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Autistic teen fits in with classmates

'He's just known as Alex'

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

JEROME — Jerome High School senior Alex Nickels easily taps the Internet to find what new movies are playing. But only this year did he learn to use a pop machine.

Alex is autistic. Since first grade, his parents, Cheryl and Alfred Nickels, pushed for his integration in regular classes. They believed keeping him separated in special classes was keeping him away from "normal" role models.

"Many of Alex's students consider their 18-year-old classmate a funny, 'cool guy' and a friend."

"He's not known as the kid with autism," said his sister, Rachel, 17, a junior. "He's just known as Alex."

At first, teacher Karen James was apprehensive about having Alex working on the annual, because she didn't know his abilities. Her concerns disappeared.

"He's never been a problem," James said. "Annual staff is like a team and he's a member of the team."

Alex's limited tasks — such as washing developed photograph prints — might be considered menial. But he always completes his work.

Niki Owens, 19, started working with Alex two years ago as his aide, while she was still a student. She decided against going away to college to study special education to work with Alex.

"This is experience that is nothing close to what I could get in school," said Owens, who attends the College of Southern Idaho.

Part of the job is adapting material to his abilities.

Because he has difficulty getting ideas from his "head to the keyboard," sometimes he'll dictate to her, she'll write it out and then he'll type it, she said.

With Alex, it's a matter of trust. He won't talk to people he doesn't know well, which is why he wasn't interviewed for this article.

"If he doesn't really know you ... he'll kind of shrug you off," said classmate Adam Humbach. "He's kind of a kid in a grown-up's body. He's got his comic magazines. It keeps everyone in good spirits."

Toward the end of a particularly hectic annual class, Alex is clearly upset, his

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Above, Alex Nickels and his prom date, Molly Rock, share a moment in the hallway of Jerome High School between classes. Despite his autism, Nickels is a popular student at the school. Left, 'Life Skills' teaches Nickels how to survive outside school. He shops for groceries and has learned how to use a pay phone.



Family tries to include son in mainstream.

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

JEROME — Cheryl Nickels' autistic son puts his arms around his mother.

"Give me a hug," says Alex, 18. "I'm getting very tall."

"Because you are a man," his mother answers.

This spring, Alex will graduate from high school. His family believes his integration in regular classrooms was a key to his progress. But others say his family's love, determination and support fostered that success.

As a young child, Alex didn't develop normally like his six other siblings. He only repeated words, threw tantrums and spun himself or his toys.

"When other people would be in

the house he'd get upset and even with family, he'd bury his head in my lap," she said. "I had this nagging feeling in the back of my head."

The family couldn't find anyone in Idaho to tell them what was wrong. At age five, he was diagnosed as autistic at a California university. At the time, he also was found profoundly retarded, a common condition among autistic children.

When they learned their son was autistic, Cheryl, a former teacher, and husband, Alfred, an engineer, educated themselves about the disorder.

"Our window opened to inclusion," said Cheryl Nickels, who later founded the Idaho Autism Association to educate people

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Clinton to name Lee as top civil rights enforcer

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton will circumvent the Senate and make Bill Linn Lee his top civil rights enforcer, a top White House adviser said Sunday. The only question remaining is how to do it.

Clinton's senior adviser, Rahm Emanuel, said the president still wants the Republican-dominated Senate to vote on Lee's nomination as assistant attorney general for civil rights.

However, Senate Judiciary Chairman Orrin Hatch said Sunday, "That's not going to happen."

With no vote forthcoming, Emanuel

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Alex Nickels holds his cousin Jonathan Todhunter who is lying with his mother, Tara.

From fields and factories, children's voices emerge

The Associated Press

They are children, yes. But is this childhood? She sweats into the soil of a vast Ohio field. A baseball cap keeps the sun and her unruly dark hair from her almond eyes. Adult rubber gloves engulf the small hands that snap cucumbers from their vines. Her name is Alejandra Renteria. She is 6.

Six hundred miles away, a girl who dreams of being a fashion designer fingers a cheap jacket in a Manhattan sweatshop where rats scurry across dirty floors. Amid noisy machines and the hubbub of women stitching, Li-qing Ni laments: "I like New York, but not this place. It smells." She is 15.

Ervin Smith once had free time to play baseball, but no more. "I know there is another world out there," the Amish boy says, "but I have to work." He has been a construction worker in Ohio since eighth grade. He is 14.

From America's fields they harvest onions, peppers, mushrooms, beans, berries, pecans. In garment factories, they iron pants, hang shirts, trim clothing. In meat-packing and egg-producing plants, in sawmills and furniture factories they toil.

Among them are an estimated 61,000 child field workers, ages 14 to 17, who live apart from their parents, according to an unreleased U.S. Labor Department survey. In thousands of cases, their parents aren't even in the country. In all, about 123,000 children in that age group work in America's fields,

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Money entices youth.
Tomorrow
Pesticides may jeopardize child farmworkers' health.

jobs that the U.S. Labor Department deems safe.

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Alejandra Renteria, 6, is handed a cucumber by her sister Doris, 9, as the two girls work alongside their parents in a field in Helena, Ohio, July 31. The girls do not like the back-straining work of cucumber picking and prefer picking fruit in Michigan and their home state of Florida.



AP Photo

NATION

8th-largest snowfall on record blankets state of Mississippi

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Snowmen and frolicking children were out in full force Sunday across central and south Mississippi, as up to 10 inches of heavy, wet snow blanketed parts of the state.

By early afternoon the storm had become Mississippi's eighth largest snowfall on record, according to the National Weather Service.

Scattered power outages, downed trees and traffic accidents were blamed on Sunday's snowfall, which brought Mississippi's capital city to a near standstill until a late-afternoon thaw set in.

"People are enjoying it," said Madison police dispatcher Denise Bell, who reported 9 inches of snow in the Jackson suburb. "Nobody wants to see it leave."

The weather service also issued a heavy snow warning for west-central Alabama, and east-central Louisiana, both of which got up to 4 inches Sunday.

Forecasters predicted the storm would taper off by Sunday evening, to be replaced in many areas by an overnight freeze.

Sunday's storm was the heaviest snowfall since Jan. 13, 1982, when 5.5 inches of snow fell, the weather service said.

It was also the largest December snowfall since Dec. 22, 1929, when 7.5 inches blanketed parts of Mississippi.

Emergency shelters in Jackson were opened for people who had lost electricity in their homes. Emergency Mississippi officials reported that 18,000 customers across the snow zone had lost power.

Jimmy Does of the Mississippi Highway Patrol in Jackson said that from the time the snow began covering the ground at 6 a.m. to about 1:30 p.m., state troopers had responded to 41 car accidents.

"Most of these wrecks were



Nancy Lake, right, and husband Luke take a morning stroll Sunday in their snow-covered north Jackson, Miss., neighborhood with daughters Katie, 3, left, and twins Hannah, center, and Carley, 2.

caused by people traveling extremely too fast for road conditions," Does said.

Eight-year-old Creed Robbins of York, Ala., frolicked in the

snow Sunday with his 6-year-old sister Katie.

"This morning we were able to throw snowballs at each other," Creed said. "It's pretty cool."

Closing arguments start in bomb trial

DENVER (AP) — No one saw Terry Nichols amass fuel or fertilizer. No one saw him build a bomb. And no one saw him in Oklahoma City the day a bomb destroyed the federal building, killing 168 people.

When closing arguments begin Monday in Nichols' trial, prosecutors will have to knit together a confusing array of mostly circumstantial evidence to convince jurors the former weapons-dealer worked side-by-side with Timothy McVeigh to carry out the worst act of terrorism on U.S. soil.

"This is a much closer case than the McVeigh trial," said attorney Andrew Cohen, a Denver attorney who has attended both bombing trials. "These jurors are going to have more to think about than did the

McVeigh jurors."

Defense attorneys will have to emphasize the doubts they raised about the government's case, from the elusive John Doe 2 and multiple Ryder truck sightings to claims that the FBI mishandled evidence.

Attorney Scott Robinson, a legal analyst, said prosecutors need to ensure that jurors understand the facts.

"As long as jurors see that there is something rotten in the state of Nichols, the government will do just fine," he said.

Prosecutors contend that Nichols and McVeigh, enraged over a deadly government siege near Waco, Texas, set plans in motion months before the bombing.

They say Nichols purchased two tons of ammonium nitrate

fertilizer, stole explosives from a rock quarry and robbed an Arkansas gun collector to finance the bombing.

Nichols also is accused of helping his former Army buddy hide a getaway car in Oklahoma City three days before the bombing, and pack fertilizer, fuel and explosives into plastic barrels inside a Ryder rental truck the day before the blast.

When McVeigh allegedly detonated the bomb on April 19, 1995, Nichols was home with his family in Herington, Kan.

Nichols, 42, faces 11 counts of murder, conspiracy and weapons charges. If convicted, he could be sentenced to death. McVeigh, 29, was convicted of identical charges in June and sentenced to die. His appeal is pending.

Tear gas ends standoff; hostage claim was bogus

CHESTER, S.C. (AP) — Police used tear gas Sunday morning to end a standoff with a man suspected in a robbery and found that his claim to be holding a hostage was false.

Bill Long was taken to a hospital with a cut on his neck that may have been self-inflicted, said State Law Enforcement Division Chief

Robert Stewart. He had been threatening to commit suicide inside his truck, Stewart said.

Long, from the Greensboro, N.C. area, was believed to have robbed a restaurant Saturday in Charlotte, N.C. North Carolina police chased him into South Carolina.

Police tried to stop the man by

blocking his truck, but he crashed into a patrol car and another vehicle. He took refuge at a highway rest stop, telling police he had a gun and was holding a former girlfriend hostage.

An eight-mile stretch of Interstate 77 was closed in both directions during the all-night standoff.

Report: Financier helped Cisneros with payments

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The FBI alleged that after Henry Cisneros was confirmed as U.S. housing secretary, a politically active financier helped the former San Antonio mayor funnel at least \$85,000 to his former mistress—the San Antonio Express-News reported Sunday.

The political booster denied acting as a conduit for Cisneros' payments.

Financier Morris Jaffe, a long-time Cisneros supporter, joined with attorney Seagal V. Wheatley and others in helping Cisneros make the payments to Linda Medlar, who now goes by her maiden name of Jones, according to an FBI affidavit recounted by the newspaper.

The affidavit was used to obtain a warrant to search for Jones' house in Lubbock on Sept. 17, 1996.

The search warrant was part of the investigation that led to Thursday's indictment of Cisneros on 18 counts of conspiracy and of lying to the FBI about

\$250,000 in payments to Ms. Jones. Jaffe and Wheatley have not been charged with any wrongdoing.

Jaffe denied the FBI allegation that he relayed money from Cisneros to Ms. Jones.

"Where did they get that figure?" Jaffe told the Express-News.

"That's absolutely a total lie. That total is absolutely incorrect. Henry never gave me a dime."

He said he did loan Ms. Jones \$5,000 or \$9,000 at the request of Frank Wines, a former San Antonio City Council member and close friend of Cisneros.

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Retailers still need last-minute shopping surge

NEW YORK (AP) — Shoppers piled into the nation's stores and malls over the weekend, finally making their holiday purchases after spending weeks just browsing.

While relishing the crowds, retailers still are counting on a big burst of buying in the next week to make this a respectable holiday season.

"We've learned that the last weeks are very important — the most important — of the season," said Gill Dorn, spokeswoman for Dayton Hudson Corp. "The closer we get to Christmas, the busier it should be."

Christians arrived at retailers months ago, with trees and lights lining store corridors. But the holiday spirit is just hitting many Americans.

John Cap spent two hours poking around the Westroads Mall in Omaha, Neb., making a dent in his 10-person gift list.

"I thought I had a lot of time, but there really isn't," said Cap, with three shopping bags in hand.

Many merchants reported Sunday that sales picked up over the weekend, with jewelry, home furnishings and toys among the top sellers.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Vandals damage 65 vehicles in Sunday spree

TWIN FALLS - Vandals went on a windshield-smashing spree from one end of town to the other early Sunday morning, damaging at least 65 vehicles in the city's worst-ever outburst of vandalism.

Police phones began ringing at 2 a.m. and reports were still trickling in at 5 p.m., said police Sgt. Steve Ryan.

"In the history of the Twin Falls Police Department, it'll be the most reports taken in a single day," Ryan said. Damage was almost certain to exceed \$10,000, he added.

"We see this about once a year, but this is the worst I've seen," Ryan said. "It was literally all over town."

Witnesses said the vandals fled in a blue or gray Honda, Ryan said, adding that it may have been a Honda Accord. As many as three or four people may have been inside the vandals' car.

One witness said he saw a golf-club wielding person get out of the suspect vehicle and smash the windshield of a parked car, Ryan said.

Anyone with information about the rash of windshield smashing can call Twin Falls police at 736-2000.

'Pepper Spray Bandit' still runs loose in southern Idaho

TWIN FALLS - Police are looking for the "Pepper Spray Bandit" who robbed convenience stores in Idaho Falls and Twin Falls Saturday night and early Sunday by immobilizing clerks with pepper spray.

The Twin Falls robbery occurred at 2:45 a.m. Sunday at the Cash Stop 'N Go at 659 Addison Ave. W., according to police Sgt. Steve Ryan.

The bandit sprayed a female attendant and made off with \$123.66. The assailant was described as a man in his late 20s, 5 feet 6 inches tall, and 180 pounds. He was last seen wearing a hooded yellow sweat-shirt, dark glasses and gloves.

At 8 p.m. Saturday night, a similarly dressed male wielding pepper spray disabled an Idaho Fall convenience store clerk and ran off with \$51, Ryan said.

A witness to the Idaho Falls attack said the robber fled in a large, white, American-made car with a luggage rack on top. The vehicle may have been a station wagon.

Anyone with any information about the "Pepper Spray Bandit" can call police at 736-2000.

Emergency-dispatch issues lead TF council agenda

TWIN FALLS - More zoning and more discussion of 911 service will highlight today's City Council meeting.

The meeting kicks off at 4 p.m. in City Hall. A public hearing begins at 6 p.m. The public is welcome.

The highlight of the 4 p.m. session is a presentation on several emergency-dispatch issues.

The public hearing centers on a request by Dave Five Shot and the Westpark Partners to annex five acres on the north side of Pole Line Road, between the Perrine Coulee and Washington Street North.

In addition to obtaining city services, Shotwell is seeking to have the area designated as a Local Improvement District. If it's declared an LID, then Idaho Power Co. must bear the cost of relocating power poles on the property. If it's not an LID, the developer must pay to relocate the power poles.

Though it's not on today's agenda, license renewals are due by Dec. 31.

Health and Welfare offers confidential, free help line

BOISE - Care is a toll-free call away.

The Idaho CareLine will help match people with appropriate health and human services. It was created by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

The call is free and confidential. Callers are referred to private, public and nonprofit services. You can reach the Idaho CareLine at 1-800-926-2588 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The resource specialists who answer speak English and Spanish and have access to interpretive services for a large number of other languages and special equipment for the hearing impaired.

Idaho CareLine uses a database containing more than 1,800 service providers throughout the state, and some national organizations. Information about a wide range of services is offered, including women's and children's programs, family planning, infant and child development, medical and dental referrals and parenting.

The service was created because of the difficulties some residents have accessing services, especially those people with limited resources, the department says.

CareLine has helped people from almost every town in Idaho, serving more than 8,000 people since July of last year, the department says.

Big Wood reveals hidden treasures

By Karma M. Fitzgerald
Times-News Staff

WEST MAGIC - It feels like trespassing - planting forbidden steps in virgin snow as stone-solid faces lead down on you, guarding hidden treasure.

Walking through this stone canyon it is hard to imagine the years, pebbles and water that formed the deep, dark shape.

North-south travelers of Idaho's Highway 75 have driven over this canyon countless times. In spring and summer it is known as the Big Wood River, but when winter disappears into falling snow the river bed reveals itself as Sculptured Canyon - a winding, rugged crevasse filled with some of Mother Nature's most incredible creations.

The canyon is north of Shoshone just off the road to the west side of Magic Reservoir. The locals call it the "pot-holes," some refer to it as Black Magic.

Thanks to the cooperation of federal, state and local agencies and the drive of Shoshone resident Judy Brossy, there is an easy pull-off and trail system leading to the river's edge. An informative kiosk explains the history of the canyon and river, and there are picnic areas.

But off the trail system, Mother Nature has carved a geological museum of black sculpture.

A rounded stone forms a cupped hand from one side, but from the other direction, a lover's embrace. Below the walls' stern faces, years of erosion have formed bowls and dips. Boulders once perched on the rim have tumbled to the bottom to be re-carved.

This time of year it is an essay in black and white. An artist might refer to it as chiaroscuro, the technique for using light and shade. The canyon's depths are a deep hue of gray - almost black - then layer upon layer of grays and whites open to the sky.

The canyon is not without color, though. Fall foliage lends shades of gold, rust and brown, which lie upon a recent snow for breathtaking views.

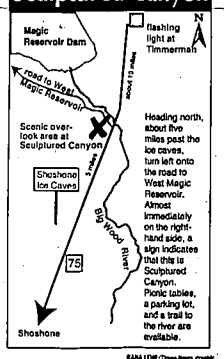
"It's kind of an understatement," said Peter of Land Management geologist Bureau Oberlander. "It's a fairly fair

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Top, unusual rock formations carved by water from the Big Wood River for thousands of years form Sculptured Canyon off Highway 75. Bottom, a light dusting of snow softens a surreal landscape. Left, the river, which is a raging torrent in spring, contains only a few frozen puddles in winter.

How to get to Sculptured Canyon



Mine closing preserves area for modern visitors

The Times-News

WEST MAGIC - Several miles of wildy sculpted rock formations could have been sold off before now.

But mining claims on the eerie, graceful rock formations of the Big Wood River channel north of Shoshone were declared null and void by an administrative law judge in Salt Lake City in 1994.

The ruling affected 14 claims filed by a Boise mining company to remove the rocks for decorative and landscaping purposes.

The Bureau of Land Management had contested the claims. And geologist Terry Maley, the BLM's chief of mining

to market.

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AIDS policy proves daunting

Privacy protection laws, state make developing AIDS policy a difficult task for school board members

By Karen E. Nalezinok
Times-News writer

BURLEY - New privacy laws and a state recommendation are pushing the Cassia County School Board to change its policy for students who contract the AIDS virus.

No cases of AIDS or the HIV virus have been reported in Cassia's district yet. But if they are, School Board members realize weighing a student's right to an education with the need to protect non-infected students will be a difficult job.

The board's lawyer Doug Whipple researched the new laws protecting students' right to privacy, and after talking with the state Education Department, he has suggested the School Board remove itself from having to make the choice of whether infected students will be allowed to stay in school.

"Right now the decision is made by a committee of physicians, parents and people with first-hand knowledge of the individual," Whipple said. "In the new policy the board wouldn't be involved at all. A lot of districts are changing to that."

The board is considering the proposal, Superintendent Tom Morley said, and will probably vote on it at its Jan. 12 meeting.

In the new policy proposal, the committee will evaluate an infected student at three-month intervals to determine

whether the student's "education environment" should be changed. The evaluation will include an assessment of the student's hygienic practices and whether those practices suggest a need for more or less restrictive surroundings.

"The decision is made depending on the level of infection," Whipple said. "A child could be HIV-positive and have no symptoms at all, or there could be open lesions that could be a health concern and that's a whole different case."

Another change from the old policy is that the district can no longer force students with HIV or AIDS to disclose their illness.

The policy says infected students will be allowed to stay in schools as long as the benefits outweigh the risks to the child and others.

How deeply involved the board should be in such a decision, Board Chairman Bruce Bowen said, is a tough question, which is why the members are taking more time to think it over.

"AIDS is a touchy issue and this kind of decision is very controversial," said Bowen, who returned to the board's helm Dec. 9 after a four-month absence following a farming accident. "Infected students should have the opportunity to be part of the education process but we also have a responsibility to protect others against the virus."

Wendell charity brightens Christmas for the needy

Volunteer group provides holiday baskets for the area's less fortunate

By Steve Koehler
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - Giving Christmas gifts to the needy is what Wendell Christmas Baskets is all about.

The organization of volunteers, directed by Rebecca Ashmead and Ethel German, is working with Twin Falls television station KMYT this year to provide food, clothing and toys to the Wendell area's needy families.

So far the charity has 50 families on its list.

"We'd love to have donations of food, toys, gifts or money, if people don't have time to shop," Ashmead said.

Toys and gifts should be unwrapped so they can be matched appropriately with recipients.

Collection barrels for donations are at Simerly's General Store and Winslow's Wendell Department Store. Items also may be delivered to Wendell High School during the day through Friday.

Donations may be mailed to Wendell Christmas Baskets, P.O. Box 50, Wendell, ID 83355, or deposited into US Bank at Main and Idaho streets.

People also may submit names of needy families. Include the number of adults, the age and sex of the children, and exact location of the home.

The items will take place at the high school Dec. 23.

To volunteer or request more information, call Ashmead or German during the day at the high school, 536-2100; or German in the evening at 536-2919.

Times-News correspondent Steve Koehler may be reached in Wendell at 536-2545.

MAKING THINGS HAPPEN FOR ALZHEIMER'S



John McEnroe stretches for a return near the net from his brother Patrick McEnroe in a charity tennis match at the Bank of America Centre in Boise Saturday night. The match was called 'Rally Against Alzheimer's' and was put on by sports announcer and Sun Valley resident Tim Ryan, whose wife, Lee, suffers from the disease.

The Times-News

The following is a schedule of meetings and events that will take place this week at the College of Southern Idaho.

TODAY

CSI Board of Trustees will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Taylor Building-board room.
Friends of Bereaved Families meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Annex.

TUESDAY

Adult diabetes class will be held at noon in Aspen 134.

WEDNESDAY

School superintendents will

meet at 10 a.m. in Taylor 276.
Military testing will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Shields 208.
Bulk milk hauler testing will be held at 7 p.m. in Canyon 119.

THURSDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at noon in Room 118 of the Center for New Directions.
Leadership-Series teleconference will be held at 1 p.m. in Aspen 106.
Arctic Circle men's basketball tournament opens with games at 6 and 8 p.m. in the gymnasium.
Bulk milk hauler testing will be held at 7 p.m. in Canyon 119.

FRIDAY

Arctic Circle basketball tour-

ament continues with games at 6 and 8 p.m. in the gymnasium.
Narcotics Anonymous will meet at 7 p.m. in Desert 112.
"The Forgotten Carols" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center auditorium.

SATURDAY

Military testing will be held at 8 a.m. in Shields 208.
Idaho Personnel Exam will be given at 9 a.m. in Shields 106.
Arctic Circle tournament continues with games at 6 and 8 p.m. in the gymnasium.
"The Forgotten Carols" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center auditorium.

ON THE AGENDA

The Times-News

Following is a list of governmental meetings that are scheduled this week in the Magic Valley. This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

- TODAY**
Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse.
Bliss School Board, 7:30 p.m., school library.
Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
College of Southern Idaho Board of Trustees, 5:30 p.m., board room, Taylor Administration Building.
Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Hansen School Board, 7 p.m., high school.
Jackpot Advisory Board, 5:30 p.m., Jackpot Fire Station training room.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Ketchum City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls City Council, 4 and

6 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

TUESDAY

Castelford School Board, 7 p.m., school library.
Hagerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Hailey Town Center.
Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., City Council chambers, 100 E. Ase-Ave.
Jerome School Board, 7:30 p.m., Jerome Civil Club Memorial Library.
Magic Valley Regional Airport Advisory Board, 11 a.m., Joslin Room at the airport terminal.
Minidoka County School Board, 7 p.m., school district office in Rupert.
Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Shoshone City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

WEDNESDAY

Bliss City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Blaine County Hospital Board,

7:30 p.m., hospital conference room.
9:01 Regional Board meeting, 7 p.m., at dispatch center, 911 E. Ave. 11 in Jerome.

THURSDAY

Filer School Board, 7 p.m., Filer Elementary School Library.
Minidoka County Planning and Zoning Commission, 8 p.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

FRIDAY

Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Buhl School Board, 5 p.m., school district's office.
Gooding County Memorial Hospital Board, 7 p.m., conference room.
Kimberly School Board, 7:30 p.m., high school library.
Sun Valley City Council, 8:30 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 4 p.m., Twin Falls County Office Building, 246 Third Ave. E.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

FRIDAY

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Former Ore-Ida president dies

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Gerald D. Herrick, retired president and chief executive officer of Ore-Ida Foods Inc., died at home Saturday of cancer. He was 63.
Herrick was head of Ore-Ida, a subsidiary of the H.J. Heinz Co., from 1986 until his 1991 retirement from a career that started in 1950 in Burley.
The Ogden, Utah, native moved to Twin Falls at the age of 13 and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1952. He received a bachelor's degree in economics from Utah State University in 1956 and was an Air Force fighter pilot until 1960, when he became assistant per-

sonnel manager at Ore-Ida's Burley plant.
Herrick later managed factories in Burley and Greenville, Mich., before moving to Boise in 1968 to become general manager of manufacturing and vice president of operations for the company.
He was appointed president and chief executive officer of the Heinz affiliate Foodways National Inc. in 1979 after a two-year assignment as vice president of operations and chief operating officer of the Humber Co., a Heinz affiliate in Keokuk, Iowa.
In 1985, Herrick was named president and chief executive

officer of Gagliardi Brothers, another Heinz affiliate, and became president and chief executive officer of Ore-Ida the following year.
Herrick was chairman of the board emeritus of The Peregrine Fund and was a longtime supporter of the World Center for Birds of Prey. He also served on the board of directors for St. Luke's Regional Medical Center.
He is survived by his wife, Kathryn, two daughters, a son and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son.
Funeral services are scheduled for Wednesday at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Sheriff releases details about woman who said she was held captive

ST. ANTHONY (AP) — The mail and a small-town grocery clerk made the difference between captivity and freedom for a woman who says she was held prisoner in the eastern Idaho woods.
Elizabeth Tuttle slipped a letter to a clerk at Dave's IGA in Ashton. That letter, addressed to Tuttle's niece in Iowa, asked for help escaping from a family she had befriended four months earlier. And two weeks ago, it led police to a remote cabin where they found her.

Tuttle first met the Cagles last July, she told police. She had just collected a \$40,000 check for a head injury she suffered while working as a truck driver and she wanted to move away from her mother, Fremont County Sheriff's Deputy Keith

The Cagles eventually found their way to Ashton, where, in early October, they rented the cabin for three months from Skip Willingham. Cagle told locals he was a Hollywood screenwriter looking for a quiet place to spend the winter, and he told Willingham he was a fellow Army Special Forces veteran.
But Tuttle said he actually was a fan of white separatist Randy Weaver, who was involved in a deadly 1992 shootout with federal agents in northern Idaho.
Tuttle lived in a small guest house behind the cabin and was free to move around when visitors were not there. She told police she delivered the letter at the grocery store by offering to borrow a pen from a clerk for the family's shopping list.
At the end of her letter, Tuttle outlined a plan for her mother to send someone posing as a private investigator hired by the family. The person could ask the Cagles to release her and return her money.
"I just hope we can pull it off," she wrote.
The family contacted Grinnell police instead.
Fremont County deputies did not arrest the Cagles when they found Tuttle because they did not have enough evidence, Richey said. The FBI was called in the next day, but interviews and the Thanksgiving holiday delayed efforts to get search warrants or arrest warrants.

"I'd come home today, but they won't let me. I'm not allowed to talk to anyone or go anywhere by myself."

— Elizabeth Tuttle, alleged captive.

Richey said.
In Des Moines, Iowa, the father, Roger Cagle, told her to check the check. He told her to watch for the surveillance cameras in the bank, but to avoid looking at them.
The Cagles used part of Tuttle's money to buy an aging motor home, which Cagle drove to Idaho along with his wife, 23-year-old son and four adolescent daughters. During that time, Tuttle told police, the family kept a close eye on her. One of the daughters had to accompany her to public restrooms, and one of the men often would stand guard.

IDAHO ROAD REPORT

- BOISE, Idaho (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation reports some icy highways in central Idaho and ice and snow on roads at higher elevations statewide Sunday.
- Read Conditions:**
Interstate 84 — Oregon line-Utah line.
Interstate 86 — Salt Lake City-Pocatello.
Interstate 15 — Utah line-Idaho Falls.
Idaho Falls-Dale, wet.
Malden, dry.
Mills, dry.
Mullan, dry.
Panda Pass, broken snow floor.
Interstate 90 — Washington line-Wallace, dry; Wallace-Lookout Pass, dry, wet.
Idaho 55 — Boise-Horseshoe Bend, dry, icy spots; Horseshoe Bend-Donnelly, dry, icy spots, broken snow floor; Donnelly-McCall, dry.
U.S. 95 — Oregon line-Cambridge, dry; Cambridge-New Meadows-Riggins, icy spots, broken snow floor; Riggins-Melba, icy spots; Whitebird Hill, icy spots; Grangeville-Winchester, wet; Winchester-Culdesac, dry; Culdesac-Lewiston, dry; Lewiston Hill, dry; Lewiston-Hell-Benevise County line, icy spots; Benevise County line-Coeur d'Alene, wet; Coeur d'Alene-Bonner County line; Bonner County line-Bonner Ferry, icy spots; Bonner Ferry-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.
U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Junction Idaho 3, dry; Junction Idaho 3-Powell, icy spots; Powell-Loa Pass, broken snow floor.
U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Creek Summit, dry, icy spots; Oak Creek Summit-Carey, dry; Arco-Idaho Falls, dry; Idaho Falls-Ashton, dry, icy spots; Ashton-Montana line, icy spots, broken snow floor.
Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, dry; Ketchum-Galena, icy spots;

- Galena-Clayton, broken snow floor; Clayton-Challis, icy spots, icy, broken snow floor.
U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Craters of the Moon, dry; Craters of the Moon-Arco, dry, icy spots; Arco-Challis, dry, icy spots, broken snow floor; Challis-Lead Trail Pass, icy spots, icy, broken snow floor.
U.S. 91 — Dry.
U.S. 30 — McCommmon-Wyoming line, dry.
U.S. 26 — Junction U.S. 20-Blackfoot, dry; Idaho Falls-Ririe, dry; Ririe-Wyoming line, dry, icy spots.
Idaho 51 — Dry.

Idaho 28 — Icy spots, icy, broken snow floor.

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SERVICES

Vic Camozzi, of Jerome, 11 a.m. today at the Jerome High School auditorium (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel).
Shuana L. Andrus of Murietta, Calif., and formerly of Twin Falls, 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.
Caroline J. Korte of Gooding, 2 p.m. today, Danary's Gooding Chapel.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

STOCKING UP FOR WINTER



Jose Tover tosses another load of rolled wheat into a truck Friday afternoon while Max Madrel looks on. The wheat will feed Madrel's calves through the winter.

Artist turns his car into a canvas

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Cheney Cowles Museum — standing pristine and stately in Spokane's Browne's Addition neighborhood — has a little competition just next door.

Walsh, a 36-year-old physical rehabilitation nurse, calls this 1955 chariot the SS Minnow and declares it the visual savior of Spokane's dull, crumbling streets.

"It really brings joy and happiness to people's boring, mundane lives," he says.

Just ask the owner. "The greatest piece of art in the world is the car," Patrick Walsh waxes.

It's an attention grabber. Maybe it's the little tuxedo. Or the steer skull it lounges on. Or the crazy-colored nudes painted on the hood. And that coat of bumper stickers likely helps.

"I know nothing about art, really. I think being an uneducated artist is a blessing. Not knowing the rules, I have no rules to break. I'm limited only by my imagination and the size of my carcass."

Patrick Walsh, car artist

And he's off. At the McDonald's on West Third, eyeing the calm at the speaker when Walsh orders his chicken nuggets. But at the window, the cashier about swallows her head.

"Wow," she gasps. Downtown, concern crosses the brow of a woman driving a shiny new Volkswagen. She keeps the Minnow firmly sighted via rearview mirror.

"A lot of people will take a quick glance, then they'll look away," Walsh says. "They're afraid to look at it."

At a North Side intersection, the driver of a Big, brown sedan spies the Minnow. Stunned, he jets from the turn lane, crossing the wrong direction onto one-way Division Street. A passenger is glued to the window like a suction-cup Garfield.

"I think my car disturbed him," Walsh says with a leer. A sleek, silver Mercedes stops

next to the Minnow at a stoplight. "Watch this," Walsh cackles. A gray-haired woman looks at him, jerks, then turns away. She's smiling, but her face is as red as the traffic light.

Walsh stops in front of the Major Monroe espresso bar. Everyone inside stops, eyes like bike reflectors.

"It's unique," says Alissa Bishop, who managed not to wear her latte despite the encounter. "It makes a lot of statement."

Wherever Walsh drives, he leaves a cloud of rust, exhaust and mayhem. He sees humor in all this. But he says it's also serious work, and wrestling with his muse is no joke.

"I know nothing about art, really," he says. "I think being an uneducated artist is a blessing. Not knowing the rules, I have no rules to break. I'm limited only by my imagination and the size of my carcass."

Walsh began his drive to become the Big of Datsuns in 1987, while visiting his brother, an art student in Venice.

He hung out with tortured souls in Italy and Paris, and decided this was for him. When he spied his first Jackson Pollock painting, he decided this genius gig thing wasn't so tough.

"I scoffed at it," he says somewhat regretfully. "I told myself right then, anyone can be an artist."

He returned home and spent \$2,000 on art supplies. Since then, he's had some success. His work has been exhibited a couple times in Seattle galleries. Walsh moved to Spokane two years ago.

His apartment brims with his works. There's a lizard painting, inspired by a trek to Australia. And lots of bold, bright geometric art — he fly fishes about 50 days a year. "To me, trout just exemplifies life and beauty."

While the hike's not long, it's easy to slip and fall on wet or snowy basalt. Some rocks are unstable and pitholes deep. There is standing water of various depths along the riverbed. And when weather is warm, there is potential for rattlesnakes.

It's not a trek for small children or those without solid walking boots or shoes. Contact the BLM or Big Wood Canal Co. to check water levels and weather conditions before planning a trip to the canyon.

Times-News correspondent Karma M. Fitzgerald can be reached in Shoshone at 886-7058.

about 10,000 years ago when Black Butte erupted.

"I actually displaced the original channel of the Big Wood so the river was forced to carve a new channel," he said. "All of those features are younger than the Black Butte basalt."

The sculptures or potholes are found throughout the Big Wood channel but not in the same intensity. Potholes are unique, but they are common in other parts of the country and world, Oberlindacher said.

"It is one of the best examples of its kind," Maley said. "I would challenge anybody to show me anything better."

What's particularly interesting about the canyon, Maley said, is it contains examples of rocks from across Idaho.

"You'll notice they're not like a basalt. They're taken out of the entire drainage," Maley said. "There is an example of practically every rock type in Idaho."

Sculptured Canyon is not visible when water is running through the channel. When the water is gone, it is a breathtaking but demanding hike.

Canyon

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Peter Oberlindacher. "It's a fairly fenceless plain out there. It's like dropping off into another world."

A walk through the canyon can be unsettling.

"It's just not spooky," Oberlindacher said, "but surreal." "It's just not something you see in a lot of places," he said. "It is so unexpected to see in this area where you don't expect geological showings."

The area was first written about in 1902 in U.S. Geological Survey Bulletin No. 199. Writer I.C. Russell described the potholes in their book "The Rocks and Potholes of the Big Wood River," published by Idaho Geological Survey Press.

"I think my first reaction was then and it still is, real surprise that these pebbles and cobbles with the force of water created such intricate carvings," Oberlindacher said.

He said the area was formed

Clerks, courts don't like Utah marital age

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The pigtailed bride-to-be walked into Sherrie Swensen's office three days after snuffing the candles on her 14th birthday cake.

On one side was her smiling mother — who gave the obligatory parental consent. On the other was the 56-year-old groom, a Texas man with divorces under his belt and eager to remarry again.

The marriage so upset Swensen she urged lawmakers to change the law. In 1992, the Utah Legislature adopted a provision requiring a juvenile court judge to review proposed marriages of 14- and 15-year-olds.

But, according to a copyright article in the Sunday editions of The Salt Lake Tribune, that law has only slowed the rate of teen marriages.

Last year alone, nearly 1,000 Utah children ages 14 to 17 were married, including a 14-year-old girl who slipped a wedding ring on a man of 37 and the marriage of a 15-year-old girl to a groom more than three times her age.

Of the girls' ages 14 to 17, 37 percent married men who were at least four years their senior.

Statistics show Utah girls under 16 have been married to many more boys.

The Legislature's effort to curb the practice have failed mostly because judges are limited in what they can do. Once court requirements are met, clerks are required to issue a marriage license.

"One of the questions I always ask is, 'Gee, are you in love with this person?' and they never fail to answer, 'Yes,'" says 2nd District Juvenile Court Judge Kent Bachman. "If they say they are not being coerced, I have no other course than to say the law permits it."

The issues has drawn the attention of at least one lawmaker again this year. Rep. Carl Saunders, R-Ogden, is not considering his amendments out of outrage that children are possibly being victimized.

Saunders, a staunch conservative, thinks he might be able to curb promiscuity by removing the option of marriage from teens who have sex and get pregnant.

"There's a lot of us that would like to see (the age) raised to 18," he says. "But who knows what is practical, and possible? I gather most of the judges would like to see the changes, but even a greater problem exists: If these kids don't get married, they just go out and cohabitate anyway."

VALLEY IN BRIEF

Public comments open Blaine meeting

HAILEY — Blaine County commissioners will meet at 8:45 a.m. today.

A public comment session is first on the agenda, followed by a public hearing to consider readoption of an ordinance declaring a building moratorium not to exceed 180 days.

Bids for a tender for roads and bridges will be opened, and commissioners will hear an appeal for a special exemption for Ollala, Gonzalez.

The board will go to its executive session at 10:30 a.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Indigent applications, an erroneous assessment and a commissioner's discussion conclude the morning session.

The afternoon session opens at 1:30 p.m. with a public hearing on Clarendon Hot Springs Ranch Subdivision's request to vacate an approximately three-acre parcel.

Public hearings about stream-alteration permits for the Big Wood River at Stanton's Crossing and the Broadford Polo Club Subdivision will follow.

A commissioner's discussion concludes the meeting.

Airport advisers consider development

TWIN FALLS — The Airport Advisory Board will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Joslin Room at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport.

Items to be discussed include new development for the north-west hangar area, a revision to standard lease agreements, a marketing consultant and air-service alternatives, restaurant hours and service and the disposition of the Lewis Aviation lease agreement.

Other topics that may be covered are the Bureau of Land Management's pull-out, security procedures, an airport logo contest, the CIP review, a flag pole and an open house.

The meeting is open to the public.

CSI trustees continue look at campus safety

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho's trustees will continue a discussion of campus security and safety issues in their meeting today.

The board is considering increasing training for campus security officers.

The board also will review its agreements with the Quality Assurance Laboratory, a state lab established to test for chemical residue in crops, and with the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley. Both organizations have buildings on campus.

The board meets at 5:30 p.m. in the Taylor Building on the second floor in room 258.

The public is welcome.

Scientists revisit site of finding

KENNEWICK, Wash. (AP) — Scientists have begun taking dirt samples from the Columbia River bank where prehistoric bones were found more than two years ago.

The sampling that began Saturday at Columbia Park could prove critical in determining the origin and fate of the remains, dubbed Kennewick Man and estimated to be 9,200 years old on the basis of preliminary carbon dating.

The goal is to find organic material, volcanic ash or mineral deposits that could indicate when the remains reached the site, whether they were deliberately buried or washed downstream and why they were so well-preserved.

Scientists believe the bones, found by two college students more than two years ago, comprise one of the oldest near-complete human skeletons found in North America.



A nativity scene is shown at the Latter-day Saints Temple in Oakland, Calif., Saturday evening. Each year hundreds of lights adorn the palm trees and decorate the grounds leading to the temple during the holiday season.

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SPORTSQUOTE

“He once asked me if Beirut was named after that famous baseball player who hit home runs.”

— Brother Ray Page, St. Anthony High School teacher in Jersey City, on alumnus Bobby Hurley of the Sacramento Kings

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school basketball	
Girls	
TECA at Larsen JV	
Bliss at Wood River	
Glebus Ferry at Rinneck	
Casellefield at Bufl JV	
ESD at Shoshone	
Boys	
Larsen at Carey	
Oakley at Bufl JV	
ESD at Shoshone	
Wendell at Hagaman	

SCOREBOARD

Pro football	
Cincinnati 31	Dallas 24
Detroit 14	Minnesota 13
Haltimore 21	Tennessee 19
Jacksonville 20	Buffalo 14
Indianapolis 41	Miami 0
Atlanta 20	Philadelphia 17
New York Jets 31	Tampa Bay 0
New Orleans 27	Arizona 10
Green Bay 31	Carolina 10
Kansas City 29	San Diego 7
Seattle 22	Oakland 21
Chicago 13	St. Louis 10

Pro basketball	
Seattle 107	LA Clippers 101
Atlanta 93	Sacramento 89
Vancouver 110	Houston 105
LA Lakers 119	Dallas 89

Women's college basketball	
No. 18 Stanford 91	No. 5 Illinois 78
No. 6 North Carolina 81	W. Carolina 31
No. 9 Vanderbilt 78	Mississippi St. 47
No. 15 Georgia 64	Orel Roberts 60
Kentucky 68	No. 16 Auburn 67
No. 22 NC State 85	Greensboro 61
No. 25 FSU 57	Houston 59

Men's college basketball	
Florida 83	Florida St. 81

IN BRIEF

Report: Holtz can have USC job if he wants it

LOS ANGELES — All former Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz has to do to replace John Robinson at USC is give the word, it was reported Sunday.

The Los Angeles Times, citing sources it did not name, reported that Holtz can have the job if he wants it and already has named it down at least once. Holtz denied he has been offered the position.

"Absolutely not. Nothing could be further from the truth. I've never been offered the job at USC," Holtz told the Times.

Asked if he is at least talked with USC, Holtz said only: "I have not been offered the job."

'Frustrated' Smoltz undergoes elbow surgery

ATLANTA — Atlanta Braves pitcher John Smoltz will miss most of spring training as a result of elbow surgery to remove chips and calcium deposits, the team said.

Smoltz, 35-12 last season after winning the NL Cy Young award in 1996 with a 24-8 record, underwent a three-hour arthroscopic procedure Friday, the second time he has had the operation. He said he was told his recovery time would be three months.

"This is a bummer. This is about as frustrating as it can get," Smoltz said. Smoltz said he was going through an accelerated offseason conditioning program last week when his elbow filled with fluid after he played catch.

Compiled wire reports

Montana, Rice grab Monday night spotlight

Knight-Ridder News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — What about the game?

Joe Montana gets his number retired tonight, but even a nostalgia connoisseur would concede old No. 16 will have very little impact on what transpires on the field between the 49ers and Denver.

There is also the return of Jerry Rice, who 15 weeks ago was supposed to be out for the season with a knee injury. And unlike Montana, Rice will get about 1.5 plays to make an impact.

That should be enough to get



Montana

the glare of the national television lights. "The most important thing, '3 to win the game," 49ers receiver Terrell Owens said. "There's

going to be a lot of excitement with Jerry and Joe Montana. But we can't lose focus of the task at hand, and that's to win the game."

Said quarterback Steve Young, "Winning is the only real issue. We never lose sight of that. It's like last week. The more distractions, the more you find yourself focusing in on the game. The ones last week pushed us to play better football."

The distractions of last week dealt with owner Eddie DeBartolo stepping down as chair and CEO of the 49ers amid reports he would be

indicted by a federal grand jury for gambling fraud. The 49ers were also coming off a 44-9 loss at Kansas City, their worst regular-season defeat since 1990, during which they lost 1,000-yard rusher Garrison Hearst to a broken collarbone.

The 49ers responded with a 28-17 victory over Minnesota, lowering their magic number to one for NFC homefield advantage through the playoffs.

This week, the distractions were more positive leading to the game. "But homefield advantage is still the chief motivation."

A 49ers victory over Denver will do the trick. If they fail, they'll need either a win next week at Seattle or a Green Bay loss against Buffalo to fan the home-field edge.

The 49ers want to end all the drama early, so they can rest some of their banged-up starters the final week of the regular season on the artificial surface at the Kingdom.

"I would really benefit if we can do that rather than having to go to Seattle for a must-win thing," 49ers coach Steve Mariucci said. "Seems like

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Upset city in NFL

Jets, Colts stymie TB, Dolphins

The Associated Press

All that Tampa Bay and Miami had to do to make the playoffs was win on Sunday.

Those "splats" you heard were the eggs they laid on the road — by a combined losing score of 72-0.

A month ago, Indianapolis was worried about going winless for the season. On Sunday, the Colts routed the Dolphins 41-0, Miami's first shutout loss in 10 years and one of the worst performances of Dan Marino's career. A win by the Buccaneers at the Meadowlands would have clinched their first playoff berth since 1982, eliminated the New York Jets and assured postseason spots for the Dolphins and New England. Instead, the Jets beat Tampa Bay 31-0, setting up a Patriots-Dolphins showdown on Monday, Dec. 22 for the AFC East title.

The Jets, by staying alive by their rousing victory, still need to win next Sunday to make the playoffs, and they will be playing Detroit, which edged Minnesota 14-13. The Lions would clinch a berth of their own with a victory at home over the Jets.

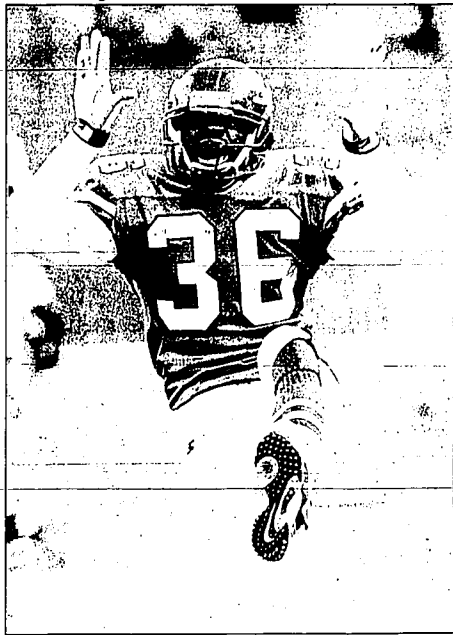
The only team that managed to clinch a postseason spot with a victory was Jacksonville, which defeated Buffalo 20-14.

Elsewhere on Sunday, it was Cincinnati 31, Dallas 24; Baltimore 21, Tennessee 19; Atlanta 20, Philadelphia 17; New Orleans 27, Arizona 10; Green Bay 31, Carolina 10; Kansas City 29, San Diego 7; Seattle 22, Oakland 21; and Chicago 13, St. Louis 10.

On Saturday, the New York Giants clinched the NFC East with a 30-10 victory over Washington, and Pittsburgh won the AFC Central with a 24-21 overtime triumph over New England.

Jim Harbaugh passed for 255 yards and a career-best four touchdowns, three of them to tight end Ken Dilger, for the Colts (3-12).

"I've never had four touchdown passes, in high school, college, pee wee, or pro," Harbaugh said. "I



New York's Raymond Austin celebrates after blocking a punt during the Jets' 31-0 upset of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in East Rutherford, N.J. Sunday.

wouldn't say it's the most satisfying game I've ever had, but ... it's right up there."

Indianapolis scored on every first-half possession, sacked Marino twice and forced him to fumble twice deep in Miami territory. Both turnovers led to Indianapolis scores.

Marino managed only 71 yards passing, the second-worst game of his 15-year NFL career, and the shutout was the Dolphins' first since a 2-0 loss at

Buffalo in 1987, a span of 162 games.

"In the NFL, if you don't line up and play hard every Sunday, you are going to get your butt kicked," Marino said. "They really handed it to us today. The game started out bad and just continued to snowball."

Against the Dolphins (9-6), Harbaugh was 16-for-20 for 218 yards in the first half and 20-for-26 for the

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Study: 175,000 high school girls have taken steroids

Research dispels stereotype of teen girls striving for thinness

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — With more scholarships available and even pro careers opening for female athletes, high school girls are venturing into dangerous territory once thought reserved for boys: anabolic steroids. A Penn State study — published this month in the Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine, an American Medical Association journal — indicates that as many as 175,000 high school girls have used steroids. Some take the illegal drugs to become leaner, others use them to build more muscle.

"There are popular assumptions out there that boys want to build the muscle and therefore take steroids, and that girls want to get lighter and so have an anorexia problem or an eating disorder," said Donna Lipiano, executive director of the Women's Sports Foundation. "It's not that simple."

About six years ago, steroid use among high school students boomed out in response to new laws, according to surveys. Since then steroid use among boys has remained about the same, but it has increased among girls, according to the Penn State study.

The research is based on three national surveys and 18 more limited questionnaires given to students in 10 states. One showed that 2.4 percent of girls in ninth to 12th grades nationally — about 175,000 teen-agers — say they have used steroids at least once. Twice as many boys reported using steroids.

A continuing national study showed that the percentage of eighth-grade girls who reported using steroids rose to 1.4 percent in 1996 from 0.8 percent in 1991. In 10th-graders, the use increased to 1.1 percent from 0.5 percent over the five-year period.

Over the same time, the number of boys reporting steroid use stayed level at 2 to 3 percent.

The numbers among females may sound small, but study author Charles Yesalis said there is cause to worry.

"Does this concern me as much as a tubercle use? Absolutely not," he said. "But neither do I think it's appropriate to say in any way, shape or form that it's not a big deal."

Women using anabolic steroids — usually taken orally or by injection — can suffer from shrinkage of the breasts, milk hair growth, deepening of the voice and menstrual problems. "Those are permanent side effects,"

Yesalis said. "It's like a tattoo."

Other long-term side effects include cardiovascular, liver or reproductive illnesses. Yesalis believes three trends are at play: the rise of women's sports, the misdirection of anti-steroid education away from girls, and what he calls an increasingly popular "lean" look advanced by actresses and models — which can be more easily achieved with help from steroids.

"As a society, we place terribly unrealistic expectations on kids not only on how they should perform and how important winning is, but we also put incredibly unrealistic expectations about the way they should look," said James Puffer, a professor of family medicine at UCLA.

Claire Cavanaugh, a freshman at the University of Pennsylvania and a former high school basketball player, said she never knew anything about steroids. However, because of the pressure she is not surprised.

"A lot of people's parents were making them go here, making them go there and do all this basketball stuff," Cavanaugh said. "Because of all the money that's involved, if your kids show any kind of talent, their parents are looking at dollar signs" in the form of scholarships.



Penn State University's Dr. Charles Yesalis, author of the steroid study, poses by a bench press in one of the institution's weight rooms.

SPORTS

Late run helps Sonics surge past Clippers New Mexico grid coach resigns, heads to 'TCU'

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Vin Baker, Gary Payton and Sam Perkins each scored 21 points as the Seattle SuperSonics used a 10-run late surge to beat the Los Angeles Clippers 107-97 Sunday night.

NBA roundup

Portland, including a 4-for-4 from 3-point range, and 7-for-7 from the foul line.

timeout that resulted in a technical foul by Atlanta's Steve Smith. The Kings then fouled Blockley, who made a free throw for the final margin.

rebounds, Houston has lost two in a row following a season-high, nine-game winning streak.

New Mexico grid coach resigns, heads to 'TCU'

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Dennis Franchione, who dramatically improved New Mexico's football fortunes, resigned Sunday to fill the vacancy at Texas Christian.

Sullivan. He resigned during the season and finished out the schedule. TCU Chancellor William Tucker would not confirm the offer, but the school is conducting a news conference Monday at 1 p.m. EST.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Mortensen gets 2nd in rodeo

LAS VEGAS — Dan Mortensen finished second in saddle bronc riding on Sunday at the National Finals Rodeo and earned enough to win the all-round title.

Luger Duncan Kennedy retires

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. — Duncan Kennedy's attempted comeback to the U.S. luge team ended abruptly Sunday when doctors recommended the 18-year retire from the sport, and he agreed.

Montana

Continued from A7 every time we played on turf, somebody got hurt. We'd like to be able to wrap it up tonight, if we possibly can.

Denver needs two victories and a Chiefs loss next week against New Orleans to enter the playoffs as the top seed in its conference.

Field advantage is a big factor for the obvious reasons. The 49ers and Denver share the best home record in the league over the last 11 years at 7-2-0.

he expected to return to play Dec. 15 against the Broncos. When the veteran wide receiver had surgery to repair the anterior cruciate and medial collateral ligaments in his left knee, Surge, 1, it was expected he'd be out for the remainder of the season.

FOOTBALL

NFL standings table with columns for Conference, Team, W, L, T, Pct, and Points For/Against.

NFL summaries

Summary of NFL games including scores and key statistics for various matchups.

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Table of television and radio broadcast schedules for various sports events.

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Table of college sports scores and statistics for various teams.

TRANSACTIONS

Table of sports transactions including player signings, trades, and releases.

OTHER VIEW

Alcohol taxes should be spent on alcohol programs

From the Post-Register, Idaho Falls

Idaho's method of taxing beer, wine and liquor drinkers is so wacky that you have to wonder if some inebriate or two was involved in creating a system that has the two basic inequities this one has.

Certainly it's unbalanced when the same amount of alcohol is subjected to different tax rates. It makes no biochemical difference if a person becomes intoxicated on beer, wine or liquor. But it does make a dollars-and-cents difference to the state treasury.

For instance, the woman having a glass of single malt Scotch is paying nine times the state tax carried by one who prefers a beer and seven times the tax paid by a man who drinks a glass of chablis.

And the system also is unfair because it singles out people who buy alcoholic beverages. It is a fact in this state that the guy who lifts a glass frequently does more to support the education system and just about every other part of state and local government - than does the teetotaler. Last year, taxes on alcohol generated more than \$23 million.

State Sen. Hal Bunderson, R-Meridian, launched a torrent of controversy earlier this year when he suggested what sounded like heavy increases in state taxes on beer and wine. The Ada County Republican says he's still putting a plan together, and he's got this much right: The current system isn't equitable - both in how Idaho raises this money or how it spends it.

Idaho has a monopoly on the sale of distilled spirits through its state liquor stores. That gives the state stores the ability to update prices and maintain a profit margin.

But legislators set the state tax on beer and wine. They haven't changed the tax on beer since 1961, even though the price of beer has increased more than four-fold, and the tax on wine hasn't been updated since 1971, even though the consumer is paying three times what he paid 26 years ago.

If the taxes had stayed current with inflation, beer drinkers would pay 8 cents a glass instead of less than 2 cents, and wine drinkers would pay 9 cents a glass instead of just over 2 cents.

But even that plan leaves the tax system unbalanced because it does not match the tax rate now paid by consumers of liquor. A level tax rate for liquor, beer and wine by alcohol content would mean increasing beer taxes 930 percent and wine taxes by 210 percent.

Numbers like that send beer and wine drinkers into orbit because they don't see a lot of direct benefit from these taxes. For instance, less than 7 cents of every dollar the state raises from liquor sales goes toward alcoholism treatment. The rest - nearly \$16.4 million - goes to other state programs, schools, welfare, community colleges, cities and counties.

Of the \$3.5 million in beer taxes, only 20 percent goes to alcoholism treatment. The rest goes into state programs and buildings.

Wine drinkers paid \$2 million in taxes last year. Of that, 12 percent went into alcoholism treatment programs, 5 percent went to the Idaho Grape Growers for wine marketing and the rest was spent by the state.

No one would suggest diverting these "sin taxes" from state and local programs, which are already strapped. But the kinds of increases Bunderson has mentioned would generate a good deal of money - anywhere from \$21 million to \$41 million.

The people paying these tax increases are going to feel like they've been singled out once again if the state continues to rely on them to pay for statewide programs. If Idaho needs more money for its schools, cities or state agencies, the state's leaders ought to have the political courage to impose a broad-based tax increase.

But there are plenty of needs in this state that arise from the abuse of alcohol. There's every reason why additional beer and wine taxes could be used to help up alcohol treatment programs and provide schools with the tools to combat alcohol and substance abuse.

And it would be reasonable to spend some of this money for the criminal justice system, which confronts a good deal of alcohol-related behavior.

If Bunderson wants to argue about making the system more equitable, he can't focus solely on unequal rates. He has to address where the drinkers' money will be spent.



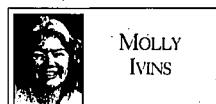
More evidence confirms global warming

Since it's spewing in South Texas, it's obviously the perfect time to consider global warming. What we want to consider first is not so much whether the globe is warming but the way in which that topic is being debated.

Global warming, like nuclear warfare, is one of those subjects too daunting to contemplate. Somebody arrives, like Chicken Little, to announce, "The sky is falling," and our first reaction is, "Oh, shut up." More people announce that the sky is falling - not nukes but scientists - and our second reaction is, "That could be, but it hasn't fallen yet, so I'd just as soon not think about it, thank you." That old stand-by, denial, is always the first line of defense.

There are six to eight theories about how civilizations and even entire species die. Some hold that the Roman empire fell because the Romans used lead water pipes and pipes with lead in them. In the case of global warming, at least there won't be any doubt. Our tombstone will read, "RIP - Too Stupid to Live."

All this first came to public attention in 1988, when James Hansen of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies warned a congressional panel that global warming was at hand. After Hansen's testimony, more and more scientists repeated his warning, with a consensus projecting an increase in sea level depress. Further out in the next century if present trends continue.



In response, the United Nations convened the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, assembling 2,500 scientists to work in two panels on the question. The reports of these two working groups are what have convinced most nations and their leaders that A) global warming is real and B) we need to do something about it, ASAP.

Could the 2,500 scientists be wrong? Sure. The history of scientific error is long and amusing. The trouble is, there is no evidence disproving the theory of global warming. In fact, the evidence confirming it gets stronger all the time.

So what is all this scientific debate? There is no scientific debate on this subject. There is only a gigantic public relations campaign to convince us that there is a scientific debate. Paid for by your friendly producers of fossil fuels.

In Russ Gelsman's book, "The Heat Is On," he thoroughly documents the funding behind the "greenhouse" skepticism. "A handful of climatologists who are so regularly interviewed, published, promoted and

called upon to appear on television that they appear to be half the scientific community.

The first response of the oil and coal lobbies was to form the Information Council on the Environment. The public relations firm hired to do its bidding frankly stated its mission: "To repudiate global warming as theory rather than fact." According to Gelsman, "Big oil and big coal have successfully created the general perception that climate scientists are sharply divided over the extent and the likely impacts of climate change - and even over whether it is taking place at all."

The Western Fuels Association (coal) paid \$250,000 to produce a video called "The Greening of Planet Earth." In this pleasant science-fiction fantasy, global warming turns out to be good for us: Crops will grow over ever larger areas, deserts will become grasslands - in all, a godsend. It is absolute piñata.

In addition to its multimillion-dollar public relations campaign, the fossil fuel lobby is also promoting an "AstroTurF" (phony grassroots) campaign and spending more millions to spread bad information about global warming treaty just reached in Kyoto, Japan. More on that anon.

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Which Ten Commandments were those?

Judge Roy Moore, of Etowah County, Ala., received the Christian Statesman of the Year award not long ago at a Washington ceremony attended by 21 members of Congress.

The provincial jurist was honored for his steadfast determination to keep a hand-drawn plaque of the Ten Commandments hanging on his courtroom wall, though ordered by another court to remove the display.

This phenomenon is hardly limited to Alabama. Although a Los Angeles businessman was refused permission to post the Ten Commandments along the fence of the Downey High School baseball field, Decalog plaques have lately been mounted in public buildings in North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas, with others promised or promoted in Michigan, Wisconsin and elsewhere. The U.S. House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed a resolution endorsing the display of the Ten Commandments in every public schoolroom and courtroom in the nation.

Yet all of this enthusiasm begs one extremely important, though previously unnoticed, constitutional question: Which Ten Commandments? There are at least three distinct iterations of the Ten Commandments. And the one you display depends very much on how you worship.

To be sure, Christians and Jews all accept the same text of Exodus 20:1-17, where the commandments first appear in the Bible. But that chapter actually contains 17 separate verses, so boiling them

down to 10 distinct, plaque-sized commandments requires some considerable abbreviation and interpretive license. Consequently, the choice of a specific text or organization inevitably denotes a preference for one tradition over others, creating significant religious, political and constitutional issues.

In Judaism, the First Commandment is traditionally, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery." Unlike Jews, Christians generally regard this statement as a prologue, and not part of the commandments proper. So the Jewish Second Commandment ("You shall have no other Gods before me") more or less becomes the Christian First, with the necessary numerical adjustments continuing down the line.

The Christian formats themselves diverge almost immediately. In many Protestant renditions, including the one I found on a Judge Moore Web page, the Second Commandment is "You shall not make for yourself a carved image - you shall not bow down to them nor serve them." This prohibition against "graven images" also is included in the Jewish Second Commandment, but it is not included in standard Roman Catholic condensations of the Decalog (instead, they split the erstwhile Tenth Commandment in two).

And here is where the trouble lies. I am no church historian, so I do not know why the Catholic abbreviation omits "graven

images" from the shortened, one-page versions of the Ten Commandments. A quick trip to the library, however, turned up one nastily intolerant polemicist who claims that the Roman Catholic Church intentionally publishes "a mutilated set of commandments due to their 'worship and adoration of saints.'" Thus, the different rendering of the Ten Commandments is used as ammunition in a classic religious assault.

This example manifestly demonstrates how interpretational differences can be employed to fan the fires of religious conflict. To the faithful, that matters.

The framers of our Constitution were deeply concerned about the perils of religious conflict. The framers agreed, therefore, that there should be "no law respecting an establishment of religion." Their goal was not to suppress religion, but rather to free it from the temptations of secular power. Since there can be no law respecting an establishment of religion, no group can attempt to dominate another, and no faith community needs to fear political domination.

Centuries-old differences between Catholics and Protestants can be played out in the passage of their respective presentations of the Ten Commandments. We have the First Amendment precisely to prevent such purely doctrinal differences from spilling over into political disputes. And it is why Judge Moore will not be a statesman until he takes down his plaque.

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LETTERS

Clinton isn't above the law
President Clinton should be impeached!

President Clinton's blatant disregard for constitutional limitations on his powers clearly reflects his belief that, as president, he is a law unto himself (a dictator).

He has engaged to obstruct, undermine and compromise the legitimate and proper functions of the executive branch of the government.

Attorney General Reno will not investigate her boss. Thus, an investigation by the U.S. House Judiciary Committee is needed to determine if there is sufficient cause to impeach Clinton.

Please ask your congressman to support House Resolution 304 to force the Judiciary Committee to investigate Clinton's conduct in office. From this, a resolution of impeachment can be passed in the House and Clinton can be

tried by the Senate.

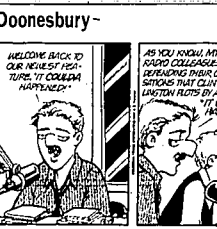
Please contact your congressman and call 1-888-LEAVE-DC for information on how to help get Clinton impeached to restore constitutional integrity to the presidency.

ADRIAN ARP
Twin Falls

It's never too late for 'Relativity'
On Dec. 8, we went to hear the book "Relativity" at the Jerome High School. What a beautiful program! The group is from Jerome and Twin, and if you passed it, they are selling tapes and CDs.

What a nice present to give for Christmas and all year long. For more information call Dave Capps at 324-3948.

Enjoyed the Jerome chorus also.
TONIA BELASQUEZ
Jerome



Grandmother, mentor seek help to reach autistic teen

By Kurt Friedemann
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Thirteen-year-old Andrew Cummings lives with his recently widowed grandmother in Heyburn, goes swimming twice a week, likes to shop at Wal-Mart and a music store.

He can't bathe himself or dress himself and doesn't understand much about his surroundings, his grandmother Ramona Hall said.

He functions primarily through repetition. Andrew knows that every Tuesday and Thursday he gets to go swimming with his instructor Louie Caldwell, but he doesn't really recognize him.

Hall often explains to strangers that Andrew doesn't recognize a face that a person is merely an arm to hang onto. His world is a cacophony of light and noise; his brain can't filter out smaller distractions, and magnifies the sound of a chair creaking or the hum of a fluorescent light.

A severe case of E. coli left Andrew autistic, brain damaged and suffering from frequent seizures at the age of two months.

After Thursday's swim, Hall patiently dressed Andrew in the colorful ladies' dressing room at the Racqueteurs Health and Fitness Club. Hall and her late husband Glenn took Andrew into their home when he was 6 years old, because his mother needed help.

The Hall's daughter had remarried and had a baby girl. They worried that Andrew, because of his violent tendencies, might hurt their new addition to the family.

"It was really upsetting for him to go back and forth between her and us," Hall said. "We decided we wanted to take care of him as long as we could."

Even when her husband died last summer after a 9-year fight with cancer, Hall decided to continue to care for Andrew.

"This is what keeps me going, it gives me something to get up for," she said. "I would really miss him if he had to leave."

When Andrew was 9 his parents and grandparents decided it was time to begin mainstreaming him, enrolling him in school with children his own age.

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Louie Caldwell has been Andrew Cummings' teacher and swimming instructor for two years. The pair have forged a strong friendship.

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Cummings is not able to do anything for himself. He sops a sponge against his mouth for self-stimulation while his grandmother, Ramona Hall, dresses him.

for about three years.

Caldwell said his own adversity has helped him identify with Andrew.

"He is a fine kid," Caldwell said. "I like him a lot."

He spends an hour a day with Andrew, five days a week - two of those days in the pool.

Caldwell said he takes his philosophy of life and view of Andrew's development from the famous baseball pitcher Satchel Paige.

"Mind over matter," he said. "If you don't mind, it don't matter."

The bond between teacher and student does not go unnoticed.

Renee Jackson, manager of the fitness club, said the club lets Caldwell and Andrew use the pool for free because "we knew Louie could relate to him."

"I wish all children had an instructor as patient and kind as

Louie," she said. "It truly has a heart of gold."

Their special relationship helps Andrew's grandmother twofold. He continues to improve, and she gets some time off.

But Caldwell is not trained to work with autistic children, so Hall is searching for help in other places.

"Andrew needs professional attention," she said. "Louie and I can't do it all on our own."

Hall continues to check into opportunities for better support, but doesn't plan to break up Caldwell and Andrew.

"Maybe I took his grandpa's place," Caldwell said. "He wants all my attention."

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Family

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forging plans for his education. School officials mostly cooperated, but sometimes it took nudging.

Alex received intense training in a summer preschool and then went to first grade. With each class, his mother talked to students about why Alex behaved the way he did.

"If (students) don't have the information they tease them or ignore them," she said.

But with information, she said, classmates warmed to Alex.

Along the way, there have been setbacks.

In junior high, Alex went through a period where he cried, saying something was wrong with his face.

"I really have a sense that he came to understand he was differ-

ent, but that's OK. He had friends. His circle of acceptance is huge," Cheryl Nickels said.

It helped that the Nickelses were experienced parents.

"If Alex had been my first child, I think we might be writing a different history tonight," his father said.

Institutionalization never was an option.

Alex has a right to be part of the world," Alfred Nickels said.

At home, Alex spends a lot of time in his room, which is immaculate. He watches movies, clearly favoring science fiction.

"He was just like any other brother to me," said sister Rachel, 17. If he does something considered strange, "I'm embarrassed,

but it's nothing to be ashamed of."

The family have a new set of challenges with Alex at 18.

He will start work this year at his father's office, where his brothers also worked. Alex is good at data entry, his father says. But Alex wants to know why he can't drive.

He says he plans on going on a Mormon Church mission and marry, but asks his mother when she will find him a wife.

But experience has prepared the family for a new round of challenges. When Alex was a child, Alfred Nickels was told not to expect to see his son play with toys. Today, his parents expect Alex to hold a job, have an apartment, pay taxes and find his place in the world.

Now he'll walk up to you and talk to you," he said.

Waite and others say their friendship with Alex has taught them patience and understanding.

"It's been more of a privilege cause I learned so much from him," Waite said.

"Something I learned from Alex is unconditional acceptance," Owens said. "He is a great person."

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Alex

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fine red and grinning. Owens is not sure why, but she leaves him alone and it passes. These bad days are few, students say. Mostly, he is happy.

Science teacher Stan Richter was worried about having enough work for Alex, because his adapted materials condensed the lesson. But he didn't change the way he taught.

"You came to realize you do what you can with him as with other students," he said.

Alex doesn't attend special education classes, but this year is learning keyboard skills, typing, setting up a bank account, working a pay telephone and doing laundry.

The path taken by Alex may not be right for everyone, said Linda Vining, the extended resource teacher. "It takes more personnel and school districts don't have a budget."

For example, part of Owens' time is paid by the Nickelses. But integrating disabled students builds their social skills and success, Vining said. Alex was asked to learn a little more every year.

Principal Carol Matthews says Alex succeeded because of a plan forged by staff members and his parents, and by educating teachers and students.

"It worked really well. There are hardly any kids in school that don't know Alex," he said. "The teachers were willing to take a chance."

After school, the Nickelses often invite students to the arcade, movies, picnics or swimming parties with Alex. Student Heather Isaacs, who's known Alex since the fourth grade, gladly accepted.

"He just seemed really neat and I wanted to help him. It made me feel really good to bring him out of his shell," she said.

She's also impressed with his arcade skills.

"He's better than I am at stuff like that," she said.

Caleb Adams met Alex in the first grade.

"I thought this was one weird kid," he said.

Later, he joined his circle of friends.

"I almost think of him as a little brother sometimes," he said. "He's

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NATION

Money entices laborers to Pennsylvania farms

WEST GROVE, Pa. (AP) — While most children in southeastern Pennsylvania are asleep, Omar Cruz Gonzalez, 15, rises to pick mushrooms. By midmorning, while most American kids are in school, he carries baskets from the bright white fungi and arranging them in 10-pound boxes.

Since last Christmas, Omar has chosen work over school to make \$5.15 an hour — minimum wage here, but a princely sum in his central Mexico village.

Omar is one of many immigrant boys under 16 who spend their days stooped in dank underlock sheds or hunched over cases at farms in Chester County, according to recruiters for migrant-education programs. It is against federal law for children this age to work during school hours.

Boys such as Omar work with about 1,200 men and about 600 older teenagers, in the mushroom sheds, according to Mauricio Rebollo, one of the migrant-education recruiters.

The boys are on their own, without parents, in Chester County, which produces about a quarter of the nation's button mushrooms.

The children find out about the jobs through friends and relatives who come before them. To get here, they swim across the



Mexican immigrant Rigoberto Rosales, 17, sits in his bunk with his cardboard bed frame in a camp for migrant mushroom pickers in Avondale, Pa., in October.

Rio Grande, crawl through irrigation ditches on the Arizona border or run through the hills south of San Diego.

When they reach the neighboring Pennsylvania communities of Kennett Square, Toughkenamon or Avondale, they seek out companies that don't ask for identifica-

tion. Or they tap the underground market in false work authorization cards.

"Even if they wanted to go to school, even if they wanted an education, they couldn't," Rebollo said. "They have no parents to support them. ... In many cases they're the ones who are

supporting the parents."

Company owners say they are not aware the children are illegal. "As long as the cards don't have a handwritten name on it, we're not going to turn them away," said Michael Cardile, owner of Cardile Brothers Mushroom Co. in Avondale.

Mexican law requires children to finish middle school, but many leave school at 12 to look for work. In Pennsylvania, some live dozens to a house.

"The only thing that's bad about all this is that I could be getting an education in Mexico," said Jose Ortiz, 14, as he sits outside a run-down house he shares with his uncle and several others from his village in central Mexico.

Rigoberto Rosales, 17, learned of the picking jobs through his brother, who has been working mushrooms for two years. He lives on the second floor of a house filled with at least 25 other immigrants.

He has carved a certain privacy for himself by erecting a cardboard box around his bare mattress. A statue of the Virgin Mary sits by his side. "I look around and say to myself, 'Is all this worth it? When I get paid and I have money in my pocket, I think it is,'" he said. "But when I run out and there's nothing left, I want to go back."

reaching beyond produce fields and garment shops for education, careers, success — and a need to just be kids.

Alex Ledezma, 11, harvests sorghum, cotton and onions near Lubbock, Texas. Though he misses weeks of school each year to follow the crops, he has reached sixth grade. He makes \$2.25 an hour living. He wants to become a policeman.

Beside the sorghum plants that tower above his head sits a van that carries his family and the boxes to the field. On its rear window is a sticker.

It says, "I believe in America."

Children

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Younger children, those 12 or 13, can work only on farms and at a few specific jobs.

Many of the children working in America are frequently underpaid, often unaccompanied and largely unprotected — a shadow generation made prematurely adult, moving from coast to coast, border to border.

Listen to Mercy Gandarilla, 10, kneeling in a cold New Mexico field since 6 a.m. Dew has soaked her shirt and a dew-soaked hair has taken her voice. "Cutting the chili," she rasps. "I like it — in the sun."

Listen to Omar Cruz Gonzales, 15, who rises at 2:30 a.m. to pick mushrooms for 12 hours in a windowless Pennsylvania shed. He sees no sun until midafternoon. "I have to work," says Omar. "The loads are here."

Listen to Jaime Guerrero Jr., who loads crates of cabbage six days a week in Delaware. Three years ago, when he was 12, he heard his arm break as a conveyor caught his sleeve. "I'll do something else someday," he says.

Why do they live these lives? Some kids want spending money to buy into the consumer culture they see as necessary to being American. But many, especially migrant children, work because their parents don't earn enough.

"If adults were paid a living wage, we wouldn't have child labor," says Ann Millard, a Michigan State University anthropologist who studies migrant labor. Three out of four

migrant families say they earn \$5,000 or less yearly according to a national database of 54,000 families compiled by a farm-worker advocacy group.

Near Homestead, Fla., sisters LaKeshia Brooks, 11, and Marie, 10, are already training the family's next breadwinner — their sister, Angelica, just 20 months old. "She can pick the beans one by one," LaKeshia says.

Many working children endure such lives in some Manhattan garment shops, children eat lunch in dank, urine-soaked starwells. Others sleep in overcrowded apartments or houses. Pennsylvania mushroom picker Rigoberto Rosales, 17, shares a house with more than 25 other Mexicans and carves a certain privacy for himself by erecting a cardboard box around his bare mattress. "I look around and say to myself, 'Is all this worth it?'" he says.

Some, like Yvonne Li, do get out.

When she was 6, she went from school to a New York City garment factory to help her grandmother button, sew and trim clothing with scissors. "It was hot and humid," she remembers. "The bathroom was always yucky."

That stopped when her mother found out. Now a happy 9-year-old, Yvonne concerns herself with professional basketball standings and her favorite subject in school — math. Asked what she wants to be, she raises both fists and shouts, "The best at whatever I do!"

The working kids she leaves behind have their hopes, too,

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Agencies Modify Cleanup Remedy For Test Area North Project



DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

The U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and state of Idaho have agreed to modify the cleanup remedy for the Test Area North Technical Support Facility Injection Well and surrounding groundwater contamination at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

The injection well was used from 1953 to 1972 to dispose of organic, inorganic and low-level radioactive waste waters added to industrial and sanitary waste water. These wastes were injected into the underlying Snake River Plain Aquifer, a common industry practice at the time that is no longer used. Remediation was undertaken to reduce groundwater contamination beneath the facility to prevent risk to future users.

During the initial phases of remediation, new information was generated from operation of the groundwater treatment facility, groundwater monitoring and analysis, and initial evaluation of alternate treatment technologies. Based on the new information, the agencies identified four areas of the selected remedy that require changes in order to more effectively continue remediation:

1. Operation of the existing Ground Water Treatment Facility for containment and/or removal of the contaminants at the injection well.
2. Definition of the contaminated groundwater plume and strategy for implementation of treatment for the plume.
3. Approach and schedule for continuing evaluation of alternative treatment technologies.
4. Waste management requirements and area of contamination definition.

The modifications are discussed in more detail in a recently released Explanation of Significant Differences document for Operable Unit 1-07B. The Explanation of Significant Differences, the related Record of Decision and additional information can be obtained by calling the INEEL Community Relations Office at (208) 526-4700 or (800) 708-2680 or from regional INEEL Information Repositories located at the INEEL Technical Library in Idaho Falls, the University of Idaho Library in Moscow and the Shoshone-Bannock Library in Fort Hall. The information is also available on the Internet at <http://ar.inel.gov/home.html>.



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Beware of mutant Xmas trees

'Tis that special time of year. The Holiday Retail Purchasing Season, a time when we traditionally print heartwarming human-interest stories designed to make you feel better about ranking up a level or debt normally associated with Mexico.

I have such a heartwarming story, which was published by The London Times and sent in by alert reader John Nicholls. The story, which I am not making up, concerns a man named Neil from Devon, England, who discovered an owl nesting in his garden. Each night, Neil would go outside and hoot to the owl. To his delight, he'd hear a hoot in reply; then he'd hoot some more. This went on night after night, month after month. Neil even kept a log of his conversations with the owl.



HUMOR
Dave Barry

Then one day Neil's wife got to talking about this with a neighbor, who said that her husband, whose name is Fred, had also been going out every night to hoot to the owl. At this point the women realized that their husbands had in fact spent an entire year hooting to each other. The owl was not involved at all. The owl was probably inviting its owl friends over to drink owl beer and listen to these two hooting twits and laugh until they fell off the branch.

I admit that this heartwarming story is not directly related to the holiday season, but doesn't it make you feel better? You can say to yourself: "Maybe I will go broke this holiday season, and maybe I will wind up hospitalized with injuries sustained in hand-to-hand combat with other parents over who gets to buy the last *Beanie Baby* at the Toys 'R Us" expensive store, but at least I will not be spending my evenings standing in some cold, damp English garden exchanging hoots with a man named Fred!"

Yes, this is a time of year to count our blessings. Here's another one: Thanks to science, we may soon have a new, mutant Christmas tree. I have here an Associated Press article, sent in by many alert readers, about a plant scientist at the University of California at Davis who has isolated a certain gene from a fish that glows in the dark. The scientist's idea is to put this gene into a Christmas tree, which would result in — you guessed it — a Christmas tree that eats worms!

No, seriously, it will be a Christmas tree that glows in the dark. Isn't that wonderful?

No, it is not. I speak on behalf of every pine in the land. I expect someone to put a Christmas tree into a Christmas-tree stand, only to wind up on the floor, covered with sap and thousands of pine-needle stab marks. Because the Christmas tree is the most vicious predator in the entire tree kingdom. You know how sometimes likers disappear in the forest, and their decomposed bodies are found months later, and the authorities blame it on "exposure"? Did you ever stop to ask yourself: Exposure to what? I'll tell you what: Christmas trees. They travel in packs and can strike like lightning with a variety of weapons.

FIRST CORONER: What do we have here?

SECOND CORONER: It appears to be another victim of "exposure." Take a look at this.

THIRD CORONER: Wow! I've never seen a pine cone there before!

But as dangerous as Christmas trees can be in the day, they are even more deadly when you corner one in your house and try to put a tree stand on it. So here's what I want to know: If scientists are going to impart a new quality to Christmas trees, why would that quality be the ability to glow in the dark? Why do consumers want in our Christmas trees is the quality of not poking us in the eye, combined with the quality of not always keeling over like fraternity brothers on Intravenous Vodka Night. I say if we're going to inject genes into Christmas trees, let's take these genes from some rigid, immobile organism, such as Robert Stack.

Maybe what we're dealing with here is a scientific fad. I say this because of another AP story, also sent in by many alert readers, concerning scientists at Osaka University in Japan who have, using DNA obtained from a jellyfish, managed to create — I am not making this up, either — a glow-in-the-dark mouse. Why would they be in the day, they are even more deadly than not already alarming enough? Do they think we want to come into our kitchen at 3 a.m. to enjoy a nutritious snack of congealed pizza, only to be confronted by glowing rodents scuttling around like

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Children need preparation before starting to ski, snowboard

The Associated Press

It might frighten the cat and make strange grooves in the carpet, but padding around the house in ski boots can get a child mentally ready to learn to ski, an instructor says.

"It's so they get used to having these big feet, all of a sudden," said Brad Gamblin of the Alyeska resort in Alaska. Gamblin, a member of the Professional Ski Instructors Association's juniors education program, said parents make his job easier by preparing the kids psychologically for the experience.

might not be useful for young children, Gamblin said. "If you tell them it's exercise, it automatically becomes work," he said.

Younger beginning skiers might feel more comfortable starting with cross-country than Alpine, said ski instructor Marie Russell-Shaw of Big Mountain in Montana. It's closer to what they know — and might even remind them of crossing the carpet at home, she said. Also, cross-country skis let the foot lift up in a motion closer to walking, she said.

Cross-country might look less exciting to a kid, but kids do not see anything exciting, Russell-Shaw said. Even cross-country skiers can find something that can make them a little airborne, she said. "You see kids on cross-country skis jumping off stuff, the same as kids do in Alpine areas."

Parents' moods may be better with cross-country because it is easier on the budget. There are no lift tickets to buy, and resort fees are lower, if the trip goes to a resort at all. A person can ski cross-country just about anywhere there is unbroken snow.

Snowboarding is the current excitement sport, but a snowboard instructor doubts kids on snowboards really are more daring. "I used to teach kids on Alpine skis, and the attitude is very, very similar," said Lance Clegg at Snowbird in Utah. "I think a lot of it is just inherent in the kids."

Still, kids do become more daring as they improve, Clegg said. "Once kids get the turns down, they want to learn to do tricks," he said. "I think tricks are great."

So parents can should bring extra equipment to keep kids from harm if they attempt too much, Clegg said. Wrist guards, used by in-line skaters, can help prevent sprains or fractures if the child makes the natural mistake of falling on his hands on that first day, he said.

Children ages 4-6 can learn to ski as long as they get encouragement and are not kept at it too long, Gamblin said. Parents provide the encouragement by talking about the experience for a couple of weeks before the trip, he said. "Tell them where they are going to be," he said. "Show them on a trail map or a picture, all the fun things they are going to do."

But kids this age can't last more than a half day, Gamblin said. "The kids get cold easily, and want to go inside." Besides, there's separation anxiety if mom or dad are away too long, he said.

Kids ages 6-12 may have some separation anxiety, too, but they are less likely to show it, Gamblin said. However, they can take a full day of lessons, and they can learn more because they are mature enough to use each other as examples, he said. "Group dynamics takes over, and they can learn more from the group."

If kids have been in sports or other athletic activities before, they may be able to carry some skills into the lesson, Gamblin said. "If they skate, they understand edges," he said.

If they play tennis, they understand the push and pull with one foot. If they bike, they understand balance."

But the exercises that adults and teens should do to prepare themselves



A young snowboarder takes the slopes at Northstar at Tahoe earlier this year in Truckee, Calif. Experts advise parents to teach their children the basics before turning them loose on the ski hill.

It's all downhill

Some kids-mart tips for parents from longtime Magic Mountain ski instructor Bonnie Baird Jones:

- **Take a hike:** It's not always true, but very often kids who are learning to ski do better if Mom or Dad make themselves scare and let the instructor do his or her job alone.
- **Know when to say when:** For younger children, a half day on the slopes may be plenty. Don't make skiing an ordeal.
- **Choose the right equipment:** Ski-swap gear that parents buy for kids often doesn't fit, is worn out or isn't appropriate for a child. Make sure the youngster has the basics before he or she starts the first lesson.

- **Consider on-one instruction:** Children who are beginning skiers often progress faster with individual attention from a ski instructor.
- **Don't let the investment dictate the commitment.** Buying an all-new ski outfit before you know whether a child is going to take to skiing is foolish. Consider renting first.
- **Don't forget the fun.** Learning to ski shouldn't be a chore. If Junior's balking at ski lessons, let him play just play in the snow for awhile.

LOOKING GOOD Love affair with the sweater endures

Knight-Ridder News Service

Of course it's too late now, but did they really have to be named "sweaters"? These friendly, useful garments are better, and reference to human moisture are so dreary anyway. How about "cuddles" or "hugs-vigles"?

Well, perhaps not. Nonetheless, around the holidays, the mind sort of naturally drifts toward the sweaters. Sweaters are one of those perennial gift ideas, and a benchmark of maturity, too. When you can rip open that festively wrapped package and feel genuine happiness, not disappointment, that a relative slipped you another sweater, you'll be a man, my son.

Folks love sweaters for any number of reasons, not the least of which is how very becoming they are. Anyone vaguely humanoid including space aliens here looks good in a black turtle-neck. Even dogs wear sweaters, and you know how fashion-forward they are.

Holiday times are quite naturally the cue for holiday-themed sweaters to emerge from their secret hiding places. Spattered with candy canes, ornaments, snow people and reindeer, they turn you into yuletide on the move.

Of course, with such specific seasonal themes, they may not be as practical a purchase as, let's say, a basic cable-knit. On the other hand, imagine free-thinkers and leave-the-Christmas-orn-



From the Grossroads Women sports-wear collection at Sears come these chenille variegated ribbed turtlenecks.

ments-up-all-year types wearing these sweaters whenever they please. "So what if it's March?" they might announce merrily, temporarily turning down the Xavier Cugat music. "On the first Noll!"

Even so, seasonal sweaters and their somewhat more middle-brow cousins,

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HEALTH NOTES

Take the shots

Insulin shots for some people with the kind of diabetes that is usually treated with pills may greatly reduce their risk of blindness, kidney failure and other complications, a new study suggests. But the study found shots didn't help everyone with type 2 diabetes, also called adult-onset diabetes, researchers reported in the most recent edition of The Journal of the American Medical Association. Only patients who couldn't achieve even moderate control of their blood-sugar levels with pills saw significant improvement with shots, said the researchers, led by Dr. Rodney A. Hayward of the Ann Arbor Veterans Affairs Medical Center and the University of Michigan.

Beaming up cancer

This may sound very Star Trekky, but proton beams originally designed for use in nuclear physics research have proven effective in curing several types of cancer while leaving surrounding tissues unharmed. Produced by particle accelerators called cyclotrons or synchrotrons, proton beams have produced better results than conventional radiation treatment against advanced cancers of the prostate, bone and eye, researchers told the annual meeting of the Radiological

Society of North America.

Don't bury mistakes

Doctors have an ethical obligation to tell you about significant mistakes they have made, health policy experts say. Currently, doctors admit they have made mistakes only about 25 percent of the time, says the study in the Journal of General Internal Medicine.

Men's feminine side

So you think that estrogen is just the female hormone. Not so — new research shows that men produce it, too, and that it plays an important role in male fertility. In a report in the journal Nature, University of Illinois doctors say they discovered that estrogen helps keep sperm strong. Without the hormone, sperm becomes diluted which can result in infertility.

It's the ER, stupid

The nation could save hundreds of millions of dollars a year if patients complaining of chest pain were tested for heart attacks in the emergency room instead of being admitted to the hospital, researchers say. The findings were published in the most recent Journal of the American Medical Association.

Compiled from wire reports

HEALTH & FASHION

Is that pill going to bother your stomach?

The Washington Post

Bleeding from the lining of the stomach is a serious risk for the approximately 30 million people around the globe who take non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) each day for problems such as arthritis or chronic pain.

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who took the drugs long-term for rheumatoid arthritis, the team grouped NSAIDs according to their likelihood of causing stomach irritation and devised a simple test to gauge a patient's chances of

suffering the complication.

The five-item test asks about age, self-assessment of health, use of the steroid drug prednisone, previous hospitalizations for stomach hemorrhages, and history of NSAID-related side effects such as nausea, vomiting, heartburn and abdominal pain. Prednisone is included because it heightens the likelihood of bleeding. Points are assigned according to each answer. "You total-up your points and you look at a chart," said Gurkiral Singh, a clinical professor at Stanford University School of Medicine and the study's principal author. "You

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Sweaters

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 seasonal sweatshirts seem to have lost the feverish zeal for embellishment they displayed just a few years ago. Perhaps this is because, in certain cases, some of the studs, skirts, faux gemstones, glitter and other fixations tended to get bored with their immediate surrounding and strike out on their own. Rather than taking it personally, you could look at their departure as a sign to play it safe and wear your "We Three Kings" outerwear yesterday from the sparkles embedded in the car upholstery? Follow the glitter trail. It's fun!

gorgeous, look mildly cranky from the get-go, and one suspects they'll only get worse as the day wears on. Once a sulky outfit, always a sulky outfit, and you don't want sensitive portions of your anatomy paying the price for your clothes' ill-humor. By contrast, Good Old Sweater is always there to wrap you in its arms. You're looking in your closet, bathed in a cloying mixture of horror and despair, and then your car's right of loyal old V-Neck Blue. Relief of floods your being. Grab it and, my friend, are out there, faster than a cowgirl on her favorite pony. And that's the point. Sweaters are there to warm you, to reflect your mood, to help you maybe even your career. People tend to forget, but glamorous Lana Turner was once called the

"Sweater Girl." And who can forget the snugly cardigan perpetually adorning children's TV icon Fred Rogers, surely one of the more soothing people on the planet, not to mention political satirist Mori Sahl and comedian Bill Cosby all public-eye sweater guys. Think sweaters and movie scenes, real or imagined, flood the mind: One can picture a very young Elizabeth Taylor, strikingly beautiful in a cardigan; Katharine Hepburn assuming a signature pose with the arms of a sweater tied around her neck; Marnie Van Doren, defining trash chic; Audrey Hepburn, swanlike elegance; Ava Gardner, soignée and sultry. So many stars, so many great sweaters. So many that Santa Claus knows how to knit?

Students of the sweater master the lingo, know their true turtle-neck from their muck, their Fair Isle from their argyle. They've lovingly stroked the cashmere, dabbled in the twin sets, lived through the post-boy revival, thrown on the sweater vests, lusted after the beaded numbers at the vintage shop, gazed longingly at the fisherman's sweaters with their interesting patterns.

Barry

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 something out of "The X-Files"? And what will happen when — it's only a matter of time — some scientist has one too many glasses of sake and decides to put some jellyfish DNA into a Christmas tree? Good luck getting THAT thing into a tree stand!
FIRST CORONER: Take a look at this.
SECOND CORONER: Wow! Looks like that pine cone was inserted with some kind of tentacle!

I've run out of space here, so let me just close this heartwarming holiday column by extending my sincerest generic wishes to each and every one of you, especially Neil and Fred, to whom I say, from the bottom of my heart: Hoop.
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They also know that sweater colors tend to be droolworthy, and frequently give you ideas about what to do after you put the garment on (for example, oatmeal (for a good breakfast); mallard (go feed the ducks!); copper (visit a nearby mine!); beater (appear in "Brigadoon"); and equal (disguise yourself as meat in basic Italian recipes!).

Some retailers' advertising copy writers breathe a fascinating into the sweater that's nothing short of stunning. Take the Lands' End folks: They explain how the wool in their Shetland sweaters is bathed in spring-fed waters spring-fed, mind you. And they go into detail about the Kashmir goats. It makes you want to know these goats, perhaps even envy these goats. But what about the world of high fashion? Even here, the steadfast sweater holds its own. Flanked by excess and fashions with an invisible expiration date stamped on the inside collar, the sweater exerts its calm and time-less charm. What a contrast from certain items of fashion that, however

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HEALTH & FASHION

Blind lead way with common sense tips

DEAR ABBY: You recently ran a letter from a woman who gave a few tips on what sighted people should do when they meet a blind person. As president of the American Foundation for the Blind, and a blind person myself, I believe I can add a few more points of etiquette your readers may find helpful:



DEAR ABBY
Abby VarBurton

1. Speak to people who are blind or visually impaired using a natural conversational tone and speed. Do not speak loudly and slowly unless the person also has a hearing impairment.

2. Address blind people by name when possible. This is especially important in crowded places.

3. Immediately greet blind people when they enter a room or a meeting area. This lets them know you are present and ready to assist.

4. Indicate the end of a conversation with a blind person in order to avoid the embarrassment of leaving a person speaking when no one is actually there.

5. Feel free to use words that

refer to vision when conversing with blind people. Words such as "look," "see" and "watching TV" are part of everyday communication. The words "blind" and "visually impaired" are also acceptable in conversation.

6. Do not leave a blind person standing in "free space" when you serve as a guide. Also, be sure that the person you guide has a firm grasp on your arm or is leaning against a chair or a wall if you have to be separated momentarily.

7. Be calm and clear about what to do if you see a blind person about to encounter a dangerous situation. For example, if the person is about to bump into something, calmly and firmly call out "Watch there for a moment, there is an obstruction in your path."

8. If you think a person needs assistance, ask first. Don't assume you should help. Let the person choose to accept help or not.

9. When offering assistance, never take someone by the arm who is blind or visually impaired; and never take hold of a white cane or guide dog if you offer your arm instead; the person can follow a half-step behind and anticipate changes.

10. When guiding someone on a chair, place his/her hand on the back of the chair.

Remember, people who are blind or visually impaired are people first — people who have feelings and lives just like you do. Many of them like movies and sports and have interests of their own. Treat a person who has a visual disability with the same courtesy and respect you would give to anyone else.

CARL R. AUGUSTO, PRESIDENT, AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND, NEW YORK

DEAR CARL: Thank you for the excellent input. I'm sure my readers will find it of interest. In addition to your letter, I also heard from David M. McGowan, executive director of the Guild for the Blind in Chicago, offering pointers for the general public when interacting with blind people.

Address the person directly, and not through someone else.

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TO DO FOR YOU —

Red Cross sets CPR classes

TWIN FALLS — The American Red Cross schedules twice-weekly CPR and First Aid Recertification classes at 9 a.m. each Tuesday and at 1 p.m. each Friday. If your certification is about to expire, call the office to register for the class that is suitable for your schedule.

To register or for more information, call 733-6464 or stop by the office at 718 Shoshone St. E. Pre-payment is required for registration in all classes.

MVRMC offers cardiac risk coupons

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Cesarean childbirth class set for Tuesday

TWIN FALLS — A cesarean childbirth class will be offered at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Education Center at MVRMC.

Pre-registration is not required.

Pacesetter's Club schedules meeting

TWIN FALLS — The Pacesetter's Club will meet at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Magic Valley Mall. Dr. Marilyn

Righetti of Snake River Ear, Nose and Throat Specialists will discuss "Problems of the Ears."

For more information, call 737-2065.

MVRMC is site of Tuesday CPR class

TWIN FALLS — A CPR class will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the doctors' meeting room at MVRMC.

To register, call 737-2007.

Refresher childbirth course is slated

TWIN FALLS — A childbirth refresher course will be offered at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Education Center at MVRMC.

Pre-registration is required. Call 737-2900.

Red Cross offers 2 classes in Jackpot

JACKPOT — The American Red Cross will offer two classes in Jackpot: a review class for recertification of CPR for the professional rescuer at 9 a.m. Dec. 22, and a life-guarding class on Dec. 26, 27 and 28 at the Recreation District Pool.

Fee for the life-guarding class is \$60 and pre-payment is required at the Sawtooth Chapter, 718 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

For more information, call 1-800-411-2052 or 1-888-367-6321.

To do for you is a continuing listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion section. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

Aging affects night vision

NEW YORK (AP) — The restaurant is dim, the candles are flickering romantically. Suddenly, you find you're having trouble reading the menu.

For some older people, that difficulty can be a first sign of the gradual loss of night vision that comes with age. Other people may notice that the glare of oncoming cars is unusually bothersome when they drive at night.

Or they may find, walking out of a dark movie theater to a brightly lit street, that their eyes are not adapting as fast as they once did.

Whatever the warning sign, night vision is almost always affected as we grow older.

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Plugging into your pulse: Using a heart rate monitor

Heart monitors used to cost hundreds of dollars and were used mostly by ultra-serious athletes—and heart patients. They are much less expensive now, and ordinary people use them to make their exercise more effective.

How a monitor works

- Some are worn like a watch; some attach to a bike or exercise machine
 - Metal contacts touch the skin
 - Electronic circuit measures skin's changing electrical conductivity
 - Microchip translates measurements into heartbeats per minute and displays it
- Complicated, expensive monitors record the data and perform calculations, such as averaging your pulse over a period of time

Accuracy

- The best are about as accurate as a medical electrocardiogram
- Less accurate
- Clips onto finger or earlobe
- More accurate
- Band holds contacts against chest

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196 beats/minute

COMMON SENSE: Get a health checkup before starting a serious exercise program and ask your physician about your best heart rates

A heart monitor lets you avoid both mistakes

Exercising so vigorously that you put your heart in danger

Not exercising vigorously enough to get any cardiovascular (heart) benefit

Unless you're well attuned to your body, you probably can't judge how hard your heart is working. That leads to two errors:

1. You're working too hard. 2. You're working too lightly.

Source: Polar Electro (Finland)

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There's a tradeoff to whiter teeth

DEAR PAULA: With all the emphasis on the fact that whiter teeth? I would love to know if any of these whitening products make a difference!

—WANTING A GREAT SMILE IN CHICAGO
DEAR WAITING TO SMILE: If your teeth aren't naturally glistening white, there are several methods that can make things better. But not all methods are created equal and, not surprisingly, some are problematic for the teeth in the long run.

There are basically four alternatives: having your dentist do the bleaching for you; purchasing a custom-made mouthguard and bleaching kit from your dentist that you use at home; purchasing a tooth-bleaching kit at any drugstore; or using a tooth-lightening toothpaste. There are also techniques for lightening teeth that involve the use of lasers, but all the rest I spoke of said these procedures are too new to recommend and pose more risks than benefits at this time.

But why do teeth darken in the first place? Good question. Many things affect tooth color. Staining foods such as wine, tea, coffee, and berries are the most notorious. Plaque-clinging food such as milk, rice, and other starches can add a yellow tinge. Tobacco of any kind is a tooth (and lip) killer as well as a potent source of staining.

Fluoride sensitivity is a common reason that teeth turn darker. While these things can stain teeth, changes in the temperatures of foods and drinks allow the teeth to expand and contract, which causes stains to penetrate the teeth. Yes, hot coffee or tea is worse than a room-temperature drink.

Foods that are slightly acidic also open up the pores of the enamel and allow stains to move in. Orange juice followed by a cup of coffee can make matters worse. Teeth also darken as we age because the staining factors act upon the teeth for a longer period of time and cause buildup.

Even more disturbing, and completely out of our control, is the reality that the outside of the tooth is white while the core, the dentin, is yellow. As enamel deteriorates with use and time (abrasive toothpastes help remove enamel over time, which can be avoided), the yellow underneath becomes more apparent.

For most (although definitely



COSMETICS Q&A
Paula Begoun

nor all) of the staining and discoloration that people experience, bleaching and whitening kits can come to the rescue.

Chairside bleaching done at the dentist's office usually takes about 30 to 60 minutes and can cost between \$200 and \$300. A shield protects the teeth from the oxidizing agent, which is "painted" onto the teeth, and a special light may be used at five-minute intervals to help activate the agent. Depending on the severity of the discoloration, it may take up to six separate visits to your dentist's office to get the results you are looking for.

While the bleaching process done at the dentist's office is the most effective, the bleaching kit you buy from the dentist and take home to use yourself can prove equally impressive. This at-home kit includes a mouthguard custom-made to fit your mouth. The instructions go to be used, which usually contains a potent 16 percent carbamide peroxide, is sold by the dentist, although it is not a prescription item. Following the instructions is the key to the results you want approximately 10 times faster. The advantage of the at-home technique is that it can be done in the privacy of your home and can be performed while watching television or reading.

Every dentist I spoke to explained succinctly that over-the-counter whitening toothpastes and bleaching systems are a waste of time and money. They may eventually whiten your teeth, but the whitening agent used is so weak that it would take a long time to see any results. Furthermore, over-the-counter bleaching systems do not use custom-made mouthguards. Poorly fitting mouthguards may mean you will be ingesting more bleaching agent than what remains on your teeth, and the gel won't be able to hold on to the teeth long enough to make a great difference.

Custom mouthguards designed and fitted in the dental office are more likely to give you the results you want. Because they are made to fit each tooth exactly, you can pick and choose which teeth you need to lighten (not all teeth need to be whitened to the same degree). A custom-made mouthguard also controls the location of the bleaching material and the amount of tissue contact, as well as reduces the pressure on the teeth.

Paula Begoun has written several books on cosmetics.

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Club-swingers' wrist fractures difficult to spot

WASHINGTON (AP) — A golfer who swings a too-short club can wind up with a mysterious fracture that doesn't show up on a conventional X-ray, doctors warned.

Expensive high-tech imaging may be needed to spot the damage to a small bone in the wrist, and it may take surgery to open the path back to pain-free play, said radiologist John Francis Feller of Rancho Mirage, Calif.

The break is in the hamate, at the end of the wrist. The bone, which is part of the carpal tunnel, has a hook-shaped end that protrudes toward the palm.

"If the club is too short, which is the most common cause, the end of the club is resting against the hook of the hamate," Feller said. "It's always the nondominant hand or wrist, on the butt end of the club."

When the golfer swings a club that is too short, the force of the swing is transmitted through the end of the club onto the spot where the hook of the hamate joins the rest of the bone, Feller said. That's where the break typically develops, he said. A club of the correct length would extend at least an inch higher, missing the hook, he said.

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Local experience suggests that within a specific segment of the elderly population these rip-offs and manipulations have particularly epidemic proportions. But why?

Four factors make aging seniors living by themselves particularly at risk: loneliness, a trusting heart, money to spend, and a special vulnerability to solicitor charm and persuasion.

For many of these seniors the luring caller is the only significant contact they have with the outside world. Before long the manipulating solicitor has his victim agreeing to provide a credit card number or to hand a check to an overnight delivery carrier. Over time these victims lose not only their money, but more importantly their dignity.

Next week - some solutions!

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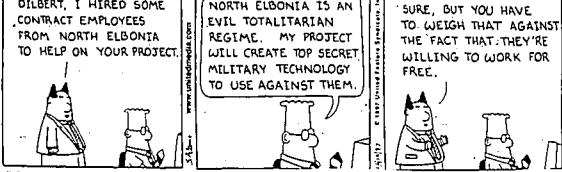
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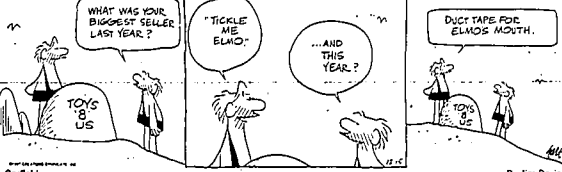
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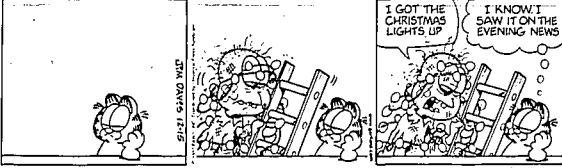
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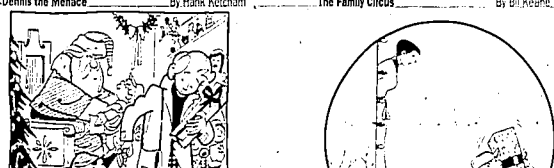
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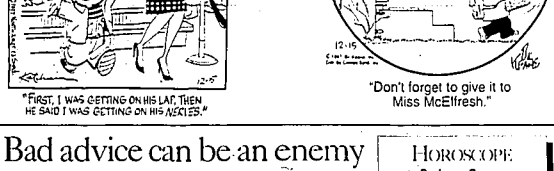
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Bad advice can be an enemy

Q. Why are publicists and their stories called "flack"?

A. An offshoot of "flak," short for German anti-aircraft weaponry called "Flugabwehr Kanone." In the World War II era, publicists, especially Hollywood publicists, intermittently fired off barrages of press releases, planted items, and whenever reports about connected stars, hoping they'd explode into print in newspapers or burst forth in the air of radio.

"No enemy is worse than bad advice," advised Socrates.

December is the waffle month. January the hotcake month. Together, they make a mini-marketing season for syrup and syrup prices go up. A black-floated ferret will eat a prairie dog, ferret bones and all, except the jaws.

"Scientific American" is a fine magazine. It reports things like: "The common lilac begins to flower when the sum of the squares of the mean daily temperatures (Celsius)

WHAT'S WHAT?

L.M. Boyd

since the end of the previous frost adds up to 4,264." In Eggnog's Old Kingdom, only men were permitted to play the harp. An algebra scholar named Robert Record of England's Oxford created the equal (=) sign in 1557. He said he chose that particular symbol because "no two things can be more equal than two parallel straight lines." The late actress Bette Davis contributed this view to our Love and War man's files: "Love is not as necessary to a man's happiness as it is to a woman's. If her marriage is satisfactory, a woman will seldom stray. A man can be totally contented and still be out-housing at the moon." "Scientist John" has enjoyed a humor of his own—it's illegal there to whistle underwater.

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Sydney Omarr

DECEMBER 15 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY! You have unusual views, appreciate art, literature, music, are diplomatic, charming, have an abundance of sex appeal. Laurus, Libra, Sagittarius persons play fascinating roles in your life, likely to have these interests, made on names. U. S. O. Drama, Doc films, decision reached in connection with direction, innovation, marital status. January and August will be your most memorable, profitable, romantic months of 1998. ARIES (March 21-April 19). Red hot temperament of influence, what was cold will be handed you on practical silver platter. You'll love, "What a Day" I could not risk for anything more." TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Have your own way. Don't pander to the tastes of people who know piece of everything. In a world of nothing, new, victory love on horizon. Leo, Aquarius persons play dramatic roles. GEMINI (May 21-June 20). People respect you and make no secret of it. Don't be overzealous in your domestic affairs, will receive them in abundance. Banking process undergoes dramatic change. Capricorn involved. CANCER (June 21-July 22). Those who thought you were left behind are due for rude awakening. Celebration tonight, music, fun, play, fun, fun, fun with Gemini, Sagittarius persons. Fashion news updated. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Backstage maneuver helps to suppress announcements. Be ready, highlight versatility, diversity, willingness to adapt to dramatic change. Taurus, Scorpio persons dominate scenario. VIRGO (Sept. 23-Oct. 22). Welcomes come true, it's as if you had a twin but the fate change of your own taste—make list of disasters you want to come true. A dream may prove prophetic, Gemini involved. LIBRA (Oct. 23-Nov. 21). Hold back. What you seek is laid away, hold time to locate love. Know it, delve deep into philosophy, arcane literature. Mammalian area of mystery. Pices plays dramatic role. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Those who said you were not practical will begin to see you in a new way. You are tuning, legal papers, invention, deadline. Scenario involves prevention, production, mainly Leo, Gemini, Libra. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Let go of illusory situation—promise of something to achieve, is not what you should look beyond the immediate, set policy for future. During meeting, you come to a decision. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Shake off job-hang, emerge from emotional shell. Be in charge of your fate, declare true feelings to one who previously doubted you. Martial spirit plays outstanding role. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Lunar aspect highlights swirling of creative juices. Welcome adventure, investigation, variety of scenarios. You are alone, no doubt about it. Cancer native involved.

Hagar the Horrible



By Chris Brantle

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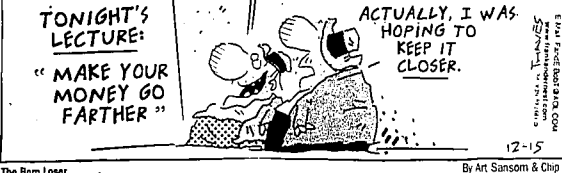
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 • V-8 Engine • Nice Vehicle • Wheels & Tires • Running Boards • Luggage Rack • Power Windows & Locks • AM/FM Cassette • Bug Shield.

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1996 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE
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1997 DODGE CARAVAN SE
 • SLT Package • Power Windows & Locks • Air Conditioning • Tilt Steering • Cruise Control • AM/FM Cassette • Chrome Wheels

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1997 CHRYSLER LHS
 • Power Seat • Tilt Steering • Cruise Control • Air Conditioning • Leather Seats • Sunroof.

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1997 DODGE 2500 CLUB CAB 4x4
 • Only 10,000 Miles • Air Conditioning • Tilt • Cruise • Power W/L • AM/FM Cassette • Leather Interior.

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1996 CHEVY TAHOE
 • Silverado Package • Tilt • Cruise • Air Conditioning • AM/FM Cassette • Power W/L

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1997 DODGE 1500 CLUB CAB
 • SLT Package • Power Windows & Locks • Air Conditioning • Tilt • Cruise • Short Bed.

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1997 JEEP GR. CHEROKEE LAREDO 4x4
 • Air Conditioning • Tilt Steering • Cruise Control • Rear Window Defroster • w/Only 9,600 Miles • Power Windows & Locks • AM/FM Cassette • 4.0 6 Cylinder Engine.

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