teva's permission, Kalinich says.

"It's very disturbing that the nation's largest retailer has to copy a small inventor, to make a buck," says Kalinich, Teva's chief operating officer.

Flagstaff-based Teva is suing Wal-Mart, accusing the retailer of infringing on Teva's sandal patent, its copyrighted fabric pattern for the sandals' straps and its unique designs for the sandals' soles. Teva sandals sell for an average of \$60 per pair, Kalinich said, while the Wal-Mart sandals sell for little as \$10.

U.S. District Judge Roger Strand has scheduled a Jan. 21 hearing in Phoenix on Teva's request for a court order barring Wal-Mart from selling any more of the sandals.

Betsy Reithmeier, a spokeswoman at Wal-Mart's headquarters in Bentonville, Ark., did not say what she was seeking comment.

The Teva case could cost the multi-million dollar headache for Wal-Mart, which lost \$56 million in judgment to Nike last year in a similar case involving Nike's Air Max outdoor shoes. If Wal-Mart loses, the retailer could be forced to stop selling the sandals, pay Teva's legal fees and turn over any profits it made on the challenged sandals.



John Kalinich, CEO of Teva Sports Sandals in Flagstaff, Ariz., is suing Wal-Mart for selling a brand of sandals, shown on the left, that he claims are a copy of his firm's more expensive sandal, shown on the right.

Teva sold 1.7 million pairs of its sandals last year, while Wal-Mart sold \$1.6 billion in total footwear sales, Kalinich said. "The damages can be enormous," said Barry Evans, a New

York patent lawyer who is not involved in the sand case. "There's no very hard evidence for the knockoff artists by way of damages for the lost profits."

Patent infringement lawsuits are now a familiar territory for Teva, which began in the 1980s after Colorado River guide Mark Thatcher patented his design for a sandal that could be worn while boating, swimming or hiking. Teva has sued 16 times to protect its patent, scoring out-of-court settlements against retailers such as Sears and Kohl's and shoe stores such as Kinney and Payless, Kalinich said.

Retailers selling lower-cost copies of patented or trademarked products is "not at all" said Edward J. Colbert, a Washington patent and trademark lawyer whose clients have included the Home Shopping Network and the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Some retailers see patent infringement lawsuits as just another cost of doing business, and others do not keep track of whether the goods they sell are patented elsewhere, Colbert said.

"There's a substantial amount of money that's involved in any product line that goes out. Often these products move very fast," Colbert said.

Thatcher and Kalinich said their experience shows that U.S. laws on intellectual property — patents, trademarks and copyrights — need to be tightened.

"We shouldn't have our own companies in the U.S. copying our ideas," Kalinich said. "We have Wal-Mart stealing our ideas. To us, that's horrifying."

Activists seek lower phone rates

WASHINGTON — Between 40 and 45 percent of the cost of long-distance calls goes to local telephone companies that complete the connections.

Those fees are excessive and should be cut sharply, a coalition of business and consumer organizations argued Tuesday in a petition filed with the Federal Communications Commission. If they win, the cost of a typical long-distance call could fall as much as 20 percent, saving between \$8 billion and \$10 billion a year nationally.

Noting that the importance of telecommunications is growing in every area of American life, the business and consumer groups predicted savings everywhere. The cost of a coat purchased in a department store includes the long-distance connection made by the card-swipe machine to check credit, while parts for farm tractors are ordered by phone daily.

Tuesday's complaint spotlighted growing consumer frustration with a confusing and expensive tangle of charges for local phone, long-distance, cable and Internet connections.

The Telecommunications Reform Act passed by Congress in 1996 was supposed to reduce communications costs and increase consumer choices by lowering barriers to competition for providers of telephone, cable and broadcast services.

Instead, legal challenges and market-currents have produced a world where few communications costs are going down and many appear to be rising.

Cable rates are up, local phone rates are rising, and charges are being increased at pay telephones and added for long-distance service calls, said Gene Kimmelman, a spokesman for Consumer Union, a national consumer interest group.

Kimmelman called the long-distance access charges "the biggest amount of dollars on the table" and said his organization would support the FCC petition and lobby for a sharp cut in the local access fees.

The petitioners included the Consumer Federation of America, the International Communications Association, an association of large telecommunications carriers, and the National Retail Federation, an organization of the nation's largest retailers.

Representatives of the local phone companies argued that the access fees are fair.

Selim Bingol, a spokesman for SBC Communications, parent of

Picking a carrier

Here are some tips on picking a long-distance carrier:

- Analyze your calling habits — when you call, when you call (time of day and day of week) and how long you call. That makes a big difference in picking what plan is best for you. For analytical help on the Internet, go to the Tele-Consumer Hotline at <http://www.teleconsumer.org/HotLine/Pubs/ldguide.html>
- Contact long-distance companies to compare costs and services. Be sure to ask questions based on your phone habits and needs. Also compare special charges such as start-up fees, service fees or minimum bills. Check whether billing is on a flat or second or per-minute basis, as well as policies on credits for wrong numbers.
- At 1-800-222-9300 or 1-800-444-3300
- Sprint: 1-800-746-3757
- Select the company that offers you the best total package.
- Monitor their performance costs and phone line performance. If promises are not kept, change your long-distance company.

Pacific Bell and Southwestern Bell said that access fees had recently dropped and wondered about the willingness of long-distance companies to pass the lower expenses on to consumers. "What has happened to those savings?" he asked.

Quick action on the request by the FCC, which oversees long-distance service, appears unlikely. The agency normally requires years of analysis, hearings and debate before issuing such a major ruling.

But the petitioners argued that the FCC staff was already familiar with issues in the case and could reasonably decide to cut the access fees as early as February.

The groups argued that an FCC plan that effectively cut long-distance rates by promoting local competition had failed because of federal court rulings this year that effectively undercut the FCC's plan.

Without local competition, the interest groups complained, phone companies have no reason to cut long-distance access charges. "What has happened to those savings?" he asked.

"Meaningful local competition is not developing rapidly, let alone any time soon," the groups said. "As a result, residential and business consumers will be forced to continue paying bloated interstate access rates in the absence of swift Commission action."

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- Garco Laminating Area, Loreeta J. Garm, 307N. 3000 W., Rupert, ID 83350, agriculture.
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- Llewellyn George, Eric Archibald, P.O. Box 1506, Ketchikan, ID 83410, services.
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- Minutka Aqua Reclaim LLC, Lorenza J. Carris, 300 W. 2975 S., Rupert, ID 83350.
- Mowbray High Lanes, James J. Mowbray, 1409 E. 4000 N., Holey, ID 83316, retail trade.
- MRL LLC, Richard W. Hall, 450 W. 105 S., Holey, ID 83317.
- Mt. Harrison Transportation, David A. Boer, P.O. Box 124, Holey, ID 83318, services.
- Muller, 1250 Ave. W., Gooding, ID 83330, finance, insurance and real estate.
- Navy's Entertainment, Cecil E. Napier, 611 W. Downs Ave., Holey, ID 83316, transportation.
- New Hope Church of Shoshone, Idaho, Inc., Rev. Noel E. Westphal, 826 E. Highway 26, Shoshone, ID 83352, church.
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- Sigma Bank Inc., George R. Grant, 200 W. Main, Holey, ID 83318.
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- SMA Inc., Marden Paul, 1144 Normal Ave., Holey, ID 83318, electrical contracting.
- Socially Inclusive Services, Rita LaChance, 418 N. River St., Holey, ID 83313, services.
- Summers Tanning, Bruce G. Gleyer, 127 7th St. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services and retail trade.
- Sutton & Sons Auto Center, Select Auto Sales Inc., P.O. Box 2167, Holey, ID 83333, retail trade.
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Made in the USA label isn't always what it seems

By John Cunniff
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The "Made in USA" label has retained its integrity. It will continue to mean products that are "all or virtually all" made in the United States. It will be viewed proudly by most Americans. It will suggest quality. It will influence buying decisions.

That much was decided recently by the Federal Trade Commission after a long study that included input from ordinary citizens, labor, manufacturers and various other interested parties. Labor was particularly adamant about maintaining a strict definition.

Still, the label may have lost some of its significance in a global economy where a brand-name athletic shoe designed in America is manufactured in Asia but promoted by a star athlete in a game created and played in America before excited American fans.

Such products cannot use the "Made in USA" label of course, but they are still viewed as American products, in part because the concept behind them was created by American companies and the standards of manufacture set by them. Blame the growing global economy.

It works the other way too. Toyota and Mercedes-Benz assemble cars in the United States, presumably meeting the "Made in USA" requirement that "final assembly or processing of the products must take place in the United States." But their cars are viewed respectively as Japanese and German.

What this suggests is that the identification of a product often lies in the concept, creation, history and promotion rather than the technical definition. Increasingly, highly advanced economies create concepts and routinely send them abroad for manufacture.

So what does the "Made in USA" label signify? That it is "all or virtually all" made in U.S.

For more ...
"Watch It Made In The U.S.A." by Karen Axelrod and Bruce Brumberg is published by John Muir Publications, Santa Fe, N.M. The book describes companies, and provides addresses, telephone numbers and directions. Available at most bookstores, \$17.95.

towns and cities to high American standards and presumably by American workers proud of their craftsmanship and reputation.

There are plenty of such companies, based in places you might call typically American towns and cities, like Forest City, Iowa, (Winnebago recreational vehicles) or Easton, Pa., (Crayola crayons) or Santa Clara, Calif., (Intel computer chips) or Louisville, Ky., (Louisville Sluggers).

Products, names and sites such as these will always identify companies as American without the help of labels, or even, as could easily happen in a growing global economy, the use of parts or other ingredients assembled or processed abroad.

Karen Axelrod and Bruce Brumberg, a wife-husband team, have compiled the story of many of these companies in an intriguing, colorful volume, "Watch It Made In The U.S.A." All companies mentioned offer free tours of their facilities. And often, free products too.

The trips and tours described, many of them to small-town America, to towns and cities that often are bypassed, capture the spirit of American enterprise. For adults, the tours are like a trip to a theme park; for the kids, they're a history and geography lesson.

While Greenwood, Miss., is an interesting city on its own, it is also on the Memphis-Jackson-New Orleans route, and so may be bypassed by drivers in a hurry. But stop in at Fred Carl's Viking Range plant and you'll understand the "Made In USA" label.

Carl founded his cooking equip-

ment plant in this small, cotton-country city in 1983 when he couldn't find a proper stove for his new house. In typical entrepreneurial fashion, he recognized a need and created a company to fill it.

Since then, the original product, a commercial-type, heavy duty range, has been augmented with cooktops, ovens, ventilation products, dishwashers and waste disposers, and they can be found in the homes of celebrities and professional cooks.

So many of America's companies and other institutions — great and small, old and new — were established this way, and they tell more about the "Made in U.S.A." label than any legalistic description. They give assurance the label will always have meaning.

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Moving at the speed of 'real life'

JEROME - The thrill of propelling a high powered vehicle around a race track with the speedometer reading more than 100 miles per hour is the career dream of Keith Carter.

"But first, I need to know more about racing to see if that's what I really should do with my life," the 16-year-old Jerome High School sophomore said.

With the wisdom of that statement, the high school staff has teamed up with the Jerome Chamber of Commerce and local businesses to give students the opportunity to experience a chosen occupation. The program is part of the School To Work endeavor called Job Shadowing. George Shannon directs the high school program. He is assisted by Sandra Thompson, curriculum director, and Laurie Kaufman, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce. Kaufman said 18 Magic Valley businesses, government offices and education facilities agreed to give the students information to help them prepare for a potential career field.

Eddy McKean, noted Magic Valley race car driver of his Grand American modified race car number 88, invited Carter to spend time in the garage where his car is kept. Carter soon learned that constant repairing, improving and testing were part of the maintenance requirements of a go-kart race car driver and crew.

As Carter climbed through the front window and into the driver's seat of car number 88, he put his hands on the steering wheel for the first time.

"This is really something," Carter said.

Chris Norris, Carter's mother, said the mentoring given by McKean "only met my son's wis-



Keith Carter, left, spends an afternoon with race car driver Eddy McKean learning the real-life aspects of driving a race car as part of Jerome High School's Job Shadowing program.

job and desire to be a race car driver."

Businesses participating in the Job Shadowing experience are Idaho Fish and Game, Smith, Cook and Associates, Unistar Paramedics, the Twin Falls Pediatric Center, Jerome Police Department, Army National

Guard, Jefferson Elementary School, JFM Graphics, Cain's Home Furnishings, Magic Valley Pipe Company, McKean race driver, Rich Gilbert Construction, Russ Lively Architect, Sawtooth National Forestry Department and Dr. Robert Tillquist of the Snake River Veterinary office.

For more information, call Sharrn Kelley at 934-8935.

Families gather for Rock and Bowl

JEROME - A Holiday Cosmic Bowling event is planned for 7 to 9 p.m. - Dec. 27 at the Jerome Bowling Alley.

The family event features an evening of Rock and Bowl. Cost is \$5.58 for out of district, which includes shoes and bowling. Pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register, call 324-3389 or stop by the Jerome Recreation Center, 2444 S. Lincoln.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

NARFE to meet Tuesday in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - Chapter 1959 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Madison House.

Capt. Roger Davis of the Salvation Army will be the speaker. Everyone is encouraged to bring canned or non-perishable foods for the Salvation Army.

All current or retired federal employees are invited, whether members or not. For more information, call Russell Rosenau at 733-0969 or 1-800-280-0518.

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During the Grand Lodge Sessions Grand Banquet, Floyd Thornton, left, was honored for more than 25 years of dedicated service promoting the Annual Dead Horse Cave event in Gooding. Grand Master James O. Sell presents a plaque of appreciation to Thornton with the grateful thanks from the Grand Lodge. Thornton was also awarded the Meritorious Service Jewel during the Grand Lodge Session, appointed Grand Color Bearer for the Grand Lodge of Idaho and elected Grand J. Warden for the Grand Encampment of Idaho. He is the District 5 Department Grand Master and the Wagon Master for the Magic Valley Travelers (Odd Fellows Travel Club).

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Jerome pinocle winners announced

Jerome Senior Citizens center pinocle winners for Oct. 31 were Flori Parkinson, Roberta Harding and John Farkinson. The door prize for the week was won by Lucky Cuffman.

Winners for Nov. 4 were Ed Larson, June Siren and Kitty Coats. Coats won the free meal of the week.

Those winning on Nov. 5 were Betty Ohlenschlen and Pansy Vinyard, with double pinocle going to Roberta Harding and Laun Lee Martin.

The winners for Nov. 7 were Kitty Coats, first; Betty Throckmorton, second, and Vi Slogkoski, third. The door prize went to Dorothy Halstead.

Winners on Nov. 11 were Polly Bickett, first; Letha Keyes, second, and John Boll, third. Nov. 12 winners were Jane Siren, first, and Bob Rodd, second, with Laun Lee Martin and Pansy Vinyard getting the double pinocle.

Those winning on Nov. 14 were John Boll, first; Etta Mauldin, second; and Ed Larson, third. Larson also won the door prize.

Winners for Nov. 18 were Bob Rodd, first; Helen Lancaster, second; and Ed Larson third. Leroy Fowler won the free meal. Nov. 19 wins went to Phyllis Rickett, first, and Judy Reese, second. Double pinocle went to Judy Reese and Wina Ustick.

Nov. 21 winners were Polly Bickett, first; Helen Lancaster, second; and Kitty Coats, third. The door prize was won by Katherine Coats, and Polly Bickett won the birthday cake.

Winners for Nov. 25, were Katherine Morfin in first, Edna Ogden in second and Polly Bickett taking third. Ralph Wolverton won

the free meal.

On Nov. 26, Pansy Vinyard won high, Vi Slogkoski took the low, and Betty Ohlenschlen and Helen Lancaster won the double pinocle.

On Dec. 1, winners were Betty Ohlenschlen in first, Kitty Coats in second and Letha Keyes in third. John Boll got the free meal.

For Dec. 2, winners were Maxine McAuley with the high, and Mary Mohler in second. Double pinocle went to Marly Mohler and Betty Throckmorton.

SERVICE NEWS

Dunn graduates from basic training

JEROME - Army Pvt. Howard J. Dunn Jr. has graduated from basic military training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first-aid and Army history and traditions.

Dunn is the son of Howard J. Dunn Sr. of Memphis, Tenn., and Linda Osborn of Jerome. He is a 1994 graduate of Overton High School in Memphis, Tenn.

Ramirez arrives in Arabian Gulf

GRANDVIEW - Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Joseph S. Ramirez son of Juan D. Ramirez of Grandview, has arrived in the Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington, the lead ship of the USS George Washington Battle Group. President Bill Clinton ordered elements of the battle group to the area in response to rising tensions there.

Ramirez is one of more than 5,000 Sailors and Marines aboard the carrier who will be called on to participate in any contingency operations which may be ordered. Iraq's refusal to allow entry of members of the U.N. weapons inspection team has caused increased tensions over compliance with U.N. sanctions imposed after the Gulf War in 1991.

Aircraft carriers like the USS George Washington are forward deployed around the world to maintain a U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis or tension, as in the present instance. They serve as a highly visible deterrent to would-be aggressors and, if deterrence fails, offer the most versatile and powerful weapons available.

The 1994 graduate of Melba High School joined the Navy in January 1995.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Registration begins for youth basketball

JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District is taking registration for youth basketball.

Teams will be formed for first- and second-grade boys and girls in the Pee Wee division, third- and fourth-grade boys and girls in the Junior category, fifth- and sixth-grade boys for Little League, and seventh- through ninth-grade girls for Youth League.

Play will begin in January, with

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You can reach me by fax at 734-6538. You can also mail me at twnews@msicron.net.

Deadline for the Sunday page is noon Wednesday. Deadline for the Thursday page is noon Monday. Deadline for the Tuesday page is noon Friday. Deadline for the Saturday page is noon Tuesday. Deadline for the Wednesday page is noon Friday.

Jerome Rec District to meet Tuesday

JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the meeting room at the Jerome Recreation Center, 2444 S. Lincoln. The public is welcome.

Winter recreation guides are available. Look for them at various Jerome businesses or pick one up at the Jerome Recreation Center.

Holiday open house planned in gratitude

JEROME - A holiday open house for the Jerome Chamber of Commerce's ambassador friends will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Laurie Kaufman's home, 505 S. 10th W.

Participants can enjoy holiday wassail and Norwegian holiday goodies. The event is to say "thanks for your support" to the chamber's ambassador friends.

Workshop offers financial aid tips

JEROME - A financial aid workshop for Jerome High School seniors and their parents is planned for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the high school auditorium.

Colin Randolph from the College of Southern Idaho will present information on how to fill out the FAFSA-federal financial aid form.

For more information, call the high school counselors at 324-8137.

Historical society gathers Wednesday

GOODING - The Gooding County Historical Society will meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Breakfast Room at the Gooding Home, 112 Main.

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Intrapreneurship can be a financial risk, but can pay off

The Orange County Register

Gifford Pinchot had just sold his ornamental-iron manufacturing firm in the '70s, expecting to start a corporate job. But he didn't want a company that would allow him to use his creative, risk-taking nature.

His research led him to coin the word "intrapreneur," a play on the 1930s-era French term "entrepreneur" — a person who takes a risk to organize a business for a potential reward.

Intra-preneur, n. A person within a large corporation who takes direct responsibility for turning an idea into a profitable finished product through assertive risk-taking and innovation.

In 1985, Pinchot explained the concept in his best-selling book, "Intrapreneuring: Why You Don't Have to Leave the Corporation to Become an Entrepreneur."

Corporations hoped intrapreneurs would help them compete in the global marketplace and that the concept would help them hang on to their most creative people. However, intrapreneur and is now referring to the corporate downsizing of the early '90s.

Today it's making a comeback. "We're ramping up for another wave of popularity," said Pinchot, who never became an intrapreneur and is now president of Pinchot & Co. in Washington. "Companies call us all the time saying they have downsized to the point of diminishing returns. The focus is switching from cutting costs to

Five essential elements for intrapreneurship

- **Lead people:** Every person in an organization should bring forth new ideas, recognizing that most won't survive.
- **Entrepreneurs:** Hands-on owners who make a new idea happen. Once you focus on making one idea happen, you start becoming an intrapreneur.
- **Intrapreneurial team:** Volunteers who become part of a project in its early stages and guide it past initial commercialization.
- **Sponsors:** People who support ideas, protect them from the corporate immune system and help them garner resources.
- **Climate makers:** Leaders who create an organizational culture and an environment that encourages managers to become sponsors and idea people to become intrapreneurs. It takes a widely shared belief in innovation and a sincere determination to keep it alive.

10 steps to an entrepreneurial organization

- Give users of internal services a choice of more than one internal vendor.
- Give employees the security of something akin to ownership rights in the internal enterprises they create, as well as the larger corporation.
- Demand and engender truth and honesty, marketplace feedback and marketplace discipline to support widespread decision-making.
- Give intrapreneurial teams responsibility for their own bottom line — even if they are subsidized — as a profit center rather than a cost center.
- Allow many options and diversity for personnel, jobs, initiatives efforts, alliances and exchanges.
- Provide extensive training and education, and safety nets, so employees can develop themselves and take risks.
- Create an internal "bank account" for every internal enterprise.
- Streamline systems for registering internal enterprises so they have standing in the corporation.
- Establish a system for registering agreements and contracts between internal enterprises so that people can give their word and trust the system.
- Establish a justice system for settling disputes between internal enterprises and between employees and enterprises.

increasing sales." Generally, intrapreneurs have much in common with business owners, Pinchot said. Their psychological makeup is the same. But intrapreneurs take less risk; they don't put their houses and their lives on the line, but they don't stand to gain as many rewards. "Both are driven by vision, not just to get rich but to achieve a dream," Pinchot said.

He's interviewed hundreds of successful entrepreneurs who left corporations to pursue their dreams. Invariably, their ideas had been blocked repeatedly at former employers. Those corporations

lose bright ideas worth billions," Pinchot notes.

When Pinchot works with big corporations to nurture the entrepreneurial spirit, he finds no shortage of great ideas, but he does find stifling environments. The intrapreneurial corporation, he said, needs a clear vision of where it's going so it can pick compatible ideas to nurture.

In addition, he said, "the organization has to focus more on serving customers than on internal politics, push decisions down to the lowest possible level, allow mistakes.

Within those broad param-

eters, intrapreneuring can take various forms.

After six years of phenomenal success making products to boost personal-computer memory, Kingston Technology branched out in 1994 to local area networks, which connect computers within a building.

The Fountain Valley, Calif., company tried unsuccessfully for 18 months to sell networking products in the same way to the same large corporations that bought its memory products.

Enter marketing director Ron Seide, who had an MTV attention span and was bored with Kingston's core products.

"Networking stuff was fascinating," Seide said. "I was spending far more time marketing LAN, which was 1 percent of revenues, than memory. John Tu (Kingston co-founder) said it was clearly what I wanted to do, so go do it."

Seide became general manager of Kingston's Networking Business Unit in early 1995. He recognized that the major corporations that bought Kingston's memory products already bought LAN products from major competitors. So he focused the networking unit on smaller customers, local governments and schools.

The unit's sales have more than doubled to \$40 million. "Intrapreneur is just a cool '90s term for division manager," Seide said. "It just puts the accent on autonomy."

To allow that to happen, Seide said, the larger corporation must accept that what works for one division isn't the only truth.

"You absolutely need a champion—the higher-up-the-better, because a new division is fragile," he said. "It has few revenues. It's costing the company money. It has no share of market."

Tu and David Sun were his champions.

However, Kingston decided earlier this year to focus on memory products, and it has sold the networking unit and storage products unit to Delta Group of Fremont, Calif.

The two units will become one subsidiary, taking 15 percent of the parent company's employees and leasing Kingston space for

up to two years, Seide said.

Some companies throw their intrapreneurial ventures out on their own from the beginning.

Xerox Corp., via Xerox Technology Ventures in El Segundo, Calif., with \$30 million in seed money for separate entities to develop ideas that seemed incompatible with Xerox's core business, said Robert Adams, president and chief executive officer of XTV.

"We would register it as a separate company in Delaware, with Xerox as 100 percent owner, and set aside 20 percent for key employees," Adams explained.

Adams and his XTV colleagues wrote a business plan for the new company, solicited and selected Xerox investors to run it.

"They had to sign a letter that if the company failed, they had no right to insist on a job at Xerox," Adams said. "I thought that was an important ingredient for success."

XTV gave money to 100 ideas, which launched nine companies. Two went bankrupt, and three are struggling. The others have returned \$300 million to Xerox. They include Document Science, which Xerox started with \$1 million and received \$80 million from its initial public offering and Document, from which Xerox received \$150 million over \$4 million.

XTV has been so successful that Xerox has created an internal division, called Xerox New Enterprise, to encourage intrapreneurs, said Adams, who will not be part of the new division.

Asia shows why government and business shouldn't get chummy

You can't knock around the civic and business circuit very long without hearing the phrase "crony capitalism." It's a feel-good kind of term, almost guaranteed to evoke a round of approving nods. Everyone likes partnerships, and the public-private kind sounds particularly promising. But government and business together, goes the thinking, and you can do all sorts of nifty things, such as redeveloping aging downtowns, training underemployed workers, creating jobs where they're needed.

Often such efforts are useful and productive. But as recent events in Asia ought to make painfully clear, there are limits to how far government and business together should go to.

Alliances between government and business helped raise the economies of Japan and South Korea in the 1940s and '50s. Similar systems emerged in the two countries, involving close cooperation between bureaucrats and corporate executives. Government planners targeted key industries — such as steel, shipbuilding and automobiles — and encouraged business to pour cash into those areas, effectively guaranteeing them a return on their investments up front.

The government might subsidize an enterprise directly, guarantee loans from cooperative banks or carve out a protected market through tariffs or other trade barriers. The ministries also encouraged the formation of

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giant business groups — called "chaebols" in Korea and "keiretsu" in Japan — whose member firms would be tightly bound by cross-ownership, interlocking boards of directors and other devices.

For countries in the process of pulling themselves up, it was a marvelous system. Planners could pour massive amounts of money and energy into needed development, building the infrastructure for a prosperous economy. Japan, South Korea and, later, the smaller Asian "tigers," such as Singapore and Malaysia, grew into major traders and producers, and millions of their citizens became prosperous. First World consumers.

But every good idea has a dark side, and for the "chaebols" and "keiretsu," that was a level of clubbiness that both bred corruption and skewed economic business judgments, so that decisions to lend or invest were made as often for social and political reasons as to make a buck — or a yen.

Eventually, and inevitably, this led to weaken the banking system, particularly in Japan. Japanese banks have historically been encouraged to own stock in the companies they lend to — a sharp contrast with America, where such equity positions by banks are generally banned. Japanese and Korean accounting

standards also make it easier to hide bad news from investors, insulating companies from the results of their mistakes.

The usual argument for stuff like this is that it promotes corporate and social stability. But when a failing corporation can't be shut down, or an insolvent bank can't be liquidated because to do so would upset a huge web of business and civic relationships, that's not stability, but fragility. And it's precisely what is causing Japan and South Korea to confront enormously painful choices today.

America can count its blessings today in part because we have been too fractious and competitive to create "keiretsu" or "chaebols" on the scale of Japan or Korea. But the impulse to "tame" the market under the planner's beneficent hand isn't limited to Asia.

You can see it lurking all around here, from the drive to revive heavy manufacturing with public dollars to deals that aim at limiting competition in the name of consumer protection or price stability.

There will always be a need for some public-private partnerships; there are plenty of legitimate reasons for government and business to work hand-in-hand. But that's about as much intimacy as you want, as the Asians, to their chagrin, are now learning.

Andrew Cassel is a business columnist for The Philadelphia Inquirer.

AROUND THE WATERCOOLER

No place like the holiday road

A record 44.5 million people plan to travel at least 100 miles from home by land, sea or air during the Christmas-New Year period, according to a survey by AAA and the Travel Industry Association.

Nearly 35 million people will be journeying by car, light truck or recreational vehicle, and the biggest number of those travelers — 91 percent — will start their trips in the western United States.

And they're not all going to grandma's house — the survey found many will use the time to go off on vacation.

Sobering up

The office Christmas party, often thought of as a place where the alcohol flows freely, is changing as more companies become sensitive to the problems of employees who drink too much.

The executive search firm Battalini Winston says it found in a survey that 62 percent of companies are taking a variety of steps to stop drinking and driving, including banning all alcohol from office-sponsored events.

Old steps include providing transportation or overnight lodging for imbibers, and setting up buddy systems or car pools with designated drivers.

Just ask

Customer complaints can often be difficult and expensive to address. But Inc. magazine reports that Ed Hurston, CEO of Wonderwood Corp., a Florida-based wood products manufacturer, found it was cheaper and easier if he asked customers to do it themselves.

Hurston found the problem solved. He found this out by accident — after he replaced an entire wood fence for a dissatisfied customer and the customer was still unhappy. Hurston asked how the customer wanted the problem fixed, and the solution turned out to be much cheaper. He says he now spends less than \$2,000 a year addressing customer complaints, down from \$50,000.

Mergers and anxiety

All the mergers and acquisitions going on lately are increasing the anxiety level of the nation's executives. Robert Hall International, an employment concern, found in a survey of 150 executives from big U.S. firms that 51 percent are most concerned about losing their jobs due to a merger. And their nerves aren't unlikely to be soothed anytime soon, according to the results of a separate survey of 1,400 chief financial officers.

Sixty-five percent of those executives expect mergers and acquisitions to increase through 2000.

Compiled from wire reports

Potatoes! Troubles in Asia threaten booming french fry export market

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than ever, in Japan, South Korea and elsewhere in Asia, people are flocking to American fast-food restaurants for an order of french fries.

One out of every three potatoes grown in the United States is now sliced into french fries. And exports of those french fries have doubled over five years, to almost 385,000 metric tons this year.

"It's huge. The exports of frozen potatoes now account for about 9 percent of U.S. production," said Steve Anderson, president of the American Frozen Food Institute, which represents producers.

Nowhere is the growth more pronounced than in Asia, where five countries account for 75 percent of this year's U.S. shipments. Japan leads the way with half of all french fry exports, followed by South Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan and the Philippines.

Rising incomes in Asia have brought American fast-food restaurants to the region and their popularity is increasing, the Agriculture Department said in a recent export report.

In Japan, there are about 5,000 fast-food hamburger restaurants and two chains account for some 41 percent of U.S. french fry purchases.

In Asia now, the economic downturn in Asia could threaten that burgeoning market. In particular, economists say french fry exports could suffer in Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand, which accounted for 30,000 combined tons this year.

Still, Anderson said the relatively moderate price of a fast-food meal with fries should prevent Asian consumers from hitting the crisp spuds too hard.

"People always have to eat. It's not like you're buying an American car, or a vacuum cleaner, or a big-ticket item," he said.

Fries with that?		
The top five markets for exports of U.S. frozen french fries from 1992 to 1997, according to the Agriculture Department. Amounts are in metric tons. Century 1992-93 1996-97		
Japan	123,736	193,482
South Korea	13,959	28,572
Hong Kong	11,260	27,419
Taiwan	7,509	21,079
Philippines	5,305	17,504
World total	202,543	385,702

"You're buying a fistful of fries." Restaurants in Japan, for example, have already begun advertising campaigns to emphasize bargain meals. And fast-food chains still have plans to expand in smaller cities and towns throughout Japan.

In this country, the increasing exports have helped bolster prices for potato farmers, which last year suffered through a difficult period that saw the U.S. exports hit their lowest point in years to prevent a market free fall.

The exports combined with lower production this year have stabilized potato prices, which are

projected as high as \$5.80 per hundred pounds for the coming year, compared with \$4.93 last year.

"For the most efficient growers, we're at a break-even price. This is an 18K year," said Jim Chapman, executive director of the Potato Growers of Idaho. Idaho produces nearly twice as many potatoes as the next highest state.

Although U.S. french fry exports have continued to rise, Chapman said producers face competition from Canada for all forms of potatoes. Canada's crop for next year is projected to set the fourth consecutive record in production.

"American processors buy potatoes from both sides of the border. Because of the exchange rate, a Canadian farmer can sell his crop for \$3.50 per hundred pounds in this country and make \$5 in Canadian currency."

"That puts us at a tremendous disadvantage," Chapman said. "Canada is killing us."

Through September of this year, the United States exported 299,500 tons of potatoes but imported 266,500 tons, mostly from Canada, for U.S. farmers, that means net exports of just 92,200 tons.

Other factors that give Canada a French fry edge include proximity to the U.S. market, improved quality and expanded manufacturing capacity, according to the Agriculture Department.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF HOME Program Funds

Notice is hereby given by the Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) of the availability of approximately \$3.6 million in HOME Program funds. A minimum of \$720,000 has been set aside for housing designed to meet the special needs of persons with disabilities, senior citizens or transitional housing for homeless persons. A minimum of \$2,200,000 has been set aside for the construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, or acquisition with rehabilitation of permanent housing for individuals, families, or senior citizens. Applications must be received at the IHFA office in Boise no later than 5:00 PM, January 15, 1998. Applications must be mailed to P.O. Box 7899, Boise, Idaho, 83707-1899, or handed delivered to the IHFA HOME Department at 565 West Myrtle, Boise, Idaho, 83702.

Eligible applicants include Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), nonprofit or for-profit developers of affordable housing, units of local government, and local housing authorities.

The application is available on diskette as an Excel 5.0 file for a fee of \$5.00. If submitted on diskette, the application forms must be submitted in the Excel 5.0 format, but the narrative sections of the application may be submitted as either WordPerfect or Word files. Additional exhibits may be submitted electronically in one of the previously mentioned formats, or as paper documents.

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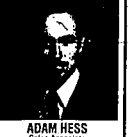
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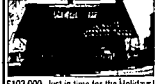
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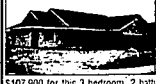
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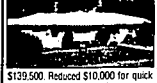
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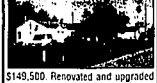
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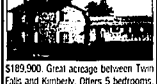
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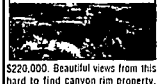
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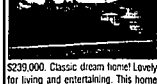
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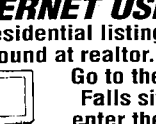
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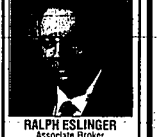
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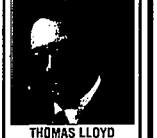
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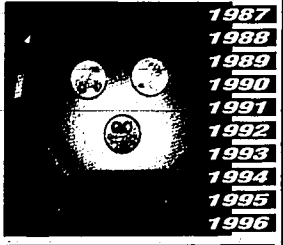
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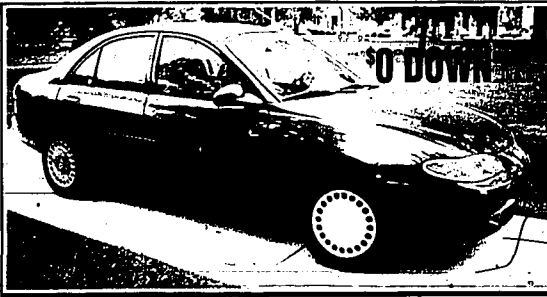


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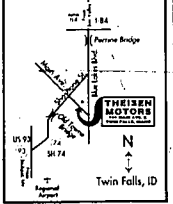
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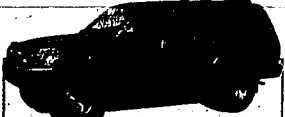


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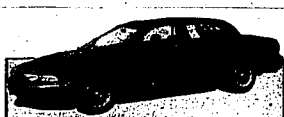


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Stress? Can't top holiday decorating

Last week, we decorated our home for Christmas. It was a family project. Are you feeling sorry for me yet?

Several of our neighbors were putting up their decorations the same day.

"This is a real family-harmony-and-lights time, isn't it?" one of them commented.

But I still don't know why my husband complained so much when I wanted the lights on the roof moved just a smidge to the right. It wouldn't have been a problem if he had gotten the lights even in the first place.

According to a study conducted by the American Museum of Natural History, more marriages end after four years than at any other time. I figure that's when those couples had enough money to buy a house and decorate it for Christmas.



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

It's amazing how many little frustrations surface when a husband and wife try to decorate a house together.

A friend once told me that she was amazed at how differently her new husband celebrated Christmas.

"The first Christmas with Jim's family took forever to open the gifts," she said. "In my family, opening packages was done in what might be described as the take-no-prisoners mode."

Then there are those pesky differences in birth order.

My husband is a first-born (of eight), and I am an only child, probably the worst combination imaginable. Both of us are supposed to be strong-willed leaders, the type who would give up the Christmas fudge to have the last word.

And this holiday season, we had an extra person helping with the decorations. My mother was visiting from Illinois (another first-born). And my children were born more than five years apart, which puts them into the "only child" category.

The glitzy women's magazines suggest tossing a blanket on the carpet and staging a winter picnic on-decorate-the-house day. Believe me, with or without fried chicken, our decorating day would have been no picnic.

Our first bright (because the pun) idea was to string up some icicle lights (the kind that hang down in clumps). We had all seen them around town and decided something new would be nice. It would be the last time everyone would agree on anything.

My husband went out and bought three boxes of icicle lights. No problem. Until we decided we needed two more.

That's when we found out that manufacturers don't make enough icicle lights this year — the year the entire population of the world decided they wanted some.

As it turned out, my husband had happened upon a shipment of the tiny treasures arriving at K-Mart. They had all been sold by the time he left the store.

Other stores didn't even seem to have gotten any.

Typical comments: "They're on back order, my heck!" "If we had a waiting list, we'd have 200 names on it." "Icicle lights? Ha, ha, ha."

It reminded me of the fights-to-the-death over Cabbage Patch dolls, or Tickle Me Elmo being sold on the black market for \$200.

The season of peace and joy.

By the time we gave up on icicle lights, my mother had moved all the indoor decorations to "better" spots and was complaining that no one had vacuumed yet. The kids were bickering over putting their own ornaments on the front of the tree. And I was instructing my husband to hang my new Christmas wreath on the door, but not to put a mark or hole in the wood ("I'll figure it out, dear").

I also told my mother not to let anyone under the age of 40 hang my Christmas wind chime.

"Is it that breakable?" she asked.

"No," I replied, "but I am."

By evening, we were all exhausted, and my husband was still working on a basket of twinkle lights that had stopped twinkling (I didn't blame them). He got it fixed, but then the lights started blinking on and off, and no one liked that.

"That stupid basket is making me dizzy," my daughter whined.

Life was making me dizzy.

"We should have just ridden around and looked at other people's lights," I said, "but maybe we would have just argued over which ones were best."

My son thinks my white lights are wimpy, but I think they're elegant.

Years ago, when I was too young to comprehend it, I remember seeing a house that was decorated half in white lights and half in multicolored lights. Today, I know I was witnessing the work of a family that had learned how to compromise.

But I wonder how many years it took them before they did.

And their house looked really weird.

MUTTS



'The idea was to find as broad a cross-section of people as possible, because they're really as different as the dogs they adopt.'

— Elise Lufkin, Ketchum



Sue Lavole of Halley with her white German shepherd Dorsey.

Ketchum writer chronicles last-chance hounds and the people they adopt

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

KETCHUM — Stray dogs differ from poodles with papers, Elise Lufkin says.

"I've often heard that dogs that are rescued from animal shelters or that are picked up off the street are grateful," said Lufkin, a Ketchum freelance writer. "They're certainly loving and loyal."

With the help of Washington photographer Diana Walker, Lufkin has turned her passion for hounds with hard-luck stories into "Found Dogs," a new book released this fall by publishing giant Simon & Schuster Macmillan about street dogs and the humans they adopt.

"They range from Vice President Al Gore to David Kest, who slings coffee at a Wood River Valley watering hole (his dog's name, appropriately enough, is Mocha).

"The idea was to find as broad a cross-section of people as possible, because they're really as different as the dogs they adopt," said Lufkin, a transplant from New Englander who came to Blaine County to ski seven years ago and stayed on.

Lufkin, who has spent many hours volunteering at the Blaine County animal shelter and at hound pounds elsewhere, said her motivation was to provide more second chances for death-row canines.

"There are about 3 million dogs killed in this country every year, and

Wait a doggone minute

Is a pound hound for you? Points to ponder:

- Shop around. Check out animal shelters and tell the folks who work there what you're looking for. They'll be more than willing to try to accommodate you.
- Consider an adult dog. Grown-up animals really can be taught and trained. Puppies are a surprise package.
- Don't take the kids with you to the pound on your first visit. That leads to impulse choices. Bring them along later to see how the animal and the children interact.
- Harden your heart. Don't take a dog just because you feel sorry for it; you're talking about a 10- to 15-year commitment here.
- Visit the dog several times before making a decision. Take him or her for walks. See how he or she responds to you.
- Take your time. Think about it. Sleep on it. And talk with other folks who own animal-shelter pets.
- If you're giving a pound hound to a child for Christmas, wait until after the holidays before you actually deliver the animal. The Christmas season is a stressful time for new pets and new pet owners. Wrap up the dog and the collar and put it under the Christmas trees instead.

— Source: Elise Lufkin



Julia, Patti and Claire Bowman of Halley with Flash.



Blaine County interior decorator and antiques dealer Allison Lufkin with her Heinz 57-year-old best pal, Quincey.

FAMILY LIFE

'Tis the season for barrage of charitable groups' appeals

The Gazette

When you are making a Christmas list and checking it twice, often the limits of your generosity are tested by the bombardment of charitable groups' appeals.

They come in the ringing of bells outside department stores, in the mass mailing of pictures of sad-eyed children in ragged clothes and in newspaper stories profiling society's impoverished.

Why the hard sell? Because these are gray days for the nation's charities, which raise billions of dollars every holiday season.

Cathy Robbins remembers how she longed for Christmas when she was director of a health and human services agency. It was the one time of year when it was easy to raise money to help low-income people.

"If every month was like December, life would be wonderful," said Robbins, now the executive director of the Colorado Springs (Colo.) Nonprofit Center. "It's really a wonderful time."

Money pours in at Christmas, she said.

"There's just something about the holidays that we think about helping the less fortunate than us," Robbins said.

"People take the time to look at issues in a broader sense — how we're all connected and have a responsibility to provide for those less fortunate than we are."

Whether the appeals offend you or prompt you to dig into your bank account, there is no denying they are effective.

In 1996, Americans gave \$150.7 billion to charitable causes, according to Giving USA, an annual publication that tracks private donations to charity.

One-third of all money given to charity occurs during the last three months of the year, said Ann Kaplan, research director for the American Association of Fund Raising Counsel, the New York organization that publishes Giving USA.

Most of the money — 80 percent — comes from individuals of all income levels and backgrounds, says Giving USA.

But just why do they respond to the pleas? Should everyone feel an obligation to give?

And are groups that rely on the good will of strangers unfairly taking advantage of the holiday spirit that moves people to give?

Or are they simply providing people an outlet for charitable impulses that will up during the holidays?

Charity is rooted in the world's religions, which emphasize caring for the poor, said James Wind of the Alban Institute in Bethesda, Md., a nonprofit group that provides consulting services to churches.

But it's not exclusively a religious value.

"There are great traditions in the religions and secular worlds that understand the common good is more important than my individual good," Wind said.

"People realize that to have a healthy, good, growing community, they have to be a part."

Human nature is to help the less fortunate and, during the holidays, charitable groups and churches simply try to reinforce those impulses.

"There is in all human beings, unless we are very damaged creatures, a desire to respond to need and suffering when we see it," Wind said.

"At holiday times, it's only natural that human beings are going to feel these pulls. Religious communities support people who have this inclination, deepen their commitment and channel their activity. They give them an outlet where they can really make a difference."

Over the years, the holiday tradition of stopping to give thanks for life's blessings and to help others has evolved into a largely commercialized event.

"That holiday spirit fuels the biggest retail buying binge of the year.

Some say guilt over the frivolous spending leads many to balance the ledger with some charitable giving. Others say it's a genuine desire to help those less fortunate.

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WEDDINGS

ENGAGEMENTS

LUNDGREN-STAPLES

BOISE - Jenny Michelle Lundgren and Travis Glenn Staples were married Aug. 24 on the grounds of St. Chapelle Winery in Caldwell.

Pastor Larry Crist officiated at the ceremony. Music was provided by a stringed quartet.

The bride is the daughter of Rob and Kathy Lundgren of Jerome.

Parents of the bridegroom are Al and Pat Staples of Caldwell.

Nicole Lundgren, sister of the bride, served as the maid of honor.

Matt Crist, friend of the bridegroom, was best man.

Erik Lundgren, brother of the bride, and Mike Staples, brother of the groom, served as ushers.

The ringbearer was Jordan Lundgren, youngest brother of the bride.

A reception was held following the ceremony.

Serving were the bride's aunts, Jan Lundgren, Karen McBride and Berta Lundgren.

Lori Kilmurray videotaped the ceremony and reception.



Travis and Jenny Staples

Sarah Lundgren and Carrie Saunders, cousins of the bride, attended the guest book.

Special guests were Phyllis Lundgren of El Monte, Calif., and Webb and Denece Malone of Twin Falls, grandparents of the bride, and Mel and Dorothy Miller of Caldwell, grandparents of the groom.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Jerome High School and is currently attending Boise State University.

The bridegroom is a 1992 graduate of Caldwell High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Idaho. He is employed as an electrical engineer at Micron.

The couple resides in Boise.

HARRISON-RASMUSSEN

RUPERT - Val R. and Gloria T. Harrison of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathy Jo Harrison to Jedy K. Rasmussen, son of Kelly J. Rasmussen of Rupert and Maria Rasmussen of Twin Falls.

Rasmussen serves as LDS mission at the Brazil Sao Paulo East Mission.

The wedding is planned for Saturday at the Mount Timpanogos LDS Temple in American Fork, Utah. A reception in their honor will be held



Jedy Rasmussen and Kathy Harrison

from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 26 at the LDS Chapel at 526 S. F St.

The couple will reside in Orem, Utah.

BYWATER-FAIRCHILD

BURLEY - Donald and Kayelle Bywater of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Desiree "Annie" Bywater to Corey James Fairchild, son of Clark and Delores Fairchild of Heyburn.

Bywater is a graduate of Burley High School and is employed at the Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

Fairchild graduated from the College of Southern Idaho with a diesel mechanics degree. He is employed by Pioneer Equipment in Rupert.



Annie Bywater and Corey Fairchild

The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. Friday at the Rupert Elks Lodge, 200 W. 85 S. A reception in their honor will follow from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the lodge.

HAMILTON-KEAR

TWIN FALLS - Bob and G'Leen Hamilton of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Alice Veda Hamilton to Matthew Aaron Kear, son of Polly Beach Kear of Gilbert, Ariz.

Hamilton is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and Ricks College in Rexburg. She served an 18-month LDS mission in the North Carolina Charlotte Mission.

Kear is a graduate of Mountain View High School in Mesa, Ariz. He served a two-year LDS mission in the North Carolina Charlotte Mission.



Matthew Kear and Alice Hamilton

The wedding is planned for Saturday at the LDS Arizona Temple.



Kristin and Robert Lunte

Lou Schmitz attended the guest book.

The bride is a graduate of Lincoln High School in Des Moines, Iowa, and Miami University of Ohio. She is employed at Airtouch Cellular in Seattle.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Buhl High School and the University of Miami in Florida. He is employed at Epoch Internet in Seattle.

The newlyweds reside in Bellevue, Wash.

CAVINS-LUNTE

SEATTLE - Kristin Cavins and Robert Lunte were married Sept. 6 at an outdoor ceremony on Lake Washington at the Seattle Tennis Club.

Officiating was the Rev. Charles Elvin.

Music performed included the Swan String Quartet.

The bride is the daughter of John and Wanda Cavins of Des Moines, Iowa.

Parents of the bridegroom are Jim and Kathleen Lunte of Buhl.

Krista Hoehler, friend of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor.

Bridesmaids included Renee Thomas and Dela O'Hallaran, friends of the bride.

David Lunte, brother of the groom, served as best man.

Guests included Jason Munroe and Steve Erickson, friends of the groom.

John M. Cavins, brother of the bride, was the usher.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Seattle

MORGAN-COOK

TWIN FALLS - Paul and Carol Morgan of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie Ellen Morgan to Seth Allen Cook, son of Randall and Joanne Cook of Pocatello.

Morgan is a senior in statistics at Brigham Young University.

Cook recently returned from a LDS mission in Spanish-speaking southern California. He will continue his studies in electrical engineering at BYU where he spent one year before leaving for his mission.

The couple will reside in Provo, Utah.



Seth Cook and Carrie Morgan

The wedding is planned for Saturday at the Logan LDS Temple.

GORMLEY-TRAVELLER

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Randall Gormley of Commerce City, Colo., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kari Gormley to Jon Traveller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Del Traveller of Twin Falls.

Gormley is a graduate of Brighton High School in Colorado and is currently attending Brigham Young University majoring in fine arts.

Traveller graduated from Twin Falls High School and served a two-year LDS mission in the New York Rochester Mission. He is currently attending BYU majoring in construction management and is employed by Hawco Construction.



Jon Traveller and Kari Gormley

The wedding is planned for Thursday at the Mount Timpanogos Temple.

A reception will be held Saturday in Colorado. An open house will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 30 at the White House in Twin Falls.

FAMILY NEWS YOU CAN USE

Divorced from reality?

The next time the subject of family values comes up, consider this: Even in bucolic suburbia, divorce has become so commonplace that many view it as inevitable. In a New York Review of Books article on "The Time Bind: When Work Becomes Home and Home Becomes Work" by Arlie Russell Hochschild, sociologist/political scientist Andrew Hacker notes that one mother of daughters told Hochschild: "I want them to grow up to be good single moms."

watching television, according to data from the ongoing Americans' Use of Time project.

Degree of difficulty

The children you so proudly send off to college may be back sooner than you think. Nearly one-third of college freshmen will not enroll for the following year of study, according to statistics reported in American Demographics magazine.

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Time on their hands

Also in American Demographics, a report that in 1995, Americans aged 65 and older had seven hours more of weekly free time than the elderly did in 1985 and 10 hours more than in 1975. What are they doing with all that free time? About half of it's being spent

ON THE JOB

Take our board, please

Imagine that your company's board of directors is attacked by aliens? Would anyone notice? Would anyone pay ransom to get them back, or would the aliens be paid to keep them?

The answer to those questions is the acid test of just how energetic and vital the directors are to the company's operations, Stanford University law professor and former SEC commissioner Joseph Grundfest tells the Wall Street Journal.

We're not quitters

Also from the Journal, a report that calls into question the by-now generally accepted notion that fearful people cling to their jobs these days like drowning swimmers clinging to life-preservers.

Not so, according to a San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank study that found that the rate at which people quit at given points in the economic cycle hasn't changed in 20 years.

2nd-class treatment

While widely accepted and increasingly popular, part-time work doesn't get you any respect. Employees on non-traditional schedules still bump against systems where success is judged by the number of hours workers are in the office, and where 40-hour or more work weeks are deemed

the norm, the Catalyst research group reports after a two-year study.

Sick of El Nino

In addition to everything else you've been warned about, El Nino could cause an increase in the numbers of workers of the world calling in sick.

There may be a global surge of illness, because floods linked to the climatic disruption will contaminate drinking water and cause baby booms among pests, while droughts will have the obvious effect of diminishing food supplies, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) warns.

-Compiled from wire reports

ANNIVERSARIES

THE DEANS

KIMBERLY - Mr. and Mrs. Don Dean of Kimberly will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. A buffet will be featured.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Kimberly Senior Center. No gifts please.

Dean and Jeanne Miller were married Dec. 20, 1947, in Twin Falls.

They have lived in Kimberly for more than 46 years.

He worked as a heavy equipment operator and was co-owner of McCarty Gravel Company for around 30 years.

She worked in the business and was a homemaker.

They have been active in the Twin Falls County Historical Society, serving currently as co-chairman. They are also serving



Jeanne and Don Dean

on the board of the Historical Preservation. She has been active in a local club and the Kimberly Christian Church.

The event is being given by their children, Janice (Ed) Easterling of Twin Falls and Dennis Dean of Boise.

The couple has two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

THE TYREES

WEISER - Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. "Pete" Tyree of Weiser will be honored at a family gathering today for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Tyree and Joyce Clevanger

were married Dec. 15, 1947, in Girard, Kan.

They lived in Buhl from 1955 until they retired and moved to Weiser in 1987.

He worked at Wimp & Co. Inc. in Buhl from 1955 to 1987.

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FAMILY LIFE



Part-sheltie Lucy was found living in a city park with Jessica Jewell of Halley, she's an award-winner.

Dogs

Continued from F1
 These are just the ones who are euthanized summarily," she said. "That doesn't count the dogs that get run over or shot."

Gerry Currie, a Hailey truck driver, adopted five.
 "All the dogs want to be next to me," he writes. "Every one of them was neglected before; now I guess they're making up for it. People say I'm crazy. Maybe five dogs is a bit much, but when I come home tired and aggravated, they make me feel better."
 ("Mocca" is 17 now, but it's OK," Kels said. "I work a lot, she sleeps a lot. We take a walk every day, and she loves road trips. She sleeps on the front seat of the pickup or looks out the window."
 "When I come home at night and she's asleep, I always look to see if she's breathing," he said. "When she goes, it's going to be the biggest loss of my life."

Lufkin said she and Walker, the White House photographer for Time magazine, worked on the project for years by fits and starts - finding most of their

case studies by word of mouth.
 Along with that, they discovered that companionship very quickly eclipses pedigree.

"When someone asks about Jackie's breed, I tell them he's a dog-pound terrier, and that's exactly what he is," said Kevin O'Brien, a Hailey real estate developer.

By definition, when a dog shows up in an animal shelter, he loses his papers," Lufkin said. "But it's a myth that you can't find great dogs in a pound."
 A half-sheltie name Lucy, who belongs to Jessica Jewell of Halley, was discovered living in a park.

"Mom made me sign up for 4-H," Jessica said. "We did 4-H for seven years. At first we concentrated on obedience competition, and Lucy was great. She's very smart. Later we moved on to fitting and showing. Lucy loves it; now that she's older, she would much rather be pretty than work on obedience. This year we were grand champions at the county fair."
 "I don't want to give the

impression that a dog from an animal shelter is for everyone," Lufkin said. "Like any dog, they're a responsibility and it requires a commitment. But I think anyone who is serious about getting a dog should at least consider it."

One of the great charms of dog shows, Lufkin says, is that they quickly become bosom buddies.

"It doesn't take orphan dogs long to embrace the idea of sharing your bed, your furniture, that lonely and neglected leg of lamb you left in the kitchen, the new cashmere scarf, a favorite book," she writes. "There is no trace of snobbery or discrimination. If it belongs to you, they're prepared to give it a try."

"Found Dogs," published by Howell Book House, retails for \$17.95.

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Sometimes parents should just take out the ice pack and chill

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Parents know kids are accident-prone, but moms and dads don't always know the difference between a real emergency and a treatable one. Emergency room doctors often treat children for things that can be taken care of at home.

Minor burns are the most common non-emergency cases that find their way into an ER, says Dr. Dighton Packard, medical director of the emergency room at Baylor University Medical Center. "Any time a kid gets a burn, everybody gets very excited. If the burn is just red and doesn't blister, really it's just a matter of ice pack or cool pack and children's Tylenol or Motrin. Now if it blisters, that's a different issue. Those do need to be seen."

Knowing what is or isn't an emergency is often a judgment call, but parents can do a lot of prevention and the most common childhood accidents by talking with their doctors and using medical handbooks developed for home use.

Packard also strongly advises parents-to-be to take a pediatric CPR first-aid class in conjunction with Lamaze classes.

"If a kid chokes on a feeding, they turn blue immediately. It's the scariest thing in the world."

And have a first-aid kit handy.

"First-aid kits are wonderful, but they're never there when you need them," Dr. Packard says. "It needs to be something very simple and... somewhere where you look at it every day." Sterile bandages, Band-Aids and an ice pack in the refrigerator are a must.

"To go into more complex things, unless you know how to use them, such as splints and those type of devices, you'll spend more time trying to figure out how to use it right than it would take to just bring the child in."

Fractured arms and broken collarbones are the most common serious injuries that doctors at Baylor see. "And those do need to be seen," says Packard. But immobilize a broken limb as much as possible before heading to the doctor. "Wrap it in a pillow. Ice packs are fine if there's any pain or swelling."

But it's more difficult to tell whether a bump on the head is serious.

"If the child doesn't get knocked out and did not have a loss of consciousness, if the child's conscious and seems to be OK to the mother, there's really no reason to have that child brought into the emergency department," he says. "On the other hand, head injuries can be very serious."

Parents should look for warning signs such as whether the

child has a headache or is vomiting. Then, a trip to the ER is in order.

Most important, parents need to remain calm.
 "Children feed off the emotions of their parents," says Packard. "The parent needs to be the one to remain as calm as possible. If the parent's scared, the child will pick that up."

Of course, the best way to handle an injury is to prevent it in the first place.

Turning pot handles over the stove so little hands can't reach them is one simple step, says Allen Bolt, director of Greater Dallas Injury Prevention Center. "The other thing that is very easy to do, and very few people do it, is to adjust the temperature on your hot water heater. Keep it below 150 degrees. A lot of times parents will run bath water for a child... and just stick the kid into the water without testing the temperature. You get a lot of burns from the ankle down." Children also should be watched carefully around fireplaces.

The center is starting to get the word out on burn prevention, the importance of car seats, including a car-seat loaner program, and other safety measures through health fairs and outreach programs such as SafeKids, he says. Another growing concern is children falling out of second-story windows or from balconies.

Awards honors unsung heroes

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Dr. Bill Thomas believes there's too much emphasis on nursing in nursing homes, too little on caring a home atmosphere; the smell of an herb garden, the laughter of children, the kinship of community.

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What's the score? Increasingly mom can answer this question

Allentown Morning Call

Vicki Poretta has been a long-time "soccer mom," running her two children from practice to practice, game to game.
 But for years, Poretta had very little idea of what was happening on the soccer field or the fields of the many other sports the children were playing. "So many parents, too little time," thought the Doylestown, Pa., woman, who grew up in Allentown, Pa.

Now Poretta knows a soccer "sweeper" from a "stopper." She sports an "inner" from a "wing" in field hockey. She knows what sends an ice hockey player to the penalty box.
 And Poretta has created a way to help moms and anybody else to exist in the time-squeezed sports dummy to knowledgeable spectator.

Her "Mom's Guide to Sports" series are glossy, heavy stock pamphlet-type publications that are portable, easy-to-read guides to the basics of 12 popular sports.
 The four double-side panels include the rules, the positions, sports, like a map of the playing field and referee signals. They begin with answers to the simple, but most important questions — "Who Wins?" "What's Needed?" and "How Long is a Game?"

There are guides for baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, golf, ice hockey, men's lacrosse, soccer, softball, tennis, women's lacrosse and volleyball. "Three more — wrestling, bowling and karate — are due out soon."
 The guides sell for \$2.95 each in major national retailers, such as Waldenbooks and Boscos'.
 In the works is a "Mom's Guide" CD-ROM, desk calendar and trivia board game. A "Mom's Guide" web site at www.moms-guide.com details the products and allows the public to e-mail the company.

Poretta also has lent her "Mom's Guide" name to a just-published series of books by Moonmillan with names such as "Mom's Guide to Sports" and "Mom's Guide to Discipline." Poretta is listed as a co-author on each book, although she said she didn't do any of the writing.

Central Catholic High School and a 1969 graduate of Kutztown University, Poretta was an elementary school teacher in Catawauqui, Pa., and Phillipsburg, N.J., as well as in Massachusetts, before becoming a full-time mom when her first child, Joseph, was born.

From the time he was 5 years old, Joseph has been into sports, starting with soccer, and playing basketball, ice hockey, baseball, wrestling and golf over the years. He's now 17.

"If he was a sweeper or a stopper, I never knew how to find him on the field," said Poretta.

Poretta's 9-year-old daughter Gabrielle is also an athlete. She started with T-Ball and soccer and went on to play softball, basketball and field hockey.

"I was tired of being on the sidelines and not understanding what was going on," said Poretta. She decided to develop her own guides and gathered information from coaches and players.

She created a prototype for soccer on her home computer.

Poretta received lots of positive feedback, but many rejections from publishers who didn't know how to categorize her guides. The breakthrough came when a friend of her husband's hooked her up with an entrepreneur in Boston. The man, John Rourke, agreed to publish the guides and created Big World Media. The first guides were released in May.

Poretta said the guides are not just for moms, despite the way many people interpret the title. "In the mom" in the title, she explained, pointing out the placement of the apostrophe in the word "Mom's." As proof, she pulled out her business card. It states "Vicki Poretta, MOM."

Poretta said the guides are also helpful to men, grandparents, friends and even children who are considering taking up a new sport.

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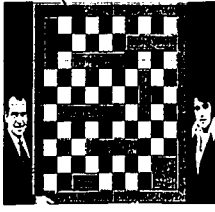
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AskAmy@4Kids.org

Dear Amy: I know HTML pretty well, and I have a nice site on the WorldWideWeb. Now I need to know where I can go to learn about adding Javascript to my page.

—Andrew, Capetown, CA

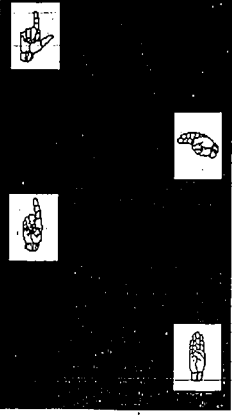
Dear Andrew: Jenny's HTML Headquarters at <http://www.html.com/> is a cool site with lots of instruction about HTML. I found some links there to learn Java also. Using Java applets can make your Web site fun and even interactive. You can find Javascript for everything from calculators to games. Send me your URL when you get it running.

Dear Amy: I would like to know if there are any World Wide Web sites that give information specifically for classical players. There are a bunch of us in my family who could benefit from this.—Grace, Melton, WI

Dear Grace: It's so awesome that there is something for everyone on the Web. I did a search and found several classical Web sites. But ET's Clarinet Information at <http://www.clarinet.com/clarinet/et/index.html> seems to have a life of its own. You can download some sound files to check out the links to a clarinet fingering chart. Also take a look at The WWW Virtual Library of Classical Music at <http://www.cwvml.org/classical/index.html>. It's really great.

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How many Ontario parks can the public explore? Where was the first free school for the deaf founded? When is the Virtual Library of Classical Music open?

Paper or plastic? The answer isn't clear

Knight-Ridder News Service

FORT WORTH, Texas — It sounds like a simple question. Which is better for the environment: paper or plastic grocery bags?

Paper, made from trees, may seem more correct than plastic, a petroleum byproduct. But is it really? Does anybody know? Does anybody care?

The correct answer is: There is no correct answer—unless all of us start using cloth bags. Just listen to the paper vs. plastic war of words. "Each one has its pros and each one has its cons, and it all evens out. It really does not matter which one you use," says Lori De La Cruz, recycling coordinator for Fort Worth, Texas.

"People say you shouldn't use paper because it's made from trees. But trees are a renewable resource. They say you shouldn't use plastic because it's made out of oil, but it's such an extremely minute amount of oil. Plus they're both reusable. Paper is completely recyclable and compostable, and plastic bags are highly recyclable," she said.

Jan Beyea, the National Audubon Society's senior policy scientist, isn't quite so ambivalent. Beyea, a nuclear physicist, discusses both sides of the question in the August 1996 issue of Audubon Activist.

Supermarket bags are usually made from virgin paper, without recycled content; their manufac-

<p>Paper or plastic: How they stack up</p> <p>Plastic bags create 80 percent less waste by volume than paper bags.</p>	<p>46 in. tall</p>
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ture "pollutes the water, releases dioxin, contributes to acid rain and costs trees" that are grown with nonrenewable fossil-fuel fertilizers. Beyea writes.

But plastic is bad, too. It degrades slowly; it contaminates the oceans; it is made from petroleum, a nonrenewable resource; and its production results in pollution, the article says.

Nevertheless, the author concludes, plastic is the lesser of the evils. If consumers "support virgin paper over plastic bags, they are implicitly supporting higher levels of pollution."

A study by the Kansas environmental consulting firm Franklin Associates supports

that statement. The study, funded by a plastics industry group, indicates that "generally" takes more energy to manufacture and dispose of paper bags than plastic bags. Plastic bags take up 70 percent to 80 percent less space in landfills.

Not so fast, the paper industry says. Paper is made from a renewable resource (trees) instead of a nonrenewable one (petroleum), says information from the American Forest and Paper Association. Furthermore, paper biodegrades and can be composted. Plastic takes forever to decompose.

Even the Environmental Protection Agency doesn't take a

stand. Environmental problems are associated with the manufacture and disposal of both materials, and scientific evidence is lacking to declare one superior to the other, an EPA official says. Rather, the EPA encourages improvements in both materials (such as manufacturing processes less damaging to the environment) and encourages consumers to reuse and recycle their bags. Bob Lilienfeld, Michigan-based editor of the "Use Less Stuff" newsletter, says that "on average you can recycle a paper bag about four times. After that, the fibers get too short to use. Plastic you can use over and over and over." However, plastic bags are usually recycled into something else, such as plastic lawn furniture, he says.

Paper recycling does have one distinct advantage, he says. "If there's anything inside, it's not a problem. If people leave their sales slips inside their plastic bags, it totally destroys the recycling."

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A 5-year-old boy died in May in the first known case of a human contracting the H5N1 virus, which before had only been found in birds.

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THE Sunday Crossword

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As a publisher, this friend made her contribution to free speech

"Free speech, exercised both individually and through a free press, is a necessity in any country where people are themselves free."

—Theodore Roosevelt, 1918



AGING Lucille S. DeVine

Every day I read a different quotation about the First Amendment on a calendar. As I read, I think of Betty Lewis, an unsung champion of free speech.

I met her in a sleepy Michigan village when we were homecoming-writers with young children. Beneath her domestic exterior burned the zeal of a muckraking journalist. She founded a four-page newspaper and, in gutsy fashion, took on the local power brokers.

When I joined her staff in the late '60s, her paper had burgeoned in the booming Detroit suburbs. It emphasized family, love to wrongdoers.

We were a prim, staid bunch—except on Wednesday nights. That's when the college students, whom she called "my boys," arrived with copy for their anti-establishment paper. When no one else would, Betty set it in type and had it printed for them. We delighted in their biting satire and outrageous cartoons.

And many of us came to agree with their opposition to the Vietnam War.

Betty Lewis didn't agree with anything they espoused. In her ever-dignified fashion, she tsk-tsked over their four-letter words, corrected their spelling and scolded when she thought their reasoning was wobbly. But she was often caught smiling and never wavered about helping them.

Why? Because no other publisher would touch them.

And in a democracy, she said often, a free press means these young men had as much right to publish their own newspaper as she had to publish hers. I like to think, too, that she recognized in her boys that "fire in the belly" so essential to good journalism.

She paid a dear price. Some community leaders, readers and advertisers withdrew their sup-

port. But Betty was resolute. A few years later, after I'd moved on in my career, she asked me to speak in her stead at the Wayne University Press Club, which she headed.

To take down her message, I visited her in the hospital where she was dying of cancer. Surrounded by paper butterflies drawn by her grandchildren, she peacefully exercised her arms on a trapeze above her bed, a fighter still.

At the press club meeting, I lashed out, Betty-fashion, at the publishers for lacking the courage to carry out, as she had, the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; for allowing her to stand alone with her boys.

Betty died soon after. Even as I write this, I hear her cautioning: "No, no. I wasn't a heroine. I just did what I had to do on behalf of free speech."

Not a heroine? Sorry, Betty, but you were. And are.

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Queen of kiddie TV to be a mom

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Xuxa, Brazil's blond queen of kiddie television, is expecting a baby. She might even marry the father.

The dependent of what happens between Luciano and me, now I will have someone who is mine alone," the 33-year-old entertainer said on a nationally televised variety show Sunday. The audience cheered and applauded.

She was referring to Luciano Saffari, 29, a businessman and budding actor who helped Xuxa pronounce SHOO-shah fulfill her wish to become a mother. Xuxa, whose real name is Maria da Graça Meneghel, had openly discussed the possibility of artificial insemination to achieve her goal before she began dating Saffari two years ago.

Xuxa might be considered an unusual role model for preschoolers. She was Polo's live-in girlfriend, posed nude for Playboy magazine and starred in an X-rated movie.

But Brazilians idolize her, and so do audiences in Argentina — where President Carlos Menem is a personal friend — and other Latin American countries. She even had a trial TV show in the United States, although it didn't catch on.

Xuxa, who hosts a weekly show on Globo TV, Brazil's largest network, said the baby was due in August and would be named Luca or Sacha.

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Q. Is there any Social Security information specifically for people with AIDS or HIV infection? A. Yes, the booklet, "A Guide To Social Security And SSI Disability Benefits For People With HIV Infection," is available free from Social Security. Just call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 to request a copy of the booklet.

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

Families chip away at secrecy surrounding artificial insemination

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Jenny's mother sat down next to her only daughter. Together, they watched a television soap opera unfold.

A character's husband becomes critically injured.

The loving wife tells the man she has every reason to live because she's pregnant. A scope or two later, she confesses the lie to a doctor and begs him to help her conceive. Donor insemination saves the day.

It's a fascinating tale for an 8-year-old. But then, Jenny's mother turned to her, pulling her attention away from the television screen.

"I had planned to tell you this sort of story," she began. "Your father, he loves you very much. But when I wanted to have a baby, I couldn't."

That is how Jenny discovered the secret her mother thought she would never tell. Thirty-six years ago, Jenny was conceived by donor insemination in a Baltimore doctor's office. It took nine tries, each involving an early morning doctor visit where the still-warm fluid arrived boxed and alone in a yellow bag.

"It just didn't bother me," Jenny says. "I was the only one of learning the truth of her conception. The 35-year-old retail

worker gave a fictional name to protect her father's privacy.

When she learned her parents' secret, they were already divorced and her father had remarried. She says it was easier to accept the truth because her relationship with her dad had already soured.

The new wife had threatened to tell Jenny the truth. Jenny's mother decided she would do the telling. With the truth out, the occasional visits from the man she knew as her dad wound down to nothing.

For years, her acceptance held. But when Jenny reached her late 20s, it began to ebb away.

"I care a little more now," she says.

For more than two years, Jenny has been actively searching for the man who donated sperm to her mother. She doesn't want to wreck anyone's life. She doesn't expect to suddenly become part of another family or be embraced by half siblings who never knew she existed.

"It's a nasty ball of wax," she concludes.

But there are things she wants to know. At first, she was interested in learning only the paternal side of her medical history, maybe something about the missing half of her genetics. But that's not enough now.

"I have this image of what a father should be," she says. "I'm not asking him to be that, but it would be nice to find out he raised his 2.5 children — that's what you come from good stock. I just want to know that I am connected to a nice man."

Most adults, Jenny's age wouldn't know if they were conceived by donor insemination.

"There's assumed paternity," says Dr. Sam Chantilis, head of the sperm bank at University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas. "But I am sure that a certain percentage of the population has a father who isn't."

The procedure has officially been around for more than a century in this country, done initially by discreet doctors who wanted to help women with infertile husbands bear children. The doctors often turned to medical students or even themselves, never divulging the donor's identity to their patients.

Couples eagerly accepted the secrecy, letting others assume that a child belonged biologically to both. For some men, infertility struck at their manhood, a painful fact that they didn't want to share with others. Donor insemination, like adoption several decades ago, was shrouded in stigma and secrecy.

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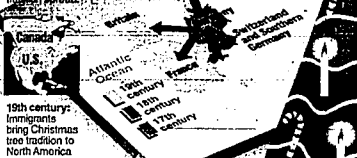
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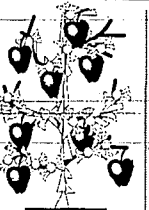
THE CHRISTMAS HISTORY

Origin of the Christmas tree

Why we have Christmas trees and how they came to be.



GERMAN TRADITION



Before 16th century The 'Klausbaum' tree, named for St. Nicholas, was part of a gift-giving tradition. It was wrapped with paper and decorated with candies and apples.

Beginning in 17th century Spruce 'Wohnschmuck' tree became a symbol of gift-giving among Protestants. Catholic tradition associated gifts with St. Nicholas. Angels or stars at top of tree stands for events that heralded the birth of Jesus.

SOURCES: "The What, Why, Where of Christmas," "Christmas in the Old Days"

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Dad plays it safe with daughter's sleepovers

DEAR ABBY: I am a single father with primary custody of my 11-year-old daughter, "Nadine." She and I are very close. She lives with her mother on weekends. However, since her mother works out of state, on some weekends she doesn't make it home to be with Nadine.

Abby, I have a rule that my daughter cannot have her girlfriends spend the night at our home. It's because I'm afraid of being accused of misconduct with her friends. I would never behave inappropriately, but today, men must be careful that there is no possibility of suspicion. I would not feel comfortable with Nadine spending the night at the home of a friend who lived alone with her father, and I think most parents probably would feel the same way.

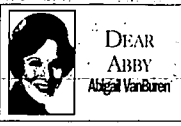
Am I cheating my daughter by not allowing her friends to sleep over? Am I wrong to protect myself from the possibility of accusations? Or am I being paranoid?

—OVERLY CAUTIOUS OR RIGHT ON? TAMPA, FLA.

DEAR RIGHT ON: In light of the social climate today, your caution probably is wise. However, explain to Nadine why you have the rule. She is old enough to understand. Your daughter need not miss out on the girlhood ritual of sleepovers — she could have her friends spend the night when she is with her mother.

DEAR ABBY: As a public service, please print my letter: If you put an ad in the lost-and-found section of the newspaper, chances are it will end up on the Internet. When it does, rest assured someone will contact you and offer to return your lost item — if you wire money to pay for the shipping costs.

Do not, I repeat, do not fall for this scam! Chances are, the crooks do not have the item and never did. They see an opportunity to cheat you. They are counting on your emotional



DEAR ABBY
Abby VanBuren

attachment to the lost item. They'll rip you off and laugh all the way to the bank.

How do I know? Our daughter lost her beloved dog. She was ripe for this scam, and fell for it.

If people get a response to their lost-and-found ad, they should "accept" the offer, obtain the name and location of where the crook will claim the money, then notify police. At the very least, the police should be asked for advice. These people must be stopped.

—VICTIM'S MOM-SUN CITY WEST, ARIZ.

DEAR VICTIM'S MOM: Thanks for the warning. It seems that we must all be on our toes these days to protect ourselves.

DEAR ABBY: I want a new bicycle, but my mother says I will have to earn it. I am too

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young to get a job. Can you tell me how to get some money for a new bike?

—YOUNG READER IN NORFOLK, VA.

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Talk to your mother about taking on some of the chores at home. For example, ask her if she will pay you for sweeping the driveway or the kitchen, or taking the trash out every day.

You could also ask your neighbors to hire you for such things as raking leaves, walking their dog, sweeping their sidewalks or pulling weeds. There are always small jobs for which people would be happy to pay you.

CHUCKLE FOR TODAY: It's sad for a girl to get the age where men consider her harmless.

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Christmas tree buyers seek to recapture the past

The Gazette

It takes years for a forest to develop. Unless of course, it's December, when instant urban forests appear all over town.

These Christmas tree forests sprout up overnight at local nurseries and in the parking lots of malls and shopping centers.

While everyone wants the perfect Christmas tree, nature doesn't make every tree perfect. Anyone who has looked over Christmas trees at the lots knows that the 31 million trees sold nationwide come in a wide variety of shapes and sizes.

"People think of Christmas trees as perfect triangles, but they're usually not," says Scott Snow, who runs the Christmas tree lot at Upton Gardens in Colorado Springs, Colo.

"The average person doesn't go into a lot saying 'I want a Noble fir,' but they do know if they want a short- or long-needed tree," says Joan Geiger, a spokeswoman for the National

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The slowdown on tannenbaums

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- The Fraser fir is considered to be the top tannenbaum because it has a traditional Christmas tree fragrance and strong branches. Or, as Geiger says, "It has good ornament-weight capabilities, for those who like to pile on a whole slew of ornaments."
- About 99.99 percent of the Frasers come from just a few counties in the Carolinas, but now like Fraser firs, Noble firs come from Montana and Idaho," says Spaulding, who was a Colorado state forester for 16 years. Because of the limited growing area and trucking costs, the Fraser fir can cost up to \$50 a tree.
- Another popular tree is the Noble fir. Spaulding introduced them at his tree lots about eight years ago and "couldn't sell one, but save my life." Now they've caught on — not only here but across the country — and are becoming increasingly difficult to find.
- Like Fraser firs, Noble firs are true firs, meaning that they have a heavy, waxy cuticle over the needles that helps retard moisture loss. Noble firs have stout branches which can support the heavier ornaments, are fragrant and very traditional looking, with silvery, blue-green needles, Spaulding says. Most Noble firs come from Oregon and Washington and cost only slightly less than the Frasers.
- Grand firs also are good sellers. They are full, bushy trees, with a fragrance similar to crushed citrus. One day he told me when I told them that, but it's the only thing that describes it," Spaulding says.

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FAMILY LIFE

To get good behavior, parents must demand it

A month or so ago, I put this question to an audience of some 500 people in Davidson, N.C.: "How many of you are certain that your children are as well-behaved as you were as a child?"



PARENTING
John Rosemond

I often poll my audience on various issues, but as this particular query was a first-timer, I didn't know exactly what to expect. I guessed, however, that around 100 hands would go up, thus helping me make the point that nouveau child rearing (child-centered, sentimental, "feel good about yours!") doesn't get results as good as did traditional, much-demolished child rearing.

Lo and behold, not a hand went in the air. Intrigued, I repeated the exercise two nights later in Lexington, S.C., with an audience of around 750. Maybe five hands went up. Several days later, 10 out of 800 in Ashbury Park, N.J., raised their hands.

I propose: It is in everyone's — the child's, the parents', the community's, the country's — best interest that a child be well-behaved.

It would seem that our foremothers and forefathers served

those interests better than today's parents, on average, are doing. But nouveau parenting experts would have us believe that the relative good behavior of yesterday's child was obtained at great cost to the child's psychological well-being.

Was I? I've asked a number of audiences, "Raise a hand if you think you were a reasonably well-behaved child." Typically, more than three-fourths of the attendees respond affirmatively. Then, "Keep your hand in the air if you feel you had a happy childhood." Very, very few hands go down.

Given that my audiences are not just a cross-section of American parents, but a cross-section of hard-working, conscientious, well-intentioned

American parents, it's obvious that hard work and good intentions do not a well-behaved child make. What, then, does? I proffer the following answers:

First, a nonintellectual (nonpsychological) approach to child rearing, one that values good behavior above a child's feelings. Not a child's feelings are unimportant, mind you, but parents of no-so-long-ago seemed to grasp the fact that sometimes one must make children feel bad about themselves (temporarily) to promote the general good, the child's included.

Given that most of yesterday's well-behaved kids, at least the ones who come to hear me speak, claim to have had happy childhoods, the psychological consequences of this philosophy were obviously not detrimental.

The understanding that children are not angels (being sent down to grace us with their heavenly presence, but — in Judeo-Christian terms — "fallen" for sinful, if you'll pardon my political incorrectness) and therefore capable of outrageous behavior.

Until children are capable of

restraining their own capacity for outrage, adults must perform this function for them, or at least teach them that outrage is not free.

A solid grasp of the fact that parenting is leadership, not friendship. Here's a fact: If you try to be a friend to your child today, you will still be trying to resolve parenting issues when your child is old enough to have become your friend.

That so few hands went up in Davidson, Lexington and Ashbury Park (and a number of other places since) is solid evidence that American parents have lost a grip on these commonsensical ideas. And thus, today's all-too-typical parent works twice as hard at child rearing as did his or her parents and not even half the results.

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MIAMI — Just one person really can make a difference.

That's the conclusion, time and again, of researchers trying to understand why some children are stressed by violence and others seem to survive, if not unharmed, at least intact.

"That's the issue, not poverty or anything else," said Dr. Caryn B. Schorr, a psychiatrist at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood, Fla., who treats many children with post-traumatic stress disorder and other problems stemming from violence. "The pathology of the parents is the single most important thing in determining whether kids overcome violence or any other problems in the home."

At least one caring parent can help children understand and absorb violence.

Research shows that when a parent arrives on the scene and is able to comfort a child immediately, the child suffers fewer symptoms later on. An attentive caretaker is also crucial in the aftermath, when it's important to recreate a safe environment for the child.

That's partially why domestic violence can be so devastating — because a caretaker is actually the source of the violence, making home life less stable.

The more risk factors a family piles up — absent parents, drug or alcohol abuse, poverty, fighting, or simply stress from the

same violence a child has been exposed to, the harder it is for children to cope.

So therapists often have to take on the parents before they can deal with the child. "The healthier mom is, the better parent she is going to be," Schorr said. "If she's depressed, anxious, stressed out from the danger of abusing drugs or whatever, she's useless."

But healthy families aren't the only protective factors. Researchers have found that the closer physically a child is to a shooting, the more distress that child will suffer. Similarly, the closer the relationship to the victim, the more difficult coping will be.

Some children seem to be naturally resilient. When a parent is absent, these children are apt to find a substitute adult to lean on.

Instead of withdrawing when they are exposed to violence, they are likely to reach out to caretakers and friends, recruiting the affection and support they need.

Another important protective factor is membership in a church or some religious belief system that creates hope for a better life and a sense that suffering is not in vain. Studies of Vietnamese children exposed to the war there found that they had fewer emotional problems than Caucasian children. Researchers think this may be because many Vietnamese

believe they will be rewarded after death for their suffering by being reincarnated to a higher level.

"Hope is a powerful force in biology," said Dr. Bruce Perry, who has researched the effects of violence on the brain. "Belonging to a church also gives you caring adults that can help compensate for troubled parents. Just looking at other families where things are better creates an internal picture that it can be better for the child as well."

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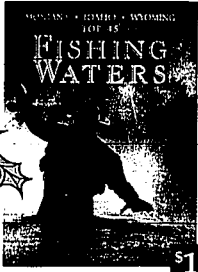
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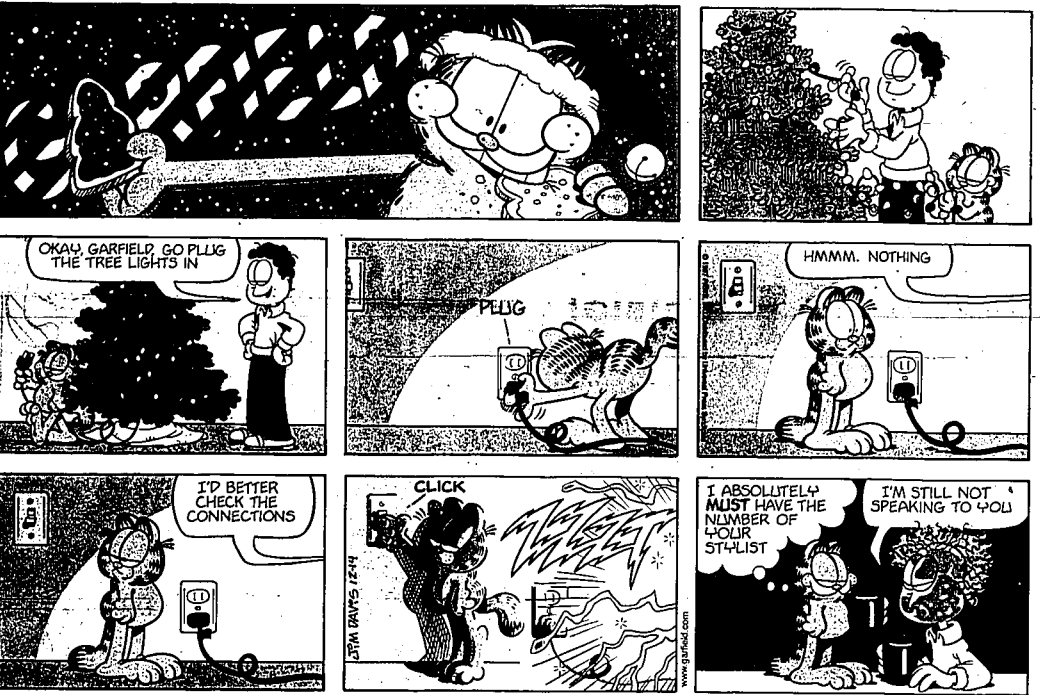
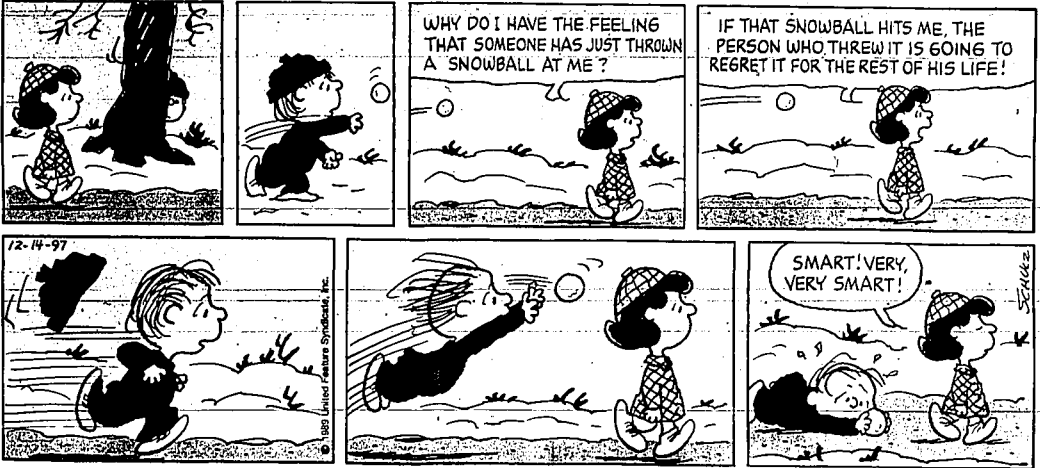
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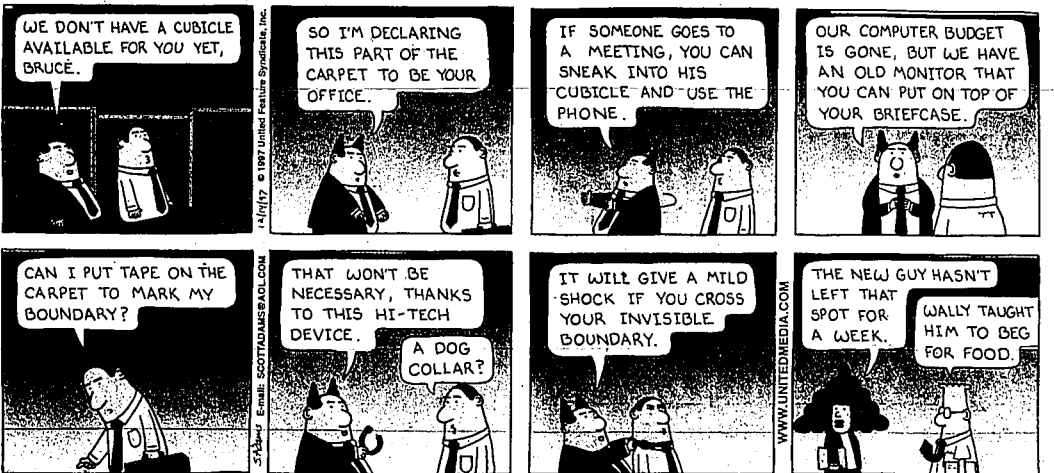
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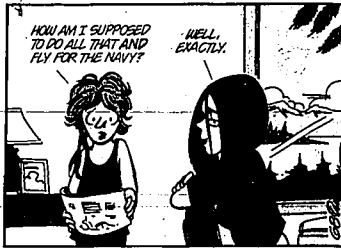
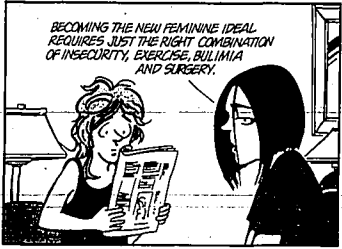
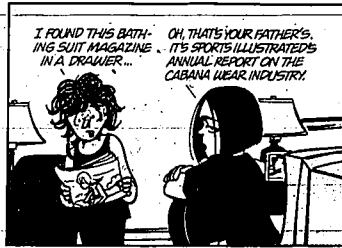
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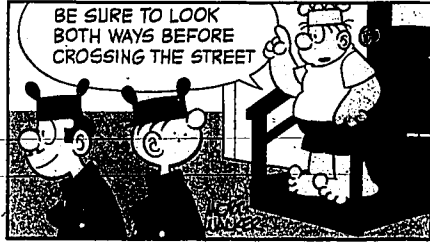
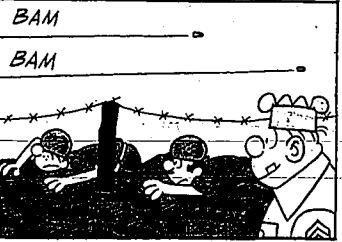
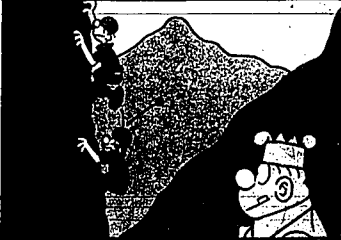
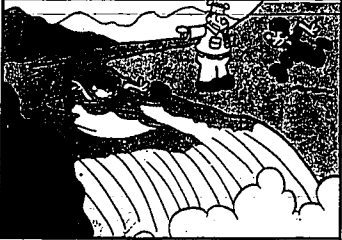
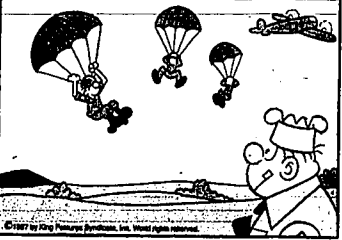
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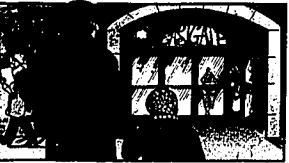
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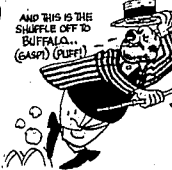
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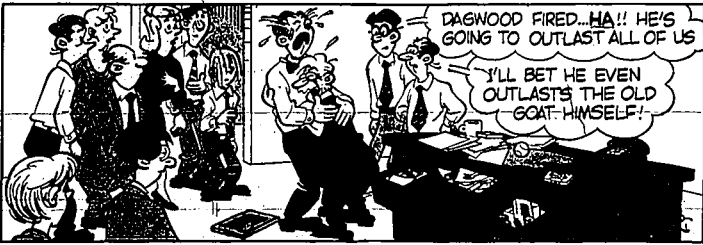


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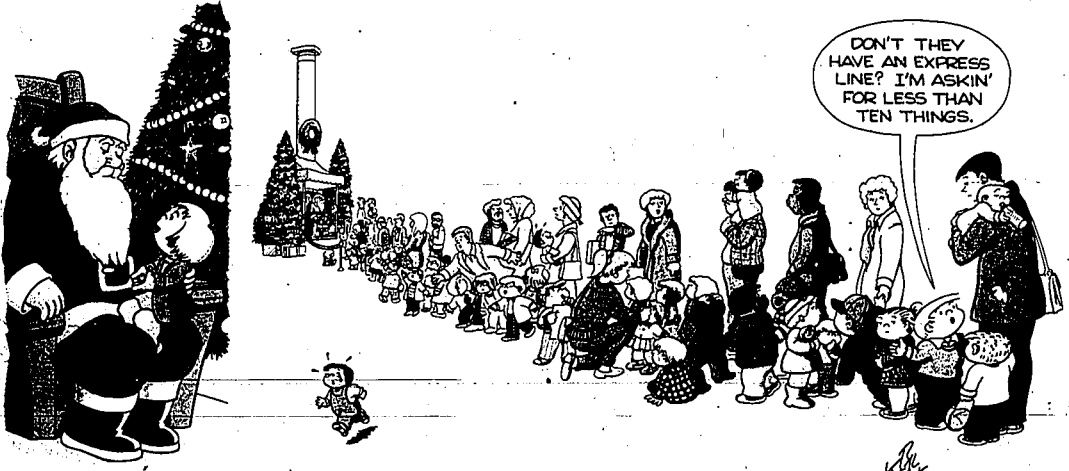




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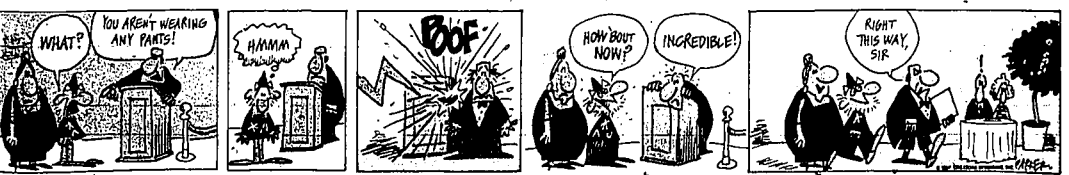
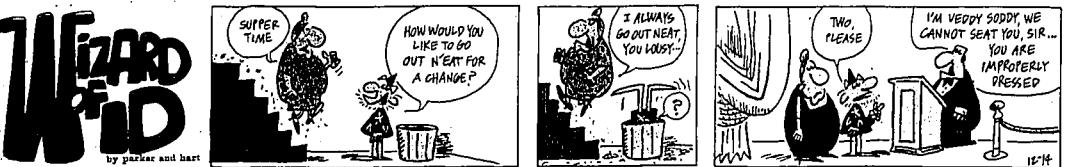
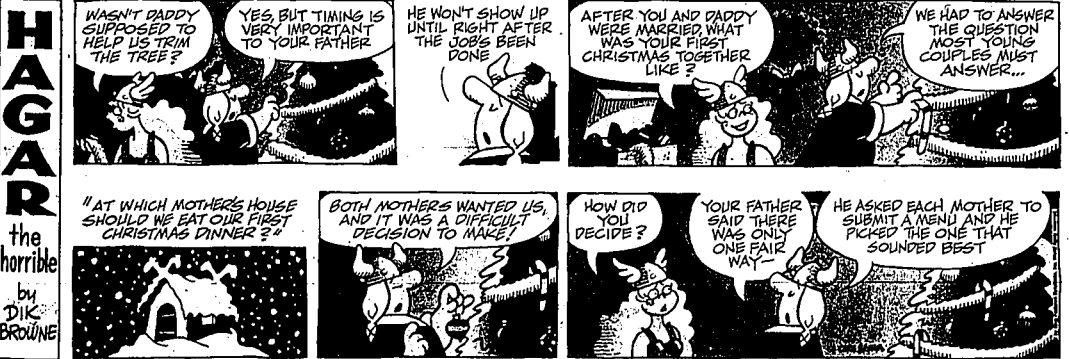
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