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A year on the job

F&G director learns lessons, draws generally favorable comments

By William Brock
Times-Idaho Falls writer

BOISE — As director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, Steve Mealey lives in the crosshairs of public opinion. He has been on the job almost a year, and so far, it's been quite a ride.

As successor to Jerry Conley, Mealey inherited a department riven with budget shortfalls and declining revenues. Some hunters, meanwhile, carp about diminished hunting opportunities for trophy elk and deer.

A 20-year U.S. Forest Service veteran, Mealey was perceived by some as too tolerant of logging and other land-management practices harmful to fish and wildlife.



'I hate for people to discount the power of partnership.'

—Steve Mealey,
Idaho Department of Fish and Game director

His star dimmed further after a July 24 episode on Lake Pend Oreille — when a tipsy Mealey dropped his pants to regis-

ter disapproval of a shoreline statue. He and other senior department staff, along with the state's Fish and Game Commission, were touring the lake by boat.

The mood was light and Mealey thought he was among friends. Word leaked out and only seven months after taking the job, he was suspended for two weeks. Mealey earns \$89,502 per year, so the suspension cost him around \$3,442 in lost salary.

The consequences of that were very painful, personally because they reflected on my own dignity and character — which are qualities that have never been questioned," Mealey said in an interview.

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Abortions done just days after conception

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A new abortion technique allows women to abort embryos just days after conception and before they've even missed a menstrual period. The new method is offered at several Planned Parenthood Federation affiliates across the country.

Gloria Feldt, president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, couldn't give an exact count of the locations performing the technique or the states and cities where they are located. She said Sunday there are "probably under 20" facilities now using the procedure.

Doctors have been reluctant to perform abortions before six or seven weeks of gestation because of the lack of accurate early pregnancy tests.

But better ultrasound imaging that shows the gestational sac in its earliest stages, along with the new surgical techniques, have made such early abortions possible.

The technique, pioneered by Dr. Jerry Edwards, the medical director at Houston's Planned Parenthood, uses a handheld syringe to inject the tissue and cost of the vacuum pump used for other abortions. The procedure can take as little as two minutes.

"It cuts down on a lot of real anxious time. Let people get this over with and go on with their lives," Edwards told The Associated Press Sunday.

Edwards said he started performing the procedure widely in 1994, but had been using it in his private practice since around 1989.

Edwards said the procedure is used frequently in his clinic.

"About one fourth of the patients coming in are less than six weeks gestation by their ultrasound, so it potentially is available for 25 percent of the one and a half million women having abortions each year in this country," Edwards said.

Lawyer: Insurance chief OK'd hush money to worker

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The top executive at Prudential Insurance Co. of America approved a \$1.46 million payment to a subordinate who threatened to go public with details on how insurance agents cheated customers nationwide, a company lawyer told Florida investigators.

The New York Times reported Sunday that the lawyer's sworn statements, released last week, provide the most detailed picture yet of insurer sales practices at Prudential. The company has agreed to pay \$410 million to policyholders who had been persuaded to use accumulated cash from old policies to buy new ones.

In the documents, attorney John J. Massaro quoted a superior at company headquarters in Newark, N.J., as saying of the potential whistle blower: "We paid him \$1.46 million as hush money."

Massaro said the payment was made "with the approval of Art Ryan," a former Chase Manhattan Bank executive hired in 1994 to clean up Prudential's image.

Prudential spokesman Robert DeFilippo did not address the claims made in the documents, but told the Times "problems of the past would not be new ones."

Florida is one of several states that continued to investigate Prudential even after the private, \$410 million class-action settlement was approved.

FINGER-DIPPIN' GOOD



Unable to resist temptation, 3-year-old Scooter Blume takes a bite out of his masterpiece during the ninth annual gingerbread decorating contest in Sun Valley. Blume was one of hundreds of children treated to the free event, which included a movie and musical entertainment by the Sun Valley Carollers and local band Desperado.

Clinton heads for Bosnia

President will tell GIs he wants longer mission; first lady, daughter travel along

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton headed off to Bosnia on Sunday to spread holiday cheer — and carry the news that he wants U.S. troops to remain indefinitely as the region recovers from its devastating war.

Without commenting, the president left the White House by helicopter and flew to Andrews Air Force Base for the all-night journey to Sarajevo. He was joined by first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and their college-student daughter Chelsea, a huge hit with the GIs on her last visit in 1996.



While in Bosnia, the president planned to meet with Bosnia's joint presidency and deliver a speech in Sarajevo before flying to Tuzla to share a holiday meal with American soldiers posted in that northern Bosnia city. He returns to

A U.S. soldier, carries a doll house intended for a Bosnian child during a Christmas party Saturday at Eagle Base near Tuzla in Bosnia. At least 50 children in the area received gifts. President Clinton is scheduled to visit the base today.

AP photo

Washington early Tuesday. Foggy weather Sunday night in Aviano, Italy, forced a small change in travel plans, White House spokesman

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Snowmobilers, wildlife vie for Yellowstone winter use

Park Service plans to close trails to study effect on bison

The Associated Press

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. — Bison and business face off as Yellowstone's winter season opens this month, triggering two migrations that mean life or death for hungry animals and dollar-dependent park communities.

Each winter, more than 110,000 people pour into the park, most of them on almost 60,000 snowmobiles that belch blue smoke as they slice through white powder and bound over hills. The whine of their two-cycle engines echoes through the lodgepole pine.

The groomed trails that they follow twist

like veins through 200 miles of trees and meadows in the world's first national park. Bison trudge those trails, too, avoiding the deep snow that saps their strength as they search for scarce winter forage.

Last year, a record 1,100 bison — about one-third of Yellowstone's herd — were shot or shipped to slaughter because they managed to migrate beyond Yellowstone's boundaries in Montana. Environmentalists say the groomed snowmobile trails contribute to the migration of the massive animals out of the park and into trouble.

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Snowmobilers on a groomed trail zoom by a bison in Yellowstone National Park last winter. Some people are concerned about the machines' effect on the animals in the park.

THE REGION

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Camas Prairie

High: 20 Low: -2
Patchy fog early today then sunny. High clouds late tonight. Snow likely Tuesday with highs in the 20s.

Treasure Valley

High: 32 Low: 20
Patchy fog early today then sunny. High clouds late tonight. Snow likely Tuesday with highs in the 20s.

Today

High: 27 Low: 11
Mostly sunny with light winds.

Tuesday

High: 27 Low: 11
Increasing clouds with a chance of snow.

Wednesday

High: 25 Low: 11
Partly cloudy with patchy fog.

Thursday

High: 30 Low: 10
Mostly sunny with patchy fog.

Friday

High: 17 Low: 10
Mostly sunny with patchy fog.

Two Win Falls

Yesterday	Normal
26	26
29	29
40	40

Precipitation

Yesterday	Normal
0.0	0.0
0.0	0.0
0.0	0.0

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 21 Low: -2
Patchy fog early today then sunny. High clouds late tonight. Snow likely Tuesday with highs in the 20s.

IDAHO Weather

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Forecast for the Magic Valley and high temperatures.

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, Dec. 22.
Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.

Idaho - Highs/Lows

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	-37	22	0.0
Blackfoot	26	14	0.0
Blaine	26	14	0.0
Butte	26	14	0.0
Chubbuck	26	14	0.0
Coeur d'Alene	26	14	0.0
Elgin	26	14	0.0
Emmett	26	14	0.0
Grangeville	26	14	0.0
Hammond	26	14	0.0
Jerome	26	14	0.0
Kimberly	26	14	0.0
Leto	26	14	0.0
Malad	26	14	0.0
Malden	26	14	0.0
McCall	26	14	0.0
Minidoka	26	14	0.0
Morehead	26	14	0.0
Mountain View	26	14	0.0
Payette	26	14	0.0
Pocatello	26	14	0.0
Post Falls	26	14	0.0
Salmon	26	14	0.0
Shoshone	26	14	0.0
Stanley	26	14	0.0
Sun Valley	26	14	0.0

Eastern Idaho

High: 19 Low: -5
Mostly sunny today and clear tonight. Cold tonight. Increasing clouds Tuesday with highs in the lower 20s.

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Morehead	26	14	0.0
Mountain View	26	14	0.0
Payette	26	14	0.0
Pocatello	26	14	0.0
Post Falls	26	14	0.0
Salmon	26	14	0.0
Shoshone	26	14	0.0
Stanley	26	14	0.0
Sun Valley	26	14	0.0

Northern Idaho

High: 28 Low: 25
Partly morning fog early then partly cloudy. Light snow likely late tonight. Show likely Tuesday with high in the 20s.

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McCall	26	14	0.0
Minidoka	26	14	0.0
Morehead	26	14	0.0
Mountain View	26	14	0.0
Payette	26	14	0.0
Pocatello	26	14	0.0
Post Falls	26	14	0.0
Salmon	26	14	0.0
Shoshone	26	14	0.0
Stanley	26	14	0.0
Sun Valley	26	14	0.0

Northern Utah

High: 30 Low: 14
Mostly cloudy today with chance of snow early. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny Tuesday with highs near 30.

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Payette	26	14	0.0
Pocatello	26	14	0.0
Post Falls	26	14	0.0
Salmon	26	14	0.0
Shoshone	26	14	0.0
Stanley	26	14	0.0
Sun Valley	26	14	0.0

Northern Nevada

High: 30 Low: 14
Mostly sunny today and clear tonight. Cold tonight. Increasing clouds Tuesday with highs in the lower 20s.

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Payette	26	14	0.0
Pocatello	26	14	0.0
Post Falls	26	14	0.0
Salmon	26	14	0.0
Shoshone	26	14	0.0
Stanley	26	14	0.0
Sun Valley	26	14	0.0

Yellowstone

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Ranchers fear the bison will spread brucellosis to their cattle. Even worse, they fear that Wyoming and Montana cattle will be shunned by other states because of their possible exposure to the disease.

Environmentalists worry about the impact snowmobiles have on Yellowstone's environment and wildlife. Two groups filed a lawsuit against the Park Service earlier this year to force a study on winter recreation.

"Bison share the road with snowmobiles. It may be a great thing to see, but it's precisely the problem," said D.J. Schubert, a wildlife biologist in Washington. "What most people don't realize is there are consequences to bison using (snowmobile) trails."

Earlier this month, a federal judge in Montana refused to stop the killing of bison that wander out of Yellowstone, but said no more than 100 bison can be killed without court hearing.

"We are not going to have another big bison kill without a hearing before this court," said U.S. District Judge Charles C. Lowell.

Snowmobilers and the businesses they support worry about whether the bison will be used as an excuse to keep them out.

"The bison are simply smoke and mirrors," said Vikki Eggers, executive director for the West Yellowstone, Mont., Chamber of Commerce. "That's the vehicle they're using to drive their agenda, which is to stop snowmobiling in the park."

In response to the lawsuit by the Fund for Animals and the Biodiversity Legal Foundation, the Park Service agreed to conduct an environmental impact statement on Yellowstone's winter use. Yellowstone opened for the winter on Wednesday.

The Park Service also agreed to study closing 14 miles of groomed snowmobile trails to determine the effect on the bison.

Environmentalists believe the

effects of snowmobiles are obvious: the trails make it easier for the bison to move from one area of the park to another. "The trails inside the park are having a do-or-die effect in that (the bison) are saving energy, fewer die of winter kill, more survive than would or should survive if the parks used the natural management mandate," Schubert said.

To those who depend on the park for their livelihoods, however, the battle is over how accessible the park should be to the public. "This is a small, elite group of individuals trying to carve out a piece of Yellowstone so only they can visit it," said Bob Coe, the owner of Palakappa Teepee, a hunting lodge near Yellowstone's eastern entrance.

The 14-mile segment under consideration for closure in January is the Hayden Valley Road between Fishing Bridge, near the park's east entrance, and Canyon. It is used by more than 10,000 snowmobiles each winter.

Authorities said they selected the segment because it would have the least economic impact on gateway communities, projects valued at \$1.3 million for the communities.

Those who depend on the snowmobile industry set the figure much higher.

"Just because we have a diverse economy does not mean we can stand a (trail) closure," said Paul Hoffman, the executive director of the Cody Country Chamber of Commerce. He estimates the losses from closing the trail at closer to \$4 million.

West Yellowstone, the takeoff point for about 70 percent of the snowmobiles that enter the park each year, would be hard-hit by a ban. "We have built our town in good faith in our relationship with the Park Service," said Eggers, who grew up in West Yellowstone. "We're talking about millions and millions of dollars invested in this community. It feels like the partnership is strained."

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Mealey

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He added that he learned a few lessons from the incident. "I learned how deeply divided our constituents are, because a lot of people saw this as a chance for blood," Mealey said. "That was sobering."

Another lesson, he added, was discovering the director of Fish and Game "is a very public figure."

His own admission, Mealey is "full of fun and kind of crazy." "I don't take myself too seriously." Now, he plays it straight in professional settings.

"A sense of humor in a relaxed atmosphere can be a liability," noted state Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly. Noh, a sheepman, is chairman of the Senate Resources and Environment Committee.

Mealey is a familiar figure with state lawmakers. Noh said, "And my own personal reading is that they're comfortable at this point with his performance — realizing that there have been some mistakes and difficulties."

The mousiee over Lake Pend Oreille caused minimal lasting damage, Mealey's reputation. Noh said, "He'll be judged in how well he performs on the job and in the next session."

Mealey's backers

Other observers say Mealey's first year on the job is ending far better than it began.

"He didn't listen to the sports community as well as he should have in the beginning," said Russ Biagne, president of the Idaho Wildlife Federation. "When he took over the helm, he did not include to any degree the recommendations of the sportsmen's groups."

Things have improved since then, Biagne said, because "he has decided to listen."

The Idaho Wool Growers Association also gives Mealey high marks.

mountain lion or bear — without striking a blow or sinking a fang — can kill dozens of sheep. The mere whiff of a bear or lion is enough to panic a band of sheep, leading to frenzied trampling and gruesome "mcleers."

Mealey considers predators are on the rise, Boyd said, and livestock producers are generally satisfied that Fish and Game is working to meet the threat of predators.

"The tension between the department and agriculture is lower now than it has been in the past," Boyd said. "Of course, there's always something to grumble about, but the big picture is OK and things have improved."

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation also backs Mealey, said Alan Christensen, vice president for conservation programs. Christensen and Mealey have known one another since the early 1970s.

"He is articulate and works well with people," Christensen said. "We've got the kind of relationship that I could get on the phone, right now, and talk with him."

Alliances

Forging alliances has always been one of Mealey's strong points.

A native of Sweet Home, Ore., Stephen Patrick Mealey graduated from the University of Oregon in 1964 with a bachelor's degree in political science. After college, he spent four years with the U.S. Air Force, ending his hitch as an intelligence officer in Vietnam.

Returning to the states, he settled in Salmon and spent three years as a hunting, fishing and floating outfitter. During that period, Mealey was cited for having an illegally taken deer in his possession.

The offense occurred decades ago and Mealey doesn't like to discuss it now.

In 1971, he enrolled in the University of Idaho and eventually completed a second bachelor's degree — in forestry. From Moscow, he moved on to Montana State University, where he worked in wildlife management.

Mealey joined the Forest Service in 1977, spending the next five years as a wildlife biologist in Montana, Wyoming and

Colorado.

In 1982, he began to climb the Forest Service ladder. He spent a couple of years as a forest planner in Fort Collins, Colo., then joined the National Land Management Planning Group in Fort Collins.

From there, he moved on to the supervisor post at the Shoshone National Forest in Wyoming. After nearly five years in Co., he moved to Forest Service headquarters in Washington, D.C. as assistant chief for strategic planning.

After three years, "my wife and I made a very personal decision and that was, 'We're going to return to where we're really comfortable — and that's out West.'"

In 1991, Mealey returned to Idaho as Boise National Forest supervisor. Among other things, the Boise supervisor is the Forest Service's liaison to the Legislature.

His final Forest Service assignment came in 1994, when he was chosen to manage an environmental review of the Upper Columbia River, who is not a critic, sweeping environmental impact statement ever written.

Changing agencies

About a year ago, Mealey opted to retire from the Forest Service and join Fish and Game. He started his new job in January.

Some of Mealey's decisions as Boise forest supervisor — particularly cutting trees for the sake of forest health — earned him a prologuing reputation among critics. As Mealey is not a critic, sweeping environmental impact statement ever written.

Shortly after Mealey's selection as Fish and Game director, Biagne and others feared he'd be too accommodating to industry and a poor advocate for fish and wildlife.

"I was very skeptical in the beginning," Biagne said. "Mealey bristles at such talk. 'Frankly, I'm sick of this business of me being a political hack,' he snapped."

As Mealey is being passionate and aggressive about his beliefs. "I've always been a forceful person," he said. "I've been force-

ful about everything I do because I believe in things. I care about wildlife and fish resources — because that's where I started."

There's plenty to care about these days because some of southern Idaho's deer herds and some northern elk herds are in dire straits, Mealey said.

No one knows it better than Fish and Game employees, he added. "So far people to blame the department is nonsense. We're not part of the problem."

At times, however, some of the department's wildlife biologists rile the public by insisting they've got all the answers on a local level. He refers to them as "combat biologists."

"Those are the people who want to say, 'This is the way it's going to be and you can like it or lump it,'" Mealey said. "That's a win-lose approach."

The win-win solution is to find compromises. Privately, some observers chafe that Idaho's wildlife can't survive much more compromising.

Mealey peppers his speech with terms such as "empowerment" and "non-traditional partnerships." He also criticizes the terms as mind-numbing. New Age babble — but Mealey defends them.

"I hate for people to discount the power of partnership," he said. "It goes to a very fundamental principle that is a very Christian principal — and that's the issue of caring."

Scott Hoffman, a Buhl bowhunter who sits on Fish and Game's deprecation advisory committee, said Mealey is in a "no-win position."

"No matter what he does, he's going to make somebody unhappy," Hoffman said. "Speaking as a sportsman, I'm mixed — I think he's done some things right, but I don't think he's been upfront enough with the sportsmen."

Taking a page from Shakespeare, Mealey said adversity — in his case, criticism — has its sweet side. "What would it be like to live in a world where nobody cared what you did?" he asked.

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Clinton

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Mike McCurry said, Air Force One will fly to Ramstein Air Base in Germany where the party will transfer to a smaller plane to continue the trip to Sarajevo.

The change was not expected to appreciably affect the length of Clinton's stay.

The White House hoped the visit would lend an appropriate personal touch to Clinton's decision to maintain an American presence in the war-torn Balkans beyond the June 1998 deadline.

Besides his family, Clinton took along a top-

level delegation that includes former GOP presidential candidate Bob Dole; his wife Elizabeth; president of the American Red Cross; and a number of congressional Republicans.

Sunday, Clinton aides made the rounds of the weekly news talk shows to defend the extension Clinton is seeking.

They said U.S. involvement is needed to anchor NATO's peacekeeping mission and prevent renewed violence, and continuing the mission indefinitely does not mean American troops would stay put for an unreasonable amount of time.

"There's a difference between saying it's indefinite and it's infinite," Defense Secretary William Cohen said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

"We ought to stay until the seeds of peace have taken much deeper root and can become self-sustaining," Cohen said. "I think if we pulled the troops out, I'm satisfied that other NATO members would also do likewise."

U.S. presence remains strong in Bosnia

From the streets to canneries, U.S. troops are everywhere

GRACANICA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — When Muhamed Salihbasic and his family were forced from their homes during the Bosnian war, they dreamed of opening a canning factory like the one they'd left behind.

Thanks to U.S. loans, their new company, which employs Muslims, Serbs and Croats alike, has been one of the big successes of postwar Bosnia.

It also is one sign of the large U.S. presence in Bosnia from business and construction consultants to diplomats and military advisers — aimed at gradually putting the country back together.

President Clinton's one-day visit Monday to Bosnia to greet U.S. soldiers and build support for a prolonged U.S. troop deployment there also is an indication that American policy makers, unlikely to lose interest in the region any time soon.

Since U.S. troops began arriving in Bosnia two years ago as part of NATO-led force, the American presence has grown to a roughly \$300 million investment. Some Bosnians joke that their land has become the 51st state.

The 8,000 U.S. soldiers in Bosnia perform jobs such as patrolling areas around the former front line to make sure refugees can return home.

But the U.S. mission, besides the emphasis of the United States is on civilian issues, U.S. officials



On Sunday, workers at Bosnian food processing factory 'Vega Fruit' in Gracanica prepare products to leave the factory and make their way to consumers.

say, adding that they are trying to create conditions for economic development.

Many international officials and Bosnians alike see economic prosperity as the most secure way to create a permanent peace. U.S. government aid programs require employers to hire members of all ethnic groups.

The U.S. Agency for International Development says that so far, 140 loans worth \$68 million have been approved. The funds are expected to help provide more than 11,000 jobs.

The 'Salihbasic' family has received more than \$2.3 million in U.S. loans to develop the

Vegafruit factory, located three miles from the former front line.

The new facility has enabled Salihbasic, who ran a cannery in nearby Doboj before the war, to expand production and begin exporting to the former Yugoslav republics of Croatia, Macedonia and Slovenia.

The factory turn out jams and juices, jars of pickles and pickled peppers. There are plans to produce baby food and cultivate mushrooms as well.

Consultants visit each month to lead management workshops and explain marketing tactics.

The most important thing was the introduction of the working

discipline, cash flow discipline and the organization of business.

Based on economic and market possibilities," said Fadi Salihbasic, Muhamed's cousin, the company's financial director. The factory employs 350 people, 80 percent of whom are Muslim refugees. The rest are Serbs and Croats who live in the area. Another 400 families grow cucumbers, strawberries, plums and peppers for the company.

Meanwhile, U.S. consultants are still in Bosnia teaching the Muslim-Croat army how to use the weapons it receives under a U.S.-sponsored program to create parity with Bosnian Serb forces.

U.S. expects U.N. support if force needed to open Iraqi sites

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States still might have to use military force to open suspected Iraqi weapons sites to U.N. inspectors and feels certain of Security Council support despite reluctance from veto-holders, France, Russia and China, administration officials said Sunday.

Bill Richardson, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said U.N. resolutions already in force would justify military action if necessary but added: "We don't want to reach that point."

And added on NBC's "Meet the Press" about lessening enthusiasm in the United Nations even for continued sanctions against Iraq, Richardson said, "We believe we will have support

within the Security Council" if force becomes necessary.

Russia, China and France refused to support the latest U.S. effort, a draft resolution introduced Friday, to get Security Council condemnation of any further move by Iraq to keep U.S. arms inspectors from presidential palaces and other "sovereignty sites."

Also Friday, Iraqi officials escorted foreign reporters around some of President Saddam Hussein's palaces and vowed that U.S. inspectors will never enter them.

"That's completely unacceptable, and hopefully the Security Council will send a resounding signal that it's unacceptable," Defense Secretary William Cohen said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Report says objection to Gulf War vaccine was overridden

CLEVELAND (AP) — An Army review board ruled it would be unethical to give soldiers heading to the Persian Gulf War an experimental vaccine without warning them the effects were unknown. The Panel Decried Sunday.

However, the ruling was overridden after the Department of Defense cited national security concerns, the newspaper said.

The bristling toxoid vaccine was given to 8,000 troops in protection against chemical and biological warfare. The soldiers were not told the vaccine, now being studied as a possible source for the variety of health problems

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Survey reveals highest paid executives

NEW YORK (AP) — The soaring stock market has led line the pockets of bosses in the securities industry last year, a new survey of the highest-paid chief executives reports.

The average salary and bonus given to the best-paid CEOs of financial services firms was nearly \$2 million in 1996, according to the report being released Monday by The Conference Board.

Insurance CEOs were far behind in second place with an average payout of \$950,000. Telecommunications, which was the most generous industry in 1995, fell to third place at \$820,000, the business-sponsored study group said.

The study examined 1,445 companies in 13 industries and compared the compensation of the top five executives in each category. The most recent figures available were for 1996.

The totals of annual compensation do not include stock option grants, which are viewed as long-term incentives and can far exceed the total value of salary and bonus.

The average CEO compensation in the other categories was \$765,000 for commercial banks, \$722,000 for communications, \$635,000 for manufacturing, \$600,000 for wholesale trade, \$557,000 for energy, \$545,000 for utilities, \$514,000 for transportation, \$481,000 for diversified services, and \$469,000 for retail trade.

The average construction firm CEO was at the bottom of the heap but still received \$468,000 in salary and bonus.

Although the compensation given to financial services CEOs was more than double any other industry, it was up only a scant 0.1 percent from the previous year. CEO pay rose the most in diversified services, with an increase of 7.8 percent.

For the financial chiefs, the wait for the annual bonus was well worth it. On average, it was 3.37 times the amount of their salary.

Fate of Arctic fireball awaits spring solution

The Washington Post

Did a 50-ton space rock slam down on the ice cap of southern Greenland 13 days ago? It is an Arctic mystery whose solution may have to wait for spring.

Early on Dec. 9, shocked fishermen reported a blazing fireball that turned night into day. The question is whether the object burned up in the atmosphere or struck the Earth, astronomers said. Scattered reports of seismic tremors occurring moments later strengthen the case for an impact but are not conclusive, according to Scandinavian scientists who are investigating the event.

The impact zone, if any, is estimated to be a remote and forbidding site about 30 miles northeast of Narsarsuaq Airport, near Qaqortoq (formerly Julianehab). If scientists follow the tradition of naming an impact after the closest post office, astronomers noted, this one will be known as

the Qaqortoq meteorite.

Research teams are eager to search the area for fragments, but the harsh winter conditions are making this difficult, if not impossible, for now. Up to 40 inches of snow has fallen in the area since the impact, and another 10 feet is anticipated before the spring thaw. Attempts to inspect the site from the air have been hampered by clouds.

Here is the primary evidence so far.

Crews aboard three Danish and Norwegian trawlers at widely separated sites on both sides of southern Greenland reported seeing the light trail at 5:13 a.m. local time, according to the Niels Bohr Institute in Copenhagen. The institute is coordinating an investigation that also includes the Tycho Brahe Planetarium, the Copenhagen Astronomical Society, the Danish Center for Remote Sensing and the Norwegian Seismic Array (NORSAR).



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Hollywood executive Steel dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dawn Steel, who became the first woman to head a major Hollywood studio after producing blockbusters such as "Top Gun" and "Fatal Attraction," has died. She was 51.

Ms. Steel died of a brain tumor Saturday night after three weeks in a hospital, family spokeswoman Nancy Willen said Sunday. Ms. Steel had been ill for two years.

She spent only two years as president of Columbia Pictures, leaving in 1990, but Ms. Steel was known as one of Hollywood's toughest executives.

"My reputation was such that when I had dinner with (President) Clinton he looked at me and said, 'You're not so bad as I thought you'd be. You're just straightforward,'" she told the Los Angeles Times in 1993.

Ms. Steel was also known for a keen ability to match actors with movies suited to their talents.

Producer Lynda Obst once said of her longtime friend: "It doesn't even occur to Dawn to be afraid to say no. That's critical for a studio head."

Born Aug. 19, 1946, in New York City to blue-collar parents, Ms. Steel went to college but never got a degree because she was too broke and impatient. She went to work for Penthouse Magazine in 1969, rising to writer and merchandising director. Later, she sold "designer" toilet paper through her mom's company.

She moved to Los Angeles in 1978, landing a job as the director of merchandising at Paramount Pictures. It was her campaign for "Star Trek: The Motion Picture" — and, some say, her brashness — that caught the eye of studio executives.

She was promoted to vice president of production in 1980 and by 1985 she headed Paramount's production, overseeing such movies as "Flashdance," "Top Gun," "The Accused," and "Fatal Attraction."

In November 1987, Ms. Steel replaced British filmmaker David Puttnam as president of Columbia Pictures and became the first woman to run a major Hollywood studio.

WEATHERING A TEXAS STORM



Sunday morning after flash flooding in central Texas caused at least four weather-related deaths. Bruce Glover, 24, removes some of the flood-damaged furniture from his home in Harker Heights. The previous night's rain and flooding forced him and the rest of his family to spend the night with friends and did several thousands of dollars in damage to the house. The weather system poured up to 5 inches of rain on central Texas, with 6 inches of snow in the panhandle. Eight traffic deaths were linked to the heavy rain in various parts of the state. The storm was moving toward the east, and the National Weather Service issued a winter weather advisory for Monday in parts of western Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia and western Maryland.

Septuplets spend Christmas in hospital

CARLISLE, Iowa (AP) —

Twenty-two-month-old Mikayla will be the only McCaughey child opening Christmas presents under the tree this year. Come next December, seven brothers and sisters should be tearing through wrapping paper with her. The world's only living set of septuplets — born a month ago to Bobbi and Kenny McCaughey — are thriving in the hospital and are expected to be released late next month.

Mikayla and her mom and dad plan to spend a quiet Christmas morning with Kenny's parents — Val and Kenneth McCaughey — and Christmas afternoon with Bobbi's parents — Peggy and Bob Hepworth.

"It's the first time our family will get together (for Christmas) because everybody had been living in different places," said Barbara Paddock, Mrs. McCaughey's sister.

The Hepworth clan and the couple will gather to open presents and eat a Christmas dinner. Bob Hepworth, an ordained Baptist minister, will read the Christmas story from the Gospel of St. Luke.



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Christian Coalition reorganizes, cuts staff

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Christian Coalition is embarking on a major reorganization, cutting staff and dropping its highly publicized minority outreach program.

A political powerhouse in recent campaigns, the conservative lobbying group is struggling to regroup from a series of setbacks earlier this year, including a drop in revenues and the departure of its core senior staff.

Ralph Reed, the savvy operative who almost singlehandedly built the coalition into a pre-eminent force in Republican politics, left in June to open his own consulting firm. The organization also lost its top Washington lobbyist and communications director.

Since then, Reed's successors, former Rep. Randy Tate, R-Wash., Donald Hodel, have been searching for ways to rebuild.

"Our intent is to get back to our core mission of grass-roots activism and prepare for next year," coalition spokesman Arne Owens said Friday. Among the changes, the coalition plans include spinning off the minority-oriented Samaritan Project, replacing its glossy magazine with a newsletter eliminating about 20 jobs and putting the fund-raising operation back under the watchful eye of management at coalition headquarters.

And when the New Year opens, the group will buttress its Capitol Hill lobbying with one new staff aide.

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Violence against Americans draws warning about travel in Mexico

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MEXICO CITY — Following the murder of a California man in Mexico City, the U.S. State Department has intensified its warning to Americans to exercise caution when traveling in Mexico.

The State Department is urging Americans to beware of taking taxis in Mexico City, especially Volkswagen "bug" taxis. They are not regulated and authorities believe some of the taxi drivers are committing or abetting the crimes.

Police say Peter John Zarate, 40, a native of San Jose, Calif., was gunned down this week after he hailed one of these cabs near the Plaza Polanco, a ritzy mall crowded with holiday shoppers. The mall is only a short walk from Zarate's home in a wealthy neighborhood on the west side of Mexico City.

Zarate was deputy director of sales in Mexico for Cushman & Wakefield Inc., a New York-based real estate company.

Although he is the first American reported killed in what the State Department calls "taxi robberies," violent robberies and kidnappings have increased significantly in Mexico City during the past 18 months.

The State Department has a standing warning about crime in Mexico City and in other parts of the country, but this week has been particularly violent for Americans in the capital.

U.S. embassy officials said another American, whom they declined to identify, was badly beaten this week in another taxi-cab assault.

And on Wednesday, Vincent Carrozza, president of the Princess Hotel in Acapulco and a New Jersey native, was released after kidnappers were paid an undisclosed ransom.

All foreign tourists and businessmen are vulnerable to attack, but a State Department spokesman said Americans are most at risk because "they are most visible, more numerous and quite easily identifiable as tourists and as people who might have money."



Mexico City Major Cuauhtemoc Cardenas attends a Christmas toast Friday when he commented on security measures to protect foreigners from becoming victims of taxi-cab robberies.

Safety tips

Here are precautions police and security experts suggest for staying safe while you're in Mexico City:

- Don't carry large amounts of cash; use travelers' checks or credit cards instead. And stay away from automatic teller machines, especially at night.
- Consider hiring a trained driver recommended by a security firm.
- Avoid street cabs at all times.
- Instead, call radio-dispatched cabs at 271-9146, 271-9058 or 272-6125 in Mexico City.
- Call your destination to tell them you are about to take a taxi.
- Stay on busy streets as often as possible.
- Don't carry a gun. This is important, especially for visitors. Bringing

firearms into Mexico is a felony.

- Don't be fooled by well-dressed groups of men moving toward you. Many of the taxi assaults in Mexico City have been perpetrated by groups of well-dressed men who jump into cabs at intersections or shortly after a victim has gotten inside a vehicle.
- Go to nightclubs and restaurants in groups; arrange transportation ahead of time.
- Check detailed information provided by the U.S. State Department at Internet address: <http://travel.state.gov>.
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Helen Smith is a forensic psychologist in Knoxville, Tenn; she is writing a book on teen-age murderers. She wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

As it is now, the advocates of the Yellowstone wolves are outraged. They want the wolves to stay, and the appeals court should grant that wish by overturning Downes' ruling. In the meantime, environmental groups should learn that striking a balance between their interests and their opponents' is often preferable to litigation—especially, in this case, backfired on them.

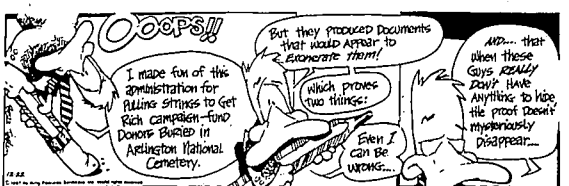
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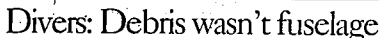
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By Bruce Tinsley





Swift currents and poor visibility are hampering the efforts of the divers, who mistakenly reported they had found the bulk of the wreckage of the SilkAir

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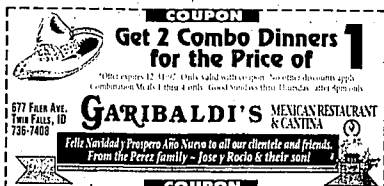
Transport Minister Haryanto Dhanutirto said the search has been fruitless.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Serbians tried for the fourth time in three months Sunday to elect a president, as they were asked again to choose between a protégé of Yugoslav strongman Slobodan Milosevic and an extreme nationalist.

The two were the top vote-getters in the last election Dec. 7, but neither had the 50 percent of ballots cast required to win the

presidency outright. First-round voting in September also failed to produce a winner, and an October runoff was invalidated because of low turnout.

Attendance at several polling stations was off again Sunday, fueling fears that turnout would be less than 50 percent of the 7.2 million voters, which would scuttle this vote, too, and force yet another round of balloting.



A young Thai boy tosses a ball at an effigy of former Thai Prime Minister Chavalit Yongchalyudh, right, while an effigy of the current Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai, left, stands by on Sunday at the Market of the Former Rich, a weekend flea market in Bangkok, Thailand.

For about 20 cents each, hundreds of people hurled balls at a target to dunk a cardboard cutout of their least favorite of Thailand's last five prime ministers into rice-filled garbage cans.

The venue was fitting: Bangkok's Market of the Former Rich, a weekend flea market where big spenders down on their luck raise cash by selling the trappings of bygone wealth — Rolex watches, Mercedes-Benz sedans, private planes.

Amusing the thousands of market-goers is important to organizer Wasun Panon. So he set up the dunking stand.

"When they really don't like someone, they throw the ball really hard and get out a lot of bad feeling," Wasun said. "They can go home feeling happier."

According to Wasun's tally, the prime minister most likely to be dunked was Chavalit Yongchaiyudh, who resigned in November after less than a year in office.

During his tenure, Thailand's once proud economy plunged into a currency crisis that prompted a \$17 billion bailout organized by the International Monetary Fund and spread through Asia.

No. 2 on dunkers' lists was Chatchai Choonhavan. He was toppled as prime minister in 1991 in a coup by military officers who accused him of massive corruption.

Third was Chuan Leekpai, who succeeded Chavalit. While faithfully carrying out IMF austerity measures intended to clean up the financial system, he has seen Thailand's currency, the baht, hit new lows.

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Louis Farrakhan, arriving in Libya on a visit the U.S. government called ill-advised, condemned U.N. sanctions against the pariah state, according to news reports Sunday.

The Nation of Islam leader criticized the sanctions in a statement after his arrival Saturday night, state-run Libyan television said. The report was monitored by the BBC in London.

Farrakhan said the sanctions were "tantamount to a weapon of mass destruction," the television said.

The U.N. Security Council imposed sanctions on Libya in April 1992 to try to force Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi to turn over two Libyans wanted in the 1988 explosion of a Pan Am jet over Lockerbie, Scotland.

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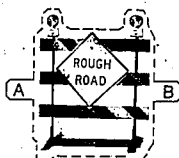
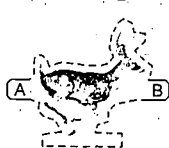
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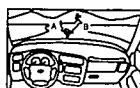
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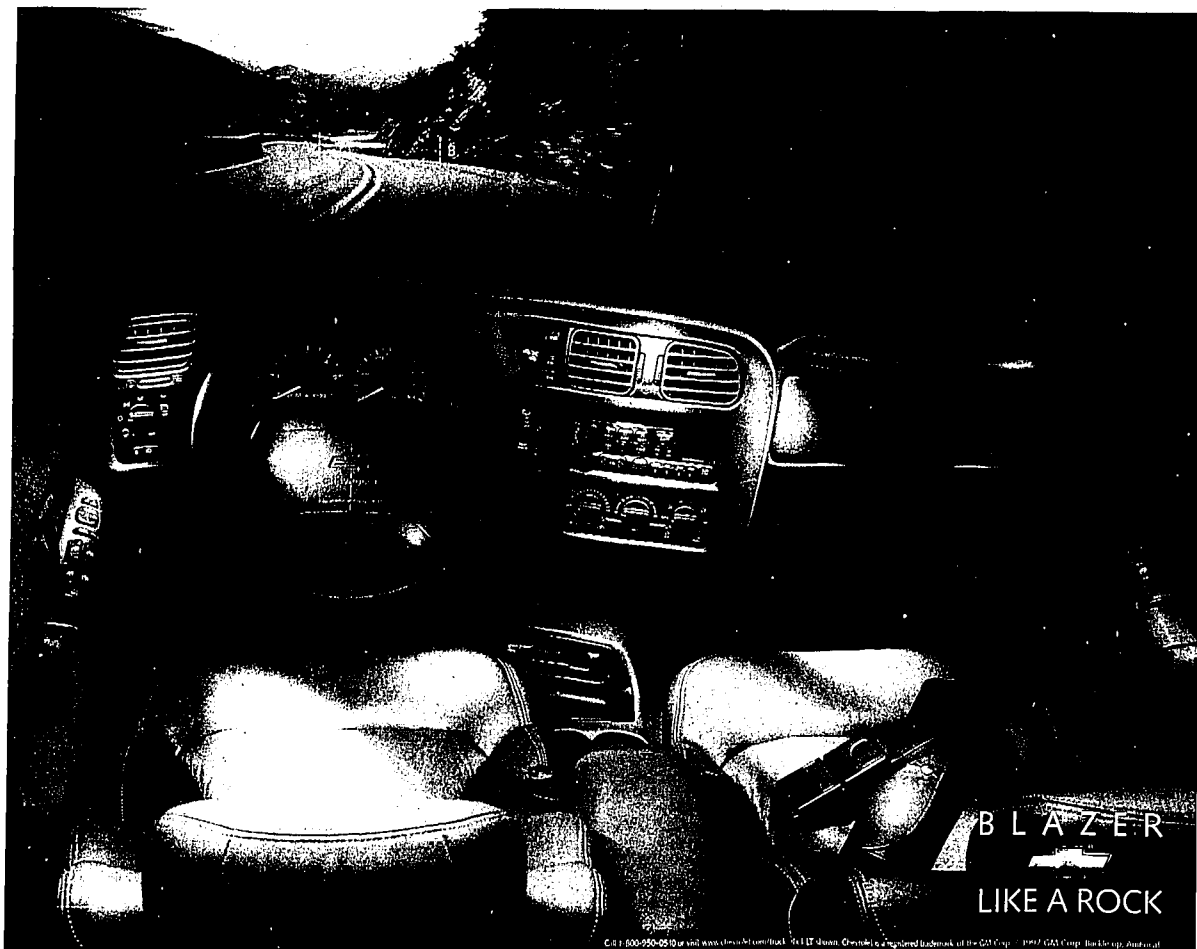
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Mr. Language Person responds to impertinence

Once again our glands are swollen with pride as we present "Ask Mr. Language Person," the column that answers your common questions about grammar, punctuation and sheep diseases. Mr. Language Person is the only authority who has been formally recognized by the American Association of English Teachers On Medication. ("Hey!" were their exact words. "It's you!")

So without further adieu, let us turn to our first question, which comes from a reader who has just returned from a trip to England.

Q. I have just returned from a trip to England and ...

A. We know that. Get to the point! You're wasting space!



HUMOR
Dane Barry

Q. OK, sorry. Anyway, I have just returned from a trip to England, and I noticed that the English put an extra "u" in certain words, such as "humour," "humor" and "The Roulling Stones." Also they call some things by totally different names, such as "lift" when they mean "elevator," "bonnet" when they mean "hood" and "tytel" when they mean "former Vice President Quayle." My question is, don't they have any dentists over there?

A. Apparently not.

Q. Please explain the correct usage of the word "neither."

A. Grammatically, "neither" is used to begin sentences with compound subjects that are closely related and occur at a time 24, as in: "Neither Esther nor Bernice have passed up many fine Dongs, if you catch my drift." It may be used at the end of a carnivorous injunction, as in: "And don't touch them weasels, neither."

Q. My husband and I recently received a note containing this sentence: "Give us the money, or you see the last of your're child." I say that the correct wording should be "you have done seen the last of your're child," but my husband, Warren, insists it should be "you have been done seeing the last of your're child." This has become a real bone of contention, to the point where Warren refuses to come out of the utility shed. What do you think?

A. We think that an excellent name for a bird would be: "The Bona of Contention."

Q. I have noticed that newspapers often state that they have obtained information from "informed sources." Who are these sources?

A. We cannot tell you.

Q. Why not?

A. When the Evil Wizard will turn them back into snails.

Q. As an employee of the Internal Revenue Service, I have been tasked with the paradigm of making our income-tax forms more "user friendly" for the average American citizen, who according to our research has the IQ of a sugar beet. I am currently working on this sentence from the form 1040 instructions: "A taxpayer who dies prior to the fourth trimester of the previous nonexempt year must, within 10 fiscal days of kicking the bucket, file Form 94-82348-RIF, which has not been available since the Eisenhower administration (1952-60)." How can I make this sentence less confusing?

A. According to the Association of Professional Tax Professionals, a much clearer wording would be: "... which has not been available since the Eisenhower administration (1952-60)."

Q. When should I say "phenomena," and when should I say "phenomenon?"

A. "Phenomena" is what grammarians refer to as a "substantive invective," which is a word used to describe skin disorders, as in "He has a weird phenomena on his neck shaped like Ted Koppel." Whereas "phenomenon" is used to describe a backup singer in the 1957 musical group "Duane Furlong and the Phenomenons."

Q. What was their big hit?

A. "You Are the Carburator of My Heart."

Q. What is the most fascinating newspaper photograph caption you have ever seen?

A. That would be the caption to a 1994 photograph from the Billings, Mont., Gazette, sent in by alert reader David Martin. The photo, which accompanies a very serious story on efforts to end the civil war in Angola, shows some bikini-clad women on a beach, looking at a man who is holding a monkey. The caption states, in its entirety: "An Angolan carries his pet monkey Sunday on a beach in Angola as leaders of the country sign a new peace agreement."

Q. Can you please reprint the top two headlines from the cover of the October 1996, Issue of Reader's Digest?

A. Certainly.

Amateur carolers often get crossways with their vocal cords

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Country music wunderkind LeAnn Rimes and her 15-year-old pipes have been known to do 10 carols a week.

Don't try that at home.

"Professional singers are taught how to breathe properly and how to take care of their vocal cords," said Carson Wong, College of Southern Idaho music instructor and director of the Magic Valley Chorale. "A lot of amateur singers injure themselves without knowing it."

Welcome to the high season of hoarse-ness — the time of year when millions of folks who can't otherwise carry a tune don't hesitate to reach for that high C in "O Holy Night."

Many of them come crashing down with a glottal thud.

"Carolers who try to sing in the cold risk problems because the temperature dries out the vocal cords and makes them more susceptible to injury," said Dr. Julian Nicholson, a Twin Falls ear, nose and throat specialist.

Alcohol, cigarette smoke and fatigue can aggravate the problem.

"Vocal cord injuries take care of themselves to the extent that if you don't talk, they usually go away," Nicholson said. "It's when people continue to abuse their vocal cords that there are problems."

The temptation to do just that is compelling this time of year, when holiday music is ubiquitous and so is the impulse to sing it.

"The vocal cords are like any muscle you use when you exercise," said Bart Huish, a Twin Falls insurance agent who's built a second career as a singer.

"If you don't prepare properly, you're more likely to get hurt."



Professional singers like the prolific LeAnn Rimes avoid laryngitis because they're taught how to manage stress on their vocal cords.

Huish, who does five or more gigs a week this time of year, sings scales every morning and has yet to hear any complaints from his vocal cords.

"I just have never had a problem," he

said. "But I run into a lot of singers who don't."

"The first thing a young singer wants to do is sing as loud as they can," said Richard Smack, Twin Falls High School

Take care of those pipes

Tips for avoiding vocal cord injuries:

- **Know your limitations.** Don't sing outside your vocal range, or sing too long or too often.
- **Stop belting.** You don't have to sing loudly to sing well. Matter of fact, most voice experts say vocal restraint makes for better music than straining at the top of your lungs.
- **See your doctor.** If you have chronic heartburn, chances are good you have a hiatal hernia, a condition that can damage your vocal cords.
- **Less the lozenges and the warm salt water.** They're for a sore throat, not for laryngitis. It's two different problems.
- **Shut up.** If you don't sing — or talk a lot — the overwhelming majority of vocal cord injuries are temporary and self-correcting.

voice teacher and director of the Madrigals. "That's one of the worst things you can do your voice."

For all their resilience, vocal cords are delicate bits of cartilage under constant pressure. They're actually the lower of two pairs of bands or folds in the larynx that vibrate when drawn together. When air is passed up from the lungs, they produce sound.

"A professional singer can literally lose their livelihood if they don't take care of their voices," Wong said. "If the vocal cords abused over a period of time, nodules can form that have to be removed surgically, and even after they are, the voice never comes back to where it was."

It's a dilemma for professional talkers as well as singers, Nicholson said. "The treatment is to stop talking, and a lot of people can't do that. So in severe cases, I just tell them to take a weeks' vacation at home and be quiet."

Young singers are especially vulnerable to vocal cord problems, Nicholson explained, because they're still developing physically and they don't know yet how to take care of their voices.

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Officials blame poultry in most food-poisoning cases

The Washington Post

When federal researchers launched a detailed study of food-poisoning cases in 1996, they got a big surprise.

The most common cause of food-borne illness in the United States turned out to be a relatively obscure bacterium, *Campylobacter jejuni*, which is found in poultry. *Campylobacter* surpassed salmonella, another organism found in poultry, that is well-known as a cause of food poisoning.

Campylobacter is ubiquitous in the intestines of chickens, turkeys and other poultry. The bacteria is shed in their feces and does not sicken birds, but does cause a lot of misery to people who eat undercooked poultry.

Based on the 1996 study of food-poisoning cases in five states, federal health officials estimate that *Campylobacter*, which causes bloody diarrhea, fever and abdominal pain, is responsible nationwide for about 4 million infections annually.

Deaths are relatively rare — between 200 and 1,000 deaths per year, mostly in

Safety tips

Although bacterial contamination of raw poultry is widespread, health officials say consumers can take simple steps to avoid contracting a foodborne illness. Among them:

- **Thaw frozen turkeys and chickens in the refrigerator.** Not at room temperature on a counter. Do not slow-cook a whole turkey in the oven overnight. Low temperatures invite colonization by disease-causing bacteria.
- **Cook stuffing separately or stuff a turkey right before cooking.** Make sure poultry reaches an internal temperature of 180 degrees at its thickest point. Stuffing inside the turkey should reach 165 degrees F. Poultry should not be pink inside; the juices should run clear when the meat is cut.

the elderly or people whose immune systems are compromised, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Infection can be prevented by proper cooking and food-handling techniques.

- **Refrigerate leftovers** within two hours.
- **Wash your hands** after handling raw poultry and before touching anything else. Wash sponges and cutting boards with soap and hot water or in the dishwasher. Do not reuse utensils or plates that have touched raw poultry. One reason *Campylobacter* and salmonella infections rise in summer months, health officials say, is that people often take chicken off the grill and put it back on the same unwashed plate.

"If you do that," observed consumer advocate Carol Tucker Foreman, "you can cook that chicken all you want, but you're still going to get sick."

— The Washington Post

know that *Campylobacter* was important, but we always thought that salmonella was going to be the big player."

"I certainly didn't expect *Campylobacter* to have a higher incidence than salmonella," agreed Kaye Wechsman, deputy administrator of the office of public health and science at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, who spent 25 years at the CDC.

One reason *Campylobacter* is unknown to the general public — and many doctors — is that it doesn't cause large outbreaks of food poisoning. *Campylobacter* infection typically occurs in sporadic cases, in which three or fewer people get sick, not in mass outbreaks. Sporadic cases are rarely reported either to doctors or to state and federal health officials, which makes the infections even harder to track.

"Most doctors can't pronounce it, let alone spell it," said Martin Blaser, director of the division of infectious diseases at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. "In general what grabs people's attention are outbreaks."

LOOKING GOOD Evening bag is perfect accessory

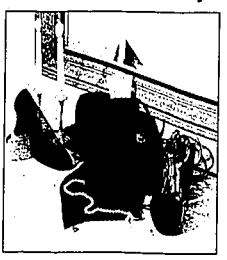
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The simple black dress hangs lamely in your closet awaiting a call to action for holiday parties. Can you make it last one more season? Is it good for another office festivity?

Maybe you'll spruce it up with a handful of rhinestone jewelry or a big pin that can be spotted across a room. Or — and here's a better idea — the magic may be in a beautiful evening bag.

Indeed, the bag on your arm is like pretty jewelry that enhances your clothes or sets you apart from other women who may also be in black.

The choices run a wide gamut from simple black crepe with a rhinestone buckle to jewel-encrusted minaudières. They can be art, displayed as one might a piece of sculpture. Judith Leiber's expensive strapless bags, for instance, are often instantly recognizable for their whimsical animal shapes and are favorites with collectors. Pat Buckley, the wife of William Buckley, is said to have 80.



Well-chosen footwear and accessories can add a touch of affordable glamor to holiday looks. Flocked velvet handbags with shoulder cords and flap or zip closure, are available in black, burgundy or hunter green at select Sears stores.

size of a calculator with a tiny metal chain, is a priority choice among fashion

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HEALTH NOTES

A lift for the holidays

As the holiday shopping season heats up, the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons cautions people to be careful when lifting heavy packages. Lifting the wrong way can result in back pain, which in a worst-case scenario can leave a person immobile for a few days. Lifting the right way involves keeping the object close to your body, bending your knees and keeping your back straight. The AAOS has produced a brochure — "Lift It Safe!" — that is also helpful for caregivers dealing with maneuvering people. For a free copy, call 1-800-824-2663 or send a self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope to Lift It Safe, American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, P.O. Box 9918, Des Plaines, Ill. 60017.

Psychic phenomenon

Mind over matter? Well, a professional psychic who volunteered to donate a kidney to a Connecticut teenager ended up being a compatible match against teen odds. The psychic, a friend of the teen's family, had a sense that she would somehow be able to help the

young. "This is unusual," said Hartford Transplant Associates, the firm handling the operation.

Migraine relief

Good news for migraine sufferers: The Food and Drug Administration has approved a new nose-spray formulation of Novartis Pharmaceuticals' Migranal. Available by prescription in January, it will be the second migraine nose-spray to hit the U.S. market this year. Glaxo-Wellcome recently got approval for its drug Imigran.

Designer estrogen

In other Food and Drug Administration action, millions of women got a new weapon against chipping osteoporosis when the FDA approved the drug raloxifene. It mimics estrogen's bone-saving effects but without the risk of breast cancer. The first so-called designer estrogen doesn't protect bone quite as well as the real thing, causing FDA advisers to dub it "estrogen light."

Compiled from wire reports

HEALTH & FASHION

Doctors tie coloring in food to allergic attacks

The Washington Post

A red dye frequently used in foods, cosmetics and drugs can cause a life-threatening allergic reaction in some people and ought to be identified as an ingredient on product labels, according to University of Michigan doctors.

The dye, carmine, is a natural organic substance extracted from the dried body

ies of cochineal insects. The Michigan team proved that carmine was the ingredient that had triggered anaphylaxis, a dangerous allergic reaction, in a 27-year-old woman who had eaten a Good Humor Sno-Fruit frozen treat containing the dye. Three hours after consuming the product, she developed hives, wheezing and shock (dangerously low blood pressure) for which she was hospitalized.

Carmine is used to color candy, ice

cream, juice drinks, yogurt, fruit fillings in baked goods, port wine cheese, artificial crab and lobster, puddings, lipsticks, blushes, eyeshadows, vitamins and other products. It has previously been implicated in attacks of anaphylaxis, asthma, hives and other symptoms, but the Michigan doctors used a special, old-fashioned procedure called a Praisnitz-Kusner test to demonstrate that their patient's immune system produced

chemical antibodies to the dye, causing the allergic reaction.

A skin test for carmine allergy was positive in her but negative in her husband and in 20 other people. After a small amount of her serum was injected at a spot on her husband's skin, he reacted positively to a retest at the same site, indicating that her serum contained anti-carmine antibodies. The study appeared in the November issue of the

Annals of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology.

The bodies of female cochineal insects, which live as parasites on the prickly pear cactus, were used by the Aztecs to obtain a natural red dye. Today, cochineal extract comes chiefly from plantations in the Canary Islands and Peru. The active ingredient, carminic acid, is a complex organic molecule containing 22 carbon atoms.

Singing

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"If a student comes up to me before class and says, 'I've got a sore throat,' I tell them not to sing today and to study the music more," Smack said. "There's no shortcut except to rest the voice."

"I emphasize to the people I work with the importance of getting enough rest when you're about to sing," Wong said. "When you're tired, you're more likely to injure your vocal cords."

Huish drinks plenty of water, and advises any singer to do the same.

"It's important those vocal cords don't get dried out," he said. "But what you eat and drink can

have other implications if you're a singer, Nicholson said.

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—Dr. Julian Nicholson

"Now, it's increasingly evident that esophageal reflux is a major factor."

That happens when the valve that's supposed to keep stomach acid within the gastrointestinal

system malfunctions and acid leaks into the larynx—a medical condition known as larynx hernia.

"If you take a close look at the vocal cords of people with this problem, the damage is very evident," Nicholson said. "Fortunately, the new generation of antacid drugs like Prilosec is very effective."

That said, Nicholson recommends that singers prone to reflux problems not eat after 6:30 or 7 p.m. at night, and elevate the heads of their beds.

And he recommends taking a few singing lessons if you're serious about continuing. "Breathing is so important for a singer, not only how to do it properly but what kind of breath-

ing to use," Wang said. "That's something you wouldn't know unless you had some instruction."

"Most people can learn to sing and enjoy it with no problems," Huish said. "But if you don't learn to do it right, you probably will have trouble along the way."

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trackers. Joycelyn Conney, managing editor of Accessories magazine, says ladylike structure handles are also showing up, a spinoff from the statusy Gucci bamboo handle on day bags.

Bags can be classic enough to be packed away for years and brought out, like old good friends, when needed. And they can be whimsical enough to trigger a giggle or start a conversation.

Katharine Beaumont of Beverly Hills has a star-studded following and licenses for bags shaped like Coca-Cola and Campbell's Soup cans and Disney's Mickey Mouse. Barbara Walters, apparently, bought a Minnie Mouse bag from Beaumont to tweek her new boss, Michael Eisner, after the Disney Co. purchased ABC. Goldie Hawn carries her Betty Boop bag. Melonie Griffith has a heart. Beaumont presented Brooke Shields with a bag shaped like a tennis ball. Her prices run \$60 to \$2,600.

Kansas City businesswoman and civic leader Georgia Buchanan says her current favorite is the pearl-studded penguin she bought at the gift shop at the Kansas City Zoo during the Jazzoo party last spring. She also treasures her jeweled Judith Leiber rabbit and what she calls "basics" such as gold, silver and

black bags.

Susan Sommers, a New York writer, editor and author of the book "French Chic," says her favorite bag is a "crazy bright" Emilio Pucci bag with a big gold chain she found in a boutique in Florence in 1990. "Anything you wear it with, it just becomes the most wonderful jewel," she says.

Then there is her brown satin ball that dangles from a wrist strap on her arm and her little black Chanel. An evening bag, Sommers says, can be simple or an opportunity "to go over the top."

If you're in the market, vintage and antique stores as well as retailers offer diverse choices and good prices. Because evening bags are brought out mostly on special occasions, they are usually better preserved than vintage clothing and accessories, Flake says. Antique stores are especially good sources for fine collectors' items.

Meanwhile, if you'd like advice on what to buy, cosmetics executive Gale Hayman writes in her book "How Do I Look? (Random House, \$24.95) that a small, black, unadorned silk envelope bag "can take you anywhere forever."

But fashion columnist and CNN reporter Elsa Klensch lectures readers in her book, "Style"

will receive:

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You Can Raise Your Child's IQ

Q. In Publication No. 51 of the U.S. Postal Service, which was sent in by alert reader O'Han Reple, here is the term "Special Handling" defined:

A. It is defined as "a service that is optional except when mailing homebound to Canada."

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In observance of the Christmas holiday, our office will close at noon on December 24, 1997, and will re-open on Monday, December 29, 1997.

Breast milk does a baby good

Science unravels components

Knight-Ridder News Service

MIAMI — For decades, scientists and doctors have known that breast-feeding provides infants with numerous benefits that formula just can't seem to duplicate. Although babies fed on formula can thrive, there's ample proof that breast milk can promote a baby's nutrient absorption, protect against infectious diseases, and aid with development.

That common wisdom received a boost recently, when the American Academy of Pediatrics pronounced that almost all women should nurse their babies for at least a year — and they should keep it up just as long as the mother and child both want to.

Only recently, however, has science started to unravel why of the more than 100 components of breast milk offer those health benefits to infants. The picture is far from complete, but some answers are emerging.

The most widely accepted benefit from breast milk falls in the area of protecting babies against infections. Many believe that the substances responsible for this policing activity are antibodies mothers produce to mount their own defenses against infectious incursions. Breast milk may pass on these shields to breast-fed babies, guarding them against disease as well.

But this explanation would only account for breast milk's protective benefits against diseases to which the mother has been exposed.

David Neuburg, a biochemist at the Shriver Center for Mental Retardation in Waltham, Mass., has proposed that other entities in breast milk may be responsible for its protective effect. He suspects complex sugars in milk act as receptor-decoys against a number of pathogens, including those that cause diarrhea and ear infections.

Antibodies do the trick by binding directly to pathogens and dismantling them. The complex sugars are even more clever. They pose as receptors on the surface of cells, where pathogens may try to bind to target host cells. The pathogens go for the sugar decoys instead, and the infant remains healthy.

Complex sugars differ from antibodies in another crucial fashion: Antibodies exist in breast milk only if the mother has been exposed to the pathogens, but these complex sugars float in every mother's milk, Neuburg said. In Western countries, where mothers aren't exposed to many diseases, these sugars could be providing

SCIENCE MATTERS

Babies do better on mother's milk

Decades of research have shown breast-fed babies have lower medical problems than bottle-fed infants.

Milk nourishes and protects

Baby's immune system doesn't mature for two years, and certain proteins in mother's milk help protect baby against disease

Nutritional content

53% Vitamins
4% Protein
27% Carbohydrates
15% Fat
1% Minerals, other

White blood cells fight disease-causing microbes
Antibodies developed in mother's blood to fight specific diseases in her — and the child's — environment

Lactation: Producing milk

During pregnancy, breast produces creamy golden-yellow colostrum, the perfect starter food:
■ It gives baby immediate immunity against bacteria and viruses
■ A natural laxative, it clears first stool from baby's intestines, decreasing chance of jaundice
■ Lactase helps stabilize baby's blood sugar level

1 Alveoli glands produce milk
2 Ampullae sacs store milk
3 Baby's sucking stimulates nipple, sends signal to mother's pituitary gland
4 Pituitary secretes prolactin, a hormone that maintains milk production
5 Foremilk comes first from breast; it's low in fat and high in protein
6 Nursing encourages release of oxytocin, a hormone that makes tissue around glands contract, sending high-fat hindmilk to sacs
7 Prolactin also has relaxing effect on mother
Hormone helps mother recover when baby nurses immediately after birth, mother's body releases hormone oxytocin, which speeds ejection of placenta, constricts veins in uterus to reduce bleeding

How long is long enough?

American Academy of Pediatrics recommends babies be breast fed six to 12 months, with solid food started when, at age 4 to 6 months. Doctors say as long as infant is eating age-appropriate food, a mother can nurse for two years or more if she wishes.

SOURCES: Food and Drug Administration; Katherine Bartholme, Texas A&M University, Breast/Pituitary; Karen Permenante, Margit Harwood, Georgetown University Medical Center; Scientific American, December 1995

Frequency and lifestyle

Animals like deer that leave their babies for hours at a time have milk that is high in protein and fat, high in carbohydrates. It's easy to digest, and babies become hungry faster. Chimps and gorillas nurse several times an hour.

the lion's share of the benefits from breast milk, Neuburg said.

"There's this whole array of complex sugars that we're just finding out about now that seem to protect," he said.

The complex sugar theory could have important implications for formula companies. Because formula gets heat sterilized, any antibodies that would be added would destabilize. Complex sugars, however, might be easier to add — once scientists determine exactly which ones appear in breast milk. "If this is true, that would make it possible for them to improve formulas significantly," Neuburg said.

In the meantime, formula companies are taking their own steps to bring their product closer to breast milk. Almost a decade ago Abbott Ross Products Division, the manufacturers of Similac, had an epiphany about how to approach their research. "Rather than

focusing on breast milk, why not focus on the breast-fed infant?" asks William MacLean, vice president of pediatric nutrition and research and development. Seven years and 42 studies of 2,400 infants later, Abbott released a new formula. Babies fed on this, they say, are physiologically speaking, almost identical to those who are breast-fed. "The formula probably doesn't look any different to the parent," Abbott says, but they may notice the difference in their babies.

Health clubs target truckers

WASHINGTON (AP) — An exercise program supported by the federal government and the trucking industry wants to eliminate spare tires on the truckers.

The goal is to make interstate drivers slimmer, healthier — and safer.

The P-Strong Gym has opened at a truck stop in North Little Rock, Ark., and others are planned elsewhere along Interstate 40. The president of the Richardson, Texas, health club company, as well as government and industry officials, are watching to see if the truckers will work out.

"It's been long overdue," said Paul Todorovich of Myrtle Beach, S.C., an independent driver. "I'm really hoping it catches on and they flourish."

U.S. Transportation Department officials and laborers say, "Research shows that drivers

who are physically fit are safer drivers, and that exercise is key to getting people into healthier lifestyles," said Transportation Secretary Rodney E. Slater in a statement endorsing the concept.

"It's been found that about 70 percent of truckers are seriously overweight," said DOT Transportation specialist Jerry Robin.

Overweight creates a higher risk of heart disease, high blood pressure and diabetes. And diabetes could cost the life of a long-haul trucker, Robin said. "When a driver becomes an insulin user, they are prohibited by our regulations from interstate commerce."

Overweight truckers also may be less safe on the road, Robin said. A 1994 study found the accident rate doubled among seriously overweight drivers, he said.

"We believe that fitter drivers are safer drivers," he said.

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Exercise may guard against diabetes

The Washington Post

As little as one week of daily aerobic exercise dramatically improves insulin sensitivity in overweight African-American women, according to a new study. The finding suggests that starting an exercise program may begin to reduce the risk of diabetes and heart disease. The study also found that after one month, before it leads to weight loss or a change in body composition.

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Insulin is the hormone that orchestrates the transport of glucose (a simple sugar) from the blood into cells, and promotes its storage in muscle, fat, liver and other tissues.

When people are overweight and inactive, tissues become less sensitive to the influence of insulin, and cells in the pancreas are forced to produce more of the hormone to handle the glucose load that enters the blood after meals. This condition, known as insulin resistance, in turn triggers other hormonal changes that appear to con-

tribute to high blood pressure and an increased risk of heart disease. With time, insulin resistance may progress to diabetes, a disease in which the body can't produce enough insulin to keep blood glucose levels normal.

Hypertension, diabetes and heart disease are especially prevalent in African-American women. In the recent study of Pittsburgh researchers, 12 African-American women with high blood pressure were placed on a weekly exercise regimen for a week.

All of the women were moderately overweight; none was diabetic. Exercise sessions included a warmup followed by 30 minutes of walking on a treadmill and 20 minutes on a stationary

bike. At the start of the study and after a week, subjects received 24-hour blood-pressure monitoring, as well as blood tests to measure their bodies' responsiveness to insulin.

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Keeping up your running when the running season's over

Some runners keep going through the coldest winter weather. Others find some other ways to continue their training during the cold months. A few of the possibilities:

Cross-country skiing

DIFFERENT FROM RUNNING:

- It works out different muscles than running
- Very few injuries
- To get much benefit, you need to learn good skiing technique

SIMILAR TO RUNNING:

- Like running, an excellent form of aerobic exercise
- Offers all the pleasures of covering distance and keeping track of your time



Treadmill and indoor track running

DIFFERENT:

- Repetitive, some runners think it's a complete bore; little sense of freedom or discovery
- Running surfaces are not like pavement; may require different shoes and technique
- No constantly changing uphill or downhill

SIMILAR:

- Same aerobic benefits, same muscles used — and same pains and injuries



Basketball

DIFFERENT:

- Like skiing, works different muscles than running and requires good technique
- A whole new set of very nasty repetitive-use injuries and traumas; knee injury a particular danger
- Collisions and rough play quite different from running
- Intensely social, not for runners who like solitude

SIMILAR:

- Excellent aerobic exercise when played vigorously; effort can range from mild to very intense
- Mentally challenging; interesting both for highly competitive players and for casual ones



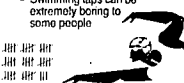
Swimming

DIFFERENT:

- More intense upper body workout
- Far fewer injuries than running
- Swimming laps can be extremely boring to some people

SIMILAR:

- Excellent aerobic exercise; intensity can be varied as desired
- Finding a trainer or mentor — or a group of people to exercise with — can make it much more rewarding



SOURCES: Wellness Guide to Lifelong Fitness; Clifton Track Club

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A manual for mail munchers

The Washington Post

'Tis the season to shop-'til-you-drop and then, exhausted and famished, grab a pick-me-up at the mall food court. After carefully selecting all those holiday gifts, you figure you deserve three-slices of pepperoni pizza and a large soft drink.

"People might spend hours developing their shopping lists," said Felicia Busch, a spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association. But when it comes to choosing a snack between purchases, people "just dart in the closest place without a lot of forethought," Busch said.

But planning ahead on food purchases shouldn't be difficult, as those noisy, neon, fast-food eateries are serving more healthful options nowadays.

ADA member dietitians recently surveyed the country's 10 largest shopping malls and found that all sold bagels, made-to-order sandwiches, baked potatoes, frozen yogurt, bottled water, orange and other juices, and grilled or roasted chicken.

Half the malls had whole fresh fruit, six of the 10 sold vegetables and veggie burgers and seven offered non-fat milk, popcorn and non-fat or low-fat muffins.

As part of the national survey, ADA dietitians also interviewed

a small number of shoppers about whether they eat at the mall, what they eat and what foods they would like to buy that aren't currently offered.

Out of the 100 shoppers questioned, 52 said they were at the mall to both shop and eat, 35 were there to just shop and nine to just eat. (Four were there for reasons other than shopping or eating.)

If you extend that to the nation's shopping centers, that's a lot of eating. An estimated 185 million adults shop at the nation's 42,000 shopping centers each month and more than 10 million Americans are employed at them, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers.

As for shopping-and-eating strategies, Busch suggested that people "map out" their trips by thinking ahead about when they will eat and where. For hard-core shoppers who get to the mall when it opens, Busch proposed a snack at 10 a.m. To "bypass the crowds," she scheduled lunch at 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. And then to avoid pulling into a fast-food restaurant on your way home from the mall, another light snack at 4 p.m. She also suggested bringing bottled water to the mall and packing quick snacks for the kids.

New estrogen cuts risk of osteoporosis

Knight-Ridder News Service

The nation's first plant-based estrogen tablet reduced the risk of osteoporosis, caused modest improvements in cholesterol levels and provided effective relief of menopause symptoms like hot flashes, a new study has found.

The prescription drug, Estratrol, was made from soy and yams. It has been federally approved for relief of menopause symptoms such as hot flashes and night sweats. But it awaits approval, which may come as early as January, to be sold as a drug to help protect against osteoporosis.

A study in Monday's *Annals of Internal Medicine* is the largest scientific study to show that plant-based estrogen offers benefits against heart disease and osteoporosis, a degenerative bone disease of aging.

Further study is needed because the researchers did not directly compare plant-based or estratrol estrogen with estrogen derived from the urine of pregnant horses, the most common type of estrogen sold.

Dr. Harry Genant, a radiologist who directs a large osteoporosis research group at the University

of California at San Francisco, was principal author of the study. It followed 406 postmenopausal women who took 1,000 mg of calcium daily.

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PART II. Sweepstakes Epidemic - Some Solutions

Denis S. Voorhees

Last week, this column reviewed the factors giving rise to sweepstakes solicitor fraud and exploitation of senior citizens. On the brighter side, many resources are readily at hand to stop this abuse.

Society. The senior living alone is less like to fall prey to solicitor exploitation where family and friends are making frequent contact. Where these resources are in short supply the CSI Office on Aging can fill the void with its Senior Companion and Telephone Reassurance Programs. Call 736-2122 for more information.

Awareness and Protection. The Consumer Protection Unit of the Idaho Attorney General (1-800-432-1545) has excellent brochures explaining techniques and pointers for avoiding these exploitive schemes. The CSI Office on Aging can also help.

Closing the Spigot. The glit of mail fueling this epidemic can be shut down with strategic, materials and ideas available at minimal cost from the Stop Junk Mail Association. Call 1-800-827-5549. Telephone calls can be stopped by writing the Telephone Preference Service, P.O. Box 9014, Farmington, NY 11735-9014.

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Hospital offers infant CPR class

TWIN FALLS - An infant

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To do for you is a calendar 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 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

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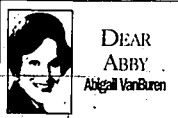
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Woman believes children show disrespect in name-calling

DEAR ABBY: I am a 26-year-old married mother-to-be. Lately, I have been increasingly frustrated with children calling adults by their first name. I am not talking about adults to whom the children are closely related; I am talking about neighbors, friends, parents, etc. I have recently been introduced to the children of several acquaintances and neighbors by my first name. I realize that I am not elderly, but I AM an adult.

I was always taught to respect my elders and to refer to them as



DEAR ABBY
Abby Cadabby

"Mr.," "Mrs.," or "Miss" unless invited to do otherwise. It is not the children's fault — it is the adults who allow them to do this. I plan on raising my children to

follow this rule of thumb: If you're not sure what a person prefers to be called, ASK! Some adults don't mind young children calling them by their first names, but have we become so informal that everyone is now a Tom or a Nancy? How do I get around this without sounding like a stick-in-the-mud?

— OLD-FASHIONED IN READING, PA.

DEAR OLD-FASHIONED: You are correct in your statement that your dilemma is caused by the

thoughtlessness on the part of the parents, who should ask you, before the introduction is made, how you would like the children to address you.

Deal with this by making your wishes known in a friendly way. When a parent introduces you as "Nancy," say with a smile, "When Jimmy and Janie are 21,

they may call me Nancy. But for now, I'd prefer to be called Mrs. Smith." And then direct a friendly comment (or question) to the child.

Makeup doesn't have to change with seasons

DEAR PAULA: It's that time of year in where I always wonder if I should change the makeup colors I wear. The fashion magazines always carry on about the latest colors, but I would go mad doing that every season, year after year. What's your sane input on this issue?



COSMETICS Q&A
Paula Begoun

involved with the brown-toned lipsticks, this is the time of year to give a deep scarlet or cranberry red a try. It can create an incredibly rich, classic look along with brown-toned blush and eyeshadows.

DEAR PAULA: I'm not one to fall for a company's enthusiasm for its product. But surely, because of how scientific research works, couldn't there really be secret ingredients that other cosmetics companies don't know about? For example, my chocolate chip cookies contain flour, sugar, shortening, eggs, vanilla, chocolate chips and nuts, but they don't taste like Mrs. Fields' cookies!

DEAR CAROL: With all due respect to your cookies, some peo-

ple may prefer Mrs. Fields' cookies to yours, while I don't even like chocolate chip cookies, and it's probably best for our hearts and hips not to eat chocolate chip cookies at all. For hair and skin care, there are great formulas that work better for different hair or skin types in all price ranges, but personal preference is one issue, and what a product can and can't do for the skin is another. You may very well love the way a moisturizer feels on your skin, but during the day, if it doesn't contain adequate sunscreen protection, you'd be seriously hurting your skin by using it.

I would be the last person to suggest there aren't awesome products out there one person may prefer over another, but the notion that a higher price, or some secret formula, or a hysterical spokeswoman means high quality can leave your hair and face out to dry.

Paula Begoun is the author of several books on cosmetics.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Hospital offers hearing tests for newborns

TWIN FALLS - A hearing screening for newborns has been born at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

The new program allows parents the opportunity to have their infants screened for hearing impairments before discharge from the Women and Infants Center at the county hospital.

The cost is \$30 per child.
The procedure is painless, hospital officials say. A microphone is placed in the baby's ear and measures the sound made by the inner ear in response to clicking sounds sent through the microphone. If the sounds are adequate, the baby passes the screening. If not, the baby will be referred for further testing.

Nationally, the average hearing deficit is detected by age 2 to 3.
"The early detection of hearing impairment in children is essential in order to initiate medical and educational intervention that is so critical for developing optimal communication and social skills," said Michele Randall, maternal/child coordinator. "The national goal is to identify infants with hearing problems by the age of 1 year so that early intervention can begin."

About 2,000 babies are born each month in the United States with a hearing impairment that could have been detected but wasn't, hospital officials say. Screening newborns costs less and is more effective.

Students collect spare change totaling \$1,500

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls High School students turned their spare change before Christmas break into more than \$1,500 for needy Magic Valley families, the student government reported.

The money helped buy presents for 12 children - newborn to 17 - and seven adults. Remaining money was donated to a local children's trust fund and the Ike Kistler Safe House, a refuge in Twin Falls for children who need to be in a safe place to go.

Blaine commissioners begin meeting with comment time

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

An open public comment session is first on the agenda, followed by public hearings regarding the Big Wood River Edgewater Subdivision and the Driftwood Subdivision. Other discussion on the morning's agenda includes planning and zoning, a waterways grant, hospital resolutions and the commissioners.

The afternoon session starts at 1:30 p.m. with claims and reports. Indigent applications, bid awards for roads and bridges, general discussion and a commissioners' discussion follow.

A public hearing regarding the county water policy concludes the meeting.

Gooding commissioners put payments first on agenda

GOODING - Gooding County commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. today, and the public is welcome.

Claims approval regarding an earnest payment on school property and lease payment on sheriff's cars is first on the agenda. Three executive sessions on indigent matters and a discussion of planning and zoning matters complete the morning's agenda.

The afternoon session starts at 1 p.m. with an insurance quote and the county treasurer and auditor with tax cancellations. Other discussion includes deferred compensation, Griffin's Grill and Quick Stop, a retirement plan proposal and liquor

Compiled from staff reports

WANTED in the Magic Valley

Name: Peggy Sue Williams, aka Peggy Sue Boyer, Crisly Crow
Age: About 32
Description: White female, 5 feet 3 inches tall, 103 pounds, brown eyes, black hair.
Wanted for: Charges of possession of a controlled substance and theft by receiving stolen property.
The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department is asking anyone with any information on Williams to call 736-4111 or 735-1911.

Spinach doesn't only grow in June

Undaunted by cold weather, avid gardeners produce fresh specialties throughout the year

By Steve Koehler
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD - Under an ice-blue sky Andy Holderreed checks the greens growing in his winter garden.

Despite freezing weather, the spinach and bok choy are growing in a 6-foot-by-2-foot plot along the north side of the Holderreeds' fallow summer garden.
"We just have fun beating the system by raising our own greens," he said. "I just think we're too addicted to stores. I've seen people grow their own vegetables out of necessity."

The 83-year-old retired pastor models his vegetable plots after those he saw as a missionary in China a half-century ago.

A Quonset hut-like structure that Holderreed calls a tunnel covers each plot, a monument to cheap self-sufficiency. A tunnel is made of uncolored plastic draped over scrap-wire arches. Old lumber, legs and rocks hold the plastic on the ground.

"It's low technology," Holderreed said. Retired farmer Ted Quigley caught the winter-gardening spirit from Holderreed and made his first tunnel last January.

"I didn't know you could grow a winter garden around here until Andy preached it to me," he said.

Quigley's first experience was a baptism by ice. The day he set up his tunnel was the coldest of the year, and a gale blew snow horizontally. Even so, he said, "the garden did fine."

By Easter, Quigley and his wife were eating fresh lettuce, radishes and spinach. But the carrots didn't mature until the same time as those planted in the couple's summer garden.

Quigley figured he'd do better this year by planting in November, but the plants didn't come up. He suspects cloudy weather prevented adequate warming of the tunnel's soil, but he intends to try again soon.

Quigley credits his winter gardening endeavors mostly to Holderreed.
"Andy's an enthusiastic guy," he said. "He's a teacher."

But Quigley also enjoys "seeing things growing" and is influenced by a line he remembers from a children's book: "Green is good for the eyes."

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



Andy Holderreed grows garden vegetables in winter using a plastic-covered plot.

Growers share tips for winter

By Steve Koehler
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD - Andy Holderreed and Ted Quigley of rural Castleford recently shared their knowledge on the art of growing cool-weather greens outdoors in winter.

Between them they grow Bibb and leaf lettuce, bok choy, spinach, cilantro, Swiss chard and mustard.

Holderreed grows the plants in 6-foot-by-2-foot plots, but the size can be modified depending on personal taste and the wire used to hold up the plastic covering a plot.

He uses old telephone wire cut in 5-

foot lengths and stuck into the ground to form arches roughly 8 inches high, 12 to 15 inches apart, and spanning the plot width. Uncolored plastic is draped over the wires and held against the ground with wood and rocks. He uses the same lumber to align the wires when inserting them into the ground.

Holderreed suggests scrounging the plastic from mattress or other wrapping if that fails, buy a 10-foot-by-24-foot roll which "will last for years" if stored during the warm season.

"Be creative," he says. "Don't waste money."

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Tractor dealer disputes sign rules

By Mark Holm
Times-News writer

JEROME - The owner of a guest ranch and tractor dealership near Interstate 84 claims Jerome County's restrictions on roadside signs could cost him business.

"The county is fighting me tooth and nail to have me take down two wooden signs I've had up for years," Kent Edwards, owner of the Hobby Horse Ranch near Jerome, said recently.

But the number and size of signs Edwards has facing 184 on his property southeast of Jerome exceed the limit for the A-1 agricultural zone the ranch sits on, Jerome County Planning and Zoning Administrator Art Brown said.

The county is willing to let Edwards keep two signs - one for each of his businesses - on the property, Brown said.

Edwards wants four signs, Brown said. One for each business in the middle of his property, and one at each corner of the property advertising tractor sales, Brown said.

The Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission last month turned down an appeal - the second Edwards has filed - to keep all four signs on the Hobby Horse Ranch property, he said.

Edwards has taken his appeal to the Jerome County Commission, which held a hearing on the matter in the at 1:30 p.m. Monday in the commission chambers.

Edwards said the signs on the corners of his property are vital to his tractor sales, because they draw a steady stream of business from 184.

"We've received probably six to 10 calls a day from those signs," he said. "If the county keeps hanging away at us like this, they are going to put us out of business," Edwards said.

Petro 2 sits in a commercial zone, where sign regulations aren't as strict as in an agricultural zone, Brown said. The Crossroads Ranch owners have a permit to keep their existing signs up until 90 days after the property is actually opened for development, he said.

And nearly every other business south of Jerome had to get a special variance from the county to put up signs, Brown said.

The appeal of the sign ordinance isn't

the first tussle Edwards has had with Jerome County.

He is set to go on trial Feb. 10 on a ranch charge the county prosecutor's office filed against him based on the allegations of a 16-year-old Jerome girl.

Edwards has also filed a \$250,000 tort claim against the county and sheriff's detective Dan Chatterton. The claim contends that Chatterton followed or harassed Edwards and some of his employees in during a grand theft investigation that ended with no charges being filed against Edwards.

Jerome County Prosecutor John Lotzspeich said recently that Edwards' claims against Chatterton are false, and that Chatterton won't face disciplinary action.

Lotzspeich said Friday the tort claim is being investigated by the county's insurance provider.

Earlier this year, the city of Twin Falls and Twin Falls County sued Edwards to remove farm implements and signs that were displayed in and around the city. They contended the displays violated city codes.

The signs have since been removed.

Times-News staff writer Mark Heinz can be reached in Jerome at 324-6692.

Jackpot opens its big heart

By Sam Feltman
Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT, Nev. - Among the hoopla of casinos and noise of slot machines, some in Jackpot show they care about something besides their own good for time.

Jackpot Civic Club members get busy this time of year. Each Christmas they prepare about 24 baskets for community members who are going through hard times. They get their funds from the school, Jackpot churches, the sheriff's office, the casinos and the housing office.

Each child writes a letter to Santa, and the civic club makes sure each child gets at least one toy on the list - this year, there were a lot of Barbie dolls. Along with the toys, each family

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Long-term airport plan awaits Cassia's future needs

Consultants finish \$91,000 study to help determine how to handle growth

By Kurt Friedmann
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The Burley Municipal Airport isn't moving anytime soon. But if councilmen ever decide to remodel the airport or change its location, they have the study to help them do it.

The \$91,000 project, approved by the City Council last week, called on airport master plan and site selection study, Armstrong Consultants Inc. completed the study and said all that's left is making copies and shipping the finished plan to everyone involved.

Mayor Frank Bauman said four or five years ago city planners began to prioritize projects they thought would be needed for the city's future expansion.

"This plan will help 10 or 20 years down the road if there is a need to expand the current airport," he said.

Thoughts of an airport remodeling took form in the Mini-Cassia Transportation Committee, Bauman said. From that committee sprang the Burley Airport Advisory Committee, which then decided to commission the comprehensive aviation plan.

Because the current airport is within

the city limits, the council has control of all grant money obtained through the Federal Aviation Association and the state of Idaho, but it was required to pay very little for the study itself.

"We are just the sponsoring city," Councilman Curtis Mendenhall. "It's a plan to make more use of what we already have."

Veteran pilot Horace Coltrin said he likes the airport where it is, just six miles from his farm east of Burley.

After he taxied to a stop Friday, outside his small rental hangar, the former Air Force pilot said Burley's airport is just fine.

"The facilities are right here and they afford us a lot of freedom," he said from his shiny two-seater. Coltrin said he built the small sports plane from a kit and is thankful for the chance to take it out for a spin "every so often."

When his son flew into Salt Lake City from New York, Coltrin plans to use the airport and his nimble plane to fly his son home for the holidays.

"This is a great little airport," he said. "I use it at least two or three times a week."

In the master plan is a site selection

study that identified six different spots in the Mini-Cassia area that would be suitable for a new airport.

It was narrowed down to one site between Burley and Rupert, Bauman said, but he added that some people misinterpreted the city's intentions.

"I think some people thought we were planning to put in a new airport," he said. "This was all sort of sudden, things came together a little bit to fast."

Now city officials are looking deep into the future for possible improvements - 10, 15 and 20 years down the road. Armstrong Consultants' master plan predicts operations will rise by about 80 percent by the year 2015 and said the two most important factors influencing development are timing and airport activity.

The estimated costs for airport improvements are more than \$2 million. When such renovations are far away, Mendenhall said.

"If the airport is going to change these plans will be there to help it," he said.

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



Horace Coltrin fills out his flight logs after a quick jaunt in his two-seater sports plane. He said Burley's airport is in the right place and doesn't really need a change.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Senior citizens flock to friendly St. George

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — Locals call it the "snowbird mailing call" — a turn signal on a large luxury automobile left blinking for miles, indicating a lane change that will never happen.

It's a sign to give the car a wide berth. A snowbird is at the wheel, which means anything could happen.

"This is probably one of the most dangerous places in the world to drive," says local contractor Brandon Blake. "Snowbirds don't know what they're doing. Every day you see some Cadillac smashed up some place."

Fortunately for the locals, snowbirds only make St. George their part-time home, and the benefits they bring during the winter months make their driving misadventures easier to overlook.

Ever since pioneer leader Brigham Young built a winter home in St. George in the mid-1800s, this desert red-rock town in the southwest corner of Utah has been a haven from snow and cold for northerners. And with its gateway location to several national parks, St. George today has a growing profile as a year-round retirement community.

When the snowbirds come here to roost, the city's 45,000 population swells by 15 percent and St. George becomes, in the words of 66-year-old Dale Webber, "a seniors' playground."

The snowbirds begin their annual migration around the first week of October and the influx continues through Thanksgiving. Soon, as many as 10,000 retirees seeking shelter from the harsh winters of northern Utah and Idaho populate St. George and surrounding Washington County.

The locals have learned to coexist. "They become a big part of this town while they're here," said St.



Carlos Busby watches his putt head for the cup on the golf course at St. George Country Club in Utah earlier this month. Despite temperatures in the 40s, Busby and the rest of his foursome braved the blustery day for a round of golf.

George Chamber of Commerce president Chapin Burks. "They're everywhere."

The city and county have been cited by everyone from Rand McNally to Money magazine as one of the top retirement locations in the United States. In promotional material for the city, the AARP notes St. George's "small-town feel without sacrificing big-city amenities."

Up to 15 percent of the homes in St. George are second homes, with the percentage growing larger each year. Thousands of

seniors rent in the area and participate in time-share arrangements.

Most snowbirds come for the weather. St. George has daytime winter temperatures that hover in the 50s and rarely dip below freezing, compared to the 20s and 30s regularly faced in northern Utah and Idaho.

Because of its predominantly Mormon population, the town is particularly attractive to members of that faith. Some congregations of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in

the retirement enclaves of Green Valley and Bloomingdale double in size during the winter months.

The reason these seniors become snowbirds is usually the same: They're not ready to sell their homes and move full-time to a retirement community.

"When we decided to retire, we didn't want to move away from our families and only see them at holidays," said Salt Lake City native Webber. "We kept our house up north, and we're just a half-day's drive away."

Woman will stand trial for hit-and-run

POST FALLS (AP) — A woman accused of the hit-and-run killing of a boy as he walked home from school has been ordered to stand trial for manslaughter.

Connie C. Bickley waived her preliminary hearing Friday and was bound over to 1st District Court for trial in front of Judge Craig Kosonen of Shoshone County.

Magistrate Debra Heiste also denied Bickley's request that prosecutors return her 1986 pickup before her trial. The truck was seized as evidence when Bickley was arrested last month.

Prosecutors allege Bickley was driving drunk when her pickup veered off the road near 10 and 1st, hitting Nicholas Scherling, 13, from behind. Bickley got out, checked the damage to her truck and drove home after the accident.

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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 that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

TODAY

Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse.
Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Elmore County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Council chambers.

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TODAY

Friends of Bereaved Families meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Annex.

TUESDAY

Adults discusses class will be

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Lincoln County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse.
Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

TUESDAY

Camis County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

WEDNESDAY

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

FRIDAY

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-THIS WEEK at CSI-

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WEDNESDAY

Military testing will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Shields 208.
College offices are closed until Jan. 5.

FRIDAY

CSI baseball camp opens at 9:30 a.m. in the Expo Center.

SATURDAY

Baseball camp continues at 9:30 a.m. in the Expo Center.

Leaders say Hispanic culture is being slighted by schools

DENVER (AP) — There are big issues, such as recognizing the contributions of Hispanics throughout history. But it's the little things too that rankle: the frequent mangling of Hispanic names and places, for instance.

A coalition of organizations, believing Hispanic culture and accomplishments are being slighted in public school classrooms around Colorado, has demanded that the state get involved.

They want the state Department of Education to ensure a law stating that history, culture and contributions of minorities "shall be taught in all public schools."

The complaint cited no individual, and the director, Antonio Castillo, co-chairman of the Latino Education Coalition, claims the law is ignored statewide. His group wants the state to investigate and, if necessary, strip the accreditation of any district not following the law.

"We would like the state Department of Education to do an all-out assessment of all the districts, particularly where there is a high concentration of Latino students," he said.

Art Ellis, assistant education commissioner, says requiring compliance is hard, because

Colorado's constitution gives local districts curriculum control. And some district officials say they are providing opportunity for minority learning.

"It is being done," said Jo Thomas, director of multicultural education for Denver schools. "Maybe I don't know that they have checked in detail to see what we offer."

The complaint also cites low scores for Hispanics students on the Colorado State Assessments of fourth-graders in reading and writing. Eighty-one percent of Hispanic students scored in the unsatisfactory or partially proficient categories for writing, the two lowest positions.

"If the bilingual skills were enforced, the scores would be higher," said Luis Torres, chairman of the Chicano and Chicana Student Department at Metro State College in Denver.

Joanna Maes, coordinator for the privately funded Educational Initiatives, for the Latin American Research and Service Agency, or La Raza, is not convinced districts are doing all they can to reach to the Hispanic culture.

And she isn't sure it's happening in other Western states, either.

SERVICES

(Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Frank J. Herrera of Pocatello and formerly of Burley, 2 p.m. today at Payee Memorial Chapel in Burley. Friends may call one hour before the funeral at the chapel.

Neal M. Bunn of Burley, 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel.

2200 Oakley Ave. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary in Burley and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral Tuesday at the church.

Byron M. Skang of St. Maries, 11 a.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Harrison, Idaho, (Yates-Hodge Funeral Chapel in St. Maries).

DEATH NOTICE

Mildred Gray

JEROME — Mildred Gray, 87, of Jerome, died Saturday Dec. 20, 1997, at the Twin Falls Clinic Hospital.

Funeral services are pending and will be announced by the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

HOSPITALS

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Admitted
Julie Bean, Kassade Kupha, Lucy Anderson and Staci Smith, all of Burley; Arleen Moore of Heyburn; and Victor Adams of Twin Falls.

Released
Susan Pickup, Bonnie Casper, Silvia Godines, Judy Wardle, Mary Encinas, Michi Sanada and Alexander Vega, all of Burley; Santa Marin, Giselle Learned and Charles Martinez, all of Rupert; Benito Benavidez or Heyburn; Karry Hays of Paul.

and Margaret Jorgensen of Declo.
Births
Babies were born to Brian and Julie Bean, and to Dean and Staci Smith, all of Burley.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Released
Mary Jo Gosney, Yolanda Lecha and son, Manuel Rivera and Roger Manning, all of Rupert.

OBITUARY

For obituary rate information, call 733-0931, ext. 278

HEYBURN



Janet Lori Phillips Bean

Janet Lori Phillips Bean, 35-year-old resident of Heyburn, Idaho, graciously went to bed with our Lord and Savior December 20, 1997, at home after a long courageous battle with cancer.

Janet was born August 12, 1962, in Burley, Idaho, the daughter of Carlton and Jean Phillips. She attended schools in Paul, Idaho, and Connell, Washington, until her mother's death when she returned back to live with her sister and

brother-in-law, Lou and Daniel Rasmussen. She graduated from Minico High School in 1980. She attended beauty school in Pocatello and held a management position for a beauty salon. Her son Tyson Scott was born March 12, 1986, in Pocatello, Idaho. Janet then attended dental school and became a dental lab technician. She moved to Meridian, Idaho, in 1989, where she was a dental lab technician for more than four years. Janet and Tyson moved to Heyburn in 1994 after their marriage to Edward R. Bean.

She loved Yellowstone National Park, the Stanley area, and just being anywhere in the mountains. Between camping and baseball games, Janet always was very busy and happy. She enjoyed watching her son, Tyson, play baseball. Her most joyous times came from Tyson and helping him in all that he did, they were inseparable. Among Janet's many talents, she loved to cook, especially outdoors in Dutch ovens making many special meals at home as well as camping. She was a great caregiver and shared many favorite recipes with friends and family. Janet was also a very creative and talented seamstress, making many wonderful and beautiful clothes for everybody, day wear as well as special occasions and weddings to include her

own wedding dress. She is survived by her husband, Edward R. Bean Jr., and her son, Tyson Phillips, both of Heyburn, her father, Carlton, and her stepmother, Marilyn Phillips, of Paul, a brother, Randy Phillips of Rupert, her sisters, Louise Rasmussen of Elko, and her stepbrother, Rouben Phillips of Albuquerque. N.M. stepfather Shorn and Bill Anderson of Highland, Calif.; stepbrother Randy Ketchum of Rupert, Idaho, and many extended family and friends too numerous to mention.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mabel Jean Phillips, and sister Joanne Phillips and sister Jamie Rasmussen and brother-in-law, Daniel Rasmussen. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 23, 1997, at the Calvary Baptist Church in Burley, 515 West 27th St., with David Janson officiating. Burial will follow at the Taylor Cemetery near Shelley, Idaho, with graveside services at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Friends and family may call at the Hansen Mortuary Burial Chapel on Monday, December 22, 1997, from 6 to 8 p.m. and at the place of service one hour prior to the funeral on Tuesday. Friends who wish, may make memorials to her son Tyson's educational fund at any First Security Branch.

AUCTION CALENDAR THROUGH DECEMBER 27*

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BRUSH THE DIRT OFF FOR A DAY IN TOWN



Police officers talk to a cowboy outside the Montana Bar on Central Avenue in Great Falls, Mont., recently. Police were called by residents concerned about the safety of the horse tied up outside the bar while the cowboy harpooned. The cowboy, fully decked out in chaps and a well-worn white cowboy hat, refused to identify himself at the bar and police declined to release his name because he wasn't breaking the law. Police reported that the cowboy left town by sundown.

Former governors recount handling of major issues as authors of books

BOISE (AP) — In the early 1950s, then-Gov. Len B. Jordan closed the state teacher colleges at Lewiston and Albion in an economy move.

A few years later, Lewis-Clark State College reopened. Albion Normal never did and today its buildings stand in abandoned ruin.

The political wheeling and dealing that went into that decision should be among the political stories in a new autobiography by the man who served continuously as Idaho's governor longer than anyone else — Robert E. Smylie.

He's been working on his memoirs for more than a year, and he says it will cover a lot of the things he considered important in his time as attorney general and governor.

Secretary of State Pete Cenarrusa, who celebrated his 80th birthday last Tuesday, remembers the political dealing that resulted in Lewis-Clark

reopening its doors.

In 1944, lawmakers increased the governor's term from two

years to four with the stipulation that a governor could serve only one term. It was an early try at term limits.

"It will be a candid revelation of how it's done. There probably will be those who will wish that I had not been so candid."

— Cecil Andrus, former Idaho governor

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But Smylie, elected in 1954, wanted to serve more than four years. So in the 1955 Legislature, he worked with legislative leaders like Tom Boise to get the votes he needed to put before voters a constitutional amendment repealing the limitation.

Boise, a Democratic Party leader, just happened to be from Lewiston.

John Corlett, retired Idaho Statesman political writer, recalled that Smylie didn't really support Jordan's move to close the colleges.

"I remember the deals. He was working them (legislators), no question about that," Corlett says. Smylie got the votes he needed

— 32 of the 44 senators — and the voters repealed the limitation in the next general election. Smylie won again in 1958 and 1962.

Of the deals that Cenarrusa recalls about Lewis-Clark and Albion Normal, Smylie, now 83, says, "I've got a little different perspective about what went on."

It won't be the only book by a former governor to hit bookstores next year. In June, Cecil Andrus, who served longer than anyone else as Idaho chief executive, expects to get his own book into print. Andrus' 14 years were split up by a stint as Interior secretary for Jimmy Carter.

He's working on his memoirs with Joel Connolly, longtime Seattle Post-Intelligencer political writer.

Andrus met Connolly when he was Interior secretary working on the historic Alaska Lands bill.

"He has cleaned up a lot of my writing," Andrus says. "He cleaned up my use of various descriptive phrases."

Andrus says the book, expected to be titled, "Cecil Andrus, the Confessions of a Western Politician," won't be a biography.

"It's more reflection of the major issues I've been involved with. I've always prided myself as a problem solver. We will talk about some of those issues that we solved and some that we didn't."

Andrus also plans to talk about "the backroom things that you do" to get things done.

body strike anybody else and at no time did anybody indicate that there were any injuries."

The city has asked Pocatello Police Chief Kirk Nelson to conduct an independent investigation of the incident.

Moore and Canada were the top contenders for the chief's position last summer after former Chief James Jackson resigned in April. Moore was hired after Canada had been serving as interim police chief.

A closed executive session for indigent applications starts at 1:15 p.m.

Elected officials, the Personnel Policy Committee and public time finish the day's agenda. The public is welcome to attend the open sessions.

Elmore officials hear reports on juvenile restitution

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MOUNTAIN HOME — Elmore County commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. today.

An executive session is first on the agenda, followed by reports on juvenile restitution, community projects and monthly claims loss.

New business includes setting

Greens

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Holderreed uses old telephone line for wire, and Quigley uses wire that was wrapped around an old oak irrigation pipe that he dug up.

Unnecessarily high arches reduce the warmth inside the tunnel and make the plastic vulnerable to removal by wind.

Soil is easily prepared in the fall before the ground freezes, but a tunnel will thaw out frozen ground which then can be planted. Quigley says soil temperature

a public hearing on planning and zoning amendments; the transfer of a beer, liquor and wine license to David Case (doing business as CD's); the junior college certification of residency; and an agreement from Nez Perce County regarding the Region II Juvenile Detention Center.

Discussion about the Glenns

should be 54 degrees before planting.

To prevent freezing inside the tunnel during extreme cold, Quigley says, cover the plastic with a blanket.

If possible, construct the tunnels pointing east-west and on the south side of a wall — which can be made of straw bales. This arrangement will maximize captured sunlight.

Holderreed waters the ground well at planting time, then checks every two weeks to see whether more water is needed.

Ferry Landfill and the 911 enhancement board concludes the morning session.

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The city has asked Pocatello Police Chief Kirk Nelson to conduct an independent investigation of the incident.

Moore and Canada were the top contenders for the chief's position last summer after former Chief James Jackson resigned in April. Moore was hired after Canada had been serving as interim police chief.

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Deputy shoots, kills 17-year-old girl

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Salt Lake County sheriff's investigators Sunday were still trying to piece together events that led to a deputy shooting and killing a 17-year-old girl.

The girl, Alicia Avila, reportedly turned and raised her hand as Deputy Mike Anderson caught up with her in a foot chase. The girl and two others were wanted for stealing a car.

"She was right up into him — up close and personal, her left hand with something in it rising," said sheriff's Sgt. Jim Potter. "It was not a gun or knife, I will not go further — it was a rather hard object."

Anderson, 25, with two years in the department, shot the girl in the chest. She died at the scene. Deputies were searching for two others involved in the alleged car theft.

Anderson drew his sidearm "immediately upon exiting the

car because he was dealing with three suspects," all of whom he thought were males, Potter said. "That would not be uncommon at all. Normally any stolen vehicle or pursuit situation is a high risk. You would hope for assistance, but this deputy never had time to do that. There was no chance to wait for backup."

The deputy was alone during the brief chase and 11:58 p.m. MST Friday scuffle.

Anderson was on patrol about 11:45 p.m. when he spotted Avila and two other suspects driving a stolen Chevrolet Suburban. The truck was taken about 10 p.m. from a Salt Lake County resident who left the vehicle running and unattended outside his home, Potter said.

After stealing the Suburban, the three teen-agers allegedly committed a string of vehicle burglaries. Murray City police arrested the suspects when one of the

burglary victims called police, but the Suburban was gone with officers arrived.

Anderson spotted the Suburban about an hour later and chased them about a block before they jumped out of the vehicle in a suburban neighborhood.

"The suspects ran into a snow bank and stalled the vehicle," Potter said. "Anderson is alone with his gun drawn. He still thinks he's chasing three male adults."

Anderson remained under the assumption Avila was a man until he and sheriff's Deputy Kevin Barrett, the second officer at the scene, began mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Detectors later found what appeared to be a small bundle of narcotics in Avila's brassiere, Potter said.

Anderson has been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation.

Woman struggles to cope with AIDS after being infected through incest

MOSCOW (AP) — When Sara Humphries' stepfather was sent to prison for incest after years of sexually abusing her, it spiced up her life.

Instead, it was the beginning. Humphries bounced from one foster home to another after her stepfather was arrested. She was living in a town of about 100 people in eastern Washington when her case worker called one day in 1992.

She told Sara her stepfather had tested positive for HIV, the virus that leads to AIDS, on his prison-entry physical, and she would need to get tested. She finally motivated herself to go to Spokane for a test. A few weeks later, two days after her 18th birthday and nearing the end of her senior year of high school, she took her best friend to the doctor's office to get the results.

"My case worker didn't go. My foster parents didn't go. No one seemed to care," Humphries said at a recent University of Idaho presentation as part of AIDS Awareness Week. "The first thing the doctor said after coming through the door was, 'I really hate to tell you this.'"

A rage-filled Humphries took her friend's car keys, got behind the wheel and began racing, running red lights and stop signs while hitting speeds up to 70 mph.

"I was very angry," Humphries said. "The way I saw it, I'd just gotten a death sentence, and I figured if I was going to die, I wanted to go out in a flash."

Since that day, Humphries has lived with the stereotypes and prejudices so often directed at HIV-positive people and AIDS sufferers. She's had employers move her from a position interacting with the public to working in storerooms alone. She's been asked to wear rubber gloves when no other employee is

required to.

In the last five years, as she's gone through the emotional ups and downs of living with the virus, Murray City police have turned to drugs and alcohol as a

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— Sara Humphries, AIDS victim

break from the harsh reality of living with a fatal disease.

At virtually every turn she's encountered ignorance of what AIDS is and how it's contracted, beginning the first time she went home after getting her test results.

Her foster parents essentially banished her to a basement bedroom. They didn't want Sara near them or their biological children, and she wasn't allowed upstairs to watch TV or just sit in the living room with the family.

They also told some of their friends about Humphries' test results, and in a small town, word travels fast. Within a week of finding out she was HIV-positive, kids at school were accusing her and telling her she didn't belong there anymore.

She started skipping school and taking LSD provided by a friend's parents in the acid-manufacturing business.

She managed to finish high school, but the day after graduation her foster parents kicked her out of their house. After living a couple months in a trailer owned

by some of her former foster parents, she moved to Spokane, where she had no friends, no job and no money — nothing but a checkbook.

Humphries eventually went to a support group meeting, and by the time she was 21, she had spent the last five years coming to grips with being HIV-positive. She was occasional speaking engagements, such as the one at UI, as informal therapy sessions of a sort, saying "speaking helps me a lot more than it helps the people I'm speaking to."

"The drug and alcohol binges have subsided and she tries to maintain a positive outlook, but the anger can be hard to contain. And she has a lot to be angry about."

Humphries discovered her stepfather knew he was positive as early as 1986, and had known the whole time he was abusing her. Her mother also knew Humphries' stepfather was HIV-positive, and did nothing to stop his abuse of her daughter, though she also knew about that.

Humphries said her anger toward her parents has been the main thing keeping her from taking her own life.

"When I first found out, I got extremely suicidal," Humphries said. "My thinking now is, I don't want to give my parents the satisfaction."

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Now 23, Humphries spends a lot of time thinking about what her life would have been like if she weren't living with the AIDS virus. Every time she gets a cold, she wonders if it's the beginning of a downward spiral to full-blown AIDS. She finds it hard to establish close personal relationships because she doesn't want friends who will have to watch her die. She wanted to go to college but doesn't see the point anymore.

Teton County considers rejoining federal program

DRIGGS, Idaho (AP) — After watching parts of eastern Idaho get soaked by spring floods, Teton County officials want to rejoin the federal government's flood insurance program.

Led by Commissioner Genoe Knight, Teton County is planning to revisit a decision to leave the National Flood Insurance Program. The move could enable people to buy flood insurance

who did not qualify this year. And at a time when homes are springing up along the rivers and streams facing the Teton Valley, it could encourage regulations governing how houses are built.

Charity

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receives a turkey, a gallon of milk, 10 pounds of potatoes, 1 1/2 dozen eggs, two pounds of carrots and five pounds of onions, along with beans, rice, bread, pasta and other food items.

Cactus Pete's casino gives a cash donation, and Club 93 and its employees buy food and toy items. Residents also give several cash donations.

Everyone gets into the swing of things. The school's Vocational and Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) helps the civic club and load the boxes it helped deliver Thursday. VICA adviser John Ward said this is VICA's community project for its 12 members this year.

Civic club member Carrie Yukum did much of the toy purchasing. Knart in Twin Falls and Wal-Mart in Burley gave the club a 10 percent discount, she said, which helped the dollars go farther.

"The holiday spirit is alive in Jackpot and this is the best gift of all — giving to others," said Ann Standley, assistant director of the Jackpot Recreation Center.

Recreation center staffers do their part. They store all the food and toys there, and everything is

boxed and readied for delivery. They also help with sorting and labeling.

If gathering up, sorting, buying and delivering 24 gift boxes isn't enough, the civic club also buys and sacks candy for every child in school.

"We want to make sure every kid gets a bag of candy," club President Brad Hester said.

The civic club started out as the Lions Club but changed six or

seven years ago, Hester said. The tradition of the gifts and bags of candy started years ago. The club used to have a Christmas party for Jackpot children, but since the casinos also have a children's party, it now has Santa deliver the candy on the last day of school before the holidays.

Times-News correspondent Sam Felman can be reached in Jackpot, Nev., at (702) 755-2351.

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Pair face charges in abductions

Main, woman used 'abduction chamber' van in kidnap, rape, murder of women, police say

PLEASANTON, Calif. (AP) — She vanished off the street one pale December morning, gone with a scream and the whooshing thump of a van door. Two days later, the strangled body of 22-year-old Vanessa Lei Samson was found face down in the snows of the Sierra Nevada, 185 miles away.

The shock to family and community was followed by wrenching astonishment. Police believe the pretty young clerical worker was the latest victim of two predators who hunt for young females in what officers describe as a "murder and abduction chamber" — a gutted Dodge Caravan, a minivan rigged so victims can be tied to the floor.

"Some people might go duck hunting. These people went hunting for women who were vulnerable to abduction," Pleasanton Police Chief Bill Eastman said. Samson's bound and gagged body was found Dec. 4 by a winding mountain road near Lake Tahoe. Beside her lay the murder weapon, a six-foot length of black rope.

Michelle Lynn Michael, 39, and James A. Daveggio, 37, were arrested Dec. 3 in Reno, Nev., in a separate case, the kidnapping and rape of a 20-year-old local business college student in September. That woman was grabbed by the hair, yanked into a van and raped repeatedly, FBI Special Agent Tom Griffin said.

Additionally, arrest warrants have been filed in Sacramento linking them to two other sex cases — the 13-year-old daughter of a friend of Michael's family who was attacked in September, and a 12-year-old relative of Michael's who was driven to Oregon in a van and repeatedly assaulted in October. Although both girls knew the suspects, they went to police only after recognizing the couple in news reports about the student's rape.

Daveggio and Michael pleaded not guilty to federal charges of kidnapping, conspiracy to kidnap and weapons charges in the Reno case. The break in the Samson case came when Michael confessed she had helped Daveggio kidnap and murder the woman as she walked to work, Eastman said.

Although police have announced Daveggio and Michael are suspects, neither has been charged in the Samson killing, and Eastman has refused further interviews. Michael's lawyer, Mary Boetsch, declined comment on the Samson case. Daveggio's attorney did not return a telephone call from The Associated Press.

However, the San Francisco Chronicle reported Friday that, in a tearful telephone conversation, Daveggio told his mother he didn't kill Samson.

"He said, 'Non, I swear to you I did not kill anybody,'" she told the paper.

Police are also investigating the couple in connection with the 1993 kidnapping of 11-year-old Jaycee Bugard from South Lake Tahoe. The girl's stepfather was 100 yards away when she was dragged into a car. A composite sketch based on his description of a female abductor bears a striking resemblance to Michael, a hollow-eyed woman with an angular face and lank brown hair.

Jaycee's mother, Teri Probyn, was reluctant to hope her daughter might finally be found. "I'm not getting on the roller coaster ride this time," she said.

According to Eastman, Michael told investigators she and Daveggio were out cruising for victims the morning of Dec. 2. They first targeted two young girls they saw walking to school but changed their minds when they spotted Samson. She was walking to work at SCJ Insurance Services, which she did almost daily despite relatives' offers to drive her, said family friend and parish priest Rev. Dan Danielson.

Michael told investigators she stopped the green Caravan, and Daveggio leaped out and grabbed Samson. A witness heard a scream then the sound of a van door slamming shut.



James Daveggio



Michelle Michael

The couple drove to Sacramento, where they live and where Michael cashed a \$538 welfare check, then continued toward Lake Tahoe.

Michael told authorities they promised Samson they wouldn't kill her, but after spending the night at a motel near Lake Tahoe, they strangled her, Eastman said. Daveggio, a balding, mustachioed man nicknamed "Froggie" for his husky voice, had been living with Michael and her two children in Sacramento for about a year, police said. The Chronicle reported he was convicted of sexual assault in 1985 and was required to register as a sex offender but had not done so since 1995.

Acquaintances said the couple met about 18 months ago inside a smoky roadside bar called Bobby Joe's on the south side of Sacramento. A bar regular told The Oakland Tribune the romance began when Michael pointed a finger at Daveggio and said, "I want THAT."

Washington psychiatrist suspended for having sex with 2 clients

SPOKANE (AP) — A psychiatrist's license has been suspended without a hearing because he had sex with two women patients, including one with whom he says he is engaged.

Dr. Arthur Leritz, 53, who faces a hearing Tuesday before the state Medical Quality Assurance Commission in Olympia, wrote that although he did have sex with both women, the panel should not have suspended his license Dec. 3.

His letter to the panel said he is now engaged to a patient with whom he began living in September 1990, three months after his second wife asked for a divorce.

He said he treated another patient for 13 years before starting a sexual relationship with her last summer. "Any concept of 'rehabilitation' of my crimes, which basically amount to the fact I am a kind, caring, competent psychiatrist who fell in love

with two women, and they with me, have been sabotaged by your investigation," Leritz wrote. "I am not a bad doctor. I am an Officer and a Gentleman. I am also a Man of Honor." He added that he was "aghast," "acutely

nauseous," "doubly nauseous" and "damn mad."

Saying Leritz posed a danger to the public, the panel accused him of five counts of unprofessional conduct, including moral turpitude and incompetence.

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—Green Bay running back
Dorsey Levens

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Boys' basketball

Kimberty at American Falls, 7:30 p.m.

High school wrestling

Twin Falls at Sierra Classic in Reno, Nev.

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Seattle 38	San Francisco 9

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IN BRIEF

Golf tournament will benefit Boise children

BOISE — The Nike Boise Open and Albertson's announced that an additional \$40,000 will be provided to five local Boise children's charities from the net proceeds of the 1997 tournament.

These additional contributions bring the total amount donated to charity since the tournament's inception in the 1990 to \$600,000. The 1998 Nike Boise Open presented by Albertson's will be played the week of Sept. 14-20 at Hillcrest Country Club.

Reserve Nebraska defender suspended following fight

LINCOLN, Neb. — Brandon Drum was suspended from Nebraska's football team following a racially charged fight at a local bar in which he broke a man's nose.

The reserve defensive tackle, who is white, was ticketed early Friday for third-degree misdemeanor assault after reportedly head-butting a black patron of Guittars and Cadillacs bar. He also is accused of making racial slurs during what witnesses said was an unprovoked attack.

Drum is set to appear in Lancaster County Court on Jan. 15.

Guittars Manager Art Riggs said the fight was racially motivated. He said Drum saw the victim, 26-year-old Clay Walker, walking with a white woman at closing time and told him he was not leaving with her. Riggs said Drum then head-butted the man. Employees of the nightclub quickly separated the two, Riggs said.

"He used some pretty heavy words, about the woman who was with the man he butted, and about the man's race," Riggs said.

Jockey Juan Vives found stabbed to death near home

HARRISBURG — A horse racing jockey was found stabbed to death early Sunday, just hours after he won a race at Penn National Race Course. Race officials said, Juan Vives, 32, was found dead in the woods near his house, said Fred Lipkin, director of publicity at the racetrack.

Police believe Vives returned home from the Grantville, Pa., racetrack Saturday night to find burglars breaking into his car then chased them into the woods, Lipkin said. Search helicopters found the body.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

King of the beasts



Lions running back Barry Sanders eludes New York defender Rick Lytle during first-quarter action in Detroit. Sanders broke the 2,000-yard barrier, and the Lions defeated the Jets, 13-10, to earn a playoff spot.

2,000 yards later...

Lions, Sanders run past Jets into postseason

Single-season rush leaders

The 100 season rushing totals in the National Football League, with player, team, year, games, number of carries and total yards.

	Year	G	No Yards
Eric Dickerson, Rams	1984	15	380 2,105
Barry Sanders, Lions	1997	16	335 2,053
O.J. Simpson, Bills	1973	14	332 2,003
Earl Campbell, Oilers	1980	16	373 1,934
Sanders, Lions	1994	16	331 1,883
Jim Brown, Browns	1963	14	291 1,863
Walter Payton, Bears	1977	14	339 1,852
Dickerson, Rams	1986	16	404 1,821
Simpson, Bills	1975	14	329 1,817
Dickerson, Rams	1983	16	390 1,808

The Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich. — Barry Sanders got his 2,000 yards and carried Detroit into the NFL playoffs. Nevertheless, it was a somber Lions locker room Sunday.

Sanders rushed for 184 yards and the winning touchdown in a 13-10 comeback victory that kept the New York Jets out of the AFC playoffs. Yet Sanders and his teammates turned their attention after the game to linebacker Reggie Brown, who was taken off the field in an ambulance early in the fourth quarter.

Brown was hit in the head and knocked unconscious when he tackled Adrian Murrell. He was resuscitated on the field, and later was conscious and moving his legs.

"We play a violent game," said Mark

Carrier, who had one of three Detroit interceptions. "When something like that happens, the game all of a sudden, is unimportant."

The Lions (9-7) play an NFC wild-card game at Tampa Bay next Sunday.

Sanders, who ran for 114 yards in the fourth quarter alone, became only the third player in NFL history to rush for 2,000 yards in a season after O.J. Simpson and Eric Dickerson.

Dickerson, the single-season record-holder with 2,105, was cheering for Sanders on the Detroit sideline. Sanders, who finished with 2,053, also extended his record for consecutive games rushing over 100 yards to 14 straight games.

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Wrist surgery ends season for Ewing

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The surgery took place in the dead of night, the news arrived several hours later with definitive and ominous finality.

Out for the season. Goodbye, Patrick Ewing. And goodbye, perhaps, to the New York Knicks' chances of ever winning a championship with their franchise center.

Ewing underwent emergency surgery early Sunday to repair a dislocated bone and several torn ligaments in his right wrist. It was a colossal blow to the team's continual, unfulfilled quest to win an NBA championship.

"It's devastating," coach Jeff Van Gundy said.

Ewing, the foundation of the Knicks and in his 13th season with the team, fell hard on his shooting wrist during Saturday night's loss at Milwaukee and lay sprawled on the court in agony.

He had surgery about 2 a.m. MST Sunday after being taken to a hospital in Manhattan following the Knicks' arrival from Milwaukee after their 20-point loss.

The 35-year-old star center dislocated one of eight bones in his wrist and tore several ligaments. His right wrist

will be in a cast for two months before he begins rehabilitation.

There is no chance of Ewing returning for the playoffs, Scott and Grunfeld said. Nor are there assurances he will be fully healed by next season.

Ewing, attempting to dunk an alley-oop pass from Charlie Ward with 2:3 left in the second quarter, was fouled by Andrew Lang and broke his fall with his arms before landing on his tailbone. Grimacing and writing in pain, he stayed on the floor for some two minutes.

Ewing managed to go to the foul line. But all he could do was cradle the ball and shoot with his left hand, missing both shots.

The Knicks lost 98-78, leaving them with a 15-11 record and in eighth place in the Eastern Conference.

Knicks general manager Ernie Grunfeld said he doubted the Knicks could acquire anyone to replace Ewing, an 11-time All-Star who signed a \$68 million, four-year contract extension last summer.

Among the centers available are Olden Polynice of Sacramento and, oddly, Lang, whose foul ripped a hole in the Knicks' season.



New York's Patrick Ewing, center, passes between Milwaukee's Tyrone Hill, left, and Elliot Perry Saturday. Ewing was injured on the play and will miss the rest of the season.

Broncos manhandle San Diego

The Associated Press

DENVER — One week after his worst performance in 11 seasons — a mistake-prone effort that produced whispers he was finally playing old — John Elway answered his detractors.

The 37-year-old Elway threw four touchdown passes on Sunday, leading Denver past San Diego 38-3 and assuring the Broncos of playing at home in their first playoff game, a wild-card contest against Jacksonville next weekend.

Denver (12-4) extended its regular-season winning streak at home to 16 games — as Elway completed 17 of 26 passes for 273 yards. In a loss Monday at San Francisco, Elway was 16-for-41 for 150 yards with two interceptions and one fumble. On Sunday, he had three TD passes in the second quarter alone, two to Rod Smith, to help compensate for the absence of AFC rushing leader Terrell Davis, who did not play because of a slightly separated right shoulder suffered on Monday night.

San Diego (4-12) finished the season with eight straight losses.

The Broncos, snapping their own two-game skid, dominated after tentative start and held a 24-3 halftime lead.

The Chargers were awarded an early safety when Elway was whistled for intentional grounding in the end zone. But just before Denver's subsequent free kick, referee Jerry Markbreit stopped play. Apparently noting on the scoreboard replay that Elway had clearly thrown the pass from the 23-yard line instead of the end zone, Markbreit huddled with the other officials and issued a "correction." The safety was erased.

San Diego running back Gary Brown carried six times and caught two passes to set up Greg Davis' 26-yard field goal later in the opening quarter, but Brown was sidelined for the remainder of the game with a strained groin.

On the third play of the second quarter, Elway hit Smith with an 11-yard touchdown pass on a play that initially was ruled incomplete because Smith appeared not to have gotten both feet down in the corner of the end zone. Officials huddled for several seconds, then signaled the touchdown.

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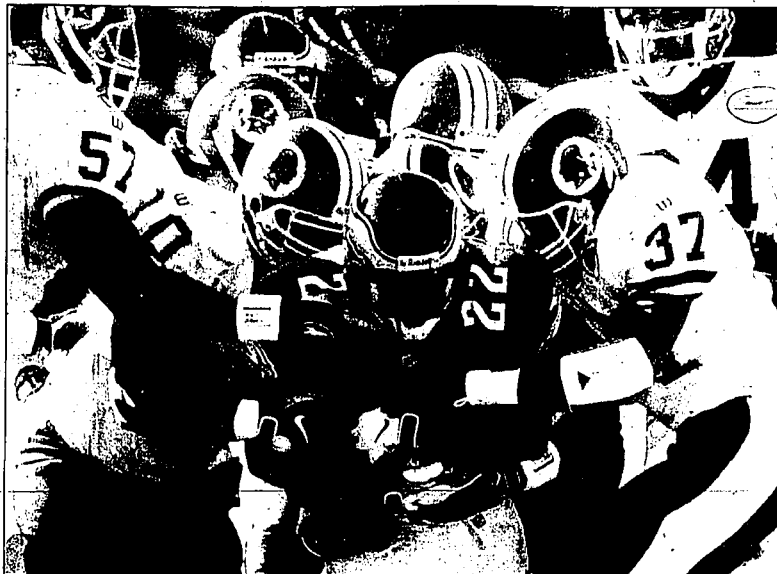
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Philadelphia's Duco Staley is surrounded by Washington defenders during the Redskins' 35-32 victory in Landover, Md., Sunday.

And Minnesota makes 4

'Skins' win isn't enough; NFC Central sweeps playoff spots

The Associated Press

The Detroit Lions and Minnesota Vikings made the playoffs Sunday and the Lions, thanks greatly to Barry Sanders, put in Miami and New England. And the Washington Redskins and New York Jets were left on the outside looking in, in part because of two questionable play calls by Jets coaches that led to interceptions, plus a questionable call by the officials on the second.

Pro football

After Minnesota beat Indianapolis 39-28 to clinch one NFC wild-card spot, the Lions beat the Jets 13-10 to get the second, knocking out both the Redskins and the Jets. That means four of the NFC's six playoff teams are from the Central, the second time in four years that four have qualified from one division.

That set up these matchups for next weekend's wild-card round:

- On Saturday, Minnesota (9-7) is at the New York Jets (10-5-1) and Jacksonville (11-5) is at Denver (12-4) in a replay of last year's huge playoff upset by the Jaguars.

- On Sunday, it will be a rematch of tonight's New England-Miami game at the winner, followed by Detroit (9-7) at Tampa Bay (10-6).

But this week was dramatic enough, headed by the Lions-Jets game at the Silverdome.

The win by the Vikings was forged by a combo that got the Eagles to the playoffs in the '80s: Randall Cunningham throwing and Chris Carter catching. Carter, who was cut by Buddy Ryan in 1990 after Ryan said "all he can do is catch touchdowns," caught three of them and Andrew Glover got a fourth.

It's the fifth time in six seasons under Dennis Green the Vikings are in the playoffs; they have yet to win in the postseason.

"This is a huge relief," said Cunningham, who will be the fifth quarterback to start a playoff game under Green. "We were able to go out and do what we needed to do to get into the playoffs."

"For us," Green said, "the playoffs mean a second chance."

But Cunningham also threw three interceptions and the Vikings needed gifts — five turnovers by backup quarterback Kelly



Minnesota's Chris Carter celebrates a second-quarter touchdown pass from Randall Cunningham during the Vikings' 39-28, playoff-clinching victory over Indianapolis Sunday.

Holcomb, who played parts of the second and fourth quarters when Jim Harbaugh was hurt. Two interceptions and a fumble came in the second quarter as the Vikings turned a 10-10 tie into a 29-10 lead.

Harbaugh came back to bring the Vikings within 36-28, but was hurt on the TD play and Holcomb had to return.

After starting 0-10, the Colts (3-13) beat Green Bay, the Jets and Miami, all teams with winning records.

But Sunday's loss gave them the first pick in April's draft when Arizona beat Atlanta 29-26.

Also, Tampa Bay beat Chicago 31-15, ensuring a home game in the first round of the playoffs. The Giants, who already clinched the NFC East, became the first team to go unbeaten in the division by beating Dallas 20-7. That guaranteed the Cowboys' first 10-loss season since 1989.

Redskins 35, Eagles 32

Darryl Pounds stripped Bobby Hoyer on a corner blitz, picked it up and returned it for a touchdown. Then Darrell Green returned an interception 83 yards for a TD as the Redskins (8-7-1) took a 14-0 lead.

The Eagles (6-9-1) kept it interesting, scoring on Charlie Garner's 1-yard run with 6:41 to play and adding a 2-point conversion. But a 74-yard kickoff return by Brian Mitchell set up Michael Westbrook's 7-yard TD reception to give the Redskins another cushion.

Philadelphia came back again with a 14-yard TD catch by Freddie Solomon with 1:09 to go, but the Redskins recovered the onside kick.

Giants 20, Cowboys 7

At Texas Stadium, the Giants jumped to a 20-0 halftime lead and the second half was played between scrubs. An era ended with the Cowboys finishing 6-10. It was likely the last game for Dallas coach Barry Switzer, whose team lost its last five games.

Bucs 31, Bears 15

Karl Williams scored twice, once on a 61-yard punt return, and Warrick Dunn had 119 yards, including a team-record 76-yard run as the Bucs routed 10 wins for the first time since 1979. It averaged an earlier loss to Chicago (4-12).

Chiefs 25, Saints 13

Elvis Grbac, who missed six games with a broken collarbone, warmed up for the playoffs by going 5-for-14 for 51 yards for the Chiefs (13-3) and Tamarick Vanover had an 82-yard punt return for a score. Rookie Keith Poole had two touchdown catches for the Saints (6-10).

Oilers 16, Steelers 6

The Oilers (8-8) got the only meaningful thing from this game, a 500 season. The Oilers ran for 155 yards and became the third team to top 100 yards rushing this season against Pittsburgh (11-5), which has a bye next weekend.

Bengals 16, Ravens 14

Eisason threw two touchdown passes for the Bengals (7-9), who relegated the Ravens (6-9-1) to

last place in the AFC Central for the second time in their two seasons in Baltimore.

Cardinals 29, Falcons 26

Jake Plummer threw a 1-yard TD pass to Larry Centers with 5 seconds left for the Cardinals (4-12). The Falcons (7-9) had a five-game winning streak broken.

Jaguars 20, Raiders 9

The Raiders (4-12) concluded their worst season since going 1-13 in 1962, the year before Al Davis took charge of the operation. Mark Brunell had touchdown passes to Keenan McCardell and Damon Jones for the Jaguars (11-5).

Seahawks 38, 49ers 9

Warren Moon, in his 20th season of pro football and 14th in the NFL, completed 16 of 25 passes for 232 yards and four touchdowns, giving him 3,678 yards passing for the season to break Dave Krieg's record of 3,671.

San Francisco's Gary Anderson, in his 16th NFL season, made three field goals and has 385 in his career, breaking the record of 383 held by Nick Lowery.



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Monday night matchup: Winner takes AFC East

MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Dolphins and New England Patriots had said all week that their playoffs started early. Both teams got into the post season even earlier than they had planned.

Miami and New England can thank the Detroit Lions for bumping them into the post season, and for turning what would have been a must-win game into something a bit less dramatic.

Tonight's game between the Patriots (9-6) and the Dolphins (8-6) still will decide the AFC East championship — and home field advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

But some of the drama was taken out Sunday night when Detroit beat the New York Jets 13-10 to eliminate the Jets from the AFC East playoff scenario.

Members of the Dolphins and Jets had said earlier in the week that they were looking at their final regular season as a playoff type game — with the possibility that one would make the playoffs.

It would have been the first time since 1989, when Minnesota beat Cincinnati, that a final Monday Night Football game sent one team to the post season and snubbed the other's season.

But the Patriots and Dolphins also insisted they didn't care what happened in the New York-Detroit game.

"It doesn't matter, we want to win the division," said Dan Marino earlier this week about the Jets game. "The important thing is having a home game."

After the Jets game, Patriots' Coach Pete Carroll said his team prepared for tonight's game with a playoff mentality.

"We knew that we had an



opportunity to clinch a playoff berth today but we adopted the mindset that the outcome of today's game was really inconsequential to our preparation," Carroll said.

Miami Coach Jimmy Johnson said he knew it was unrealistic, but he hoped his players somehow wouldn't find out who won the New York game.

"I'd just as soon not know what the Jets do Sunday and I'd just as soon the players not even know what the Jets do," Johnson during the week.

Unlikely.

In fact, many of the Patriots watched the game in their hotel bar, but left as soon as it was over, without speaking to reporters.

Both teams come into tonight's game equipped with big-time quarterbacks, who experienced disastrous games a week ago that left their teams in playoff peril.

New England's Drew Bledsoe threw an interception with two minutes left, opening the door to Pittsburgh's tying touchdown and victory in overtime.

Miami's Marino struggled through the second worst game of his career last week, shut out by Indianapolis, the first time the Dolphins have been blanked since 1987.

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