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'Nobody can tell what I will do'

As young inmate awaits release, prison statistics offer little indication for future

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — They call him "Shorty" in the prison yard. Jesse Salas entered three years ago, a belligerent 14-year-old who picked fights before he got picked on him.

His mother keeps photos of a boy growing into a man behind bars. Adolescence has put substance behind his tough prison posture. His attitude is mellowing and his muscles are growing, but he is still angry. The state is spending \$18,000 yearly to keep him off the streets, until he is 20.

"Nobody can tell what I will do when I get out of here," Salas said. "I may live a good life, I may live a bad life. I don't know."

What inmates learn from prison is a

key question. Lawmakers, faced with a prison system that soaks up tax dollars, are debating ways to reduce the burden on taxpayers.

Prisons are effective at stopping some crimes, but there are limits, said Richard Wright, an Arkansas State University professor of criminology who wrote "In Defense of Prisons."

For every person who is locked up, 10 fewer crimes are committed on the street. But for every three criminals released from prison, one of them becomes a more hardened criminal, Wright said.

Salas, 17, of Jerome, spends much of his time in the prison yard, hanging out with his cousins and other adult inmates and pumping iron to bulk up his 5-foot-7-inch frame.

To get here, Salas and another teen-

ager attacked guards supervising juveniles at Twin Falls juvenile detention center, and escaped the center in a stolen car.

Sometimes, Salas no longer cares about his release. He does push-ups, reads the Bible, sleeps. He thinks about "fresh air, being able to touch the grass."

His biggest joy is mail, but he rarely gets letters. Nor visitors, for that matter. He dropped a prison program to earn his general equivalency diploma. Instead, he has received a different kind of education.

"There is no way I'm going to get rehabilitated, I learned worse stuff," Salas said. "You name it, I learned it."

There is a lack of data on whether locking more people up reduces crime.

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Jesse Salas, 17, is mellowing since he entered adult prison at age 14. But he is still angry, and he doesn't believe juveniles get adequate rehabilitation.

Inmates are working stiffs at prison alternative

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Five-time felon William Kingsland, 29, makes payment on a house, holds down a regular job and fawns over his baby step-granddaughter.

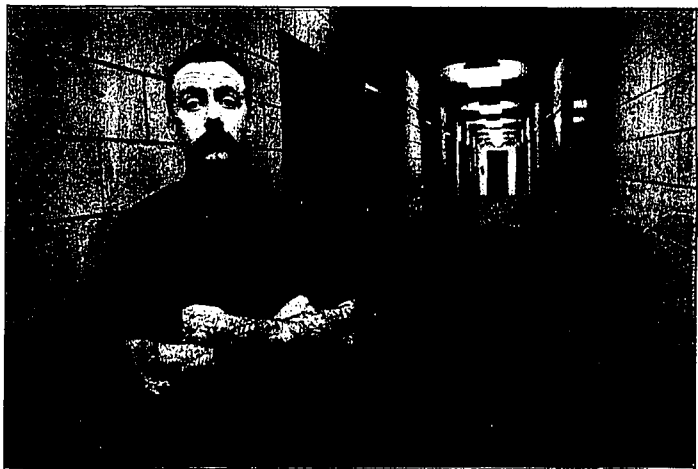
All while serving time in prison. Between night shifts producing wine in Jerome, Kingsland lives and sleeps under the gaze of guards at the Twin Falls Community Work Center, considered the cutting edge of imprisonment in Idaho.

Every day before going off to his job, Kingsland showers, performs a chore such as cleaning the laundry room, eats breakfast and waits for a work center guard to drive him to work.

When he punches his timecard into the clock at Bridon Cordage Inc. in Jerome, he is just another employee earning a living for the next 12 hours.

"The culture change is great. You can wake up and feel like you're doing your part and paying your way," Kingsland said.

The work center, one of three in Idaho, is starting to gain appreciation for lawmakers as soaring prison costs draw con-



William Kingsland, 29, says the third time is a charm for him at the Twin Falls Community Work Center, especially after a near-death experience with methamphetamine.

cern at the Statehouse. Nationally, even strident defenders of prisons are coming around to accepting

prison alternatives such as the work center. "The research is still preliminary, but I

have become convinced (alternatives) do work," said Richard Wright, an Arkansas

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Have we reached our 'Limits to Growth'?

The Associated Press

Our blood run cold as we sat in the dark that year, millions of moviegoers chilled by the vision of "A Clockwork Orange," of a "horrorshow" future of anarchy and violence.

That was Hollywood. The Smithsonian Institution, on the other hand, was the real world, staid and gray. But the future quietly laid out there one winter's day in 1972, by an international team of researchers, was just as frightening.

Mankind was headed for a breakdown, an "uncontrollable decline" in population and production, unless it stopped breeding and consuming at such exponential rates, their book warned. Man must learn that there are, as its title said, limits to growth.

Doomsaying is as old as the Bible. But when Jeremiah did his dismal work, he wasn't digitized. This team, from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, had deployed a new tool, the computer, to plot human behavior in an unprecedented way.

Its sponsors were an influential brotherhood of industrialists and scientists called the Club of Rome. And they benefited from a twist-of-history: An oil

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New York Department of Sanitation worker Mel Jeter empties recyclables into a truck during a residential collection run in New York in October. Recycling underpins much of today's heavy industry: One-third of the aluminum used in manufacturing is drawn not from the earth, but from old products.

Science students take the plunge, swallow fried worms

The Associated Press

BUTLER, Pa. — The school cafeteria was never like this.

Students in Ray Greco's 11th-grade science class fried worms, coated them with chocolate, took deep breaths, closed their eyes and swallowed last week as part of an experiment in alternative food sources.

"I did it cause it was cool," Knoch High School student Josh Murdoch said. "It's

really not that bad." The day may come when humans need to eat worms to survive because of food shortages, Greco said.

"With the continuing overpopulation of the world, there are bound to be adjustments in behavior," Greco said at the school 25 miles north of Pittsburgh. "Part of that can mean adjusting food sources and what we eat."

Erica Link opted for the worms without chocolate and reported that they tasted

like pumpkin seeds — "crunchy and hollow."

"I always tell them it's no different than a sausage," Greco said. "When you think about a sausage, what could be in there?"

Some students took the worms home to give to their families for Christmas. The majority of the class tried at least one. Andrea Karlenbauer did not.

"I wasn't even going to come today because I have better things to do than eat worms," she said.

Clinton: Medicare reform will lower cost of cancer tests

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton, with holiday reflections on the loss of his mother to breast cancer, outlined Medicare reforms that take effect New Year's Day to make cancer screenings less expensive for 29 million older Americans.

"Nearly every American family has been touched by the shadow of cancer," Clinton said Saturday in his weekly radio address. "By detecting cancer early on we offer our loved ones one of the greatest gifts of all — the gifts of life, health and many holidays to come."

Under the balanced budget agreement negotiated with Congress this year, that nation's 39 million Medicare beneficiaries will be guaranteed regular tests for breast, cervical and colon-rectal cancer. Studies show that early detection of these cancers can boost survival rates as high as 90 to 100 percent.

The expanded Medicare coverage kicks in Jan. 1.

"We're ringing in the new year resolved to take new steps in our battle against cancer, one of mankind's oldest foes," Clinton said.

His radio speech, taped before Christmas, was broadcast Saturday morning just before the president retired to the Oval Office for a rainy afternoon of work. Aides said Clinton took off Christmas and the day after, lazing about the White

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Making do 8 months after the flood

Victims grow more frustrated as time goes on

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — Duane Lembke's life has narrowed to a tiny trailer in a village of flood refugees on the outskirts of town.

The thin walls are barely enough to keep out the wind and cold, even in a winter so far considered mild by North Dakota standards. The water pipes froze solid once. If the family runs the washing machine on spin cycle too long, pictures fall off the wall. Lembke, 55, laid off from his truck-driving job because the company was damaged in the flood, has been unable to rebuild his home. He tries to stay busy with simple chores, but he has plenty of time to think about all that's gone wrong in the past year.

"It eats at a man," Lembke says. "I used to get out, go visit the old place, but I don't even feel like going out of the house any more. I've lost my ambition toward everything."

Lembke and his wife, who share a 12-by-50-foot trailer with their 23-year-old daughter and her toddler, are among some 220 families still living in temporary trailer homes provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency eight months after flooding devastated this city. Most will be here into spring of the New Year.

"I tell you what," said Lembke says, "the longer we're here, the more tempted I am just to take what I've got and leave."

Lembke's six grown children used to bring their families home for Christmas.

"We're not doing that this year," he says. "There aren't basement rooms for the kids to stay."

Kenneth Peterson and his wife, Lucille, seem more at ease in the trailer park. Peterson, a psychotherapist, lost his home and his office to the flood, but he and his wife, both 64, talk about how lucky they are.

"It's amazing what people can go through and still persevere,



Duane Lembke and his 4-year-old grandson, Benjamin, play Saturday on the porch of the government trailer where they've lived since September. Lembke's home was heavily damaged by the Red River flood last spring and he doesn't know when he will have a new home.

the ability they have to recreate themselves after something like this," says Peterson, who has resumed seeing a few clients in one room of his FEMA trailer.

While Grand Forks' two huge FEMA trailer parks are shiny, aluminum reminders that much flood damage remains, disaster officials say North Dakota's

recovery from the 1997 devastation is unprecedented. Most families are back in their homes, and many businesses have reopened as normally slowly returns.

"This is the biggest disaster our region has ever dealt with," says Rick Weiland, director of the regional FEMA office in Denver. "Recovery is a long process.

Something of this magnitude does not go away overnight."

The Red River Valley disaster began long before the floodwaters started rising. One of the worst winters on record — half a dozen blizzards and 120 inches of snow — brought its own damage across the state and gave the first hint of the spring floods to come.

Surplus military weapons hit streets

CHICAGO (AP) — Thousands of powerful, rapid-fire military weapons are being rebuilt and sold to gun dealers for public distribution around the country, the Chicago Tribune reported.

More than a dozen gunmakers use scraps from the United States military and armies around the world to rebuild battlefield firearms, the Tribune reported in Sunday's editions.

The sale of rebuilt military weapons demonstrates the inability of the nation's numerous gun laws to keep some of the most deadly firearms off the streets.

Surplus U.S. firearms that are not used in the Civilian Marksmanship Program, a government program to teach marksmanship and gun safety, are supposed to be destroyed or rendered inoperable. But gunmakers say the military does a poor job of crushing the guns.

"If you car a Chevrolet in half, you may not be able to drive the car, but that doesn't mean you can't use the engine and other parts," said William Dailey, attorney for Springfield Armory Inc., a gun company based in Geneseo, Ill.

Military officials say they do a thorough job of cutting up the weapons, and that the law does not allow them to prevent gun dealers from bidding on the scrap metal.

But Jack Friese, whose Baltimore-based company Armscorp USA makes semiautomatic M-14s powerful enough to pierce lightly armored cars, said he gets regular notices from the military announcing sales and inviting him to bid on the scraps.

For the last 23 years, Friese has used international contacts to negotiate deals for millions of foreign and U.S. military firearms parts.

Dailey said that military rifles, two cumbersome and bulky to be used in crimes. But the Tribune traced one military weapon — the powerful M1 carbine — to more than a dozen murders in the 1990s. In all of the cases, the killers bought the weapons at gun shops and gun shows.

Gun shows, one of the best markets for secondhand weapons, are almost totally free of state and federal regulation despite a 1993 federal investigation that found stolen military weapons being routinely sold at them.

More than 95 percent of the nation's estimated 240 million guns are in private hands, the Tribune reported. For the most part, the resale of these guns goes unregulated by federal or local laws.

Soldiers may get to vote via Internet

The Gazette

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — When you're a soldier, you never know when you'll be flying to some distant country for extended duty, reassigned to another base or otherwise relocated.

It's part of the job, but it makes it harder for the men and women defending their country to exercise one of their basic civic rights — voting.

"It's true that most military do not live in the state that they're registered to vote in," said Lt. Col. Steve Patton of Fort Carson, Colorado. "It's not a blessing military members have — to walk

around the corner to the precinct." Instead, military personnel have to vote absentee or not at all.

Pattson knows. It's been in the military most of his adult life and every year he has to request an absentee ballot. That ballot is sent through the mail, which can be troublesome for soldiers who move around a lot. They have to hope the ballot finds them in time for them to vote and get it back. If it doesn't get there, it won't count.

That happens too often, said Tom Bezzell, coordinator of the Armed Voting Program in Alexandria, Va. "Many of them have been disqualified."

House leader wants aide's resignation

WASHINGTON (AP) — A senior Republican House leader demanded Saturday that President Clinton fire the aide who headed the White House health care task force that was the subject of a scathing rebuke by a federal judge this month.

In a letter to Clinton, Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, also asked Clinton not to bill federal taxpayers for a \$285,864 penalty that U.S. District Judge Royce C. Lamberth imposed on the government for providing "dishonest" information to keep the task force, run by White House aide Ira Magaziner, away from public view.

"This type of conduct cannot be condoned, nor should it be rewarded through continued government employment," wrote Archer, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. "And while the courts have held that the 'government' must face the consequences, the taxpayers shouldn't be asked to foot the bill."

Among his findings, Lamberth said Dec. 18 that the Clinton administration filed a false affidavit by Magaziner to buttress its argument that the task force, chaired by Hillary Rodham Clinton, should be shielded from public scrutiny.

"It is clear that the decisions here were made at the highest

levels of government, and the government itself is — and should be — accountable when its officials run amok," Lamberth wrote.

A White House spokesman, who asked not to be identified, said Clinton would respond early in the week to Lamberth's ruling and Archer's call. The spokesman refused further comment except that "Mr. Magaziner has and will continue to perform as a valued member of the White House staff."

In his decision, Lamberth ordered the government to pay \$285,864 to help cover legal expenses of the Association of American Surgeons and Physicians, a doctors' organiza-

tion that had sued for records of the task force's deliberations.

Archer, who helped kill the Clinton's health care plan in the House, said the ruling "raises questions that touch on the heart of ethics, the proper conduct of government officials and the desire of the administration to keep information secret regarding important health care policies that the public has a right to know."

At a Hanukkah celebration early this week, Clinton said he had not read Lamberth's ruling and wanted to reserve comment. Relying on news accounts of the ruling, however, he said his first blush inclination was to be "quite skeptical."

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NATION

Social Security reform still a top priority for Clinton

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Although President Clinton has made fixing the Social Security system a major goal for his second term, officials preparing his 1998 agenda say they have been reluctant to agree on a course of action on the issue, and some fear they are losing the chance to enact major reforms during Clinton's presidency.



Bill Clinton

A working group of administration aides clarifying Clinton's strategy for the new year is considering proposals for a "national dialogue" on Social Security, an idea the president may raise as early as his State of the Union address in January, officials said this week.

But the tough choices affecting the baby boom generation — like raising taxes, cutting benefits for affluent retirees or hiking the retirement age to 70 — are virtually certain to be postponed until 1999 and beyond, officials say.

If we were to go back down the path this year, it's highly unlikely it would get done.

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Clinton will repeat the essence of that message in his 1998 State of the Union address, but no major proposals are expected for overhauling Social Security, White House aides said. Instead, the administration views the coming year as a potential opportunity to discuss how to fix the pension program's long-term wastefulness and the controversial measures that may be needed to ease them.

Clinton and his advisers agree that Social Security needs major changes — some day. On its present course, the giant pension system will run out of money in 2029, one million of baby boomers try to draw retirement benefits.

But the president's political aides argue that the laudable goal of Social Security reform faces practical problems. With elections approaching in 1998 and 2000, members of Congress will be wary about taking risks on the issue.

Among Clinton's political advisers, "a lot of the interest in the issue has faded," one aide said. Under one option being considered by the White House, Clinton next year would call on a group of well-respected Americans to educate the public about the long-term changes in Social Security. This approach would depart from a commission of experts to study the problem, in part because the problem has been studied endlessly, and in part because expert committees create political complications of their own.

In addition, the White House has launched an internal working group that includes domestic aides as well as Lawrence Summers, deputy Treasury secretary, to begin compiling options for the president.

But political leaders are aware that they do not have "the luxury" of a near-term crisis to help them force change through a resistant system, a White House aide said.

Political leaders view Medicare and Social Security as the budgetary equivalent of truck bombs, because past efforts to modify them — often led by Republicans — have sparked pushing the blame for the crisis onto the GOP's sought to exploit the elderly, either to balance the budget or pay for tax cuts. That history hovers over any Social Security reform bill, and explains why Clinton has emphasized that the effort must be bipartisan.

However, Clinton and congressional leaders have taken the first, gingerly step toward fixing Medicare. As part of the deal to balance the budget, they agreed to create a panel that would make recommendations in early 1999 for stabilizing the health care program.

The Medicare trust fund that finances hospital services is forecast to go bust by 2010.

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Who put the fiction in science fiction ...

... or, why Scotty can't beam you up

CLEVELAND (AP) — Physicist Lawrence Krauss is boldly going where scientists have rarely gone before — out of the cloistered halls of academia and into the alien world of mass media.

His mission: to convince people that science is fun.

His primary tool: "Star Trek" reruns. "I like to convince people that science is exciting and worth talking about, just like a good movie," says Krauss, author of two books that have taken ideas from science fiction — particularly from the "Star Trek" TV series and films — and applied real scientific concepts to them.

Krauss' gimmick is working. His first book, 1995's "The Physics of Star Trek," sold 100,000 copies in hardback. He recently completed a cross-country tour promoting his latest release, "Beyond Star Trek: Physics from Alien Inventions to the End of Time," published last month.

With his success, the head of the physics department at Case Western Reserve University makes no apologies for tackling such weighty topics as would a transporter really work? And, what's wrong with those explosions viewers hear when the U.S.S. Enterprise trades phaser blasts with an alien ship?

"In Physics of Star Trek and hopefully with this one, I get to say, 'Well look, here's how close or far it is from reality,'" Krauss said during an interview in his office, where life-size photo cutouts of the original TV show's Capt. Kirk and Mr. Spock guard his rear.

In many cases — but not — science and science fiction just don't mesh. Case in point: The transporter on the starship Enterprise. The instrument got Krauss ruminating about science fiction concepts in the first place. Using a transporter, a crew member can dematerialize in one place and re-materialize in another. Krauss believes the device wouldn't work, now or in the future, because of the immense energy required to disassemble and reassemble a person atom by atom.



Physicist Lawrence Krauss, shown in his office at Case Western University in Cleveland Dec. 8, is trying to convince the public that science is as fun as a good movie.

He also touches in his first Trek book on blunders physicists can't help but notice, such as objects producing sound in space. There's no air in space and therefore no sound, so the thunderous explosions heard in "Star Trek" battle scenes on television and in the movies are inaccurate.

But two other mainstays of the "Star Trek" universe — warp speed, which is faster than the speed of light, and time travel — are theoretically possible, he contends.

"Beyond Star Trek" not only targets Trek science, it considers other scenarios, such as the film "Independence Day" and the TV show "The X-Files." He discusses real science implications of traditional science fiction subjects, such as time travel, UFOs and aliens, and clairvoyance.

For instance, the huge alien spaceship over New York in "Independence Day" would flatten the city merely due to the air pressure involved to hold it up against the force of gravity, he says.

"It would be nice if science fiction on TV and other places always got it right," he says.

But they don't, so Krauss accepts the fiction as entertainment. "It's drama after all, and that's what keeps it going."

While it's fun to find the flaws in science fiction, Krauss sees his role as much more than a professional nitpicker.

He believes there's a void between scientists and the public, particularly since the death of Carl Sagan last December.

Sagan won the Pulitzer Prize for general non-fiction in 1978 for "The Dragons of Eden: Speculations on the Evolution of Human Intelligence" and wide acclaim for his 13-part Public Broadcasting Service series "Cosmos."

Krauss dedicated his latest book to the masses and made science, well, almost cool.

"Many scientists are hesitant to make that leap into popular culture because some sense that it might be demeaning," he said. "But it hasn't been for me, and I think people are craving to know more about their world."

Jack Mervis, professor of physics and astronomy at California State University, Long Beach, recently invited Krauss to be the first speaker in a popular science lecture series. He says the physics professor is good at delivering the message that hard science is as amazing as the dreams of fiction writers.

"I think too many scientists are worried about their own discipline and not worried about communicating it to a wider audience," Mervis says.

The only thing Krauss fears now is that his audience will be disappointed that some of their favorite "Star Trek" gadgets would never work. Even if you can't change the laws of physics, as Enterprise engineer Scotty was fond of reminding Capt. Kirk in almost every episode, there's still plenty to learn about the universe.

"Physics constrains us, sure," Krauss says. "But it constrains us by marvels."

Future

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National crime rates have soared and dived from state to state, without a pattern, while the prison population has climbed steadily and uniformly in all states. In recent years in Idaho, violent crime has plunged.

"I think it's fair to say the consensus of most criminologists is that while incarceration has some impact on crime, it's far more modest than many political leaders have led us to believe," said Marc Maurer, assistant director of Sentencing Project, a nonprofit criminology

research group based in Washington, D.C.

Salas is no stranger to incarceration. At age 12 he spent a year at Idaho Youth Ranch. During his stay, with therapists he learned how earning top grades in school, said his mother, Melody Lujan.

Lujan said one of her boyfriends had physically abused Salas most of his childhood. Three years ago, Salas spoke over the phone with his real father, who lives in California and left the family when Salas was a toddler. Salas stole a car and skipped his pro-

cedure to meet him.

Salas was arrested promptly after approaching police for help locating his father, Lujan said. He was returned to Idaho and broke out of the Snake River Youth Center Detention Center in Twin Falls.

Salas learned the hard way about bad behavior. In the past two years he has been punished for six incidents, mostly fighting and tattling. At one point guards threw him into solitary confinement for 30 days for possessing tattoo equipment.

Salas sports full "steves" of tattoos running up both arms to

the elbows — mostly "Chicano art," a peacock, his sisters' names on front of his arms, brothers' on back, and some California gang lettering.

Salas said he is tiring of punishment. He was reprimanded only twice this year.

But he doesn't know what he will take from his prison experience.

"I think it's a big rip-off, but the center is getting money from the people," Salas said.

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State University professor and author of "In Defense of Prisons."

In general, lawmakers are unwilling to risk spending money on alternative programs that don't have proof behind them.

As a freshman legislator, Rep. Celia Gould, R-Buhl — now chairwoman of the House Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee — recalled having to "eat crow" before her colleagues when a program she liked turned out to be too expensive.

"At first blush they sound pretty great, everybody likes to play politics, with the older population understands crime," Gould said. "But you need to get into a situation where you have a mix. The result can be pretty poor when you change policy too drastically."

Yet how well the Twin Falls work center rehabilitates inmates is anybody's guess. State officials say it's difficult to track former inmates, especially those who leave Idaho and commit crimes years later.

"The people we're releasing are choosing to focus on doing a good job," said Jeff Michaels, the center's director.

Lt. Mike Milhorn, who supervises seven correctional officers at the work center, said he estimates about 85 percent of the inmates he oversees leave the work center without returning to prison. Out of 64 inmates total, usually two or three are familiar faces, he said.

Kingsland is on his third time at the center. He likes the center, but it's not the only reason he is on the mend, he says. A near-death experience with methamphetamine made him rethink drug addiction.

Despite a good family and education while growing up in northern California, Kingsland became addicted to cocaine as a teen-ager and "lost everything."

He was arrested five times in Idaho, mostly for stealing and robbing a person to buy drugs.

He was sentenced to prison in 1995 for felony eluding police. Police said he sped through neigh-

borhoods then struck a squad car after making a U-turn.

Later, Kingsland was paroled but violated the agreement when he quit his job on a methamphetamine binge. He suffered hallucinations, kidney failure, memory loss and tinnitus. At one point junkie who knew the symptoms helped save his life, he said.

"In that 60 days that I used meth, it scared me more than 14 years (of cocaine)," Kingsland said.

Kingsland kept returning to the work center for good behavior. About one third of inmates wind up at the center because they behave well behind bars and show a willingness to change. Others are sentenced directly to the center for non-serious crimes.

Now he takes classes on anger management, how the human body responds to drugs and alcohol and how to communicate feelings. He gets a monthly furlough to visit his wife for a day and sees his step-daughter as often as she comes to visit.

"I got tired. (Methamphetamine) is terrible. It's nothing social, just a bad, definitely a problem," Kingsland said.

Holding jobs while doing time gives inmates the experience of living a normal life after prison, work center officials say. Many such as Kingsland are paying off homes and bills for family on the outside, and the feedback from employers has been positive. Only eight inmates have escaped since the work center opened in 1992.

Milhorn has seen the change in Kingsland. At first he had what many suffer from — an "ego problem" — evidenced by his muscles and tattoos. Following his near-death encounter with methamphetamine, Kingsland isn't as keen on pumping iron, Milhorn noted.

"I think he realized he couldn't be the boss, and the drug was in charge of him ... it takes a couple of years to realize," Milhorn said.

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Kenyan women raise election voices

Candidate says she must act

Los Angeles Times
NAIROBI, Kenya — Many here question why Charity Kaluki Mwendwa Ngilu would want to endure the hassle of running for the presidency of this East African nation. In her short political career, she has been beaten by riot police, tear-gassed by cops breaking up opposition rallies, and her convoy has been stoned while campaigning. To boot, she claims that members of Kenya's ruling party are trying to harm her.

"It's worthwhile simply because somebody has to do it," the 45-year-old politician said of her candidacy in a recent interview. "I cannot sit back and watch and wait, and say who can do this. I must do this. I am qualified because I am what Kenyans are looking for — a committed, dedicated, honest person, who can lead them through the problems they have."

Her aim, she has said, is to seek a one-term mandate as "a bridge between the present undemocratic system that Kenyans have rejected and the future democratic one that Kenyans are yearning for."

Although political pundits say Ngilu, who declared her candidacy in July, is a longshot to win the presidency, most agree that she is capable of spoiling the chances of a fifth straight term for Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi in the Dec. 28 election.

In recent months, Moi's government has been beset by a host of economic problems. International donors have penalized Kenya for widespread corruption, while human rights groups have condemned the Kenyan authorities' excessive use of force at opposition rallies — which only recently were legalized — police brutality and arbitrary arrests. In addition, scores of people have been killed in politically related ethnic violence in the country's coastal region. The



A supporter of presidential hopeful Charity Ngilu waves a poster of her during a rally in Nairobi, Kenya, Saturday.

bloody has severely impacted Kenya's normally lucrative tourism industry.

The precedent Ngilu set as Kenya's first female presidential aspirant recently was augmented by the announcement of another woman — Wangari Maathai, a 57-year-old environmentalist and professor of veterinary anatomy — that she also would be seeking the nation's top job. Analysts contend that although their chances at victory may be slim, the mere participation of Maathai and par-

ticularly Ngilu in the presidential race scores a major victory for Kenyan women in this land of African machismo. The myth that women cannot play hard-ball politics gradually is being dispelled.

"This is something that would have been inconceivable just a few years ago," said John Githongo, a political observer and respected columnist for the weekly East African newspaper. "Our entire political class has been reluctant to take women seriously. Women politicians will be

taken a lot more seriously after this just now (Ngilu's) ability to mobilize people. She's changed the ground rules of women in politics."

More than 70 women have declared their intentions to vie for various civic and parliamentary seats. During the last Kenyan elections in 1992, only six out of 19 female candidates won Parliament seats — where, before Parliament was annulled, there were only two female ministers, one an assistant minister, out of a total 22.

Maathai's campaign has yet to get off the ground. The former university don and the first woman in Kenya to obtain a doctorate announced her decision to seek the presidency only Nov. 20, throwing in her bid on the ticket of the newly registered Liberal Party.

Ngilu's campaign has had several months to gather full steam, and many observers consider her to be Moi's most serious challenger out of a field of 15.

Ngilu, who entered politics in 1992 when she was elected to Parliament in Kenya's first multiparty elections since independence in 1963, is making her presidential bid on the ticket of the tiny Social Democratic Party.

Her campaign speech is peppered with criticism of the 74-year-old veteran president: Moi has enriched a few individuals at the expense of the majority; endorsed high-level corruption; and plunged most Kenyans into poverty.

With unemployment on the rise, crime plaguing Kenya's big cities, roads crumbling and hospitals and schools lacking basic supplies, Ngilu's promise to eradicate most of these problems appeals to the sentiments of the masses.

"She's a different animal," said Walter Oug, a professor of political science at the University of Nairobi. "This lady has a lot of courage. She's been all over the country, and she's made very positive impressions." Ngilu emphasizes four main elements in her vision for Kenya's future: reconciliation, reconstruction, restructuring and sustaining.

Caribbean counties roll out welcome mat for Cuba

Los Angeles Times

KINGSTON, Jamaica — Hundreds of college students from throughout the Caribbean are now studying at Cuban universities, courtesy of the Havana government.

Caribbean businesspeople are investing millions of dollars in Cuba's booming tourism trade. The Jamaica-based SuperClubs resort chain is building its sixth complex on the Communist island, and Air Jamaica is running three flights a week into the eastern Cuban city of Santiago, adding to Cuban-Caribbean trade that now tops \$50 million annually.

And one by one, leaders of the Caribbean states are visiting Cuba, meeting with President Fidel Castro and signing agreements for economic, scientific and cultural exchanges that are reconnecting Cuba with its neighbors.

At a time when the Clinton administration is struggling to maintain its global isolationist policy against the Cuban regime — with Pope John Paul II due to visit the island next month — these are a few examples of a quiet yet determined regional warming toward Cuba that is as rooted in economics as it is in diplomacy.

Much of the motivation is economic — the hope throughout the Caribbean that investing in the Cuban economy at the ground floor will pay off.

"The reality is that Cuba is going to become an important economic force in our hemisphere, and it behooves us in the Caribbean to be part of the process of Cuban development," Barbadian Prime Minister Owen Arthur told reporters last week after a five-day visit to Cuba.

"Cuba's economy is opening up. Cuba is a competitor in

Bomb explodes in front of church

HAVANA (AP) — A small bomb exploded at a church in Old Havana early today, causing no injuries or serious damage but alarming church officials who are busily preparing for a papal visit in three weeks.

Miguel Saludes, the secretary of La Merced church, confirmed that the bomb went off between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. in front of the building.

"The explosion was strong. People felt it," Saludes said. "But it didn't cause any kind of damage."

While all uniformed security agents had left the scene within hours of the explosion, one church official said many security agents in civilian clothing were attending the 9 a.m. Mass.

Saludes wasn't at the church when the explosion occurred, but the church's five priests were. The Rev. Miguel Angel Rentes, who went out to investigate after the explosion, gave a statement to police.

There were no reports of arrests, and no immediate reaction from the government.

"tourism. That's pragmatics," added St. Lucian Prime Minister Kenny Anthony in a recent interview. "But what we also are saying is that Cuba is a part of the Caribbean family and that we cannot ignore it simply because it has a different political system."

Implicit in the policy shift, though, which comes after decades when most of the Caribbean states took Washington's isolationist line toward Cuba, is a subtle slap at the United States.

Gunmen kill Protestant commander

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — A senior Protestant paramilitary commander was shot and killed today in Northern Ireland's top-security Maze prison by gunmen from an Irish Republican Army splinter group, police said.

Billy Wright, chief of the Loyalist Volunteer Force, died immediately after being shot five times in the back in the visiting area of the British-ruled province's highest security prison, 12 miles southwest of Belfast.

Three members of the Irish National Liberation Army, which opposed a July 20 IRA cease-fire, handed in two handguns to a British soldier's future wife and were arrested by police.

Wright, known as "King Rat," was convicted earlier this year of

threatening to kill witnesses testifying against him.

In 1995, Wright founded the Loyalist Volunteer Force in response to a 1994 cease-fire by Northern Ireland's two main pro-British paramilitary groups, which threatened to kill him for disobedience. The Volunteer Force has since been blamed for slaying five Catholic civilians.

Wright's killing raised concerns about escalating violence.

"I've had people on the phone to me just five minutes ago saying in fear, 'What is going to happen to us, Mr. Maginnis? Is Northern Ireland going to be burning tonight?'" Ken Maginnis, a lawyer for Northern Ireland's main Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, told Sky Television News.

Maginnis appealed "to every-

one — at church level, political level, industrial level, community level wherever — for God's sake, hold things tight for the next 24, the next 48 hours."

Wright's death could rally more militant Protestant support behind his paramilitary outfit, or remove a thorn from the side of peacemaking efforts here.

Earlier this year Wright had demanded and received his own wing of the Maze to accommodate his growing band of followers. The Liberation Army prisoners, who were housed in another wing within the same H-shaped block of cells, protested and threatened to kill Wright.

The shooting appeared timed to take advantage of lighter-than-usual security around the Christmas holidays.

Doctors discover antibodies in victims

HONG KONG (AP) — Doctors have discovered antibodies to the mysterious "bird flu" virus in the blood of nine Hong Kong people who never became seriously ill, health officials said today.

Only one or two of the nine remember having had any flu symptoms, indicating that human resistance to the virus, which until recently only affected poultry, is not always as feeble as had been feared.

The presence of antibodies means a person has been exposed to the virus, and has developed resistance.

Among 11 people known to have developed full-blown flu from the virus, three have died. Eleven other people who have fallen sick are suspected of having the virus, and one of them has died.

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Separatists retreat from government counterattack

Los Angeles Times

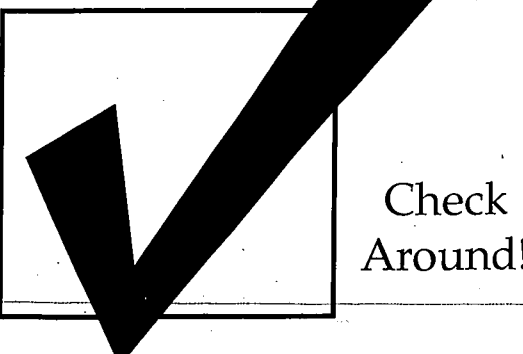
OTTAWA — After nearly a decade of steady political advancement toward their dream of creating a French-speaking nation in North America, Quebec's separatists are in sudden, serious retreat in the face of a vigorous counterattack by Canada's federal government.

The charge is being led by an unlikely captain: a 44-year-old intellectual named Stephane Dion who was recruited to politics just two years ago from the University of Montreal.

From his post as a member of Parliament and Cabinet minister in Prime Minister Jean Chretien's government, Dion has combined a passion for debate with a disdain for conventional wisdom and has fundamentally changed the long-standing argument over Canada's future.

Dion's success is evident in opinion polls in Quebec — where support for separation has fallen precipitously — and in the ranks of the separatists, who are fighting among themselves over how to respond to his tactics.

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Bargain-basement license prices can't last forever

Idaho anglers and hunters won't like admitting it, but they've been getting a heck of a bargain for a long time.

The price of a basic hunting license hasn't risen in 15 years. It costs only \$7.50 - less than a ticket and popcorn at your local cinema's screening of "The Mouse Hunt." An additional \$10.50, about the price of a steak dinner, buys a tag to fill your freezer with venison.

Senior citizens get the best deal of all. If you're over 70, a combined hunting and fishing license costs \$1.50, plus another \$1.50 for a deer, elk or bear tag. (Bag a buck for three bucks!)

Compare those numbers with the hefty fees we collect from out-of-staters. A visiting hunter who wants to shoot a deer will pay \$328 for his license and tag.

Don't weep for the out-of-staters. That's a fair price for the fun and exhilaration of a big-game expedition. But there are limits to what the market will bear, and Idaho has soaked the out-of-staters again and again.

Sooner or later, Idaho sportsmen will have to boost their contribution.

That day seems to have arrived. Pressure on Idaho's wildlife resources keeps growing, and Fish and Game is hard-pressed to meet its management and enforcement responsibilities. Many Idahoans regard abundant game animals and fish as part of our Western birthright, but even a birthright

requires maintenance.

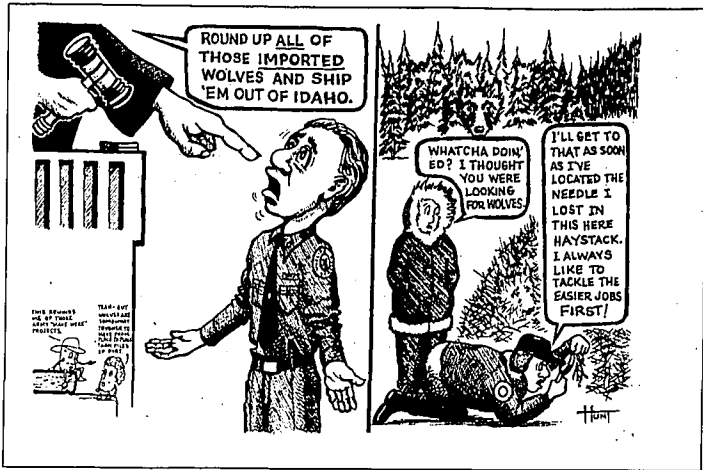
Fish and Game will ask the Legislature for a fee increase next month, and probably for another one a year later. These proposals will incite howling from some sportsmen - particularly those who see every stream as a discount fish market. They'll make it hot for state lawmakers who support an increase, and some lawmakers will probably wilt.

But the alternative to higher fees on those who use the resource is higher taxes - either from the state general fund or from a recreation tax on outdoor equipment. Neither is attractive.

A phase-in increase in license fees makes sense - provided that the money goes to valid needs. Sportsmen will be furious if they see their higher fees spent on administrative overhead and fancy offices.

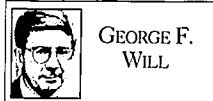
Fish and Game already has earmarked the first year's increase for better big-game census data, more law enforcement to combat poaching, and more information on hunter harvest. Those appear to be reasonable goals, but the Legislature should review them carefully - along with the rest of the agency's budget.

The overall focus should be on maintaining and improving the resources for future generations of sportsmen. Hunters and anglers will accept reasonable fee increases, but they will expect results for their money.



Manhattan clothier stays in style

Yes, we have been told. Philosophers tell us that change is life's only constant. Poets tell us that the center cannot hold, and all that is beautiful drifts away like the waters. Scientists say even the continents are adrift.



GEORGE F. WILL

But Brooks Brothers, the clothier founded in Manhattan in 1818, was supposed to be the still point of the turning world. For generations it has defined conservatism in men's dress - blue and gray natural shoulder suits, blue and white Oxford cloth shirts with button-down collars, striped ties.

So why in recent years have the clothier's display windows become a silent pantomime of scandalizing colors? What are those lavender dress shirts - about the coral-colored ones, let us not even speak - doing in Brooks Brothers stores, even the flagship store which opened in 1915 at the corner of 44th and Madison Avenue?

Selling, that's what those lavender and coral shirts are doing. So says Brooks Brothers' beleaguere CEO, Joseph Cromok, who, it is heartening to note, is not wearing one of them this day. He says that when such shirts are worn under gray or navy suits "they calm down a lot." File that under "faint praise."

An informal poll of sales personnel in half a dozen Brooks Brothers stores found some insistence that the colorful shirts are a drug on the market. However, these salesmen - they were all men, and old enough to remember the days before male potockery - may have been allowing their wishes to color their thoughts. ("Europeans" and "Women trying to change their husbands" were the acerbic answers these disapproving men gave to the question, Who buys those shirts?)

Brooks Brothers, which went through a rocky patch in the 1980s, is now coling money. In the most recent half-year reporting period, operating profits were up 118.3 percent over the corresponding period last year. Evidently Brooks Brothers is solving a problem that politicians always face - how to appeal to a wider electorate without alienating their base.

Brooks Brothers' base consists of hide-bound mossbacks who hate change - in short, people who are the backbone of this Republic. But a few years ago the average age of the club's customers was in the 50s, so the problem was to get other people into the store. (Time was, Brooks Brothers on Madison Avenue closed on Saturdays because "outsiders" slumped then.) Now youth has come knocking at the door, but youth often does not know how to dress up - or down.

Dress up? They attend college classes looking like dummies - or like their high school and even their college teachers. (The following proposition rises proof but is irresistibly plausible: Today's slovenly standards in education are not unrelated to the disorder and indifference to standards in communications by many teachers' appearances.) Then they enter the business world and have no clue how to cope (a hint: not jeans) with that deplorable innovation called "casual Fridays."

In 1955, when William F. Buckley, a Brooks Brothers customer, founded Na-

tional Review (not far from that cultural epicenter, 44th and Madison), he said the magazine "stands athwart history, yelling Stop." For an iconic institution like Brooks Brothers, there is a duty to stand athwart fashion fads and say, as insistently as commercial imperatives will permit, "Not so fast."

Brooks Brothers patrons are used to slings and arrows. In "Guys and Dolls," a gangster disparages his doll's interest in a "breakfast-eating, Brooks Brothers type." Sloan Wilson's "The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit" featured a Brooks Brothers man. That novel, a critique of postwar "conformity," came a decade before America began to experience the fruits of aggressive nonconformity to what were disparaged as "bourgeois values." In 1970, after the 1960s had done their worst against good taste, a fashion Bolshevik declared, "Button-downs were the ultimate symbol of uptightness."

Well, the world turns and the counter-revolution against the 1960s and all its works continues. Uptightness does not seem like such a sin, now that we're surrounded by cultural unraveling. Brooks Brothers' best-selling item is the button-down shirt (more than half a million a year), and half the shirts Brooks Brothers sells are blue.

Such data put a spring in the step of those few, those happy few for whom it shall forever be the 1950s, with a Sinatra song always in the air as they stride briskly toward martinis beneath the clock at the Biltmore Hotel, which was - nothing less - a very short walk from 44th and Madison.

George F. Will is a Washington Post columnist.

Hawkins wins politically in prison proposal

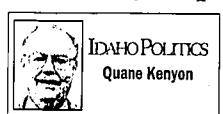
State Sen. Stan Hawkins lost his bid to secure the signing of a contract for Idaho's first private prison, but he looks to be the winner anyway.

The Union Republican plans to run for the GOP's 2nd Congressional District nomination this spring. And if his goal in going to court and rallying against the prison contract was to get publicity for that campaign, he succeeded.

Hawkins' face and arguments were prominently displayed in news media accounts of the prison battle. He was little known outside eastern Idaho before starting the prison crusade, and with a lot of name recognition to make up against his likely opponent, House Speaker Michael Simpson.

Simpson's job as leader of the House gives him a lot of publicity. And the Blackfoot dentist has spoken the last two years attending Republican meetings all over Idaho, building for a possible campaign for governor. But he decided to go after the 2nd District nomination instead on for governor.

Sen. Dirk Kempthorne opted to run for governor. Hawkins' stand beyond the publicity, Hawkins' stand



IDAHO POLITICS
Quane Kenyon

against the prison contract - along with earlier pronouncements against partial-birth abortions and flag burning - should win him points with GOP conservatives. Hawkins claims he's the only true conservative in the field.

That's important in the primary. Past elections have proven that conservatives tend to turn out in higher numbers than others for the May vote. If Hawkins can appeal to that bloc he could capture the Republican nomination from Simpson, state Rep. Mark Stubbs of Twin Falls and whomever else might get in.

And the battle over the prison contract isn't over.

A judge threw out Hawkins' lawsuit on Monday, and Board of Correction Chair-

man John Hayden signed a contract on Tuesday with Corrections Corp. of America to design, build and operate a 1,250-bed facility. But the Legislature's Finance-Appropriations Committee has scheduled a Jan. 16 "review" of the prison project. And once it is built, lawmakers will have to approve annual operating budgets for the lockup.

Hawkins is a member of the budget panel, so ongoing prison money won't come easy. He still maintains it could cost the state an extra \$50 million over the next 10 years to carry out the contract.

If lawyers from one of the leading bidders attack the contract award in court, they are expected to come from a different direction. They reportedly maintain that the Department of Correction changed the rules it used to award the contract after issuing its initial request for proposals.

So for now Hawkins is only person in the public eye battling to save the state millions of dollars on the deal - which isn't a bad place to be if you are trying to get the conservative vote.

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LETTERS

Jerome mayor must play nice

Hooray for Mr. Hinz! In our opinion, he has the most right on the head with his comment about Jerome's new mayor.

We see this type of childish behavior, not only at local levels but in national, international political levels and even in professional sports. "Give me what I want or I'll throw a temper tantrum!" What kind of role models do they present to our youth - our future leaders.

Now play nice or get out of the sand box!

DARLEEN EGLESTON
Twin Falls

AP article displays inaccuracy

Having spent most of my life in the news business, I felt compelled to write this letter after reading the Associated Press story about the Idaho Farm Bureau elections held Dec. 4 in Boise.

First of all, we were pleased you ran a story about the Farm Bureau's annual convention. Farm Bureau is, after all, the largest general agricultural organization in the state, with almost 49,000 member families, and is recognized in recent polls as one of the most effective lobbying organizations in Idaho. I also understand you just can't afford to send a reporter to every event, so you rely on AP. The problem is that when it comes to coverage of the Idaho Farm Bureau by AP, you're getting inaccurate information. Why it's that way I don't know, but I offer the following paragraph for your consideration.

The writer of the AP story neither admitted the convention was not confirmed, what he printed as fact in the story. His post-election phone conversation with me lasted all of about 10 seconds. Six of the 10 paragraphs in his story dealt with events two to three years ago, not what happened at this convention. His Farm Bureau membership numbers were incorrect by almost 4,000 members. Had he attended, he would have seen large posters touting record mem-

bership of almost 49,000. As to lobbying for candidates, all Farm Bureau members are welcome to attend and campaign for the candidate of their choice - many did so. He apparently thinks only certain ones should be allowed to do so.

The writer also used words like "observers," "critics," "dissidents" and "spokesman" but never once attributed any of his so-called information to any one with a name. He apparently believes in reporting by insinuation rather than by quotation. I believe you would not accept that kind of reporting from your staff writers, so why run it at all? Just because it's from Associated Press? Your writers do good work. I hope you're more discerning in the future with the work of others, including the information I send you. We're tough enough in the Farm Bureau to take criticism, and sometimes we deserve it, but not this time, not by this writer's article.

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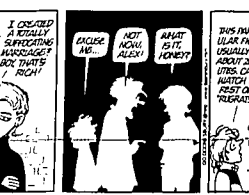
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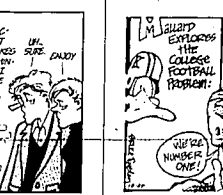
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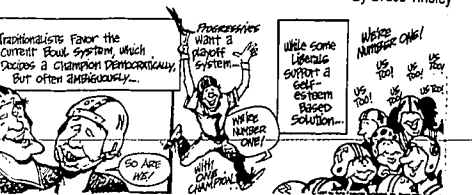
By Garry Trudeau



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Cities convert New Year's Eve into communal holiday

Jejune joy
Turns to sorrow,
Beer today,
Barf tomorrow.
Let us have wine
and women, mirth and laughter,
Sermons and soda-water the
day after. — Byron

So wrote Lord Byron, ostensibly the most elegant of 19th-century poets, about New Year's Eve. The fact is, with its long, reprehensible history, New Year's is never that great a holiday to begin with. From its earliest times, New Year's tended to be about drunkenness and debauchery.

The very idea of reflecting backward (with all its regrets) and looking forward into the future (with all its fears) has always lent itself to the excesses of alcohol. Like Christmas, which early church fathers created to replace the pagan feast of the sun, the church's Jan. 1 feast celebrating Christ's circumcision was an attempt to replace pagan revelry with a sober religious observance.

COMMENTARY
Julia Vitullo-Martín

Yet unlike Christmas, New Year's as a religious holiday founder. With no real substantive strength of its own, the New Year's tradition of debauchery continued through the centuries. It's hard to know quite when New Year's Eve became so pointless that many Americans just stopped celebrating it. But band leader Guy Lombardo, joking on a television show in the 1960s, seems to have prophesied accurately that "when I die I am taking New Year's Eve with me."

New Year's Eve as we know it may have died right around 1977, along with Lombardo and his benign, slightly schmaltzy interpretation of the holiday.

Leisure industry surveys showed that many people simply stopped going out for New Year's Eve in the 1980s.

Over 60 percent stayed home.

And why not? Nearly 80 percent of Americans say they feel less safe on the roads during holidays because of drunk drivers. And they are repelled by the slovenly behavior of drunk celebrants.

Drunken revelry is no longer an admired part of American culture. But here's the amazing part: Americans didn't take the death of a holiday, however sorry and irreparable it had become, lying down.

New Year's has been recreated by the forces for good. In 190 cities and towns across the United States and Canada, civic groups and volunteers have gotten together to organize a better, safer, non-drunk New Year's Eve. They call it First Night.

The movement started in 1976 in Boston, that bastion of grass-roots American democracy. A group of artists decided to hold a huge downtown block party providing an evening of inexpensive, alcohol-free, family-oriented but top-quality cultural events and performances.

That first year, they held 14

events and drew 60,000 people. Boston's First Night this year received a million-plus visitors every year since 1992, proving the sureness of the concept.

Other cities noticed. Local activists would adopt the Boston model, with help from the original organizers, but mold the celebration to reflect their own regional traditions.

Edmonton, in the Canadian province of Alberta, for example, lures some 40,000 people to its ice-sculpture contest and pageant welcoming far-off spring. (The temperature there has reached minus-30 degrees Celsius on New Year's Eve.)

Raleigh, N.C., focuses on bluegrass music, which was developed in the surrounding mountains.

Annapolis, Md., features the Footworks Percussive Dance Ensemble, a world-famous troupe that starts with Renaissance and does Appalachian clogging, flat-footing and African-American hambone.

Salt Lake City emphasizes kids, keeping open its Hansen

Planetarium and Salt Lake Art Center, both of which have had record crowds.

Organizers in St. Paul, Minn., consider their city to be a "jewel" that has gone unrecognized by locals. With generous corporate support from Minnesota's organizers like 3M, the companies see First Night as a showcase for downtown.

St. Petersburg, Fla., offers opera and gospel music.

Even New York City, den of iniquity and cultural capital of the world, got on the First Night bandwagon in 1991.

"Expense and alcohol are the two things that were wrong with New Year's Eve," says Dan Biederman, president of the Grand Central Partnership and founder of New York's First Night. "And New York City had plenty of both."

New York does First Night in high New York style — it puts on world-class performances by the likes of Broadway star Donna McKechnie and principals from the New York City Ballet.

It provides fabulous stages, such as the World Financial Center's Winter Garden, for people to dance salsa, tango and fox trot to top-of-the-house bands.

It offers pony rides for kids in Central Park, midnight skating in Central Park and shuttle service all over the island.

But what does the city do about unruly crowds? Donna Lieberman, executive producer of New York's First Night, says it's not a problem: "A sober crowd is a civilized crowd."

Indeed, last year The New York Times asked, "Has New Year's Eve even been tamed by New York?"

Not tamed. Civilized. And that may be the finest innovation in New Year's Eve since the Druids invented wassailing.

First Night has converted what had become a repellent revel into a glorious communal holiday.

Julia Vitullo-Martín edited "Hansibuying: The Future of Cities" (Twentieth Century Fund Press).

Society turns to unfortunate decision to offer Medicare without choice

The courts long ago ruled that a pregnant 14-year-old girl has the constitutional right to medical services for an abortion. Then, why shouldn't a 75-year-old woman have the right to choose her own doctors — and pay them — to treat her heart condition?

That's the question being raised in a suit that I've learned will be filed in federal court Dec. 30. It's an attempt to overturn a new law that prohibits nearly all doctors from taking money from elderly patients for the vast majority of treatment.

The law, called Section 4507, was embedded — like a lot of other mischief that Congress didn't want you to know about — in this year's Balanced Budget Act.

It says that a doctor who takes reimbursement from the government for treating Medicare patients can't take money from anyone else on Medicare — even if that person wants to pay.

The only doctors who will be

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James K. Glassman

allowed to take money from seniors (except for special treatments that aren't covered by Medicare, such as cosmetic surgery) are those who agree to "opt out" of the program for two years. For financial reasons, very few doctors — an estimated 4 percent — can do that.

As a result, nearly all seniors face an outrageous denial of their liberty and their privacy. As the elderly get more and more frustrated with a Medicare system that faces serious constraints, it's only natural that some would want to use their own savings for the best possible care: keeping them healthy. But, thanks to this new law, they're handicapped.

The suit is timely because the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) has just

sent out thousands of "Dear Doctor" letters, setting out the new Medicare rules and asking physicians to decide whether to sign an affidavit to opt out.

Where did these oppressive rules come from? For years, HCFAs, one of the most powerful federal bureaucracies, has been threatening doctors whose patients offered to pay them. But in a 1992 case, *Stewart vs. Sullivan*, a court ruled that HCFAs couldn't stop a group of nursing-home patients from paying physicians for extra visits not covered by Medicare.

Still, the threats continued, so Sen. John Kyl, R-Ariz., introduced legislation that explicitly gave seniors the right to pay their doctors. (The issue, in Washington jargon, became known as "private contracting.") But Kyl's effort failed when Republicans, fearing a veto of the budget bill, agreed to a "compromise" Section 4507. In fact, they made matters worse by, for the first time, codifying into law the prohibition on

private contracting.

"It's the same liberty that Justice (William O.) Douglas has about in *Doe vs. Bolton*," Wade in the famous 1973 abortion decision. Douglas said that the 9th and 14th amendments protect liberties that are not spelled out in the U.S. Constitution, including "the freedom to care for one's health and person."

So this interpretation of the Bill of Rights, which is supported by legions of liberals, should protect the freedom of seniors who want to care for their own health by paying their doctors for reasons they deem necessary: additional service, extra tests, more timely attention, secrecy from federal snipers.

The big question in the private contracting issue is why politicians want to deny seniors the freedom to pick and pay. The answer goes back to the first lady's health plan. The trust fund is a leveling, collectivized system, one, it would seem, most

Americans reject. (Even the British are allowed to pay for their own doctors.)

The restrictions "assume that people shouldn't make their own choices because there would be unequal results," says health policy analyst John Hoff, a critic of Section 4507. Indeed, Rep. Pete Stark, a top Democratic health maven, has blasted private contracting because it would encourage "boutique health care centers for the privileged few" and

allow them to "avoid the inconveniences" of Medicare.

But forget the class-warfare rhetoric. Shouldn't all Americans have a right to the health care they choose, as long as they pay for it? Of course. Just don't expect a cowardly Congress to stand up for that right. Instead, we'll have to rely on the courts.

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CIA wants to provide conflict warnings

WASHINGTON (AP) — The warning came Dec. 19, 1979, in a top secret alert: The Soviet Union was preparing for "multibattalion combat operations" in Afghanistan.

CIA satellites had spied convoys of fuel trucks along narrow roads leading to the Afghan border. But the spy agency said the Soviet force appeared limited in scale and that an incursion might not be imminent.

Nine days later, the Soviets attacked, abruptly ending efforts at reaching U.S. Soviet détente. The ability to provide "strategic warning" — more than minutes or hours before an attack — was a major preoccupation of the CIA during the Cold War, according to newly declassified intelligence documents.

It remains one today, with new threats arising in such flash points as the Persian Gulf, Somalia and Bosnia. "This has been an issue that has been worked extensively by the intelligence community to try and help the policymaker focus on a problem," said former CIA Director Robert Gates. "It's to say, 'You'd better pay attention to this one because there's a chance it might blow up in your face.'"

The Associated Press examined the formerly top secret "National Intelligence Estimates" dating from the 1940s to the 1980s. "Through much of the Cold War, the CIA presented a coldly realistic picture of its ability to predict aggression. Despite aerial reconnaissance, moles behind the Iron Curtain and a host of other assets, the message was that war might come without warning, and that any warning at all would likely be uncertain and hedged.

"The chances of providing warning of an ICBM attack designed to achieve maximum surprise would be virtually nil,"






WARNING OF WAR

Techniques and targets in the U.S. intelligence communities' effort to provide leaders advance warning of military aggression by foreign powers

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-  Clandestine human sources

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-  Conspicuous troop movements
-  Major mobilization
-  Massing of troops along a border
-  Dispatch of senior leaders to a troop garrison
-  Unusual activity at missile sites

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The CIA wrote in a 1966 estimate, "Intelligence could almost certainly give no firm warning of an intention to attack. Intelligence is not likely to give warning of probable Soviet intent to attack until a few hours before the attack, if at all."

A source high in the Soviet gov-

ernment might help, if only the CIA had one, the intelligence agency said five years earlier. Such an intelligence coup was judged to be highly unlikely.

Though the technology of spying has improved markedly since then, the number of potential enemies has increased.

In 1990 in the Persian Gulf, U.S. spy satellites saw Iraqi forces massing on the Kuwaiti border, but policymakers discounted the possibility of invasion after Arab allies said Saddam Hussein was bluffing.

Intelligence officials say it is particularly difficult to predict a missile attack — whether by Soviet ICBM or Iraqi Scud. "My warning was going to be physical evidence derived from infrared satellites and ground-based radars of actual ICBM launches," said retired Air Force Gen. Chuck Horner, who headed the NORAD North American defense command in the early 1990s.

In an August 1978 top secret report, CIA analysts said their ability to predict a Soviet chemical attack on Western Europe also was low. Easier to foresee, the agency said, would be a conventional Soviet invasion because of the preparations that would have to be undertaken.

Depending on the size of the Soviet force, the CIA said in November 1978 that it had high "confidence" it would detect war preparations almost immediately and could provide three to 12 days advance warning.

Even so, the warning would be uncertain: "We are unlikely to be able to ... foretell when the enemy will attack, where he will attack, or whether he will attack at all."

Complicating this was the CIA's conclusion that the most likely war scenario involved an

East-West crisis escalating to the point of conflict. The CIA said it would have a hard time differentiating whether the preparations were defensive or offensive in nature. It was a recurring problem; the CIA cited the same concerns in 1954.

These reports point to what intelligence experts view as the universal challenge of strategic warning.

The best warnings require not just data but an insight into the mind of an enemy, an elusive goal in the case of "rogue" adversaries such as Saddam.

Within the CIA, Afghanistan emerged as a key episode because it provided a rare instance in which the intelligence community could grade its own powers of prediction.

Retired Adm. Stansfield Turner, who headed the CIA at the time, rated the CIA's performance as "sterling."

Tornado demolishes homes and causes injuries in central Florida

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A tornado tore through two central Florida communities early Saturday, demolishing about 60 homes and injuring eight people.

Christmas tree ornaments were strewn across the ground along with personal belongings and twisted aluminum siding.

The twister that struck Winter Haven and Haines was part of a group of severe thunderstorms that swamped Florida's Gulf Coast with heavy rain, flooding low-lying areas around Tampa Bay.

It destroyed 53 mobile homes in Haines City, and several damaged 10 others in three mobile home parks in Winter Haven, local officials said. Dozens more had lesser damage.

The two towns are 10 miles apart and about 80 miles southeast of Tampa Bay.

In Haines City, 11 portable classrooms were destroyed at Boone Middle School, and several mobile homes were turned upside down.

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Postal service foresees 1-cent increase in stamps next year

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Postal Service turned a \$1.26 billion profit this year and is pushing to be debt-free by 1999, but stamps are still expected to go up a penny next year.

Postal money manager Michael J. Riley says higher profits have led to a growing pride among mail carriers and executives. That could mean a moneymaking future for the agency, he says.

"I got to tell you that 1997 surprised me. I knew we were good. I knew we were able to control costs better than ever before in our history, but '97 surprised me with how well we did," Riley said in an interview.

The Postal Service's financial successes of 1997 follows profits of \$1.77 billion in 1995 and \$1.57 billion in 1996. The strong three-

year performance trimmed the agency's long-term financial deficiency from \$5.9 billion to \$1.36 billion.

"Our history over the last few years has been beating our budget, and I hope that continues," said Riley, predicting that a 1-cent postage stamp rate increase, starting July 1 at the earliest, will likely mean another profitable year in 1998 — although a bad winter could cut into returns.

"We think this rate increase is just enough to be able to budget a small profit for '99 and maybe, if we get lucky, a big profit," Riley boasted.

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Free throws? Nothing came cheap at the line for the Utah Jazz on Saturday.
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Section B



Brett Favre



Barry Sanders

Make it a double Favre, Sanders tie for most valuable player

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — In the first tie for NFL most valuable player since 1960, Brett Favre earned an unprecedented third straight award, sharing the honor with 2,000-yard rusher Barry Sanders on Saturday.

In balloting conducted by The Associated Press, the Green Bay quarterback and the Detroit running back each collected 18 votes from a nationwide panel of 48 sports writers and broadcasters.

Favre, who easily won the award the past two years, led the league in touchdown passes (35) and was second in yards passing with 3,857. He is the unquestioned leader of the defending Super Bowl champions, a strong consideration among voters.

Sanders became the third player to rush for 2,000 yards in a season when he gained 2,053, second most in league history. Only one of the others, O.J. Simpson in 1973, earned MVP honors. Eric Dickerson, who holds the NFL record with 2,105 yards, was beaten out by Dan Marino in 1984.

"We can look back on this 40 years from now and say you know what, the initial hit is 'Man, I wish I would have won it out-

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A trio of Minnesota Vikings celebrate as the New York Giants' Conrad Hamilton slumps to the ground after the Vikings' game-winning field goal Saturday at Giants Stadium.

Stunner! Vikings rally for miracle win

Chicago Tribune

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The unbelievable season of the New York Giants came to a fitting conclusion Saturday when the Minnesota Vikings and Randall Cunningham performed some disbelief of their own.

Scoring 10 points in the final 1 1/2 minutes, Cunningham and the Vikings won, 23-22, to stun a crowd of 77,497 and a Giants team that also stood around and watched most of the second half.

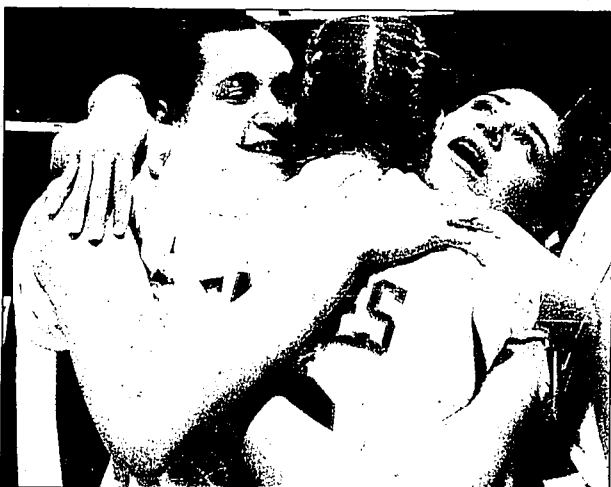
"Everything we could possibly do in the last 3 minutes, we did right," said Vikings coach Dennis Green.

In the first 57 minutes, it was all New York. Then the ghost of Cunningham — out of football for a year — reappeared the way he used to haunt the Giants when he threw for the Philadelphia Eagles.

"God didn't bring me back to leave me alone," Cunningham said.

It was the first playoff victory in five tries for Green and means the sixth-seeded Vikings will play the top-seeded San Francisco 49ers in the NFC divisional playoffs Saturday in San Francisco, where the Vikings lost 28-17 three weeks ago in the Vikings' last.

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Members of the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team celebrate their fifth consecutive national title.

DARRIN BRAD/ The Times-News

It was a year to remember

1997

Top 10 Local Sports Stories

The Times News

1. Eagles in fifth heaven

Winning one for the thumb may sound catchy, but it's not something easily done. That's what makes what the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team accomplished so special.

The Golden Eagles won their fifth consecutive National Junior College Athletic Association title, and placed themselves in a rare list of teams which have dominated their sport for so long.

To top it all off, CSI coach Ben Stroud was finally named College National Coach of the Year by the American Volleyball Coaches' Association.

2. Burning up the track

When Twin Falls sprinter Ben Kohring got the baton, his 4x400 relay team was 10 yards out of first place — 10 yards that would have to be made up if the Bruins were to take the overall boys' team title.

Kohring made up those yards, leaning in at the tape to give his Bruins the A-1 title.

Twin Falls wasn't the only area school to bring a team title home from Boise. Jerome won the A-2 boys' title, and Raft River swept both the A-3 boys' and girls' titles.

3. Can't win them all

The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team has had plenty of stellar seasons, ones which will be remembered for years to come.

1997 won't be one of those seasons.

The Golden Eagles finished the season 18-13, the second-worst season in school history. Amidst all the losses, the Eagles did have a strong finish — winning six of their last eight games and giving the College of Eastern Utah a scare in the first round of the conference tournament.

4. Burning rubber

The Magic Valley Speedway caught one of the NASCAR Northwest Tour's most magical events, helping make Twin Falls more visible on the auto racing map.

The tour's season-ending Napa 150 came to Twin Falls.

The 50-mile race and a prize purse topping \$4,000 were first for the speedway.

5. Cross country coup

While the College of Southern Idaho volleyball and basketball teams may grab more local lines, the school's cross country teams have slowly ploughed their way into the national spotlight.

For the second consecutive year, CSI was the top overall — men and women combined — team in the nation. The Golden Eagles women finished second at the national meet, while the men placed fifth.

Adding to the success, women's runner Laura Hribick won an individual national title.

6. Moment for the Indians

The Buhl Indians had never won a state girls' basketball title before, and were the underdogs when the 1997 tournament began.

Moscow and Shelley had combined to win every title from 1991 to 1996, and along with those two schools undefeated Middleton Joked string in the title chase.

That didn't faze Buhl, which swept through the tournament with three emotional wins to claim the title.

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New year will have to work hard to top 1997

Just when I got used to writing "1997" on all my checks, another New Year's Day is upon me and I'm once again wondering where the year has gone.

Or more exactly, where *hasn't* it gone? 1997's been a wild one. My first full year in Twin Falls had me covering nearly every sport — and emotions therein — in the Magic Valley.

I started the year off by missing the College of Southern Idaho team bus and having to drive myself to Reburg in the biggest blizzard of the season.

In February, I watched Minnie's Lance Gibson score 35 points in one playoff game to help end Burley's basketball season.

March saw me in Boise for the boys'



FIFTH DOWN
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state basketball tournaments, and I watched local favorite Idaho lose its opening game but breeze to its second consecutive consolation title.

In April, I met BYU coach LaVell Edwards, a month after he's mistakenly showed up in Idaho Falls for a speaking engagement in Twin. (That's okay,

because, I too, had confused my stake houses and had spent the afternoon waiting at Sizler.)

I stood at the 17th green at a near-freezing Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course in May and watched Kyle Peterson chip to within inches of the cup from 60 feet away. Moments later, I watched Virginia Urdhjem's 50-foot chip go into the cup for an eagle on the hole and a berth in the Larham Invitational championship.

When the biggest women's bicycle race in the world came to Twin Falls in June, I sat on a couch in the back of a pickup truck to Glenns Ferry, all the while sucking down hot-diced waters while watching the road race.

July is a blur. Lots of American Legion hot dogs. That's July in a nutshell. That, and it marked the second consecutive Independence Day where I didn't catch myself on fire.

I closed out August watching Carey open its season by snapping defending 8-man football champion North Gem, then driving south to watch Clark County play at Hansen (it's a rough job, but somebody has to do it).

In September, I met a 70-year-old man who spends more time at my gym than I do and competes in triathlon triathlons. The next month, I was momentarily sandwiched between brawling hockey players in the penalty box in San Jose.

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Tiger Woods' might beats out bite as story of year



Tiger Woods hugs his father, Earl, after winning the 1997 Masters with a record-breaking 18-under-par.

By Ron Slink
The Associated Press

Tiger Woods' overwhelming victory in the Masters, which not only broke records but shook social barriers and pushed golf to unprecedented popularity, was voted top sports story of 1997 by members of The Associated Press.

The 12-stroke victory by Woods at Augusta National Golf Club in April won out over the heavy-weight title fight in June when Mike Tyson hit off a piece of Evander Holyfield's ear. Those two events dominated the voting.

"Cool," Woods, 21, said from his Windemere, Fla., home when told his Masters victory had been voted the top story.

Asked if he could guess the runner-up, Woods immediately said: "Tyson."

"I was at both," Woods said, referring to the fact that he was a spectator at the Tyson-Holyfield fight.

While the ear-biting incident was one of the most shocking events in the history of world

championship sports, the Masters apparently won out because impacted sports and soccer in so many ways.

Woods won by 12 strokes, a victory margin unsurpassed in a major championship since the 1962 British Open. And the only player in the history of the 363 major professional championships played since 1860 to equal Woods' 18-under-par total was Nick Faldo in the 1990 British Open.

Woods, in his first full year as a professional, also became the youngest Masters champion and the first non-white to win one of the four major golf titles.

The fact that Woods, whose father is black and mother is from Thailand, won so convincingly at Augusta National — until recently an all-white club and a virtual symbol of golf's exclusivity — gave the victory even more impact.

And the racial element took on added significance a week after

the Masters when a videotape made the day of Woods' victory showed PGA Tour player Finley Zosth making a racially insensitive remark about Woods.

"How much importance as the Masters had in the sports world, a recent perhaps even more in the Woods family, where father Earl and mother Tida saw the fruition of their dream for their son.

"You want to know the best shot of the year? Woods said. "It was the shot of me hugging my Pop on the 18th green at Augusta."

The World Series victory by the Florida Marlins and then its fire sale of high-priced players was third in balloting by AP print and broadcast members.

Dean Smith's retirement as North Carolina basketball coach and the victory by the Green Bay Packers in the Super Bowl rounded out the top five.

The auto accident involving three members of the Detroit Red Wings after a party celebrating their Stanley Cup victory was sixth.

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SPORTS

Burley hands Bishop Kelly rare home loss

The Times-News

BOISE — The Bishop Kelly High School boys' basketball team hadn't lost a home game in three years.

Burley ended that streak with a long-remembered win.

The Bobcats nailed nine 3-pointers and struggled off a late Bishop Kelly rally to post a 79-70 non-conference victory at Bishop Kelly High School.

Burley improves to 3-4 with the victory.

"This is a big win for us," Burley assistant coach Gordon Kerbs said. "We lost to them earlier this year at our place, so this was a real nice win."

Bishop Kelly beat Burley 80-68 on Dec. 13.

The Bobcats soon showed that they weren't going to fall that easily in the rematch, jumping out to a 14-point lead by the intermission.

Burley strengthened its lead to 20 points early in the fourth quarter.

"We were making good decisions," Kerbs said. "We got into a pretty good groove from the outside, too."

The Bobcats' duo of Tyler Carls and Aaron Bradley led the offense.

Bradley finished with 31 points, while Carson had 29. The

Boys' basketball

pair also had a combined seven 3-pointers.

"Things were going well for us for three quarters, but then we just hit a wall," Kerbs said.

That wall was Kerbs' post Abe Jackson, who is one of the top players in the state. Jackson led a Bishop Kelly charge that made the game interesting down the stretch.

Jackson finished with 30 points.

"Jackson's legit," Kerbs said. "When Bishop Kelly made its run, I knew who to turn to."

Burley, which has now won two of its last three games, is 1-4 start, travels to Minico on Tuesday. The Spartans are 0-6 on the season.

Minico would appear to be the favorite to win the big rivalry game.

"We're feeling pretty good. We had a rough stretch at the start of the year," Kerbs said. "But I think we are starting to come around."

B.Kelly (19-20) vs. Bishop Kelly (10-13) at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Tickets: \$5.00. Burley (10-13) vs. Bishop Kelly (10-13) at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Tickets: \$5.00.

Bradley finished with 31 points, while Carson had 29. The

Pippen makes strong statement that he'll return

CHICAGO (AP) — For the second consecutive day, Scottie Pippen hinted strongly that he is willing to rejoin the Chicago Bulls when he is fully recovered from foot surgery.

"I've got a good relationship with my teammates. They know I'm not going to leave them hanging,"

Pippen said after Saturday night's 90-victory over the Atlanta Hawks. "When I'm ready to go out there and play, I'll play. I'm looking forward to getting back."

He then got up, saying he didn't say he'd come back to the Bulls — but he really meant the two-time defending NBA

McCall-Donnelly 49, Gooding 39

FRUITLAND — The Gooding High School boys' basketball team ended their holiday trip east with a 49-39 loss to McCall-Donnelly on Saturday at Fruitland High School.

The Senators, who lost to Fruitland the previous night, led 10-8 after the first quarter, but were done in by a rough stretch after that.

"The thing for us was that we were inconsistent on the offensive end," Gooding assistant coach Joe Messick said. "We made a lot of turnovers, too."

McCall-Donnelly's Parker Lamm led all scorers with 20 points. Troy Braga had 11 and Casey Osman 10 for the Senators.

"The Lamm kid played a pretty good game for them," Messick said. "He hit some free throws down the stretch that were just crucial."

Gooding (2-6) plays Valley on Jan. 8.

McCall-Donnelly (11-10) vs. Gooding (2-6) at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Tickets: \$5.00. Fruitland (10-13) vs. McCall-Donnelly (11-10) at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Tickets: \$5.00.

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7. Coming together in time

The Twin Falls High School boys' golf team wasn't supposed to be one of the top contenders for the A-1 state title.

But the Bruins, collectively, found their game at the right time.

Jumping from fifth place to first on the final day, the Bruins edged past the favorite teams to claim the state title.

8. Talk of the Tigers

The Jerome Tigers, with much of their success coming with running shoes on, sped off to a smashing 1997.

Jerome claimed the boys' A-2 track title, the girls' A-2 cross country title and the Class B tennis title.

That's three time titles in 1997, more than any other area school.

9. A Wildcat night

The Filer Wildcats put together a sparkling run through the A-3 state volleyball tournament, culminating in a 16-1, 15-8 victory over 1996 champion Butte County in the championship.

The Wildcats didn't lose a single match in the entire tournament.

This was Filer's second state volleyball championship, the first coming in 1993.

10. One of the richest and biggest

The Latham's Chrysler Invitational continues to be one of the area's top sporting events, drawing more than 200 golfers to the multi-day event.

The ninth annual tournament is one of the richest and biggest amateur events in the Northwest, with \$50,000 in prizes and prize money.

1997's winners were Tracy Frank on the men's side, and Virginia Underwood on the women's.

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"right," Favre said. "But I won it. You can look back and say I shared it with a great player, a great person."

"I felt up until about three weeks ago that, first of all, I wouldn't win it. I felt like Barry Sanders and Terrell Davis had the upper hand and, the last three games just had me barely

thinking about it.

"And what Barry has done has obviously been typical Barry, but even more so. He's an amazing player. I'm honored to be voted again and to be with him, because he's a great player and to be up on a pedestal with him is amazing."

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Vikings

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Cunningham's first start. The second-seeded Green Bay Packers will play the winner of today's game between the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Detroit Lions in Sunday in Green Bay as the NFC Central Division Super Bowl tournament continues.

History records says a Giants loss more than a Vikings victory doesn't matter, nor will it matter whether instant replay might have overturned Jake Reed's 30-yard touchdown catch from Cunningham with 1:30 to play. Reed might have had a toe

in the end line, although the Giants didn't make a big deal of it.

"If the referee said I was in bounds, then I was in bounds," Reed said.

The Vikings' Chris Walsh recovered Eddie Murray's onside

"I guess it puts me in elite company," said Sanders, who set a league record with 100 straight rushing after gaining only 53 yards in the first two games. "I'm glad to let me share it with him this year, because the last couple he's taken it for himself."

"He reminds me a lot of Michael Jordan. No matter how successful he's been, he's still always the most competitive person on the field. Outside of his incredible talent and everything, he's always just really competitive."

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beat the Giants' Chris Culloway. Cunningham, starting his fourth game since replacing injured Brad Johnson, then came to life.

He hit Andrew Glover for 11 yards and Chris Carter for 21 before Giants cornerback Phillippi Sparks was penalized for interference against Reed to put the ball at the Giants' 21. A

16-yard run by Robert Murray in position for the game-winning 24-yard field goal with 10 seconds left.

"I was cutting marble and putting in kitchen countertops a year ago," Cunningham said.

That's what the Giants looked like they were doing after taking a 16-0 lead they stretched to 19-3 at the half. But in the end, Brad Daluiso's five field goals — didn't after Viking turnovers — did it.

Earlier in the week, Sanders was selected the league's Offensive Player of the Year. He also was a unanimous selection to the AP All-Pro team.

Favre was selected to the AP All-Pro team for the third consecutive year.

Young running back Davis finished a distant third in the MVP balloting with four votes. He was followed by San Francisco quarterback Steve Young with three, 49ers tackle Dana Stubblefield, the Defensive Player of the Year, and Pittsburgh running back Jerome Bettis with two each, and Steelers defensive back Carnell Lake with one.

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Young quarterback Danny Kanell, as tight as Cunningham for most of the game, led a 74-yard drive to put the Giants ahead 22-13 with 7:42 to play. But he missed opportunities early to put the Vikings away.

Cunningham, who fumbled two snaps from third-string center Everett Lindsay, wasn't much better until the end.

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Valley's indoor skating rink. I watched Hagerman march to Mackey's first-line in the state championship game in late November, then stood in disbelief as the team ran out of time to kick a field goal.

And this month, the CSI basketball teams have a combined record of 25-2 at the holiday break — their only home loss coming during a game in which I didn't get a hot dog. (I take sole

responsibility for that one.) The year also led to some very touching scenes — some of which we were lucky enough to show our readers via photographs.

The picture of 6-foot-6 senior Tanner LMcGee embracing a 5-foot-2 freshman Denver Goss just seconds after Hagerman's last-second defeat.

The three Golden Eagles embracing after the CSI volleyball team's fifth straight national title.

The National Press Photographers Association award-winning photo from the funeral of Castelfore football player Byron Clow.

I guess 1997 will be a year I'll remember for a long time — at least until late November, when I finally stop writing 1997 on my checks.

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Jazz play out of tune from line

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Free throws are usually Utah's strong suit. They were not, but trouble for the Jazz on Saturday.

Utah went 21-of-35 from the free-throw line in a 102-91 loss to the Portland Trail Blazers, who shot 47-of-55. The Jazz throws and posted their first win in the Delta Center in nearly four years.

"Free throws just killed us," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said. "We looked like we've never shot a free throw in our lives. It's extremely disappointing."

The loss snapped Utah's eight-game home winning streak and the Trail Blazers' three-game road losing streak.

Utah, which had beaten Portland nine straight times in Salt Lake City, was outbounded 47-35 by the Blazers, who had beaten the Jazz in four of their last five meetings.

Portland jumped to a commanding lead in the first half as the Jazz missed 10 of their first 13 free throws. The Blazers held Utah to 14 second-quarter points and took control of the game with a 12-0 run on route to a 51-30 halftime advantage.

"If you make your free throws and keep your rimmers from fouling, you get a lot of positive opportunities," Portland coach Mike Dunleavy said.

Portland used defense and rebounding to stave off a late Jazz comeback. After going 10-of-25 with 11 rebounds, he also went 9-of-9 from the free-throw line.

Isiah Rider, who didn't start because of the flu, added 19 points and eight rebounds for the Blazers, and Rasheed Wallace finished with 16 points and eight rebounds.

The Jazz shot a better percentage from the floor (50.0) than the free-throw line (.333) in the first half, while the Blazers hit all 11 of their free throws in the first half.



New Jersey Nets' Sam Cassell, right, fights for a loose ball with Milwaukee Bucks' Elliot Perry on Saturday in East Rutherford, N.J.

The rookie center blocked four shots in six minutes in the fourth quarter to preserve the win.

"Defense is what I was drafted for," Cato said. "Today I was in the right place at the right time."

Cato blocked eight shots in Portland's 94-77 win over the Jazz on Dec. 5.

The Jazz came into the game tied for seventh in the NBA in free-throw percentage, and only the Los Angeles Lakers have taken more free throws this season.

"I don't know what was going on, but nobody seemed able to shoot the ball from the free-throw line," Byron Russell said.

Portland outscored Utah 23-14 in the second quarter with a small lineup. Rider came off a bench late in the first quarter and scored 11 first-half points.

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Raptors 97, Knicks 94
NEW YORK — Doug Christie's 3-

point field goal with eight-tenths of a second remaining gave Toronto a victory over New York, the Raptors' first win ever over the Knicks.

Damon Stoudamire had a game-high 30 points for the Raptors, who were only the second team in 14 road games and the fourth time in 28 games all season. Ex-Knicks John Wallace and Christie each had 17 points, while Reggie Miller added 11 and pulled down 11 rebounds.

Magic 96, Hornets 87
ORLANDO — Derek Harper scored a season-high 26 points and the Orlando Magic ended a five-game losing streak with a victory over Charlotte.

Rony Seikaly added 25 points and 16 rebounds for the Magic, while Mark Price contributed 17 points and nine assists.

Glen Rice led the Hornets with 27 points, but backup center Matt Geiger was the only other Charlotte player in double figures with a season-high 22 points. He also had nine rebounds before fouling out.

Bulls 97, Hawks 90
CHICAGO — Michael Jordan scored 47 points and Dennis Rodman had 29 rebounds, the most

in his 212 seasons with the Bulls, as Chicago defeated Atlanta to take over the lead in the Eastern Conference.

The two-time defending NBA champion Bulls have won seven consecutive games while the Hawks have lost 11 straight, season-long streaks for both teams. Chicago, which now has a half-game lead, trailed Atlanta by four games just last week.

The Bulls have defeated three division leaders (Atlanta, Miami and the Los Angeles Lakers) in a 10-day span.

Steve Smith scored 18 points for the Hawks, who played most of the game shorthanded in falling to 8-10 since their 11-0 start.

Nets 112, Bucks 104, 2 OT
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Kendall Gill scored seven of his 25 points in the second overtime and Keith Van Horn had 26 points and 13 rebounds to lead the New Jersey Nets to a victory over the Milwaukee Bucks.

With the Nets trailing 99-98 in the second overtime, Gill hit a jumper to put New Jersey ahead for good. Kerry Kittles followed with a pull-up shot from the key as the shot clock expired.

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Rockets 111, Wizards 101
HOUSTON — Brent Price and Mario Eric hit 3-pointers in the final minute as the Houston Rockets held off a fourth-quarter rally to defeat Washington, ending the Wizards' six-game winning streak.

The Rockets, winning for the first time in four games, got 26 points each from Kevin Willis and Clyde Drexler. Willis and Charles Barkley had 14 rebounds apiece.

It was Washington's first loss to a Western Conference opponent in 10 games this season. The Wizards have not won in Houston in five seasons.

NBA

Remembering Roberto 25 years after his death

By Hal Bock
The Associated Press

The plane was old, with a history of problems, the kind of aircraft to be avoided. But this was a fate mission, a hastily arranged trip carrying supplies to earthquake victims. The flight already had been delayed 16 hours. There was no time to look for a replacement plane.

So on Dec. 31, 1972, at the airport in San Juan, Puerto Rico, five men loaded 16,000 pounds of relief supplies onto the prop-driven DC-7 and prepared to fly to Nicaragua.

One of the men was Roberto Clemente.

This was New Year's Eve, a night to make the most of. In Pittsburgh, where the 38-year-old Clemente had played for 18 brilliant seasons, two of his teammates (Giusti and his wives were at a party at Bless' home).

Sometime after midnight, the plane rang with horrible news. There had been a crash. Reports were sketchy, but believed to be the sad-sack relief plane that Clemente was on.

Together, the pitchers drove five runs in the bottom of the ninth. Joe L. Brown, then to teammate Willie Stargell's home to await confirmation.

Twenty-five years later, Stargell remembers that terrible night and his terrific teammate.

"He was one of those special people," he said. "He touched a lot of people's lives. He was given the opportunity to do something and he did it as well as he could. That is his legacy."

Clemente was a humanitarian, less concerned with the lightbulb than with the man in the ballplayer's than he was with other worldly issues.

"He had more awareness, more concern than I was," Blass said. "He had already been to Nicaragua once after the earthquake with supplies and had done a clinic there. He was concerned with how our supplies were being distributed. He was going back. The New Year's Eve flight was a second trip."

Clemente, a native of Puerto Rico, was the heart and soul of those Pittsburgh Pirates, one of the greatest players of his era. And yet he always played under a cloud, often labeled as a complainer by hypochondriacs who were troubled by injuries, some real, some dismissed as imagined.

Stargell still is annoyed at that decision.

"How are you going to get 3,000 hits if you're a hypochondriac?" he said. "We faced Kousser, Drysdale, Gilson, Marvyn D. Pate, a young Seaver, Ryan, Carlton, Jenkins. That's the kind of baseball we had to play. To have the success he had with that kind of talent, it's incredible."

"We got a chance to see a very special individual. As a teammate, we had a chance to marvel at him. A lot of people didn't understand."

Clemente nearly didn't make it to Pittsburgh.

The Brooklyn Dodgers signed him for \$10,000 in 1954 and tried to hide him on their Montreal farm team, knowing that because he had gotten more than \$4,000, he would have to be granted free or be made eligible for the draft.

Clemente, who was right-handed, was allowed to hit only against right-handed pitchers. "We figured he'd hit 10 and nobody would be interested," said Buzzie Bavasi, then the Dodgers general manager. "He was a nobody; you can't hide the great one."

In Pittsburgh, ex-Dodgers boss Branch Rickey knew all about the young slugger and Brooklyn brass knew that Rickey knew.

"When Mr. Rickey led to Pittsburgh, he wanted me to go along," Bavasi said. "I told him I wasn't used to staying with the Dodgers and he said there was one thing he could do for me to let him know."

Now, there was something. Bavasi flew to Pittsburgh to see Mr. Rickey and I told him he owed me a favor. I said I was going to leave a young pitcher, John Rutterford, available to draft and would appreciate it if the Pirates would take him instead of Clemente. Mr. Rickey agreed.

National League meetings in New York where Rickey and Dodgers owner Walter O'Malley got into an argument over money.

"They called me and said, 'The deal of Bavasi said, "This is what I want to do. That's how they got Clemente."

Once in Pittsburgh, Clemente quickly established himself as one of the best players in baseball.

First, there was his bat. He hit .311 in his second season, the first of 13 300 seasons. Four times, he led the league in batting, including a high of .357 in 1967. Twice, he led the league in hits.

And there was that arm. Clemente had a right arm in right field. Runners learned not to take chances with him. When they did, he often threw them over the fence. He had 266 assists, 19th best in major league history. No outfielder since he played has had that many career assists.

"The Pirates became defined by his enormous talent."

"I had a good sense of humor, but he was guarded. He knew who was around. If he was there with his teammates, the manager and coaches, he'd be a loser. If others were in the room, he'd be careful."

Clubhouses are fun places for players. Clemente, however, was not a clubhouse player. He would meticulously prepare for each game. He always seemed to have a problem going into a game. It was a complex routine of new batting and back-swinging before each at-bat, trying to find a comfort zone.

"He had a pregame ritual of having his neck worked on in the trainer's room," Blass said. "I'd sneak under the trainer's table and I'd imitate Peter Graves in 'Mission: Impossible.' He'd be like, '... God morning, Mr. Clemente, I am your neck. Your assignment today...'"

"He'd hear me and he'd snicker."

"Despite the four batting titles and a career .317 average, Clemente believed he was overlooked, lost in the media excitement that stars like Steve Carlton and Willie Mays. "He understood the market status in Pittsburgh," Blass said. "He wasn't New York, Chicago or L.A. It drove him and it motivated him."

Stargell thought that small-market argument was nothing more than an excuse to ignore Clemente.

"If you look for excuses, you can find them anywhere," he said. "A diamond is a diamond. I don't care if it's a diamond."

And Clemente was a gem on every diamond.

In 1971, with the Pirates in the World Series against Baltimore, Clemente finally had what he needed on the national stage. "Now they will see how I play," he said.

That Series was his personal debt. Blass said, "It was a showcase, a chance for others to see what we in Pittsburgh had seen for a lot of years."

Clemente played those seven games like a man on a mission. He batted .414 with 12 hits in 29 at-bats including two home runs, two doubles and a triple. He ran the bases with abandon and played flawlessly in right field, unerring laser throws to hold runners. He was the unquestioned MVP.

Blass saw two games in that Series, including a four-hit shutout in Game 7. "I'm going to win the (MVP) car if I'm not for him," he said.

On the plane back to Pittsburgh after Game 7, Clemente sought out Blass and the two embraced. It was an emotional moment that stays with Blass to this day.

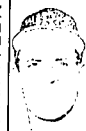
Clemente ended the 1972 season with an exhibition point in his 3,000th hit, a double against Joe Matlock of the New York Mets.

As he stood at second base, hands on hips, one foot on the base, the other on the ground, he seemed like a heroic figure. A proud man who had accomplished all that he had to accomplish.

"I still have that mental image of him standing there. Three months later, the slugger would be dead.

Stargell will never forget his friend.

"He helped us in a lot of ways to draft and win the World Series. The Hall of Famer said, "A lot of his calling is being taught today, 25 years later. When you have an impact person, that impact never dies."



Roberto Clemente

Top-ranked Tar Heels sneak past Bulldogs

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Georgia squandered its chance to beat top-ranked North Carolina during regulation. The Tar Heels' victory was another opportunity in overtime.

North Carolina overcame an 8-point deficit in the final three minutes of the second half, then beat Georgia 82-80 Saturday when Carter scored from underneath the basket with 3.2 seconds left in overtime.

"We had them and we didn't finish it off," Georgia coach Ron Smith said. "It seemed like the longer it went, the stronger they got."

The Bulldogs did have a chance to tie it up with 1.4 seconds left in the extra period, but freshman Jumaine Jones — the team's best free-throw shooter — missed a pair of foul shots, or the second one intentionally.

North Carolina (13-0) trailed 72-70 when Carter scored to give the Tar Heels a 73-70 lead with 3:16 left in the second half. But the Bulldogs (8-4) managed only one point during the remainder of regulation. Carter scored a three straight free throws. Ademola Okunla set the game to overtime at 73-71 by making a pair of free throws with 25.3 seconds to go.

"It was the closest game of the season for North Carolina, which won its first 12 games by an average margin of nearly 20 points."

"It was a good experience for us to play a pressing team like North Carolina," said Bill Gerding, coach. "We did a better job of rebounding in the second half. We did everything better at the end."

The Tar Heels took a 5-point lead in the extra period, but Georgia tied it with a Carter free-throw dunk with 1:03 left. Ed Cota put North Carolina back ahead with two free throws before Jones was fouled after grabbing his own free-throw shot. An Carter free-throw shooter, he made both to tie it again with 31.9 seconds remaining.

Then, Jirs made a strategic error, leaving Derrick Dimes in the game after Jones' free

Men's basketball

throws. Dukes scored 13 points in the game but is probably the Bulldogs' worst defensive player.

"We've got him out there to shoot and he went 4-of-7 on the 3s," Jirs said. "It's up to me to make the substitution at the end. But I thought he could do the job."

Dukes couldn't. Cota lobbed inside to Carter, who slipped behind Dukes for a layup that put North Carolina back in front.

"We wanted to get the ball down low and we wanted to go to Carter," Guthridge said. "Ed made a great pass. He surprised me."

Georgia got a final chance when Larry Brown threw a foot-ball-like pass to Jones, who came down with the ball despite lunging arms with Cota. Jones went back up quickly with the shot and Cota was called for the foul.

Louisville 79, No. 4 Kentucky 76
LEXINGTON, Ky. — Nate Johnson hit a free throw with 14.8 seconds left as Louisville held on in the final minutes to stun No. 4 Kentucky, ending the Wildcats' eight-game winning streak.

Johnson went to the line after being fouled by Jeff Sheppard while retrieving a rebound on Cameron Murray's missed shot.

Johnson missed the first attempt, then calmly sank the second for the three-point lead.

No. 6 Utah 66, Wisconsin-Milwaukee 51
MILWAUKEE — Michael Dolenc, Andre Miller and Hanno Mottola scored 14 points each as No. 6 Utah rallied from a six-point second-half deficit to beat Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

The Utes (11-0) made it an enjoyable homecoming for coach Rick Majors. Utah's win over the Milwaukee and played and coached at Marquette with Wisconsin-Milwaukee coach Ric Cobb.

The Panthers (1-9), who have lost eight straight, were led by Jared

Hardwick with 14 points.

No. 7 Purdue 81, Providence 79
WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Jarraan Cornell scored 21 points and Brian Cardinal 20, including a go-ahead layup with 31 seconds left for Purdue.

It was Cornell's third consecutive game as leading scorer for Purdue (11-2). Ben Perkins led the Friars (4-4) with 23 points.

Cardinal's layup with 31 seconds left broke a 79-71 tie, the fourth tie in the final 20.

No. 13-Xavier 73, DePaul 56
CLEVELAND — Darnell Williams scored 21 points and Xavier came a lackluster performance to beat DePaul in the first game of the Gateway Rock-N-Roll Shootout.

The Musketeers (7-2), coming off an 86-84 loss to No. 7 Purdue, won easily even though their trademark, holler-scream press took the night off.

Torrye Bragg had 14 points and 12 rebounds, and Gary Lumpkin had 14 points and seven assists. Jermaine Watts led the Blue Demons (3-7) with 21 points, and feisty point guard Willie Coleman had 14.

No. 20 Maryland 74, N.C.-Wilmington 36
MILLEDGE PARK, Md. — Rodney Elliott scored 22 points and grabbed a career-high 14 rebounds as Maryland game coach Gary Williams' 150th victory with the Terriers.

Williams, in his ninth season at Maryland (7-4), became the third-winningest coach in school history behind Lefty Driesell (48 wins in 17 seasons) and Bud Milliken (243 wins in 17 seasons).

No. 23 West Virginia 90, Duquesne 78
MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Jarrod West took 2 pointers to key a 19-7 run that lifted West Virginia, 90-78, to a victory over Duquesne.

West scored 14 of his 20 points in the second half, including an off-balance 3-pointer that gave the Mountaineers (11-1) an 82-68 lead.

Pitt's 6-foot-7 sophomore center Kevin Frazier, fouled with two early first-half fouls, was held to one point and three rebounds in the first half. She never became a factor in the game.

with 3:03 left to play.

Damian Owens led the Mountaineers with 21 points, 14 in the second half. Adrian Pledger added 16 and Marcus Goree had 13.

No. 18 Princeton 61, Niagara 52
NEW YORK — Princeton continued its roller coaster season from beyond the 3-point line, making 15 of 32 long-range attempts in the just-completed game of the ECAC Holiday Festival.

The Tigers (10-1) were just 4-for-25 from beyond the arc in their 58-50 win over Niagara, which Drexel, continuing their trend this season of one bad outing from the outside followed by a good one.

Utah St 71, Weber St 65
CAMPUS, Utah — Eighteen points each from Kevin Willis and 23 more trips to the free throw line helped Utah State to a win over state rival Weber State.

Mark Saxon also scored 16 for the Aggies (7-0-0), seven of which came from the line in the second half. Two were critical free throws in the final 20 seconds. Justin Jones also scored 14.

Weber (2-0-0) was led in scoring by Damien Baskerville with 15 and Andre Smith, who dumped in 14 half-court before leaving the game on personal fouls.

USU went to the line 33 times in the game compared to 10 for the Wildcats. USU outbounded the visitors 34-32.

No. 8 Stanford 95, Lehigh 42
STANFORD, Calif. — Peter Sauer scored 16 points, helping Stanford build a 30-point halftime en route to the rout.

Ryan Mender had 13 points and Kris Weems and Tim Ysted each had 12 as Stanford (9-0) won its 17th straight at Maples Pavilion. All 14 players on Stanford's roster saw playing time against overmatched Lehigh (5-5).

Brett Eppheimer, who entered as the nation's third-leading scorer averaging 27 points per game, had 20 points at halftime and finished with 13 for Lehigh.

Women's basketball

Reserve Zuzana Michalovcova added 15 points and 10 rebounds to help tournament host FIU.

FIU (7-0) led 34-24 at intermission, and never trailed in the second half. The loss was the fifth in a row for Pittsburgh (2-6).

FIU's pressure defense produced 12 first-half turnovers through 20 minutes, and set the tone early.

Florida International remains undefeated, dumps Pittsburgh
MIAMI (AP) — Delana Iwanji, had 23 points and 10 assists. No. 24 Florida International remained undefeated by beating slumping Pittsburgh 80-65 Saturday in the opening round of the Holiday Classic.

SPORTS

Revenge

Broncos stomp past Jacksonville

DENVER (AP) — For a while, the rematch looked like it might be a rerun. But in the fourth quarter, the Denver Broncos went for the Jaguar.

Terrill Davis ran for 184 yards and two touchdowns before leaving in the third quarter with bruised ribs, and backup Derek Loville added 103 yards and two fourth-quarter scores as the Broncos beat Jacksonville 42-17 in an AFC wild-card game Saturday, avenging last year's playoff loss.

"This was a payback," Loville said. "I wasn't even on the team last year, but I know the emotion that surrounded this game."

The Broncos, who squandered a 120 lead in their 30-27 loss Jan. 4, nearly frittered away a 21-0 edge in this one, but pulled away with 310 yards on the ground. It was the third-highest rushing output in Denver history and its best ever in the possession.

The Jaguars, seven-point underdogs, got to 21-17 in the third quarter, thanks to Travis Davis' 29-yard blocked-punt return.

But with Denver's Davis, who led the AFC in rushing with 1,750 yards, on the bench, Loville responded.

Loville baited 25 yards for a touchdown that made it 28-17, then capped an 80-yard drive with an 8-yard run with 3:43 left. As the Broncos attempted to run out the clock, Vaughn Hefron scored on a 6-yard run.

Loville, who carried the ball only 25 times for 124 yards in the regular season, was the only Denver runner to have a carry come in with a slightly separated right shoulder, and Hefron was slowed by a strained left hamstring. But none showed any effects from their injuries.

"Derek has a lot of talent," Denver quarterback John Elway



Denver Broncos quarterback John Elway (7) scrambles out of the pocket during first quarter action of Saturday's playoff game. Elway completed a pass to Rod Smith for a 43-yard touchdown on the play.

said. "But it's tough to get a lot of reps when you have Terrill. When never missed a step when he went in there."

Battling gusty winds, Elway completed 16 of 24 passes for 223 yards and a touchdown as Denver enjoyed a huge advantage in yardage (511-237) and time of possession (40:59-19:01).

"I mean this when I say it: That's the best I've ever seen an offensive line play," Elway said. Jacksonville's Mark Brunell was 18-for-32 for 203 yards.

Natronne Means, who steamrolled the Broncos in the playoffs last year with 140 yards, had only 40.

The Broncos advanced to a divisional playoff game, either in Kansas City or Pittsburgh depending on the outcome of Sunday's Miami-New England game.

"We got a couple of turnovers in the third quarter, which we did nothing with," Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin said. "Then they put the ball on the ground and the rest is history. We just didn't make any plays."

Southern bounces back, wins

ATLANTA (AP) — Coach Willie Jeffries of South Carolina State said before the game he thought special teams would decide the Heritage Bowl.

They did.

But it was Southern University's special team that provided the spark that made the difference, a 98-yard kickoff return by Terrance Brown early in the fourth quarter that helped the Jaguars overcome an 8-point deficit for a 34-28 victory over South Carolina State on Saturday.

"The kickoff return was the turning point," said Pete Richardson, who steered the Jags to the Southwestern Athletic Conference championship this year.

"Blackwell is a track man," Richardson said. "He can run. Special teams was the difference. We kept them from making the big plays."

It was the third Heritage Bowl victory in four appearances for Southern.

"We were good," Jeffries said. "Southern was great. We didn't

make enough big plays. They did."

The Jaguars (11-1) chopped away at a 28-20 deficit in the opening minute of the fourth quarter when Blackwell dashed to his touchdown just under seven minutes before Jermaine West's third touchdown, a 1-yard plunge, gave Southern the lead with 7:29 remaining.

The go-ahead score came after Joe Williams recovered a fumble by Reggie Curry at the Southern 32.

Arizona picks way past New Mexico

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Trung Candidate scored one touchdown and set up two by Kelvin Eafon, and Arizona had four interceptions in a 20-14 victory over New Mexico on Saturday night in the Insight.com Bowl.

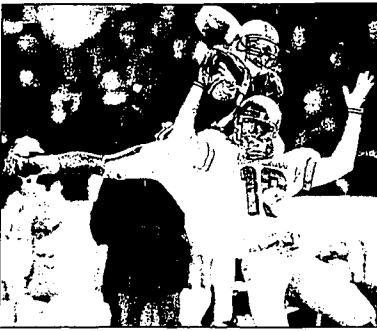
Kelly Malveaux put the lid on the victory when he stepped in front of Tommy Hemphill, picked off by New Mexico's Graham Leigh and returned it 44 yards to the Lobos 36 with 4:34 left in the game.

Eafon, who had 13 carries for 45 of his 75 yards in the fourth quarter, ran for two first downs, using up New Mexico timeouts until Ortese Jenkins ran out the clock by kneeling on three straight snaps.

It was a bitter loss for the Lobos (9-4), whose first bowl game in 36 years was also their last game when coach Dennis Franchione, who is headed for TCU, New Mexico finished with two defeats, the other 41-13 to Colorado State in the Western Athletic Conference championship game three weeks ago.

Candidate missed three games this year because of ankle injuries. He had 97 yards in 24 carries, but twisted his left ankle on a 4-yard run to the New Mexico 1 late in the third quarter and left the game. Eafon scored on two touchdowns to send the Wildcats (7-5) ahead 20-7 with 2:07 remaining in the period.

Leigh took the Lobos 60 yards in five plays, scoring on a 4-yard



Arizona's Brad Brennan climbs over New Mexico defender Jameal Woods Saturday in an attempt to catch a pass during the first quarter of the Insight.com Bowl in Tucson, Ariz.

keeper, to cut Arizona's lead to six points, but was victimized by inaccuracy in the face of a strong rush.

He was 12-of-32 for 150 yards, including a 15-yard scoring strike to Milton Thomas, but the pick-offs by Malveaux, Chris McAlister, Kelvin Hunter and Rashee Johnson amounted to half the total he had thrown in 12 previous games.

"Arizona coach Dick Tumeay made a surprise decision several weeks ago to start senior quarterback Brady Batten, who had been in just three games this year.

Jenkins, a freshman who was 5-2 with 1,669 yards and 18 TD passes as a starter, didn't play until the final snap of the third quarter. He seemed rusty and failed to complete a pass in four attempts.

Lion attack: Buccaneers brace for another heavy dose of Sanders

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Hardy Nickerson can't recall ever seeing Barry Sanders more determined.

Carry by carry, the four-time NFL rushing champion moved toward a goal of 2,000 yards for the season, taking the playoff-bound Detroit Lions along for the ride.

"You could see the way he was running, how hungry he was," Nickerson, Tampa Bay's All-Pro linebacker, said. "Every step he was taking with purpose."

Sanders is second on the league career rushing list, trailing only Walter Payton, in large part because of the Buccaneers, who have yielded 1,998 of the 13,778 yards he's gained since entering the NFL in 1989.

Last week, he became the third player to rush for more than 2,000 in a season, gaining 184 against the New York Jets in a victory that clinched a playoff berth for the Lions, who face Tampa Bay in today's NFC wild-card game.

"It's that nuclear weapon that keeps them in every game," Bucs coach Tony Dungy said. "You do have other players that you have to worry about. You have other great players on their team, but he's the key, no question about it."

It took Bobby Ross, in his first season as coach of the Lions, two games to figure that out.

Sanders was held to a total of 53 yards the first two weeks, including only 20 yards on 10

attempts in a loss to Tampa Bay Sept. 7, before finishing the year with 14 consecutive 100-yard games to run his season total to 2,053.

One of his most productive games of the season, probably game in a rematch against the Bucs, when he scored on runs of 80 and 82 yards that highlighted a 24-carry, 215-yard performance.

"You have to take your hat off to him," Dungy said. "Everyone goes in with the idea they're going to stop him. Everyone has game plans designed to do it. Everyone stop him for a period of time in the game, a quarter, a quarter and a half, a half. But no one's been able to hold him down."

Today's Miami-New England game could be Marino's last in Dolphins uniform

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Take a good look at Dan Marino today when he's not hurried under a pile of New England Patriots defenders. It may be your last glimpse of him in a Miami Dolphins uniform.

And it could be the end of his six-year franchise quest to win a Super Bowl for the team he's led for 15 years.

Coach Jimmy Johnson said early in the season he considered trading Marino, and hasn't talked definitively about next year. Marino himself is curt: "I really haven't thought about it."

The Patriots care only about the immediate future — this afternoon — one of the NFL's greatest quarterbacks who, just six days earlier, they treated as a tackling dummy rather than a treasure.

"It hasn't been like he's played bad against us," Patriots free safety Willie Clay said. "But we've created a lot of bad opportunities for Dan Marino."

They blitzed him 25 times, sacked him four times and won 14-12 in Miami last Monday night. The Pats earned the home field in today's rematch in the first round of the playoffs that begins the postseason defense of the AFC title.

The Patriots (10-6) will try to become the 11th team to go 3-0 against the same team in one season; 48 have had a chance since 1950. The Dolphins (9-7) want to



Dan Marino

stop them from becoming the fourth (out of 10) to beat the same team in the regular-season finale and a playoff opener.

Marino threw three interceptions, two returned for touchdowns, in a 27-24 loss to New England on Nov. 23. And he fumbled a snap and threw an interception under pressure that ruined Miami's comeback attempt late in Monday night's game.

"We just need to continue to play hard, which we did both games, and just be a little smarter and not make as many mistakes," Marino said.

The man who has thrown more passes for more completions, yards and touchdowns than anyone, but only reached the Super Bowl in his second season, is still probably Miami's best offensive player. And that's the problem.

Opponents can blitz. They don't have to worry much about stopping the NFL's second-worst running game or about being blocked by a weak offensive line or about mediocre receivers who rarely catch deep passes.

Manning's status uncertain for Orange Bowl

MIAMI (AP) — Peyton Manning stood at the edge of the practice field Saturday, rolled up his pants leg and patted the swollen right knee that is troubling the entire state of Tennessee.

"It's like a balloon," he said. "It doesn't look good at all."

Neither does third-ranked Tennessee's chance of beating No. 2 Nebraska in the Orange Bowl, unless the swelling subsides soon.

Manning is still recovering from a ruptured bursa sac suffered Dec. 6 in the Southeastern Conference championship game against Auburn.

Before taking part Saturday in the Volunteers' first workout in Miami, the senior quarterback admitted there's a chance he'll have to sit out Friday's game, even though a national championship is at stake.

"If I'm not able to help the team, maybe I shouldn't be in there," he said.

"I believe he'll play," coach Philip Fulmer said following practice. "He went through basically everything. We limited him on a few things. The main thing now is how much swelling he gets and how sore it is from the workout."

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Section C

Please, Coach Lombardi; there's no need to yell

When I was in the eighth grade, I had delusions of football, so I went out for the junior high team.

In the process, I learned two things:

1. Dummy kids with stubby legs don't get to play quarterback, and ...
2. ... Coaches yell a lot.

Coach Ikelberry taught me that. I was playing center in a road game against Irving Junior High School. We were losing 43-42 and, on fourth down at our own 5-yard line, I snapped the ball over the punter's head and through the goal post.

Coach Ike didn't wait for me to get off the field. Before I even got up off the seat of my pants, he was standing over me, his face the color of turnips gone bad.



"@iasu*(&W*(Q*)!(!uz!" he shouted. "You **(@*(#*K)2*(!, fumbling, @adu@&* CRUMF, you!"

That hurt. Stuttering, I offered to skip the bus and walk back to the school.

"The @##*(oiw9oi you will!" he wailed. "You're gonna sit right up front with me!"

The trade lasted all through the ride back into the locker room and half the way home - his face never more than three inches from mine, his spittle running in little rivulets down my cheeks.

At length, I got four words out edge-wise.

"Coach!" I pleaded. "I'm really sorry!"

Ike's florid face softened, the knot in his brow disappeared and he placed his big, clammy hand on my shoulder.

"I know, son," he said. "And I don't give a damn!"

I thought about Coach Ike the other day when ex-NBA star Latrell Sprewell held his heart-rending press conference to announce he was real sorry for trying to strangle his coach.

But Golden State Warriors coach P.J. Carlesimo had brought the whole thing on. Sprewell explained, by being verbally abusive.

A coach being verbally abused? How oppressive.

In this era of New Age enlightenment, isn't it high time that coaches were motivational without being judgmental? I mean, how much mental cruelty can a 27-year-old millionaire college dropout be expected to endure?

Matter of fact, the whole concept of coaching is a crypto-fascist, passive-aggressive anachronism. Why not just replace coaches with, say, facilitators?

"Latrell, the fact that you let Michael Jordan fake you out of your gym trunks on that play left me feeling invalidated."

"Latrell, I believe that the fact that you shoot the ball every time you touch it is so controlling."

"Latrell, that forearm shiver you laid upside the head of Jerome Kersey in practice was simply not nurturing."

By extension, I don't see why Marine drill instructors have to be so darn confrontational.

"Private Smith, it is 5:02 a.m. Would you care to get out of your bunk at this time, or should I come back at a more convenient moment and blow this bugle into your ear?"

"Private Doc, if you're going to go AWOL again, we really appreciate a phone call. The M.P.'s were up all hours."

"Private Jones, I feel so conflicted about the fact that you just shot me in the butt while you were loading your weapon."

There's just so much negative energy wasted by dominating authority figures whose outdated, top-down management styles are at odds with the boundless possibilities of shifting paradigms.

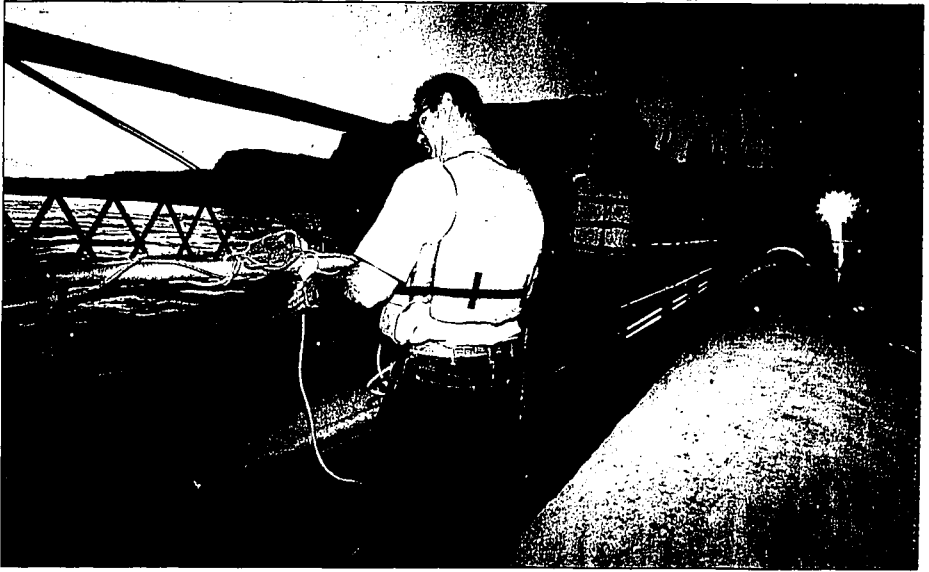
Ike would understand. He eventually quit coaching, got out of teaching, went back to school and became a psychologist.

So unless you want to drop and give him 50 one-arm push-ups, I'd get in touch with your inner child and pretty damn quick.

And sit up straight while you're doing it.

Times-News features editor Steve Crump reminds you that while a paradigm is worth 20 cents, you can write to him at crump@magicvalley.com for free.

'The year plunges into night and the heart plunges lower than night.' -William Carlos Williams



Twin Falls city officials mount a round-the-clock vigil on the bridge that carries the main water supply from Jerome County as Snake River flows top 40,000 cubic feet per second.

1997 leaves its mark on the Magic Valley

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

The year began tragically with the death of two prominent residents, brought more water than most anybody could remember and concluded with a shake-up in Idaho politics.

Massive job cuts at a potato processing plant also figured prominently into 1997's events. All would leave their mark on the people of southern Idaho.

January
9: Roy and Verna Marie Raymond are

killed in a plane crash near Detroit. The Raymonds, owners of Roy Raymond Ford-Mitsubishi, had been involved with a host of community and philanthropic groups.

February
6: US West Communications expands toll-free calling areas in 14 Magic Valley communities. Monthly service fees rise to pay for the service.

March
5: Sawtooth National Forest supervisor Bill LeVere institutes without public

comment a stricter livestock grazing policy, only to withdraw it two months later after public outcry.

16: Gays Willett, 43, of Burley, is found shot to death in her home. Police say her husband, Jude Willett, killed himself after shooting his wife.

It's the first of eight homicides in the Magic Valley in 1997:

• Su Cho Kim, 54, of Twin Falls, is found dead May 8 in Lee's Therapeutic Massage in Twin Falls.

• Raymond Wilford Urban, 73, is found bludgeoned to death with a tire iron May 21 at a campground near Magic Mountain.

• Rosemarie Lavonne Murphy, 35, of Burley, is found dead June 6 in a garage behind Sands Motel in Twin Falls.

The body of Gene Hartwig, 48, of Hansen, is found June 23 in a field southeast of Hansen.

• Wayne Gardner Lafferty, 61, of Twin Falls, is found dead Sept. 6 in the South Hills.

• Steven Louder, 38, is shot to death Nov. 14 in his girlfriend's home near Eden, and her ex-husband is the suspect.

• The body of Timothy James

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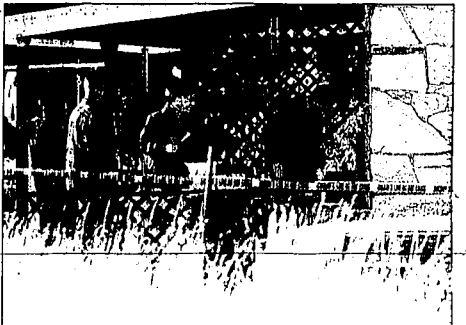
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Far left, one positive effect of record levels on the Snake River is spectacular flows over Shoshone Falls. The park logged a record number of visitors.

Left, two job fairs attract 900 potential applicants for a new Clear Shield National Inc. manufacturing plant.

Below, detectives search for clues in the killing of Steven Louder near Eden.



Educators debate frequency and content of sex education

By Karen E. Naleznek
Times-News writer

RUPERT — As Minidoka High School juniors stroll into health class, some rummage through backpacks, while others check their jacket and jeans pockets.

"They turn in the yellow and purple information sheets that require a parent or guardian's signature. Many children discussed the casual way their parents simply looked at the form, signed it and handed it back."

Some students also are silent on the touchy topic of sex education. They sit hunched in their seats, only speaking when they're called on. By age 16 and 17, some teen-agers are comfortable talking about sex but quite a few others redden when asked to define virginity.

"Everyone always gets so uptight when we talk about sex education in class," says one of the bolder male students. "I don't see what the big deal is."

But it is a big deal to most parents, teachers and clergy in Minidoka County.

Some say teaching anything but abstinence could send the message that sex before marriage is OK. But after years of that approach, others point to the students dropping out of high school and becoming parents before they've fulfilled their own abstinence.

It's a line divided by morals, values and religious beliefs. But in a community where sexual activity is apparent through a high teen-age pregnancy rate, the line is hard to ignore.

Introduction

Minidoka County students get their first introduction to sex education in seventh-grade health class.

They're learning to use correct terms instead of slang, the physiological differences between girls and boys and that sexual intercourse is intended for two people who share love, respect, trust and commitment. For most people, district nurse Nancy Kunau says, that means marriage.

At 12 and 13 years old, students are impressively attentive, not giggly, when Kunau talks about boys and girls' genitalia. And when she discusses molestation, rape and incest, students are surprisingly open.

A show of hands indicates several students know someone who has been through such a situation. Kunau is quick to point out that rape and incest have nothing to do with sex or love.

"They're about power," she says. "And boys and girls you all need to know it's not your fault if something like that happens to you. And if it does then you need to tell someone you trust."

East-Minidoka-Junior-High



KAREN E. NALEZNEK/THE TIMES-NEWS

School health teacher Dan Merritt says students tell him and their classmates things they'd probably never tell their parents.

"It's amazing how open and honest they are," he adds.

Kunau's lesson moves on to discuss heterosexuals, homosexuals and bisexuals. She explains the difference between the personal preferences, and the increased physical danger of anal or oral sex.

"Most of us don't have to look that far in our own families or at people we know before we find someone who is gay, so they need to know that they're not bad people," Kunau said. "That's as far as I go with that. But they also need to know that people who engage in those things, whichever they are, are more at risk sexually."

Questions

Is this material too much to handle, an top of other teen-age pressures? Are educators discussing such topics without injecting personal views? More importantly, what effect does such detailed discussion have on students?

The committee which has to decide whether to keep the old curriculum or chart a new course also has to grapple with these questions.

The group of 25 is looking for common ground on educating students in a community where "teen-age pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease rates are running rampant," Kunau said.

Burley physician Dr. Mark Dowdle recently told committee members that he treats 40 to 45 pregnant teen-agers at any given time, and about 40 percent of

them come from Minidoka County.

Dowdle recommends educating students about sex in sixth grade, before most of them consider sex as an option.

"I know when I was young I wanted to know what masturbation was, but no one would tell me and (the dictionary) doesn't tell you either," Dowdle said. "I think we need to teach it at a young enough age when it's not so stimulating and exciting to talk about. We need to reach the kids and tell them the facts before it's too late."

Junior year

Following a 15-day unit in seventh grade, Minidoka students don't get any more information about sex education again until their junior year of high school. What alarms Kunau, who assists the district's teaching, is that most of her students don't remember what they learned in junior high.

"They act like it's brand-new information," she said. "We go into some things a little more in depth at the high school level, but it's almost the identical class."

The committee is considering whether to teach sex education at more grade levels. Many members, including parents on the committee, think the subject should be taught more frequently.

"I think we're missing something after the seventh grade," said Craig Hepworth, the parent of an Acaquia Elementary School student. "At that point most aren't even interested and by the ninth grade they've forgotten what they learned about sex two

years earlier."

The only state requirement, Kunau said, is teaching AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases, as required by a 1989 federal law.

Options

The programs available to school districts range from abstinence-only courses to a variety of abstinence-based courses. The former discuss only saying no to sex; abstinence-based curricula can mention contraception, to varying degrees.

Under the School Board's recommendation, the committee must choose a program that leans heavily towards abstinence. "The board's view is to go with abstinence only, but in reality it knows that we probably need one that's abstinence-based," said board member Greer Copeland.

The committee is considering several textbooks. Members plan to discuss the what they like and dislike about the books at its next meeting on Jan. 7, 1998, before choosing material they think will be appropriate for students entering the 21st Century.

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Left, district nurse Nancy Kunau describes body parts to East Minidoka Junior High School seventh-graders during a sex education class. Above, a class of seventh-graders listens to district nurse Nancy Kunau talk during sex education class at East Minidoka Junior High School.

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Police believe fugitive may have robbed other banks

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Police are investigating whether fugitive Patrick Heaps may have held up a bank inside a grocery store here Friday night.

Officers on Saturday were looking for a suspect matching Heaps' description. The suspect fled with an undisclosed amount of cash and was possibly armed, authorities said.

Investigators also are looking possible links between Heaps

and two other recent area bank robberies.

The latest holdup happened about 7 p.m. Friday at the Zion's Bank, located inside of a Smith's Food and Drug Store.

Sgt. Gary Hodson said police are reviewing film from a surveillance camera that may have caught the suspect on tape.

The suspect was reportedly dressed in a black leather coat and a black T-shirt, had a goatee

and fit various descriptions of Heaps from past photos.

Police also believe Heaps is also responsible for a robbery at a Zion's bank branch in American Fork on Dec. 19, and possibly a robbery that occurred Monday at the First Security Bank branch near University Mall in Orem.

In the first incident, the robber fitting Heaps' description reportedly fled in a white Ford Bronco.

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Sam Cotterill, 2, of Monroe, Wash., holds on tight to his horse at the Westlake Mall in Seattle Friday. The 36-horse carousel was built in 1906.

Prosecutors won't file charges in boy's death

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — The last thing 8-year-old Jarrod J.C. Winkles told his stepmother was he was having a fun Christmas and was excited his relatives were in town.

But his 8-year-old cousin accidentally shot him Thursday. The Meridian elementary school student died at 2:30 a.m. Friday in a Boise hospital. Charges will not be filed in the case, Ada County Deputy Prosecutor Roger Bourne said.

"Nobody likes cases like this," he said. "There is nothing good about them if they come on Christmas or any time. But happening on Christmas makes it worse."

"The whole family is just broken up," family friend Ronda Critser said Friday. "They just

want a strong message put out to the public how unnecessary this was. It doesn't matter if it's your house, a relative's house or a friend's house, the guns need to be locked up and ammunition stored separately."

Jarrod's father and stepmother, Cynid Duncan, dropped him off at his great-grandmother's Boise home to spend Thursday night. The boy and his cousin from Dayton, Ohio, were playing with plastic guns when the girl found a .22-caliber revolver under the woman's pillow.

Apparently thinking it was a toy, the cousin pointed it at Jarrod and pulled the trigger, hitting him in the chest. Twice, doctors thought he might make it, but the boy died in the intensive-care unit.

Commissioners defend detention deal with tribe

LEWISTON, Idaho (AP) — It costs the counties of Nez Perce, Lewis, Idaho, Clearwater and Latah counties \$150 per day when they send juvenile offenders to a regional detention center in Lewiston.

The Nez Perce Indian Tribe is paying \$80 per day under a one-year contract. Officials of some of the five counties want to know why there's such a big difference.

It's a negotiated rate, said J.R. Van Tassel, chairman of the Nez Perce County Commission.

"We were sinking and we were told to do what was necessary and we did," he told officials from Lewis, Clearwater and Latah counties.

The center went \$100,000 into the red after the Juvenile Corrections Act of 1995 changed how courts and probation officers deal with juvenile offenders.

"The detention center, by virtue of the success of the probation department, went into the

hole," said Van Tassel.

Nez Perce County runs the center. The agreement covering the facility says the county can contract with other entities, if there is a suitable space.

Van Tassel said the complaints surprised him. There was no reaction when the center agreed to take youths from Washington's Walla Walla County at \$120 per day, he said.

Lewis County Commissioner Laurie Nightingale said he did not know Nez Perce County had contracted a lower rate with other counties.

Other commissioners said since it is a regional center, they should be consulted first.

"I think the five counties should be consulted before issues are decided," Idaho County's George Enneking said.

"Otherwise, I shouldn't be charging money for gas to get here."

They asked to meet more often and asked for a detailed financial report to be ready for the next scheduled meeting in January.

Jogger, police find bodies in Spokane culvert

SPOKANE (AP) — Two bodies have been found in a culvert in southeast Spokane.

Spokane County sheriff's officers say the first body was found by a jogger Friday at noon, and the second was discovered a short time later after investigators arrived on the scene.

Details were sketchy. Because darkness was approaching, detectives secured the site until they could begin their investigation this morning.

Stenfil's Lt. Gerry Fojtuck said

the bodies were partially buried by leaves and debris.

"It's obvious the bodies weren't freshly dumped," he said.

Detectives have not said whether the bodies were male or female.

Spokane-area authorities are probing a string of five unsolved homicides of women whose bodies were found since last summer. Most of the women had links to prostitution, were either shot or strangled, and their bodies were dumped in out-of-the-way places.

Mining taints water for schools, homes

NORTH SAN JUAN, Calif. (AP) — The Alpine roofs of Grizzly Hill school rise amid a forest where the air smells sweet and the water once ran clear and clean.

Today the indirect result of a now-defunct gold mine in California's Sierra Nevada has contaminated the well water at the school and nearby homes.

"It made me feel high-headed when I drank the water and then I barfed in the toilet afterward," said 10-year-old Daniel "D.J." Alger, a student at the school.

Experts say gold mining drained the area wells and exposed chemicals in the dry soil to oxygen — changing them into metals and minerals. After mining stopped and water flowed back into the wells, it picked up the tainted material.

A noxious mix of sticky metals — two in concentrations more than 100 times the legal limit — has tinged the school's water brown. It smells acid and tastes

metallic. Eleven wells serving nearby homes are much the same. Fifth-grader Jessie Lollich says drinking the water gave her headaches and nausea.

"It tastes kind of, well, yuck," says Principal Linda Richter, making a face.

School and government officials, Siskon Gold Corp. and an advisory panel are struggling with the intrusion of metals into the water, but there are no apparent quick remedies.

"Everybody's hoping and praying that as the late winter, early spring (underground) water recharge occurs, it will help solve this situation. We've been completely blindsided and smacked up-side of the head by this," said Kurt Lorenz, the citizen representative

advisory panel to Nevada County.

Soon after school started, authorities notified parents and posted signs at the school's drinking fountains that say, "Do Not Drink Water." The 125 students in grades four to eight instead fill cups from bottled water dispensers in classrooms.

Well water is used only in bathrooms for hand washing and flushing.

The problem is being called a natural phenomenon brought on by unnatural circumstances.

Millions of gallons of floodwaters were pumped out of the mine during operations the past few years. First, nearby wells went dry. After mining ceased in August and pumping ended, ground water is recharging area

wells and picking up the metals and minerals in the dry soil.

Scientists say there is no evidence that the contaminants came directly from the mine. Officials at Siskon did not return phone calls.

County health officials say the substances in the water could make a person feel sick, but there wouldn't be lasting ill effects unless someone consumed the water for years.

Initial tests in September and October showed concentrations of iron as high as 133 times the level allowed by state law for drinking water. Manganese hit 163 times the legal limit; aluminum, 57 times; nickel, seven times; and zinc, four times, officials said.

A mineral, sulfate, was just above the limit for short-term exposure. The water also was up to 13 times too colored, exceeded other standards by as much as 17 times, and was nearly 20 times the standard for turbidity.

A different critter will dance in Butte's streets

BUTTE, Mont. (AP) — Montanans are fairly blasé about the parade of critters that occasionally wander down their streets — bears, buffalo, elk, even mountain lions — but leave it to Butte to come up with something different.

For the first time in almost 100 years, a dragon will dance in Butte's streets on Jan. 28, Chinese New Year.

"It's not very big," said George Chu. "It is considered a small to medium-sized dragon."

It's a traditional dragon puppet, built from the Taiwan government to the Asian communities of Montana.

The dragon's permanent home will be with the Mei Wah Society, which works to preserve Butte's Asian legacy.

About 5,000 Asian people lived and worked in Butte at the turn of the century, said Ellen Crain, director of Butte-Silver Bow Archives. The city's Chinese New Year parade has grown from 25 people in 1991 to about 200 last year.

"We are hoping to have some outreach and share the dragon with other Chinese communities in

the state," said board member Dori Skrukud.

The Mei Wah Society has worked for three years to acquire the dragon. George and Nancy Chu firm up the arrangements during a trip to Taiwan last year. Its three large crates arrived at Seattle by boat on Dec. 17, and the society is raising about \$220 to bring it to Butte.

Judge says police must return seized movie

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A federal judge has ruled that police unconstitutionally seized copies of the Academy Award-winning movie "The Tin Drum" last summer.

In June, police officers seized copies of the 1979 film after an Oklahoma County judge said it violated a state law that bans any depiction of minors having sex.

U.S. District Judge Ralph Thompson ruled Wednesday that police illegally removed the film from public access.

"Before public officials take such action, they must first pro-

vide the interested parties an opportunity to present their contentions, evidence and legal arguments for consideration before a court," Thompson wrote.

He reserved a decision on whether the film is child pornography, and set a trial on that matter for April.

The movie tells the story of a little boy who "wills" his body to stop growing as the Nazis come to power in Germany and invade Poland. For 18 years, the boy physically remains a child, communicating by bearing his tin drum. One scene implies — but

does not actually show — a boy about 6 or 7 performing oral sex on a girl of about 16.

An anti-pornography group found the movie on library shelves and complained. Judge Richard Freeman said that a film is obscene if it depicts a person under 18 having sex.

Oklahoma County District Attorney Bob Macy vowed to prosecute anyone in possession of the movie.

Police seized one copy from Michael Camfield, development director of the Oklahoma chapter of the American Civil Liberties

Union. He had rented the video to check out the obscenity claims.

Camfield sued officers and Macy, alleging illegal seizure of a film protected by the First Amendment. The Video Software Dealers Association also sued.

Michael Salem, one of Camfield's attorneys, said Thompson's ruling could allow the film to return to video stores in Oklahoma County. But that is unlikely to happen until Macy agrees not to prosecute anyone who possesses the film, he said.

Macy could not be reached for comment Saturday.

Company says drug fights cancer, won't hurt heart

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's only pharmaceuticals company is seeking permission to test its new cancer-killing drug on people.

Gem Pharmaceuticals Inc. of Boise has asked the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to approve clinical testing of GPX-100, an improved version of Adriamycin. The tests could begin as early as next month.

Adriamycin is one of the drugs most commonly used in treating cancer, particularly breast cancer. It is an effective cancer-killer, but also can be toxic to the heart.

Dr. Richard Olson, a researcher at Boise's Veterans Administration Medical Center, has spent more than 20 years developing GPX-100,

a heart-friendly derivative of Adriamycin. Laboratory tests of GPX-100 on animals have not shown serious levels of toxicity.

"We're hoping for approval by the middle of January," Gem Pharmaceuticals President Fred Dechow said. "We would begin testing immediately after that."

The FDA recently approved clinical testing of Gem Pharmaceuticals' GPX-200, an unrelated drug.

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State mourns many losses from 1997

There is a list of notable Idaho people who died in 1997:

- January**
Susan Hansen of Boise, newly appointed sergeant-at-arms of the Idaho House of Representatives, died in a Jan. 2 plane crash. She was 42.
- Bob Montgomery of Boise, a banking executive, state Board of Education member and top adviser to former Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus, died Jan. 4. He was 73.
- Robert N. Rehbock of Boise, former chairman of the National Livestock and Meat Board and the Idaho Cattle Association, died in a plane crash on Jan. 8. He was 58.
- Ervin Schwibert of Caldwell, a former state legislator and member and twice a candidate for Congress in Idaho's 1st District, died Jan. 8 at 86.
- Ruben Hammes, editor and publisher emeritus of the St. Maries Gazette and former publisher of the weekly Aberdeen Times, died Jan. 23.

- April**
Georgia Davidson of Boise, founder of Idaho's first commercial radio and television stations, KIDO and what now is KTVB-TV, died April 7 at age 89.
- Charles J. Peto, a longtime legislator and member of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee, died April 13. She was 60.

- May**
Tim Qualls, former Twin Falls police chief recognized as a handwriting and fingerprint expert, died May 23. He was 67.

- June**
Arthur Child Porter of Reburg, who built his family's printing business into one of the Upper Snake River Valley's largest employers, died June 15. He was 81.
- Grace Wallace of Moscow, longtime newspaper columnist, Latah County commissioner and Republican Party worker, died June 11. She was 91.

- July**
Belton Patty, top executive of the old Idaho Bank & Trust Corp. before becoming the state's top bank regulator as director of the Department of Finance, died June 20. He was 66.

- August**
Fat Harwood of Boise, a former eastern Idaho legislator who founded what now is Idaho's top business lobby, the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, died June 24. He was 67.
- Marion Jones Callister of Boise, former assistant U.S. attorney and chief federal lawyer for Idaho, died June 24. He was 75.

- September**
Michael McAllister of Boise, a former legislator, state Liquor Dispensary superintendent and restaurateur, died in late July at 53.
- Lyn Clark of McCall, the first woman ever certified for wilderness fly fishing by the U.S. Forest Service, died July 25 in an airplane crash. She was 64.

- October**
Robert Surles of Moscow, a University of Idaho language professor for 25 years, died Aug. 3 in a slide-blocked U.S. Highway 95.
- Alvin H. Ricken of Pocatello, publisher of the Idaho State Journal for 25 years until his retirement in 1992, died Oct. 15. He was 83.
- Perry A. Christianson of Coeur d'Alene, former mayor and North Idaho College's third president, died Oct. 15. He was 83.
- Robert E. Hays of Moscow, retired University of Idaho professor and former state legislator from Latah County, died in August. He was 65.

- November**
Joe Conrass of Boise, a prominent businessman, philanthropist and son of Secretary of State Pete Conrass, was killed in an airplane crash Sept. 3. He was 49.

- December**
Russ Heath of Idaho Falls, who helped develop gamma ray spectrometers and was the author of gamma ray frequencies still used by scientists, died Oct. 15. He was 71.
- Emery E. Holland of St. Maries, a former state legislator and namesake of the vocational building at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene, died Oct. 15. He was 71.
- Danny Warfield of Midvale, a popular coach and semiretired teacher, died Oct. 27 in an airplane crash. He was 65.

Diana, McVeigh, Mother Teresa top '97 stories

The Associated Press
NEW YORK (AP) — The No. 1 story of 1997 was the murder of Princess Diana. Just three people died.

Ordinary — except that victims were Princess Diana, her boyfriend and their driver. The boundless fascination and grief unleashed by this singular tragedy made it the biggest story of the year, according to The Associated Press' annual poll of American newspaper editors and broadcast executives.

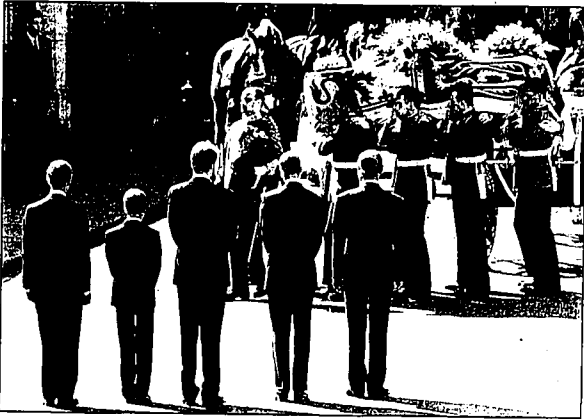
Other deaths figured in the top 10 stories, too: the conviction and death sentence of Timothy McVeigh, held responsible for 168 obliterated in Oklahoma City, the passing of Mother Teresa, who loved and served the poor, the eerie suicides of 39 members of the Heaven's Gate cult.

There also was room for life, albeit life aided by science. Thanks to fertility drugs and faith, a family in Iowa claimed a child, initially, from age 10 to 10. And a wee lamb named Dolly was born in Scotland, a ewe's clone.

There was more: A spacecraft rambling and Mars, the fundraising problems of the Democrats. And the two-step on Wall Street — a frenzied down-and-up — amid stumbling markets.

Here, according to the AP poll, are the country's top 10 stories of 1997:

- 1. DIANA.** British rescue cracked this summer. Commoner and royalty together mourned the death of the "people's princess." Makeshift funerals, a million-woman funeral in London, near the church where her body rested. Eyes tear for days — "Jesus, I love you, Jesus, I love you," many of her followers walked the muddy streets — waiting, waiting, waiting to pay homage.
- 2. DOLLY.** Over her lifetime, she launched a charity, from one clinic in Calcutta to more than 500 missions in 100 countries. And she touched that world: the hungry in Ethiopia, the survivors of Armenia's quake, the blacks of South Africa's squallid townships. To accept the 1970 Nobel Peace Prize, she was a 51-year-old familiar white-edged blonde.



Britain's Prince Charles, Prince Harry, Earl Charles Spencer, Prince William and Prince Phillip, left to right, stand as the coffin bearing the body of Princess Diana is taken into Westminster Abbey, Sept. 6, 1997, in London. Diana was killed in a car accident in Paris Aug. 31, 1997.

- 3. MOTHER TERESA.** Calcutta wept with the world this fall. Mother Teresa, the revered Roman Catholic nun who ministered to India's "poorest of the poor," died of a heart attack at 87. After her last words — "Jesus, I love you, Jesus, I love you," many of her followers walked the muddy streets — waiting, waiting, waiting to pay homage.
- 4. THE BULLS ROMP.** Wall Street shook off a record one-day plunge of 554 points, traced to stock prices climbed again, thrilling investors. After it all, the Dow rose 20 percent for the third straight year.
- 5. SEND IN THE CLONES.** In February, Scottish researchers announced that, for the first time, they had cloned an adult mammal. Some scientists celebrated a sheep named Dolly, saying the key to improved livestock; others demurred, urging the end to research on cloning humans.
- 6. LUCKY SEVEN.** One day Kenny and Bobbi McCaughey were an average Midwestern couple with one child. The next, they were the world's most famous family, parents of the world's only surviving septuplets.

Television offered hourly updates: Kenneth breathing on his own. Joel Steven in critical condition. Kelsey feeding by mouth. Everyone wanted to share, and everyone wanted to debate: Was it fertility drugs or God's will?

Experts insisted that the couple should have aborted some fetuses to improve the health of others. Despite such carping, President Clinton called and gifts poured in: groceries, appliances, a deluge of diapers, and a von that seat 15.

Then the McCaugheys longed to be average. "This is my family. That's what I want it to be, and it's just going to be us," said the father. "And we're not on for display."

7. SMOKED OUT. After decades of denying tobacco-related health problems, smoking industry leaders were ready to make a deal. Tobacco companies would pay \$58 billion in states would drop lawsuits. Amid complex negotiations, Congress closed its session without legislation.

Meanwhile, tobacco farmers wanted help. Americans, in polls, doubted that any settlement could reduce teen smoking. And documents showed that cigarette makers paid off sympathetic researchers.

8. MARIS ROCKS. This summer, a pint-sized Sojourner toured Mars, poking at rocks named "Scooby Doo" and "Sofie" and transmitting data to its mother ship, Pathfinder.

Millions visited NASA's Web site as Pathfinder beamed images of a desert landscape back to Earth. The mechanical explorers found signs of ancient flooding and examined rocks similar to those from Peru's mountains and the Pacific Northwest.

After landing on July 4, Pathfinder slipped back data late into September — more than a month longer than scientists predicted. In October, it uttered its last peep, likely hobbled by a dead battery at frigid temperatures.

9. FUNDING FOLLIES. Fundraising scandals dogged the Democrats all year long. Early on, it was revealed that Clinton accepted illegal donations from Asian donors, and party leaders hastily returned more than \$1 million.

The scandal moved in the Lincoln Bedroom, coffee klatches at the White House, Al Gore making fundraising calls from the White House, and Clinton's campaign was wrongly — as at Arlington National Cemetery as a hero.

10. DEATH BY COMET. In March, a comet streaked across the Gate cult had a simple plan: They would shed their earthly "containers" and board a spaceship trailing a comet's tail.

En route, members had abandoned family. Some embraced castration. They wore black, wore their hair in bowl cuts, refused alcohol. Besides praying and preparing, they designed Web pages.

When the time was right, they drank a mix of vodka, sedatives and pudding. Found in a rented, hilltop mansion outside San Diego, they were neatly dressed in black, Nike's and covered with purple shrouds.

Floods, GOP political moves fill 1997 headlines

BOISE (AP) — Flooding sent mountaineers tumbling over northern and western Idaho highways and swamped eastern Idaho's Interstate 15 last winter and spring, dominating the state's headlines as the top story of 1997.

That was followed in the fall by the latest wave of Republican Gov. Phil Batt started by announcing he would not seek a second term, and GOP Sen. Dirk Kempthorne deciding he would rather be Boise than Washington.

And at year's end, a federal judge had created an uproar by deciding the three-year-old wild recovery program was illegal, and the animals had to be withdrawn. The decision is being appealed as conservationists try to preserve the recovery scheme and the Farm Bureau presses for the judge's ruling to be carried out.

But even so, reintroduction critics fear that could result in road closures to protect native wolves and could end any near-term prospect of removing wolves from the endangered species list.

Northern and western Idaho already were being pummeled by rain on a heavy snowpack amid warm temperatures when 1997 began, and the problems only worsened.

Slides blocked U.S. Highway 95, the state's only north-south link, as well as other key roads, cutting off a number of small communities and causing millions of dollars in damage.

A month later, heavy rains hit southwestern Idaho, swelling the Snake River and Zayette rivers and adding to the damage.

And then the spring runoff in eastern Idaho sent the Snake River roaring over its banks in mid-June, sweeping thousands of acres around Blackfoot and Roberts. Three bridges were washed out and a stretch of Interstate 15 was closed for more than a week. The Idaho National Guard's flood relief task force commander and one of his officers were killed in a helicopter crash.

- The list:**
- 1. Flooding.**
 - 2. Batt decides to retire and Kempthorne steps in.**
 - 3. The state authorizes a private pilot to cope with spiraling inmate population.**
 - 4. Debate swirled over eight shooting deaths during 20 months involving Boise police.**
 - 5. Months of debate over tribal casinos ends without resolution.**
 - 6. FBI sniper Lou Horuchi charged with manslaughter in Ruby Ridge siege.**
 - 7. The beleaguered Fish and Game Commission proposes limits on hunting and fishing fees.**
 - 8. Welfare reform shrinks Idaho rolls.**
 - 9. Ada County challenges St. Luke's Regional Medical Center's tax-exempt status.**
 - 10. Batt faces off with the feds over cleanup at the INEEL.**

Batt was active throughout the flood crisis, flying speculation that even at 70 he would seek a second four-year term. But in mid-September he stunned, many by announcing he was retiring, primarily because of his age.

With the Idaho Democratic Party on the verge of extinction, the announcement sent the GOP dominating the focus of attention.

Dirk Kempthorne waited a respectful month before declaring his intention to be Batt's successor.

And then Republican Congressman Michael Crapo quickly moved to claim Kempthorne's Senate seat, which appeared to be shoo-ins in the 1998 campaign year.

One of the major problems facing Batt as governor has been a skyrocketing prison population and soaring Correction Department budget. At

one point during 1997 more than 1,100 inmates were being held outside the state prison system — 75 percent outside Idaho.

That led lawmakers to authorize the Correction Board to quickly privately built and managed 1,250-bed prison to help clear state inmates out of county jails and lockups in Minnesota.

Meanwhile, a protest over food and other issues was followed by a mini-riot involving 100 of the 300 Idaho inmates at the Latah County prison. There, five inmates, including two killers, escaped. A sex offender remains at large.

By mid-November, the state began moving all the inmates in a L536-bed prison addition should open in several weeks.

At the same time, however, problems were building for the private prison venture. State Sen. Stan Hawkins went to court in December to stop the state from awarding the contract to Corrections Corp. of America on grounds the cost was excessive. A judge ultimately rejected his claim, but losing bidders continued grousing about the process.

The Boise Police Department became the focus of attention in September after what started as a routine traffic stop downtown left two brothers and a police officer dead. It was the sixth fatal confrontation between city police and civilians in 20 months — the highest rate in the nation. In all, seven civilian and one officer died.

The official investigation was still being conducted as the year ended. Questions surrounding the deaths of

Craig and Doug Brodrick and Officer Mark Hall remained unanswered. But the Brodrick family hired F. Lee Bailey to potentially sue the department. A \$20 million wrongful-death suit was filed against the city in one of the other shootings.

There were citizen demands for a police review board. But the city opted instead for an ombudsman to work out problems between civilians and police.

The debate over the validity of electronic lottery machines in Indian casinos dogged Batt through 1997 almost as closely as nuclear waste did the two previous years.

The governor opened the year urging legislators to make a clear statement that the games were illegal. But within six weeks he was backing down, seeing the games boost depressed recreation economies.

In the Panhandle, a magistrate is considering whether to order FBI sniper Lou Horuchi to stand trial on a state manslaughter charge for killing the wife of wildlife separatist Randy Weaver on the second day of the Ruby Ridge siege.

Horuchi was charged just before the clock ran out on Boundary County Prosecutor Denise Woodbury. She also filed a first-degree murder charge against Kevin Harris for the death of Deputy U.S. Marshal William Degan, but it was quickly dismissed since Harris had been acquitted of federal murder charges.

The Fish and Game Commission struggled through a difficult 1997 and faces what could be a pivotal 1998. Caught in the controversy over endangered species, new Fish and Game Department Director

Steve Mesley would suspend for two weeks in the fall for what has become known as the mooning incident during a commission outing on Lake Coeur d'Alene.

The commission also reversed its stance on a new building support for a hunting and fishing license increase, voting in mid-December to push for \$1.7 million in additional fees this winter.

Idaho's entry into welfare reform had an immediate major impact, reducing the welfare rolls by three-quarters. Some skeptics feared the reduction was only temporary and problems would escalate in a year or more.

The Ada County Commission gave a new twist to Idaho's property tax debate when it voted to deny St. Luke's Regional Medical Center its tax exemption as a charitable organization. Commissioners found the hospital does not provide enough charity to the community. St. Luke's is fighting the decision.

Controversy engulfed the Energy Department's plans to clean up Pit 9 at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. A subsidiary of Lockheed Martin Co., which runs the INEEL through another subsidiary, wanted to close the site. The state's performance contract for the cleanup after the project fell two years behind schedule.

Batt slapped the government with a nearly \$1 million fine last spring for failing to meet benchmarks in the process, and he threatened another fine last fall when he was not satisfied with plans to get the cleanup back on track.

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TWIN FALLS - Recent court activity in Twin Falls County's 5th District Court included:

Drunken-driving sentences

Kyle W. Shadmore, 50, 2024 S. 1st W. Falls, court 1, driving under the influence, pleaded guilty; 180 days in jail, driving 180 days suspended for 6 months; 500 court costs, court 2, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards.

Misdemeanor sentences

John Christopher Camarillo, 21, 3304 S. 2500 E., Twin Falls, court 1, domestic violence violation of protection order, dismissed by prosecutor; court 2, obstructing a public officer, pleaded guilty; 180 days in jail, 500 restrictions; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards. John Christopher Camarillo, 21, 3304 S. 2500 E., Twin Falls, driving without privileges, amended to an adult driver's license.

pleaded guilty; 180 days in jail, \$750 court costs; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards. Louis E. Garbajal, 38, 7201-17 Sawtooth Blvd., driving without privileges, pleaded guilty; 5 days in jail with 5 suspended, credit for 2 days served, driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 400 fine with \$200 probation; reimbursement court 355 per month for probation services; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback. Marvin Eugene Scott, 32, 615 Oakland Ave. W., 21, Twin Falls; forgery, amended to petit theft; pleaded guilty; 180 days in jail with 180 suspended; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$630 court costs; 10 months' probation; amended domestic violence counseling; reimbursement court 355 per month for probation services; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards. Jeddiah R. Hammond, 24, 796 Fair Ave., Filer; fail to purchase driver's license, pleaded guilty; 5 days in jail, deferred; \$150 fine; \$630 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael Redman. David Guy Willbourn, 56, 561 Sparks, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, pleaded guilty; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended; credit for 1 day served; driving privileges sus-

tained in the steel wall by Mexican entrepreneurs. Or braye the sewers. Or head over to the truck port of entry, just outside of town, and walk across an unprotected field where the border is marked by a single strand of barbed wire at first and then nothing more than a ditch. The new wall's supporters say the old, steel fence is dangerous as well as ugly; several of those who wish to scale it have lost their fingers on the sharp metal atop it. But there are no plans to extend the new wall, which runs about 400 feet on one side of the main border gate here and 250 feet on the other side — less than a quarter-mile in all. Deterrer or no, Dolores Figueroa, who heads the state Job Service office in Nogales, Ariz., said "The new wall has replaced an eyesore. "I think it is better," she said.

pended for 180 days; \$750 court costs; 6 months' probation; reimbursement court 355 per month for probation services; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards. William Allen Marrell, 29, 112 Pleasant Road, Twin Falls; reckless driving, amended to inattentive/erratic driving, pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$630 court costs; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards. August Glenn Stanger, 29, 611 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls; contempt of court; 1 day in jail, credit for 1 day served; \$350 court costs; court 2, possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards. Ryan Vardora, 19, 505 Eighth Ave. Apt. 82, Ball, court 1, petit theft; amended to willful concealment; pleaded guilty; 90 days in jail, credit for 30 days served; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$630 court costs; 24 months' probation; court 2, restitution/obstruction in a police officer; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback. Cassie Sue Hurd, 32, P.O. Box 824, Twin Falls; court 1, retaining arrest; dismissed by

prosecutor; court 2, possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty; 90 days in jail with 17 suspended, credit for 63 days served; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback. Joseph Clayton Scott, 31, 455 Jackson, Twin Falls; petty theft; amended to operating a vehicle without owners' consent; pleaded guilty; 90 days in jail with 68 suspended; credit for 21 days served; \$300 fine with \$300 suspended; \$630 court costs; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback. Misdemeanor dismissals Stephen Kelly Osborn, 30, 1350 Seventh Ave. E., Jerome; malicious injury; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards. Leah M. Gardner, 21, 208 Midway St., Filer; driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards. Mark A. Folsom, 36, 1148 10th Ave. E., Twin Falls; battery; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Melvin Edwards. James Charles Carlson, 39, 277 S. 400 W., Jerome; possession of controlled substance; drug trafficking; possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver; drug trafficking; possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver; drug stamp tax violation; motion to suppress; \$100,000 bond; pretrial conference Feb. 9; District Judge Barry Wood. Con Paulos Chevrolet Inc. vs. James Gregg Collom; injunction granted preventing Collom from working for competitor which would cause Con Paulos to suffer immediate and irreparable harm; Collom had signed noncompetition agreement; District Judge Barry Wood.

New wall at border replaces old steel fence - FOR THE RECORD -

NOGALES, Mexico (AP) - Heratita Cabrera likes what he sees when he looks at the new, more visually pleasing stretch of border wall separating Nogales from its sister city in the United States. "Mas elegante (more elegant)," says Cabrera, whose tourist shop sells Mexican blankets near the wall. "Indeed, it wouldn't take much to improve on the old wall, a makeshift barrier of military surplus steel landing mats wedged against a chain link fence by Mexican entrepreneurs." The new wall, completed last month at a cost of \$750,000, replaces three blocks of steel fence under the U.S. port of entry with a concrete and steel structure reinforced with concrete decorated with occasional blue tiles. Screened openings allow breezes to pass through. "The merchants and residents of Nogales, Ariz., pushed for an aesthetically pleasing wall, complaining that the barrier was the image of a closed, fortified border. That isn't good business in a city that depends on shoppers from the Mexican side. The new wall is a "little trouble to climb," said Joe J. LaFollette, deputy director for the U.S. Customs Service here. "But not too tough, apparently." David Tull, who heads the Customs Service's intelligence unit, says he has already seen someone scale the new wall. "There really isn't much point in testing the new wall. The old wall is still in place along most of the border between the sister cities of Nogales, Ariz., with 40,000 residents, and Nogales, Sonora, with a population estimated as high as 500,000. "I call it a Mexican jungle gym," Tull says of the old wall. "You put a ladder up against it on the other side, climb up and slide down the brace." Or tunnel under it. Or use one of the "dozens" created and main-

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Utah's smallest town offers quiet, friendly life

OPHIR, Utah (AP) - Ask any resident how many people live here in Utah's smallest incorporated town, and you get the same answer: "It depends." Eyes squint, thumbs tick along the fingertips, eyes lowers into a matter. "Let's see... three, five, eight, 10, 12... 25." This concludes Ophir's census. It has been that way for about 30 years in this old silver-mining town, ever since transportation became abundant and water became scarce, a concurrence that chased away all but the hardest Ophir settlers. Around the town in the century, some 5,000 camped within city limits. Remnants of those days still are. Remnants of Main Street and in the steep hills beyond — deteriorating cabins and mine entrances that give Ophir an air of the Old West. Another remnant of mining days is the town's name, which comes from the Bible and means land rich in gold. "Those days never can return, and neither can the border," says the population stabilized at a couple of dozen. Ophir's tiny resi-

dent-owned and spring-fed water system — there are only enough hookups available for perhaps eight more homes, maximum — essentially locks Utah's population growth out of the picturesque canyon. Much to the regret of dozens of former Ophirites. "We see them every year at Ophir Days, people who wish they hadn't given up and moved away," said Mayor Walt Shubert, who bought neighboring property as it became available. "It's a town of 29, literally gave their land away. You could get property for \$600 an acre." Now, homesteaders say, Ophir land is affordable, mostly because it's noiseless, smogless and trafficless. The lack of noise and traffic were not always considered virtues. "As soon as people could get dependable, cheap transportation, they left. The quiet chased them out," Shubert said. "People weren't looking for isolation, they were looking for restaurants and supermarkets and movie theaters. Only in the last 10 years

did they start looking for peace and quiet." The lucky 29, from 7-year-old James Anderson to 91-year-old Stella Fitzwater, have found it here. Stand in the middle of Main Street during any weekday rush hour, and you will hear nothing but the breeze rustling a few leaves. "I tell people to come on up and look, but don't plan on staying," the mayor says. Plenty of city dwellers take him up on the offer, most every Saturday. "It's a town of 29 during the week and 329 on weekends," said Michelle Anderson. Campers drive through so frequently on summer weekends, and are so oblivious to the municipal speed limit of 20 mph, that Shubert says speeders are the town's most nettlesome problem. Since the town has no police force, the mayor is considering adding speed bumps to Main Street. A sign requiring owners' permission before camping tries to limit overnight squatters, and "No Trespassing" signs litter nearly every homestead, all to ward off increasingly bold nature lovers. Not that it always works. Laura Zengen once opened her front door to find a hungry outdoorsman lighting her barbecue. "I said, 'What do you think you're doing?' He said he thought nobody lived up here so nobody would mind," Zengen laughs. "If you don't watch out, people will just help themselves."

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JEROME - Recent activity in Jerome's 5th District Court included the following:

Holly Helen Carlson, 27, 277 S. 400 W., Jerome; possession of controlled substance; possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver; possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver; drug stamp tax violation; motion to suppress; \$100,000 bond; pretrial conference Feb. 9; District Judge Barry Wood. James Charles Carlson, 39, 277 S. 400 W., Jerome; possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver; drug trafficking; possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver; drug stamp tax violation; motion to suppress; \$100,000 bond; pretrial conference Feb. 9; District Judge Barry Wood. Con Paulos Chevrolet Inc. vs. James Gregg Collom; injunction granted preventing Collom from working for competitor which would cause Con Paulos to suffer immediate and irreparable harm; Collom had signed noncompetition agreement; District Judge Barry Wood.

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4 die in Utah car accident

LOGAN, Utah (AP) - A carload of youths slid into oncoming lanes of Utah 89-91, colliding with an oncoming compact and killing four people. Utah Highway Patrol Trooper John McMahon said a Pontiac Grand Am carrying four friends from Logan went out of control after attempting a sweeping left-hand turn on a slippery road surface in northern Utah's Saddle Canyon on about 5:50 p.m. The southbound car slid sideways into the path of a Ford Escort carrying three sisters and a brother from the border. McMahon said the two people in the front seat of the Escort and the passenger in the front seat of the Pontiac were killed instantly. The Escort passengers were identified as sisters Brenda Brumley, 23, and Tonya Brumley, 17. The passenger in the Pontiac was a 16-year-old female whose name was not released pending notification of the driver. The driver of the Pontiac, Carey Shane Gunnell, 17, died while being flown by helicopter to Ogden's McKay-Dee Hospital, the UHP reported. The two rear seat passengers in the Pontiac were identified as Nick Stevens, 18, and Steve Archibald, 27. Stevens, initially taken to Logan Regional Hospital, was flown to LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City early Saturday, where he was in intensive care. Archibald was treated for injuries at Logan Regional and released, a nursing supervisor said.

William Brumley, 14, a rear seat passenger in the Escort, was transported by ambulance to LDS Hospital. His sister, Kathryn Brumley, 22, was taken to LDS Hospital by Life Flight. Both were in serious condition, the UHP reported.

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Chicken farmers face new regulations

WASHINGTON (AP)—A four-year battle over when a chicken is fresh or frozen has finally ended. It will take a sharp-eyed shopper to figure out the difference.

Agriculture Department rules rooted in a 1993 California court case now prohibit processors from selling raw poultry as "fresh" if it has ever been chilled below 27 degrees Fahrenheit.

Before the rules, which took effect Dec. 17, chickens could be chilled to between zero degrees and 26 degrees, then thawed out and still be sold as "fresh."

"It's been sort of a joke up to now," said Jim Perdue, president of Maryland-based Perdue Farms Inc., the nation's No. 2 chicken processor. "No consumer is going to believe that zero degrees is fresh. It should have been done a long time ago."

But there's a hitch: Congress

forced the Agriculture Department to drop plans to require chickens that have been chilled at between 0 degrees and 26 degrees be described as "hard chilled" or "previously hard chilled."

Instead, those chickens will be in a kind of limbo, neither fresh nor frozen. Their labels don't have to say anything either way. The "chilled" words were dropped when several poultry-state senators were unable to insert language prohibiting it in the 1996 Agriculture Department spending bill.

"We felt they were going to bat for state economic interests," said Bob Hahn, legal affairs director at Health Policy. "They felt it would be a money-loser for the chickens to be labeled hard-chilled."

In essence, Hahn said, a consumer should assume that any

chicken not labeled "fresh" may have been chilled below 26 degrees, which makes the meat as hard and lengthens its shelf life but, some say, sacrifices taste.

"The chicken is less tender and less tasty, but it's not a safety concern," he said.

The new rules arose from a 1993 California law restricting use of the term "fresh" that was subsequently changed by poultry trade associations. Although a federal judge found that U.S. regulations pre-empted California's law, the Agriculture Department decided in 1994 to look into making changes nationwide.

As early as 1988, Perdue and other chicken companies had contended the federal rules were misleading. Frank Perdue, the former company president, did some now-famous TV ads that aired along the East Coast in which he

hammered a nail into a board with a so-called "fresh" chicken.

"I'd hate to try this," he deadpanned, pounding away, "with one of my fresh chickens."

Many in the poultry industry resent that chilling the birds below 26 degrees has no detrimental impact on taste. During the debate, the National Broiler Council, an industry group, objected to the 26-degree cutoff as lacking in scientific justification.

The process, which uses cold blasts of air as the chicken moves along a conveyor belt, gives the product a shelf life of 14 days, compared to about a week for chicken packed in ice.

Although the new labels are not as precise as Agriculture Department officials originally wanted, Hahn said consumer advocates are heartened that at least they won't be misleading.

Saddam may use holy month to hide weapons

PRINCE SULTAN AIR BASE, Saudi Arabia (AP)—President Saddam Hussein could use the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, which begins next week, to further conceal Iraq's chemical and biological weapons from U.N. inspectors, the general in charge of American forces in the Persian Gulf area said Saturday.

Marine Corps Gen. Anthony Zinni, setting out on a four-day regional tour, predicted a quiet Ramadan militarily but warned that Iraq may use the lull against the international inspections by agents of the U.N. special commission, UNSCOM.

"If they are hiding things and moving things, (Ramadan) could give them the time and the cover to do it," Zinni told reporters traveling with him to this sprawling air base, from which U.S. warplanes conduct day-flight missions over Iraq. "The longer we go without inspections in places that UNSCOM really, truly expects something might be hidden, the better the chance is that something could be hidden to the point where we could get a cold trail and lose it." The United States and U.N.



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allies have been pressing Iraq to open to weapons inspection scores of sensitive sights including some of Saddam's palaces. Though Iraq has given ground to

inspectors strictly off limits and denied it holds chemical or biological weapons.

Ramadan, marked by daytime fasting, is the most sacred month of Islam's lunar calendar. It begins next Wednesday at the latest.

During the holy period, when daytime activity in most Muslim countries tapers off significantly, Iraq officials probably will be unavailable to escort inspection teams, Zinni said. The Iraqi military probably will lie dormant, and the chance of U.S. military action is remote.

I doubt seriously that we would do anything during Ramadan," Zinni said. "Because

of the way they do Ramadan, they virtually shut down... Militarily, it means we're probably going to be frozen in place for that period."

Zinni, a stocky, blunt-spoken officer whose hair is buried in a regulation Marine crew cut, heads the U.S. Central Command, a military headquarters based in Tampa, Fla., responsible for an

arc of countries stretching from Kenya and Somalia in East Africa, across the Middle East, to Iraq and Iran at the Persian Gulf. It is the position held by Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf during the Persian Gulf War, and it is tension with Iraq should rise to the point of conflict, Zinni would be the commander in charge.

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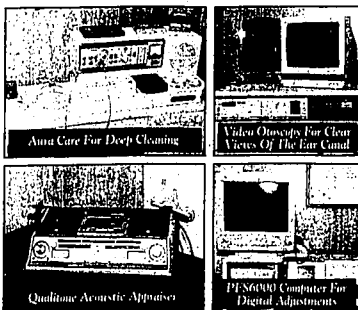


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April

8: Albion resident Paul Sward, 46, dies from injuries sustained in an April 3 explosion at Rainbow Farm Products Inc. — now Sundance Ag Inc. — near Burley. The explosion results in \$330,400 in Occupational Health and Safety Administration fines — the second highest OSHA penalty ever in Idaho.

May

1: An Ada County jury convicts Paul resident Jesus Diaz of aiding and abetting second-degree murder in Rupert man Blake Morgan's death. Rather than proceed with a retrial, Diaz Sept. 29 negotiates a precedent-setting plea agreement involving a third-party mediator — a process typically used only in civil cases.

2: J.R. Simplot Co. announces plans to lay off nearly half of its work force — 384 jobs — at its Heyburn plant. The company blames competition from Canadian and Midwestern markets.

June

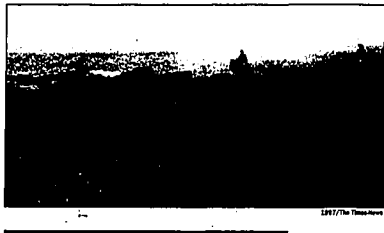
2: In the Mini-Cassia area, neighbors help neighbors fill sandbags to hold back the Snake River, beginning a month-long battle with rising water. As high water moves through the valley, it threatens Twin Falls' main water supply, makes a spectacular show at Shoshone Falls, floods homes in the Hagerman valley and contaminates Glenns Ferry's water supply. The river peaks June 21 at Minidoka Dam at more than two times flood stage.

Water managers warned of heavy mountain snowmelt as early as March when the Snake River at Heyburn already was full, carrying the maximum 20,000 cubic feet of water per second that its banks could hold before threatening river-side property.

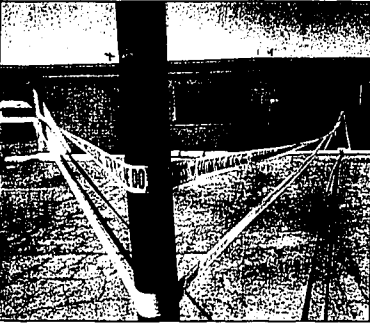
Heavy rain in late May and early June rapidly melted the record mountain snowpack.



Left, Contamination by river water forces Glenn's Ferry residents to get fresh water from trucks provided by the Air Force. Bottom left, the body of a message pailor owner is discovered in Twin Falls.



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July

1: It becomes more expensive to recreate on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, as the U.S. Forest Service begins to charge a "user fee." The Bureau of Land Management began charging fees at Milner Recreation Area June 1. Both agencies will collect the money for local improvements and maintenance during a three-year trial period.

1: Welfare reform begins in Idaho.

28: Corey Hood of Rupert is sent to prison for 33 years after pleading guilty to two counts of first-degree murder for killing his grandmother Mae Hood, 75, of Heyburn, and Wendy Hunter, 17, of Rupert. The sentencing

marks the end of a tumultuous court case that spawned several legal battles over a little more than a year.

August

1: The federal government releases a 14-year study by the National Cancer Institute that shows Blaine and Custer counties are among five counties in the nation hit hardest by radioactive fallout from Nevada nuclear bomb tests in the 1950s. Exposure to radioactive iodine during childhood could increase the risk of thyroid cancer.

11: President Clinton is the first U.S. president in history to exercise a line-item veto, and its impact hits Idaho sugar beet growers. Clinton said the provi-



Above, a short-lived grazing policy is withdrawn after public outcry. Left, the first use of the presidential line-item veto affects local sugar beet farmers.

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Elaine Steele, a political newcomer, wins a seat on the Twin Falls City Council while Mayor Jeff Gooding loses his seat.

Simmons, who sold benefited Texas billionaire Harold Amalgamated Sugar Co. Inc. to

growers. The law would have deferred capital gains taxes on the sale of the plant to the farmers who bought Amalgamated as a cooperative.

September

Buhl School District begins random drug testing of all high school students in state-sanctioned activities, making it the first Magic Valley district to adopt a drug-testing policy.

17: Gov. Phil Batt announces he will not seek a second term, setting off a political chain reaction. Republican Sen. Dirk Kempthorne announces Oct. 15 he will run for governor; five days later, Republican U.S. Rep. Mike Crapo announces his bid for Kempthorne's Senate seat.

October

1: The Department of Energy extends cleanup deadlines four years for the FY 9 nuclear waste cleanup project at Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory near Idaho Falls. The project, already nearly two years behind schedule, is intended to learn how to cleanup radioactive and chemical wastes that threaten southern Idaho's main water source.

November

4: Voters in four Magic Valley communities choose new mayors. Longtime Mayor Tud Penick loses the race to Barbara Gietzen. Elaine Steele wins a Twin Falls council race, defeating council incumbent and appointed Mayor Jeff Gooding. In Hailey, Councilman Rick Davis loses to fellow councilman and last-minute candidate Brad Siemer. Burley voters choose Doug Manning over opponent Peter Snow.

12: Al Sandner resigns as manager of Magic Valley's regional 911 dispatch center. Sandner was hired in May 1992 to establish the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center, which opened in 1996.

December

10, 13: About 900 people attend job fairs to apply for 61 jobs offered by the new Clear Shield National Inc. plastics plant in Twin Falls.

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Big Facts

Collector clubs
Current statistics on collectors and their clubs:
Total number of collectors in U.S. **31.3 million**
Number of "serious collectors" **1.2 million**
Number belonging to a collector club **1.5 million**
Number of collector clubs **225**
Source: *Collector's Club Yearbook*, research by *Collector's Club of America*, 1997



BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Small-business fair to provide tax information

TWIN FALLS - A small-business information fair will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 9 in the Room A05 of the Evergreen Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

Representatives from various state and federal agencies will be available to answer questions. Booths will be stocked with information to take home. Topics include when to pay sales tax, how to avoid penalties, how to get Small Business Administration assistance, employer responsibilities, which forms to file and when, and services provided by the Idaho Department of Commerce, Idaho Small Business Development Center and others.

Cost is \$10, seating is limited and pre-registration is recommended. Registration should be mailed to the Idaho Small Business Development Center, College of Southern Idaho, P.O. Box 1238, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1238.

Business center will begin training course this month

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Small Business Development Center's Leadership and Entrepreneurial Training Center will begin the nX Level Entrepreneurial Training Course this month.

The class will meet from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 7 through April 8 in Room 258 of the Taylor Building. Cost is \$250, which includes tuition and manuals.

Purpose of the course is to help business owners learn the skills they need to plan, operate and grow a successful business. Attending the 12 evening sessions and completing homework will produce a business plan and provide each nX Level graduate with a complete business framework in which to better understand their venture.

Sessions will cover entrepreneurial essentials, management and legal structure, marketing, analysis, marketing strategies, understanding finances, keeping better books and records, financial planning and budgeting, managing money, financing your own business, the deal-making process and managing future growth.

For registration information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2450. Students should register by Jan. 5.

CSI business department offers finance telecourse

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho's Business Department will offer a personal finance telecourse, Finance 102, during the spring semester. In addition to the class, an evening course will be broadcast simultaneously on local cable station KBIG.

The curriculum is based on renowned author, educator and financial consultant Robert Rosoff's Emmy Award-winning personal finance program.

Topics include budgeting, taxes, estate planning and other financial subjects. The three-credit course will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Jan. 13, with the time and place to be announced.

Instructor for the course will be Lori Halle Ward of Twin Falls. Ward holds a bachelor of arts degree in economics from Colorado College and an master of business administration from the University of California at Berkeley. Her professional experience includes business development for the Marriott Corp. and the formation of several small businesses. While living in Tokyo, Japan, several years ago, she taught English and business courses.

For registration information or for airing times, call the college at 733-9554, Ext. 2250.

Low snowfall amounts slow Utah's ski industry

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - At Park City Mountain Resort, snowmaking equipment is keeping skiers on the slopes.

"We had counted on a big ski season," said spokeswoman Stacy Zerrenner. "Yet here we are."

At The Canyons, there's enough powder for business, but there's not a whole lot more.

"Business-wise, it's good but it's not great," said Mark Anderson, president of Ski Utah. "A ski association comprised of the state's resorts and other ski-related businesses.

On a sleigh ride to success

Sledmaker carves niche in Alaska

The Associated Press

WASILLA, Alaska - Christmas is over, but in a rambling, double-doored workshop just this side of the North Pole one merry old man is still hard at work.

Strewn across his concrete-floored, woodstove-heated shop are bits and pieces of ash that one day will become handsome sleds, built to be pulled by strong, four-legged creatures common to the far north.

But these aren't sleds the likes of which Rudolph would lead. Rather, they are bona fide dogsleds, built of fine hardwood, steamed for hours and hand-bent to perfection.

And the merry old man isn't Santa, but Keith Poppert, soon-to-be 60, balding and thick-waisted, with a constant smile and bright eyes.

For 33 years now, Poppert has perfected his sled-building skills and has carved himself a niche in the Southcentral Alaska mushing community.

He runs his business - Koma Sleds - from the workshop next to his small, multi-roomed home at the end of a long drive just outside of Wasilla.

His shop is as well-known to mushers as the local hardware store was to our grandfathers, and it's not uncommon for him to invite a customer in for dinner.

The store is named after Keith and his wife, Mary.

"If I'd put Mary's name first, it would have said 'Make sleds and that sounds funny,'" Poppert said.

He's owned the business for at least 30 years, he guesses, and makes anywhere from 75 to 100 sleds a year. In the heyday of big oil and big money, he made 125.

Poppert makes all kinds of sleds for all types of people.

"They're used by children learning to mush their pet huskies. They're raced by competitors in the ever-popular Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race."

"They're packed high with gear and driven by winter campers, traveling the snow-covered land by dog team."

In some parts of Alaska, they're as common as a bicycle, as useful as a

"As long as you've got good runners, the rest is cosmetic."

- Keith Poppert, sled builder



Dog sled builder Keith Poppert, 59, crafts one of the custom-built sleds at his workshop next to his home in Wasilla, Alaska.

snowmachine.

"As long as you've got good runners, the rest is cosmetic," Poppert said, surveying a damaged sled he is about to repair. "You can rebuild any sled that has good runners."

In fact, that's how Poppert started building sleds.

He was a musher himself at one time. Now all he owns is one oversized but lovable dog named Bear that greets customers with unending barks.

At the time, Poppert was in his 20s, broke and in need of a sled. But back then, in the early 1960s, sledmakers were a rarity.

"It was \$300 or \$400 dollars for a sled," Poppert said. "The prices haven't changed much, because there just aren't that many people building them."

So Poppert took to the family wood-

shop in Wasilla, a place where his father, Virgil, sold paneling and wood flooring.

"He had the tools there and I could do my own work," the younger Poppert said. "That first sled looked like a box on runners. It had as much pizzazz as a box, too."

The sled may not have looked so sleek, but it worked and it lasted, Poppert said. And while the design has vastly improved, the Poppert trademark continues. He still maintains that function is more valuable than fashion.

"They're wonderful sleds for people who are beginning who are trying to learn because they're not the light, fast, slippery sleds that are so hard to handle," says Patricia Rae, owner of Rae's Harness Shop in Anchorage.

"They work great for here because you can bounce them off a tree, and keep going," she said.

She has carried Poppert's sleds in her shop for more than a decade, and she

hardly can keep them in stock during the holidays.

"He makes a wonderful child's spirit sled and child's toboggan," Rae said. "At Christmas, I try to get sort of a backlog in here because any child that's even thinking about mushing dogs is going to get one of Keith's sleds."

Back in his shop, Poppert staves busy through the winter to keep up with the rush - steaming long, thin pieces of ash, cutting plastic for heavy-duty toboggans, gluing wood together and assembling parts.

He keeps records of the sleds he has built in a small tattered, red leather notebook that dates to 1989.

For each sled he builds, he takes out a knife-sharpened pencil and draws a line, tallying the count at the end of the year.

"You have good years and not-so-good years," Poppert said. "But as long as I stay busy, I'm happy. And I stay pretty busy."

Family files lawsuit over defective switch

The Associated Press

KENT, Wash. - A Kent couple has filed a lawsuit over a faulty heater switch after their 6-month-old son suffered deep burns to the back of his legs and thighs.

The parents, Shari Angell and her husband, Chris, suffered the burns from a heater while they were living in Benson Terrace Apartments in Kent in 1994.

The boy never touched the heater, but was burned by the air flow which reached more than 200 degrees a foot away from the cover, according to the suit. The boy suffered burns to 10 percent of his body, according to the suit.

Ken Giles, spokesman for the Consumer Product Safety Commission, said it was the first such incident he was aware of involving a Cadet heater.

Cadet Manufacturing of Vancouver, Wash., makes

the heaters. It has distributed units to fix faulty switches in about 600,000 of the units, but the company is debating the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission order who will pay for repairs.

The switches are designed to stop the heaters from becoming overheated, said Ginny Burdick, a spokeswoman for Cadet. In some cases, the switches fail and begin to spark, possibly causing fires.

Originally, Cadet reported about 190,000 heaters contained the faulty switches in homes in the Western United States. But last week, Cadet revised its estimate to about 1 million heaters in Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

The heaters with the faulty switches were sold between 1985 and 1992.

Burdick disagreed with the product safety commission's report of 45 fires and two deaths linked to the heaters. She said no injuries or

deaths have been linked to the faulty switches. Only two of the fires resulting from the heaters involved loss of property, she said.

The Angells' lawsuit also seeks damages from the Benson Terrace Apartments owners for failure to maintain and give adequate warnings and instructions about the heaters.

Giles said all heaters, and electric heaters in particular, present a risk of burns to children.

"Parents need to keep kids away from heaters," he said.

In October, the product safety commission announced a recall of the heaters and reported Cadet would pay for repairs. But the company responded that it only intended to supply new parts for people to install themselves.

"We thought that was unsafe to have people doing work on their heaters," Giles said.

But Burdick said hiring

electricians to install new switches in more than 1 million of the heaters would far exceed the value of the company.

"The part is free, and they give very detailed instructions," she said. "The most important thing is to turn off the power. Once the power is off, it's very simple to replace the switch."

Dwaine Blanton, maintenance supervisor for the Auburn Glen apartments in Kent, said Cadet has been responsive to concerns about the switches.

"When the scare first came out on TV, we called Cadet's office and got the new switches within 10 days," he said. "It only takes about two minutes to put the new switches in."

Blanton said he is skeptical of the heater switches are to blame for the fires. Instead, he says poor maintenance and cleaning of the electric wall heaters is a common problem that can result in such catastrophe.



Brent Reese, property manager of Walker's Run Condos in Newcastle, Wash., looks at a heater in Kent, Wash. A couple in the town has filed a lawsuit over a faulty heater switch after their young son suffered burns. Reese has since changed the limit switches in more than 300 Cadet heaters in the complex.

Cyber-moguls trying to protect children ignore basic fact

By Joe Kilsheimer
The Orlando Sentinel

Online

A lot of lip service was paid recently to the good idea of keeping kids away from online pornography. But the cyber-moguls who gathered at the Internet Online Summit in Washington ignored a basic fact of life:

If kids are determined to look at dirty pictures online, they're going to find them, no matter what parents do. With blocking software, you can make it harder for kids to download smut. But even the best software won't block a bandit Web site that pops up with one address today and a different one tomorrow. These aren't hard to find if you know how to look.

You could also pull the plug and simply banish little Johnny and Suzie from

were a revelation to her. She sort of knew they were there but didn't know how to use them.

So at the fact of educating a few hormonal cyberusers — and in the name of helping parents — here are a few facts about Internet porn:

The most egregious pictures are in the newsgroups. The World Wide Web, the easiest-to-use part of the Internet, has many adult-oriented Web sites, but most charge a subscription fee. Without a credit card, you can see only the teaser images — which are bad enough — that they put on their opening screens.

Newsgroups, however, can hold dozens — sometimes hundreds — of images. They are contained within bulletin board postings that are digitally encoded. Netscape Navigator, Microsoft's Internet Explorer and

America Online's software all make it very easy to view the encoded postings. It used to be those encoded postings were hard to get at.

If you pay attention to anything your child does online, make sure you look at newsgroups first.

Sexual pictures — and sounds — can be sent via e-mail. You can keep your kids away from newsgroups, off the Web and out of chat rooms, but if they have buddies with digital porn, it takes only a few mouse clicks to send it from one computer to another.

Blocking software can go too far. The main criticism of programs such as Surf Watch and Net Nanny is that they can block your kids from sites that are harmless. You wouldn't want to keep

MONEY

The Times-News

RUPERT - The East Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District was honored recently as one of only 57 districts from nearly 3,000 nationwide to be named a Grand Award District in the 50th Annual Conservation Awards Program.

Sponsored by the National Association of Conservation Districts and The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., the nationally recognized program encourages conservation districts to protect and conserve soil, water, forests, wildlife and other natural resources.

Officials from Goodyear, NACD, the Department of Agriculture and representatives of 57 conservation districts met Dec. 11-14 in Scottsdale, Ariz., to share their experiences and the latest developments in conservation practices. Wesley Parr of Rupert represented the East Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District. Winning districts were selected based on their success in developing and implementing an annual plan for delivering district programs and services.

"This designation is quite an honor for members of the East Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District because less than 2 percent of the districts nationwide receive a Grand Award," says Tom Ford, marketing director for Goodyear's farm and off-the-highway tires.

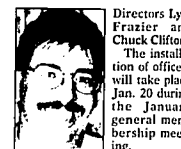
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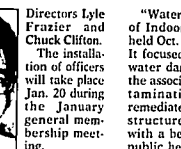
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TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Builders Association held its annual elections recently.

Kevin Bradshaw of KAB Home Designs will preside as president in 1998. In addition to Bradshaw, the new 1998 board includes Builder Vice President Ken Edmunds; Associate Vice President Tom Gilbertson; Secretary/Treasurer Elina Anna; Immediate Past President John Devine; Executive Officer Betty Stimpson; Builder Directors John Houser, Rick Kirsch, Chuck Hansen, Steve Olson and Gary Wolveton Jr.; Associate Directors Mark Beams, Tom Gilbertson, Chris Whitten, Dwight Sandmark, Steve Hallows, Ronan Taylor and Stuart Caludo; and Life

Members Lyle Frazier and Chuck Clifton.

The installation of officers will take place Jan. 20 during the January general membership meeting.

Paul - Jerry L. Ennis, DDS, is retiring from active dental practice after 35 years, and Bryce Killian, DDS, will assume his practice Thursday.

Killian graduated from Creighton University School of Dentistry in 1997 and worked in Idaho Falls before beginning his association with Ennis in November. Dr. Killian is accepting new patients. The office is located at 207 W. Ellis, and can be reached by calling 438-4855.

"Water Damage Remediation of Indoor Environments" was held Oct. 23-25 in Pittsburgh, Pa. It focused on various aspects of water damage remediation and the associated hazards of biocontamination from improperly remediated water intrusion into structures. Reese came away with a better understanding of public health, consumer concerns, safety and insurance concerns regarding water damage situations.

Conference presenters reviewed research documenting various health problems that may result from exposure to mold, fungi and other biocontaminants. Mold contamination typically results from chronic moisture problems or improper dry-downs of accidental water damage. Other potentially serious health hazards are present when the source of the uncontrolled water is contaminated.

Reese said his attendance at the conference will better prepare his company to handle all aspects of the property restoration process in a responsible and appropriate manner. The Water Loss Institute is an international education,

research and training association for water damage professionals and a division of the Association of Specialists in Cleaning and Restoration.

REE-Construction is a water and fire damage restoration contractor specializing in remediation of water-damaged indoor environments.

TWIN FALLS - Domingo Villanueva recently joined the sales staff at Furniture and Appliance Outlet.

Villanueva speaks Spanish fluently and is available to serve the Spanish-speaking clientele.

BURLEY - David F. Jones recently received his Certified Public Accountant license. Based in Stenoora, Ill., Jones has been a senior staff accountant with the accounting firm, Garard Price and Associates for more than two years. His main emphasis is income tax, but he also works on compilations and audits.

Contact Jones at djones@cyberhighway.net or 678-9019 at Garard Price and Associates, 2058 Overland Ave.

TRADEWINDS

Entrepreneurs take Xmas hit

Ernie Sing & Snore don't go out stores' doors as fast as some predicted

The Washington Post

(WASHINGTON) — His losses so far top \$30 — not to mention the extraordinary phone bills, advertising costs and all the sleep Rich Giampa missed while making midnight runs to toy store loading docks, hoping to snag a Sing & Snore Ernie right off the truck.

Giampa had informants alerting him when shipments arrived, assistants running out to make purchases and hours of research into the product. His plan seemed foolproof. Buy the elusive Ernie, then resell them for huge profits, "just like what happened last year with Tickle Me Elmo," he said.

But that's where Giampa, 35, of Manassas, Va., and a slew of other Ernie investors were wrong.

Sing & Snore Ernie made his debut at the top of the Christmas toy universe, area stores haven't been able to keep the narcotic, crooning orange doll on their shelves for longer than a few seconds. But unlike last year, local gray market entrepreneurs who have inflated the doll's \$30 price to as high as \$650 are taking a major loss.

"I'd say it's a complete bust... a nightmare on Ernie Street," said Giampa, who shelved out about \$630 for 14 dolls, some from scalpers. "I've done just about everything imaginable to sell these dolls. All for nothing. My phone hasn't been ringing, and I haven't made a dime."

The legendary resale success of last year's "wunderdog," the ticklish, giggling Ermo, probably enticed large numbers of speculators to try to cash in on Ernie, toy store officials said. Like Elmo, Ernie is another character from TV's Sesame Street.

Last spring, Mattel Inc.'s Tyco Preschool division ordered 1.2 million Sing & Snore Ernies — 20 percent more than the 1 million Tickle Me Elmos ordered last year — just to be on the safe side for the holiday season. Still, their safety net proved too small.

Cuddly and cute, Sing & Snore Ernie warbles "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star," yawns and explains, "I need a nap," when his sleep mask is lowered.

In October, Ernie won Elmo's old crown as the "Toy of the Year" in Family Fun magazine. And that's when the speculator frenzy began. "I heard on the radio that

Ernie was going to be the new Elmo, so I started buying a lot of them around Thanksgiving," said Charles Franco, 23, of Fairfax, Va. "So now I have like 18 Ernies, and I'm like, 'What the heck am I going to do with all these Ernies?' People are being very resistant to buying them."

Franco placed an ad in "The Washington Post" that asked \$550 a doll. He got about three calls — one from an irate man who speculated a rapid-fire list of obscenities, then hung up — and no sales.

"I think more and more parents are like, 'So what if my kid doesn't have an Ernie? Life goes on,'" Franco lamented. "I have been deliberately showing off my Ernies at McDonald's and stuff, and I've had mothers turn their kids' faces away."

Karen Johnson, 30, is just the kind of shopper that Franco blames his troubles on. She stopped at a toy store after Wednesday looking for a Sing & Snore Ernie only to find an empty shelf.

When asked if she might turn to the underground market, Johnson, a lawyer, said, "That's ridiculous." Nearly 120 Ernie classified ads

ran in The Post Sunday, placed by people willing to part with theirs for a price. That price ranged from \$12 (probably a joke) to Franco's \$550, with many about \$250. A good number of the Ernie-mongers mistakenly think his name is "Sleep & Snore," judging from the classifieds.

Some ads were designed to strike emotional chords, like these: "New Student Needs Money for Christmas," and "Single Dad Paying for Christmas."

Both the dad, Airman Kevin Greig, 25, who is stationed at Bolling Air Force Base in the District of Columbia, and the student, Donnell Pharr, of Annapolde, Va., got calls and offers (which is better than most others could say). But neither sold any dolls.

Pharr, 24, was hoping to raise enough off his five dolls to pay for half of his \$2,000 tuition bill at Northern Virginia Community College.

More investors flock to formerly boring bonds

Chicago Tribune

Unable to match the brilliant prospect of the stock market, flat-footed bonds have had to live with scant attention from investors — at least until this fall.

"It just so happens fixed-income is a boring product, it really is — and it's hard to fight that when the Dow Jones (stock index) goes up 300 points a day," said Bubba Bennett, director of national fixed-income marketing for Prudential Securities Inc.

But now, boring is looking a bit better. "It's like someone just turned on the spigot and we saw investor dollars flowing into fixed-income," Bennett said, referring to investment products such as bonds that pay a fixed rate of interest at regular intervals.

Indeed, bonds are surprisingly hot. In the past month or two, their steady, steady attributes have lured more and more investment dollars, especially as yields fall and the stock market looks like less of a sure bet.

One indicator of renewed inter-

est is the flow of new cash into bond and income mutual funds, estimated at \$8 billion in November — the biggest infusion since January 1994.

Another is the steady decline in yield, and the accompanying rise in price, which boosts overall bond performance. In fact, the yield on the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond recently has dipped below 6 percent, hitting its lowest level since October 1993.

"We've seen significant strength," said John Rex, chief economist at the Investment Company Institute, the mutual-fund trade group that issued the estimate.

Still, "we're below the pace seen earlier in this decade," he said, noting inflows averaged \$9.5 billion a month in the peak year of 1993.

The comeback this fall is attributable to a combination of factors, experts say, including continuing low inflation, declining interest rates, renewed volatility in the U.S. stock market and tremors in Asia.

Online

Continued from D1

your teenager from looking up a recipe on how to cook chicken breasts, would you?

The best way to keep kids away from porn is not to block them but to track them. A relatively new program, called Disk Tracy, won't prevent your kids from going anywhere on the Internet, but it will produce a report letting you know where they went and what they downloaded.

The software sifts through the stored files on your hard drive — including the temporary files kept by your Web browser — looking for files associated with sex, drugs, violence and computer hacking. The software also can examine floppy disks, although it's up to you to know where the disks are in your house.

Disk Tracy is sold in most computer stores for a suggested \$34.95. You can download a demo copy from its Web site. Address: <http://www.disktracy.com>

With tracking software, you can inform your kids that they are free to roam online but that you expect them to behave responsibly — and that you will know if they haven't.

If you find out they've misbehaved, you can drop the hammer. Of course, if they stay away from cyber-space's questionable content, you can pat them on the back for good behavior.

Q. Why can't I connect faster?
Today's standard modems are advertised as being able to run at 56,000 bits per second — also known as 56 kbps, and 56K in computerese shorthand — but owners are reporting that they rarely connect at that speed.

The reason: Most phone company wiring — designed to handle

analog voice signals — isn't capable of carrying digital data at that speed.

In most cases, your 56K modem will connect at 40 kbps to 45 kbps. That's still better than the old 28.8 kbps and 33.6 kbps modems, but it's not what is advertised.

To achieve your 56K modem's advertised speed, you'll have to wait for your phone company to upgrade its wiring. By the way, a 56K modem can only download data at 56K. When you upload files, the fastest possible speed is 33.6 kbps.

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NEW BUSINESSES

ATMs are coming to a corner near you

The Times-News

BOISE - Following are the new businesses filed with the secretary of state's office for November. Businesses are listed by name, agent, address and nature of business.

A & G, Aquatic Inc/Ben Ken Ellis, 1128 E. 495 N., Buhl, ID 83316.
Afterthoughts Gift Shop, Diane Henley, 1824 N. Frontage Road, Wendell, ID 83355, retail trade.
All-Occasion Cakes, Sue Bridwell, 6102 Second Ave. W., Wendell, ID 83355, retail trade.

Alphal Graphics and Maintenance, Terry Fitzpatrick, 464 Fifth W., Twin Falls, ID 83301.
Ar & R, 200 S. Main, Arden J. Koyne, 126 N. Clark St., Declo, ID 83343, wholesale/retail trade and services.

Becklet Case, Robert L. Constock, P.O. Box 290, Ashton, ID 83420 (Sue Nielsen/Croal Gaska, General Delivery, Hailey, ID 83323), retail.
Boulder Mountain Leasing, Boulder Mountain Financial, P.O. Box 791, Twin Falls, ID 83303, finance, insurance and real estate.

C & T's Farming, B & D C Inc, 255 S. 200 S., Twin Falls, ID 83301, agriculture.
Cancun Mexican Restaurant, Brenda, 2656 Benson Lane, Boise, ID 83705 (Dennis Arent, Manager), Boise, Burley, ID 83315, services.
Candy Creations, 252 Overland, War Eagle Drive, Hailey, ID 83323, retail.

Country Car, Steve Brecht, 107 W. 200 S., Rupert, ID 83350, services.
D.L. Designs, Debra L. Lindberg, P.O. Box 2304, Hailey, ID 83323, retail and wholesale.
Dennis Adams Mobile Home Court, Dennis Adams, 2021 1/2 Burley, ID 83318, services.

Diversified, Richard Soudy, in a home, 112 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.
DTV Enterprises, Thomas F. Montgomery, 2400 S. Main, Declo, ID 83318, retail trade.
Edgewater Technologies Inc., Ken Cooper, 4604-B River Road,

Buhl, ID 83316.
Elkhorn Resort, Thomas C. Pragasini, 191 Fifth St. W., Ketchum, ID 83343, retail trade.
Eva, EAT, P.O. Box 508, Hailey, ID 83323, retail trade.
Feld and Brush Mowing, Doug Swanner, P.O. Box 7525, Hailey, ID 83323, services.

Fleming Dairy, Bill C. Fleming, 17404 E. 2600 S., Wendell, ID 83355, agriculture.
G & Garcia Marketing Inc., Kelly J. Fox, 209 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.
G.F. Co. Inc., Patricia M. Griffin, 506 Ardena St., Gooding, ID 83320.
G.F.Y. Contract Services, Bette Will Gower, P.O. Box 761, Hailey, ID 83323, services.

G.T.'s Tunes, Greg Thomas, P.O. Box 3594, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.
Global Adventures, Gary Aarvatz, 205 S. Aspen Drive, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.
Heddlinger, Leticia Martinez, P.O. Box 816, Heyburn, ID 83336, retail/wholesale trade and services.

Hillside, 1125 Crestwood Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.
Hobby Services, 2154 Crestwood Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.
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Jensen Farms, Larry R. Jensen, 914 W. Baseline, Faulk, ID 83347, Agriculture.
Joe's Repair, Jody Neiderhiser, 220 E. Nepesic, Richfield, ID 83342, services.
Kage Food Retailing and More, Elizabeth P. Beedle, 319 Jackson St., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.
K&N Excavation, Gary Lane Yates, P.O. Box 691, Ketchum, ID 83340, construction.

Kimber's Candies, Sharon Kae Kimber, 19 N. 570 W., Burley, ID 83318, retail trade.
Lentz Appraisal & Consulting, Patricia A. Lentz, P.O. Box 6919, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.
Life Trust Processing Inc., Gregory S. McDonald, P.O. Box 6, Twin Falls, ID 83301.
Little Wood Inc., Patsy Jaeger, 112 N. Alto, Shoshone, ID 83352.

Lynn Theatre Farms Inc., Lynn Theatre, 2495 E. 4000 N., Filer, ID 83328, farming.
M & M's Country Club, 200 S. Main, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.
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Letha Kinney, 311 N. Second, Hailey, ID 83323.
R & M Decorating, Mark Slivicki, P.O. Box 2595, Hailey, ID 83323, services.
R.J. Slickers, M.D., R. Slickers, 1211 Lyndon Mall, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.
Rice's Racket Express, Leslie R. Rice, P.O. Box 396, Pajaro, ID 83347, services.
Rough Family Limited Partnership, Lucille L. Routh, 1698 Falls Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

S & W Unimiled, Mark Slivicki, P.O. Box 2595, Hailey, ID 83323, services.
Satin Enterprises, Melvin Call, 268 W. 400 S., Burley, ID 83318, agriculture.
Serviceation Inc. of Magic Valley, Tegan and Grant Inc., 162 W. 540 S., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.
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Los Angeles Times

Jim Sanderson stepped inside the upscale Long Beach, Calif., nightclub Jillian's ready to play, but without a dollar in his pocket.

The 30-year-old stock broker, dressed in a chic dark suit, nonchalantly sauntered past the

cash before I go out anymore.

These machines are everywhere.

Jim Sanderson, at any time, anywhere, and in any way, said a California resident

Rocky Clancy, executive vice president of the Bank Administration Institute, a Chicago-based research group.

Within the last couple years, automated teller machines have started popping up in the most unlikely places: clothing stores, public libraries, state capitols.

One ATM manufacturer even has decided to install the cash machines inside the cabins of commercial airplanes.

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wide were running last year, up from about 95,000 in 1993, according to Durham, N.C., research firm Meritis Corp.

Most of the new machines are being installed for bank branch offices — and not by banks.

A nationwide fight has erupted over who gets the remaining prime ATM locations, with scores of would-be ATM owners

scouring the nation for blank walls and empty nooks.

There's this societal belief that we should be able to bank wherever, and in any way, said

Rocky Clancy, executive vice president of the Bank Administration Institute, a Chicago-based research group.

On average, most banks charge non-customers — and occasionally their own customers — between 51 and 52 each time they use a third-party ATM.

Stafford said. Several countries can take a bite from the surcharge including the ATM owner, the customer's bank and the landlord where the machine is located.

Banks also benefit from lower costs per transaction at ATMs. A typical teller transaction at a large bank costs \$1.07, compared with 27 cents for an ATM transaction, according to Gemini Consulting, a management firm in Cambridge, Mass.

"It's easy, easy money," Stafford said.

Consumers have made 11 billion ATM transactions in 1997 so far, up from 10.7 billion dealings last year, according to the banking group.

The average withdrawal was \$80.

Faltering yen gives Big 3 automakers a scare

Night-Rider News Service

The Big Three are worried. And rightly so. Japan's economy is in trouble. Its currency is at a 5-year low, with the yen closing below 130 to the U.S. dollar for the first time in 10 months.

Japanese consumers are in debt. Few people can afford to buy new cars.

But Japanese automakers aren't slowing down their assembly lines or laying off workers. In fact, most are pumping out more cars and trucks than a year ago.

What are Nissan, Honda and Ford exporting? Most of those extra vehicles? They're shipping them abroad, primarily to the United States and Europe, where consumers are buying them like never before.

The automotom is scary for Detroit automobile executives, who get flashbacks to the days when baby boomers first started to abandon Chevys and Fords for Japanese cars.

"This is not good news for the domestic industry," said Mustafa Mohantarem, chief economist for General Motors. "The last time we had a yen like this was in the mid-1980s, and everyone saw the severe consequences for the U.S. auto industry. It could definitely happen again."

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when they're sold in foreign countries, especially the United States, which enjoys the world's strongest currency.

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So it's easy to see why Japanese automakers are keen on sending their vehicles here. After all, they can't seem to peddle many cars to cost-strapped consumers at home.

And, because of the currency exchange, Japanese-built cars are more profitable when paid for in dollars.

The number of cars Japan has sent to the United States in the first 10 months of 1997 is up nearly 21 percent from the same time last year.

Toyota more than tripled the number of Camrys sent to the United States in October and November 1997 compared to the same period a year ago.

Honda has increased the number of Accord sedans it exports to the United States by 715 percent so far this year.

So far this year, Japanese automakers have sent 1.03 million cars to the United States. As Asia's economy continues to sour, the number of cars destined for America will continue to grow.

This infuriates American automotive executives.

"Japan thinks it can export its way out of the problem, but it can't," said Andrew Carr, president of the American Automobile Manufacturers Association.

Manufacturing Association in Washington. "We've been raising concerns about weakening yen for a long time. The situation is horrible."

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"A weak yen is not our intention. policy, we are on the contrary," said Naoto Anami, Detroit's consul general of the Consulate General of Japan.

"Japanese people are very much embarrassed that the yen has depreciated so much. We want to see it higher so we can be proud. But when it comes to exchange rate issues, we can't do much to control it."

Executives at Japanese automakers say the rise in exports has little to do with currency fluctuations. In fact, Japan's largest automakers have spent billions of dollars in the past 15 years to build new factories in the United States to increase the amount of North American parts in all of its cars sold here. About 70 per-

cent of the Japanese cars and trucks sold in America are made here, according to the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association.

Instead, they say, Japan is exporting so many cars and trucks because it remains an dumping for certain hot markets. No American automaker builds anything like the Honda CR-V or Toyota RAV4, revolutionary little vehicles that ride like cars but offer the utility of a minivan.

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Desert Sun Travel New Year's Resolutions 1. Be yourself. 2. Go to Mexico for only \$38.99. 3. When a tidal wave hits, don't swim - go surfing (or cruising). 4. Take a cruise for as little as \$321 (air in). 5. Go fishing...in Costa Rica. 6. Explore Europe by rail. 7. Go cruising with Roxie. 8. Make your dreams come true!

THE LIGHT TOUCH

By Craig Smith

What this country needs is a computer that can figure out all the things that add up.

Experience is what enables you to make a different mistake the next time.

You know you are growing older when a fortune teller offers to read your face.

Our friend went to a ski resort that had three slopes: beginner, intermediate and call an ambulance.

Best wishes for a Happy & Healthy New Year, from CURT'S CAR CARE

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Happy New Year!

Large, Green Skinned **Fresh Avacadoes** 3/ \$1

Small, Texas **Pink Grapefruit** 6/ \$1

Delicious, Tender, Boneless, Skinless **Chicken Breasts** \$1.89 lb

Boneless Beef **Sirloin Tip Roasts** \$1.69 lb

- Snow White **Cauliflower** 59¢ lb
- 1 lb Bag Mini Peeled **Carrots** 99¢
- Tart 'n Tangy **Lemons & Limes**... 8/ \$1
- Sweet 'n Juicy **Kiwi Fruit**..... 5/ \$1
- 1 oz Dry Pkg., Reg. or Spicy **Great Guacamole Mix**... 59¢
- Gallon Darigold Astd. **Fruit Punch Drinks**... 79¢
- 128 oz **Xtra Liquid Detergent**... 2/ \$5
- 15 oz Western Family **Crispy Rice**..... 2/ \$3
- 15 oz S&W Kidney, Garbanzo or Lite **Garbanzo Beans**... 2/ \$1
- 40 lb Dry **Atta Boy Dog Food**.. \$10.99
- In Our Bakery! Great Snack Cooked **Chicken Drumettes**..... \$1.89
- Fresh, Homemade, **Tom & Jerry Batter**... \$1.49 lb
- Delicious, Homemade Crab & Bacon or **Green Onion Cheeseballs**... \$1.79 lb

Large, Crisp Heads **Iceberg Lettuce** 2/ \$1

Williams Fresh, Lean Family Pack **Ground Beef** 99¢ lb
Smaller Packs ... \$1.09/lb

- 10 oz. Gold 'n Plump Marinated **Chicken Breasts**..... \$2.39 lb
- Delicious, Oregon **Shrimp Meat**..... \$4.99 lb
- 2 lb. Bricks, Western Family, Astd. **Cheese**..... \$3.99
- 8 oz Western Family **Shredded Cheese**..... \$1.69
- 5 oz Jars, Kraft Flavored **Cheese Spreads**..... \$1.29
- 2.5 oz Western Family Wafer Sliced **Lunch Meats**..... 49¢
- 16 oz Taco Bell Mild or Medium **Salsa**..... \$1.49
- 16 oz Taco Bell Regular or Fat Free **Refried Beans**..... 2/ 99¢
- 40 ct. Heavy Duty or 100 ct. Reg. Strength Western Family **Paper Plates**..... \$1.99
- 16 oz Bags, Flav-R-Pac **Frozen Vegetables**..... 69¢
- 750 ml Andre **Champagne**..... \$3.49
- 750 ml Freixenet **Champagne**..... \$8.49
- 245 pk. Cubes **Budweiser**..... \$11.49

Half Gallon Astd. Flavors **Western Family Ice Cream** 3/ \$5

2 Ltr. Bottle Ast.d **Pepsi Products** 59¢
12 Pack Cans Pepsi Products \$2.99

16 oz Western Family **Snack Crackers** 4/ \$5

IN OUR BAKERY 6 ct. Pkg. Fresh Baked **Hoagie Rolls** \$1.39

9-10.5 oz Pop Secret Astd. **Microwave Popcorns** 2/ \$3

6-7 oz **Pringles Chips** 99¢

12 pk. Cans Reg or Light **Milwaukee Best Beer** 2/ \$8

12 oz Western Family • Spanish Peanuts • Party Mix w/Peanuts • Toffee Butter Peanuts • Honey Roasted Peanuts **\$1.79**

16 oz Western Family **Sour Cream** 69¢

7 oz Astd. Flavors Western Family **Pizzas** 69¢

25.4 oz Martinellis **Sparkling Cider** 2/ \$3

12 oz Whole Sun Reg or Country Style **Orange Juice** 4/ \$3

24 oz. Western Family **Corn Flakes** 2/ \$3

5.5 oz Western Family Astd Canned Moist **Cat Food** 5/ \$1

Christmas wishes on sale

A COLLECTION OF GOODIES

GOODING - The 4th annual "Nickel Toys for Girls and Boys" Christmas Toy Sale was held Dec. 11 and 12 in the round building at the Idaho State School for the Deaf and Blind.

The toy sale is sponsored by the Gooding Christian Ministerial Association. The sale is a community outreach program to assist needy families in Gooding by making toys available for their children at the price of a nickel a piece.

Due to demand, parents were limited to three toys per child. To participate, parents needed to bring a picture identification of themselves and a social security card or a birth certificate of their children. Coats and other winter wear was available for free.

The Gooding Christian Ministerial Association would like to thank the sponsors, businesses, churches and individuals who donated merchandise, money and time to make the event a success.



Don and Krystal Wirth buy presents at 5 cents each from Christmas helpers, from left, Donna Morton, Mary Thompson and Cheryl Reed at the Gooding 'Nickel Toys for Girls and Boys' Christmas Toy Sale.



Shoshone Chamber of Commerce members, from left, J.R. Churchman, Virginia Churchman and Glenda Excell fill bags with goodies for the annual free movie for kids. After the movie, Santa and Mrs. Santa gave bags of candy, oranges and peanuts to children.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Tuft returns from LDS mission

BURLEY - Elder Mark Steven Tuft and Susan Tuft of Burley, has returned from serving a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the California San Diego Mission. He will report on his mission at 12:50 p.m. today at the Burley 9th Ward chapel, 2350 Normal Ave.

The time was announced incorrectly on Saturday's Religion page.

Capps receives Eagle Scout Award

JEROME - Joshua Brian Capps has earned an Eagle Scout Award through the Boy Scouts of America. The award was presented to Joshua during a court of honor set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome LDS Stake Center, 25 N. 100 E.

Joshua completed 32 merit badges, which qualifies him to receive a bronze and gold palms at later dates. For his Eagle service project, he built geese nests for the



Joshua Capps

Fish and Game Department. His father and members of Troop 93 helped with the project. They built seven nests, requiring two evenings of work and five hours of planning and gathering materials.

Joshua is the 14-year-old son of Brian and Ranae Capps of Jerome and a freshman at Jerome High School. He enjoys basketball, the outdoors, hunting and snowboarding and has participated in cross country. He is a member of Troop 93, sponsored by the Jerome LDS 6th Ward and led by Paul Foot.

Red Cross chapter elects officers

TWIN FALLS - The annual meeting and election of officers at the Sawtooth Chapter of the American Red Cross will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the chapter office, 718 Shoshone St.

The public is invited.

Egbert awarded scouting honor

HAZELTON - Mark Egbert has earned an Eagle Scout Award through the Boy Scouts of America. The award will be presented to Mark at a court of honor planned for 1 p.m. Thursday at the Hazelton LDS Church.



Mark Egbert

To earn the award, scouts must complete at least 21 merit badges and an Eagle Scout service project. Mark earned 27 badges, which qualifies him for a bronze palm to be received at a later date. For his project, he refinished and painted the tables and playground equipment at the Eden City Park.

Mark, 13, is in the seventh grade at Valley Junior High School, where he is involved in football, basketball and track. His brothers, Ryan, also earned an Eagle Scout Award. Clark and Lana Egbert of Hazelton are his parents.

Youth serve gourmet brunch

JEROME - A gourmet brunch will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the American Legion Hall, located on the corner of East Seventh and North Lincoln.

The menu will include eggs alexander, biscuits and gravy, fresh fruits and breakfast breads will be served. Suggested donation is \$5 per person.

The New Year's Day breakfast is a fundraising event for the youth of the Evangelical Free Church.

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Public Library is holding a quilt fair during the month of January. Quilts made by Kimberly residents will be on display at the Kimberly Community Center, located next to the library. The quilts can be any size. Those who enter heirloom quilts are asked to provide a short history of the quilt on a 3-inch by 5-inch card. Registration of quilts will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Friday and Jan. 5.

A quilt will be set up to be tied and will be raffled off at the end of the month. Suggested donations for tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

The library is starting its Winter Storytime for children ages 3 to 6.

The event will be held from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays beginning Jan. 7, 1998.

Winter ice skating set in Sun Valley

TWIN FALLS - The city of Twin Falls and Lori head are sponsoring winter ice skating in Sun Valley on Jan. 31 and Feb. 7, 14 and 21.

The fee is \$55, which includes skate rental, rink time and transportation for all four trips.

Sign-ups begin Friday. Registration forms are available at City Hall.

For more information, call the Twin Falls Recreation Department at 736-2265.

Screening finds children's needs

BURLEY - The Cassia County Joint School District will hold a free screening for children ages 3 and 4 who may have special learning needs on Jan. 5, 1998.

Parents or guardians of children experiencing speech, physical, mental or emotional difficulties are encouraged to contact the district office and set up an appointment for a screening. Children with a disability may attend preschool free of charge.

Appointments are required and may be made by calling 678-6627 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Grat recognized at court of honor

Chris Grat of Burley received his Eagle Scout Award at a court of honor held Nov. 2 at the Burley LDS Stake Center.

Grat completed 23 merit badges. He was assisted on his Eagle project by 14 people who helped him build out a soccer field and build two goal posts at White Pine Elementary School. The project took 64 hours to complete.

Grat, 18, is a senior at Burley High School, where he is active in football and track. He plays piano and trombone and has performed and competed in dance, logging with Handy's Dance Factory in Idaho; Salt Lake City, Utah; San Diego, Calif.; Phoenix, Ariz.; Branson, Mo.; and Poland. He also performed at the Miss Mini-Cassia Pageant. Church activities include first assistant in priest group. He is a member and senior patrol leader of Troop 110 with leaders Kent Anderson and Mike Schell. He attended Dan Beard Rangers at Camp Bradley. His parents are Dan and Julie Graf of Burley.

CROP walk final tally released

The final tally on this year's Mini-Cassia CROP Walk was released, with 105 walkers from six different denominations raising \$5,800.

Twenty-five percent of the money will be used locally at soup



Chris Grat

SURPRISE VISIT



Members of Cub Scout Pack 97, led by David Chaney, surprise the Gooding Senior Center with a caroling visit during the senior center Christmas party.

kitchens and homeless shelters. The remainder will be sent to Richard Hall and Vance Campbell placed second in the Properties division of Technical Theater. The entry was an old fashioned gramophone made from scratch. Jill Smith, last year's state first-place winner in costume, took third in Costume/Technical Theater. Kim Smith, her twin sister, modeled her sister's basic black costume. Raft River had 12 entries, and 26 students made the trip to Coeur d'Alene. They were accompanied by judges Ann Wight and Sylvia Gush.

B & J Bridge winners announced

Winners at B & J Bridge for Nov. 25 were North-South: Harry and Lorena Warnke, first place; and Donna Kanan and Peggy Payne, second; and East-West: Jackie Brown and Pat Burton, first place; and Pat Stephenson and Mildred Wolfe, second.

The winners for Dec. 2 were North-South: Barbara Carney and Wilma Shockey, first place; and Marie Price and Suzie Evans, second; and East-West: Pat Creason and Norma Goodman, first place; and Billie Park and Barbara Belliston, second.

Bridge winners for Dec. 9 were Wilma Shockey and Barbara Carney, first place; Mildred Wolfe and Pat Stephenson, second place; and third place (tie) Harry and Lorena Warnke and Jeanne Gistler and Billie Park.

Drama teams bring home trophies

Two Cassia County schools brought home state trophies from the State Drama Festival held in Coeur d'Alene. More than 49 schools competed, and 850 students of Idaho's best drama programs won the coveted sweepstakes trophies. Burley High School, under the direction of Richard Call, claimed the second-place sweepstakes trophy in Class A schools. Raft River High, under the direction of Mary Alice Telford, claimed the second-place sweepstakes trophy in Class B schools.

Raft River High School, one of the smallest schools in the competition, won all its points in the Technical Theater division: T.J. Wight, assisted by Tyrrell Teeter won first place in make-up compe-

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Jenks continues education at Ricks

Sarah Ann Jenks, daughter of DuWayne and Pamela Jenks of Oakley, will continue her education at Ricks College with help from a scholarship awarded by the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation.

Jenks, a freshman at Ricks, is taking general courses. The \$2,000 scholarship is awarded to Idaho students on the basis of high academic performance and financial need.

Greenup wins trip to Mexico

Ole Greenup of Rupert won the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce and Lockheed Martin Technologies

of Idaho trip to Mazatlan, Mexico. The seven-day vacation raffled raised funds for the new Chamber of Commerce/Visitors Center Building under construction in Heyburn.

Jarolimek named to dean's list

Kelly Jarolimek, daughter of Kent and Mary Ann Spaulding of Rupert, made the dean's list at the Colorado Institute of Art in Denver, Colo., for the summer quarter. Kelly is majoring in graphic design.

SERVICE NEWS

Nutsch completes training course

U.S. Navy Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Matthew J. Nutsch recently completed one year of training at the Nuclear Power Training Command in Orlando, Fla. He will be assigned to nuclear submarine duty. Nutsch is the son of John and Carrie Nutsch of Jerome and a 1996 graduate of Jerome High School.



Sarah Ann Jenks



Matthew Nutsch

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FEATURES

Loyal viewers aren't so mad about baby

The Baltimore Sun

It's the birth of Baby Buchanan going to be the death of a once great sitcom. That might be an unpleasant question to ask in this holiday season of good cheer, but it is one that can no longer be avoided after the "Mad About You" episode that took place entirely outside the door of Mabel Buchanan's room as her gull-ridden parents let their infant daughter cry herself to sleep for the first time.

Helen Hunt, the best actress working in sitcoms, was again terrific. Paul Reiser wasn't bad either. But 22 minutes of their minutes of an infant wailing was way too much.

Baby Buchanan for me is a perfect illustration of how go-go, ga-ga, baby-obsessed this once savvy, sophisticated sitcom has become.

For his part, Reiser insists the baby has not overtaken the sitcom, although a young couple in the big city, and says "Mad About You" has never been better.

"We've been talking about a baby for three or four years, and I was the president of the let's-not-show-just-about-baby club, because I wouldn't want to watch that kind of show," he said.

"And I'm really proud of our work. I think we've done some of our best shows ever this season, and our batting average is higher than it's ever been."

But that's not what the audience seems to think. Ratings are down for "Mad About You" in its sixth regular season. It's no longer a regular in the Nielsen top 20 despite some of its weakest competition ever.

In fact, it has barely been able to hold the military "MAD" on CBS, while ABC has taken the 8 o'clock (EST) Tuesday time slot during key sweeps weeks in November by counterprogramming with extra episodes of "Home Improvement."

Such viewers wind up angrily tuning the show out, in essence, rejecting it in response to the rejection they feel.

At the heart of all the explanations for the fall in TV connections to our favorite sitcom characters are complicated and deeply emotional. Once we make the leap and allow ourselves to believe and trust in a sitcom, we have created a form of sibling rivalry when a new child joins the cast of their favorite series and starts to get all the stars' attention.

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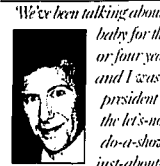
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Sexuality — with Jamie as the object of desire and Paul doing most of the desiring — was a big part of the series. Remember the living room full of baby equipment for the couple to bring out dinner?

Losing the sexual spark is no small matter in such a series, as "Monday Night Football" and "Northern Exposure" found out.

There are a lot of possible explanations for the trouble with "Mad About You," but they all ultimately point to the baby.

One theory says the ratings dip is the result of viewers who don't have children losing interest in the baby-obsessed show. Another theory says those who don't have kids are tuning out, because they already have all the crying babies they need.

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FEATURES

TCM features classic of week: 'The 39 Steps'

The Orlando Sentinel

During the 1930s, the British carried the spy film to new levels of cinematic achievement...

a script by Charles Bennett and Alma Reville that is consistently clever, with suspense, intriguing minorities and ingenious plot twists...

Tall, handsome Robert Donat is perfectly cast beside cool, blond Madeleine Carroll. They create what may be the most sexually stimulating relationship between a gentleman and a lady there has been on the screen...

Hannay, a Canadian living in London who becomes involved in a murder and is pursued across Scotland by the police and a dangerous spy ring...

Unlike the novel, in which the 39 steps are a place, the designation in the film refers to a spy organization.

New cable channels make TV complicated

The Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — Get ready for the digital age when all things (or at least all channels) seem possible.

In the not-too-distant future, Fox alone may offer a network for every entertainment taste and mood. In addition to its flagship network, home of 'The Simpsons' and 'The X-Files,' Fox already provides two Fox Sports West channels, Fox Sports Americas, FX (which promotes itself as 'Fox gone cable'), Fox News Channel, FXM, Movies From Fox, and the Fox Family Channel...

Tom Brokaw or Katie Couric turning up on NBC means that just a chip away at the viewing pie, just as Fox football commentators John Madden and Terry Bradshaw can be seen yakking away on Fox Sports West.

'The world changes. When FX came out, there was a great deal of concern that it not be called Fox. And the Fox Family Channel, which will be moved into a children's programming service...

Confused? The network roster gets more complicated as NBC and its cable outlets MSNBC and CNBC, or Disney/ABC, whose alphabet includes ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNNews, Classic Sports Network and Disney ESPN acquired channels this year, the Disney Channel and Toon Disney, an all-cartoon network the studio will debut in April.

Disney also owns ABC, now a haven for Disneyified programs, including 'The Wonderful World of Disney' on Sunday nights, cartoons every Saturday morning and numerous specials.

With new and improved technology and greater channel capacity, such companies are looking to leverage their valuable trade names to fill the void. While that would seem to pose a risk of diluting existing franchises or even providing too much of a good thing, executives insist there's no danger as long as each service fulfills its specific mission.

'Hagen Daz' — how many flavors of ice cream do they make and it's still Hagen Daz,' said NBC Television Network President Neil Brennan. 'As long as they deliver, there can be as many flavors as you want.'

That philosophy has created a certain tension over the years between networks and their affiliates, who want to be the exclusive purveyor of network programming and not share the logo or limelight with secondary channels.

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Industry representatives insist that more complex channels can reinforce and support their primary networks while offering cross-promotional opportunities. Disney, for example, says Tom Brokaw and Katie Couric are 'cartoons from the studio's vast library — won't in any way undercut the Disney Channel.'

'I honestly don't think there's any doubt' to adding channels, said Disney/ABC Networks President Geraldine Laybourne.

There is pressure, however, for channels that use such brand names to meet viewer expectations. Braun, for example, stressed the importance of MSNBC's quality out of the starting gate so as not to put NBC's name to rest.

'A brand is not a name or an icon. A brand is a relationship between a product or a service and the people who use it. It's all in the execution,' he said.

NBC actually may have benefited from MSNBC's timely coverage of Princess Diana's death, which was the most viewed of the network's affiliates. Meanwhile, Brian Williams — who hosts a prime-time news hour on MSNBC — has furthered his credentials as a news star in that forum and as the likely heir to Tom Brokaw on 'The NBC Nightly News.'

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'Underground' is epic tale of troubled land

The Los Angeles Times

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WEST



Candlelight vigil for the one-year anniversary of her murder in Boulder, Colo.

Some ask if there will be justice in girl's death

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Nearly a year ago — as carols echoed, and Christmas lights twinkled — a father carried the lifeless body of his beauty-queen daughter up the stairs, and onto the world stage.

It was an immediate and global mystery: Who killed JonBenet Ramsey, the little blond girl with the dazzling smile?

A year later, the arrests remain unsolved. There have been no mystery. And while there is a new lead investigator and there are signs the investigation is active and ongoing, there remain more questions than answers in the 6-year-old death.

Will there be justice for JonBenet? Or will missteps in the police's failure to secure the crime scene and allow the father to find the body — prove to be the case's undoing?

"This may be one of those cases where the American public may have to be satisfied with the fact that there may never be a trial," said Harvard Law School professor Alan Dershowitz.

Early moves, when police thought they were dealing with a kidnapping rather than a homicide, likely will "come back to haunt them," said Gregg McCrary, a former FBI criminal profiler who now works with the Trust Assessment Group of Newport Beach, Calif.

Family friends wandered in and out of the house after Patsy Ramsey reported finding a ransom note demanding \$118,000 for her daughter early on Dec. 26. John Ramsey searched the house about eight hours later — at the request of police. He found her, strangled and beaten, in the basement.

"There is no doubt that the defense — say hypothetically if the parents are charged — or one of them, or both — the defense is going to have a field day with all the things that went on in that initial period: the lack of control of the crime scene and all of that," McCrary said.

Ranchers worry about possible fee rise

FLYING M RANCH, Ariz. (AP) — As he bounces his spring down a rocky trail, fourth-generation rancher Jack Metzger says he's considering turning his cattle ranch into a subdivision.

Metzger said he's just scraping by. Beef prices are low. Cows keep going up. A booming elk population "almost overgrazed us into oblivion" a few years back.

Now, a lawsuit that mirrors changes elsewhere in the West is threatening to raise the fees he pays to lease state-owned grazing land to supplement his privately owned acreage.

If someone else outbids him for the state lease, Metzger says he may be forced to give up the Flying M Ranch.

"As soon as we lose that lease, we've got a private title country subdivision out here," says Metzger, who ranches 140 square miles of state, federal and private land about 35 miles southeast of Flagstaff. "If you lose the ability to use the land, you sell the land."

"The whole idea turns my stomach."

Earlier this year, a judge in Phoenix struck down the state Land Department's practice of letting many ranchers renew their grazing leases indefinitely without competitive bidding. That practice violated the department's mission of generating the most revenue to help fund schools, Maricopa County Superior Court Judge B. Michael Dann ruled.

"The Land Department is the alter ego of the ranchers," said Tim Hogan of the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest, which filed the lawsuit. "I think they've always viewed it as their job not to maximize benefits to the public's health but to take care of the ranching industry."



Jack Metzger talks about state-owned land leases outside of one of the cattle corrals at his family ranch southeast of Flagstaff, Ariz., earlier this month.

Lease fees are calculated not by acreage but by the number of animals grazing, currently \$2.09 per month for one "animal unit." During the 1993-94 fiscal year, that brought Arizona only \$2.63 million, or about 31.3 cents per acre.

Dann scheduled a hearing for Jan. 2 on the issue of whether the Legislature needs to change state law. State Sen. Jack Brown, a rancher and real estate broker, said lawmakers might consider a measure to preserve the current system.

Leasing state land to help fund

schools is commonplace across the West, and challenges to the practice are spreading.

A Montana judge is considering a similar lawsuit challenging that state's grazing fee structure. And in Colorado, voters chose last year to shift the state's land management focus from earning money to preserving open space.

Dann's ruling, if allowed to stand, would open as many as 1,300 Arizona grazing leases on 8.7 million acres to competitive bidding.

Hogan says some ranchers would have little to worry about.

"There's going to be a number of leases for which there is no competitive interest, and there's going to be some that there will be," Hogan said. "If there's no competition, the rancher will continue to pay the minimum."

Brown said he doesn't want to take the chance that his fees will rise.

"It's a poor time to ask the rancher for an increase, when the rancher is dealing with endangered species and all kinds of other regulations that are about to kill him," said Brown.

Violence victims find safe haven

KAYSVILLE, Utah (AP) — This was a different Christmas for Ann and her two children. But at least it was a safe one.

In June, Ann's husband of 11 years ran over her intentionally with his motorcycle as their children, ages 9 and 5, watched. While recovering from a bruised hand and a fractured disc, she decided to leave him for the seventh — and last — time.

"I just couldn't get far enough away," says Ann (not her real name). She fled to another state and stayed with her sister, but her spouse tracked her down and peppered that household with threats.

Then Ann found out about the Shelter in Davis County, which opened this month.

The eight-bedroom secure facility in downtown Kayville can house a total of 32 women and children. It was funded through federal, state and county grants won by the Davis Citizens' Coalition Against Violence, as well as donations from the United Way and residents.

"Our hope is to provide a safe place to stay and connect them to resources that can help them get a better life for themselves and

their children," says shelter Director Judy Kasten Bell. And to fill a void in northern Utah's support network — which the new facility is doing for Ann.

"For years, I had reached out for a shelter in Davis County," she says, but found none. Escaping to shelters in Salt Lake City or Ogden would have meant uprooting her children from school; staying put meant staying in harm's way.

That predicament is part of what prompted Pay Purdy, former president of the Davis Citizens' Coalition Against Violence, to spearhead a drive to get a shelter in Davis County.

For years, Purdy says, residents had underestimated the extent of domestic violence in Davis County. "Word is out now, and it won't be as hidden as it has been," she says.

Studies show a woman is beaten every 15 seconds in the United States — yet relatively few report the violence. In Davis County, 3,099 domestic-abuse cases were reported in 1996 — and 200 victims entered shelters.

Making that move was difficult for Ann, but she's glad she did. She says "it's beautiful, confi-

dential and secure" at the shelter. For the first time since her husband started beating her a few months after their wedding, she is "starting to feel safe."

In addition to that security, there are three meals a day, hygiene kits and toys for the tots. "You don't want for anything here," Ann says.

A typical day begins with shelter residents making their own breakfast in the kitchen — the pantry is brimming with donated food. Starting next month, representatives of the Division of Workforce Services, Davis County Mental Health and other agencies also will hold morning meetings with victims.

Afternoons are spent with the shelter's social worker, on loan from the state Division of Child and Family Services, and the child counselor. Residents eat dinner together every night.

The average stay is 12 days, with a 30-day limit. Four families — four women and 12 children — are in the shelter this week.

"They give you a lot of outlets and community resources I wasn't aware of," Ann says. And those resources help families become self-reliant.

Appeals court clears man in crash

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah Court of Appeals has rejected a \$10 million lawsuit filed against Draper by the family of a 21-year-old man left severely brain-damaged by a 1993 van-truck crash.

The court's decision, handed down Friday, rejected claims by the family of Kenneth Reed Snell that the southwest Salt Lake County community was civilly liable for the accident.

On Oct. 13, 1993, Snell, 21, was foraging a vanguard of a research animal to the University of Utah. Traveling at up to 67 mph, he Snell crashed into a truck that had turned into his path in Draper, according to court records.

His family had sued, maintaining Draper was culpable because it had failed to post a sign for northbound traffic, although it had posted a 40 mph sign for the southbound lanes.

The accident occurred while Snell was driving from the Lohi Animal Shelter to Salt Lake City, traveling along a frontage road just east of Interstate 15. About a mile after crossing from Utah County into Draper, the northbound Snell approached the private road to Geneva Rock.

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Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff:
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Stretching, San Bernardino, Calif.

ANSWER: You were not strong enough to cue-bid. You had a comfortable raise to two diamonds. A takeout double followed by a voluntary raise promises about an ace more than an opening bid. If partner has a hidden major, he may bid it over two diamonds.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
We had a 70-point partscore and partner opened two hearts (strong). Do the Laws compel me to keep the bidding open? I had a Yarborough with four small hearts.

Fearless, Corsicana, Texas

ANSWER: The laws do not prescribe the details of bidding systems. They define opening procedure and provide adequate remedy when the course of the game is disturbed. With very poor hands, most partnerships require responder to offer a negative response, regardless of strength and the score. Sometimes opener holds a strong two-suiter and needs only a trump fit to make a slam.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
With K-x in dummy, declarer cashed the king and continued with the low one. I held the queen and a small one. Since I thought he was going to play his ace, I had my small card detached and ready to play. Surprisingly, he finessed and I won my queen. Was my behavior unethical?

Cheved on Harper Woods, Mich.

ANSWER: Yes, detaching any card before it's your turn to play is a severe breach of ethics.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
RHO opened one spade and I made a takeout double. I held ♠ K-5, ♥ A-J-9, ♦ K-Q-7-4-2, ♣ J-10-9. Partner was unhappy when he saw I held three hearts instead of four. Would a two-diamond overall have been better?

Receiving Rd., Durham, N.C.

ANSWER: Your takeout double has my approval. It has much more going for it than an overall of two diamonds. The double suggests a possible contract in three suits; the diamond overall, only one.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
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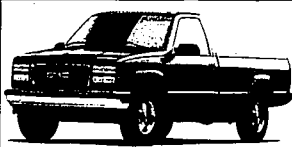
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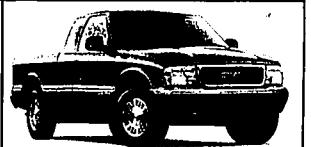


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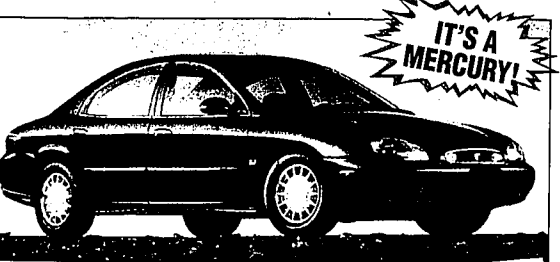
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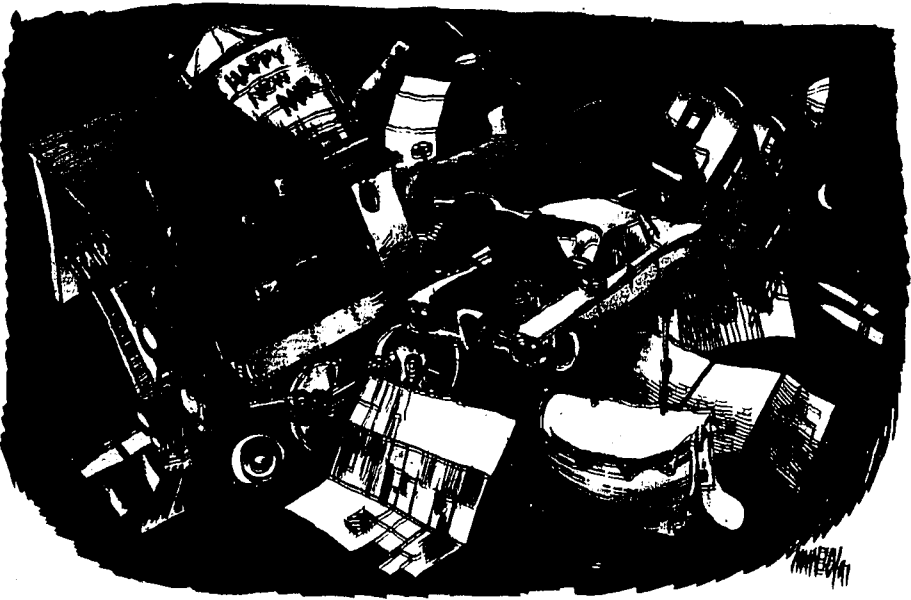
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It was — in the immortal words of Al Gore, who began 1997 as a serious presidential timber and ended it fleeing through swamps pursued by federal dogs — a year with no controlling legal authority.

It was a year when Mike Tyson could chop off a piece of his opponent's ear during an internationally broadcast title fight and still not be the year's most famous biter.

It was a year when, because of a lawsuit involving the president of the United States, we would hear distinguished political commentators publicly discussing the size, shape and distinguishing characteristics of the president's... ummm... the president's DOCTRINE, as in: "Check out the doctrine on that racchorse!"

But most important of all, it was a year that, thank God, had only 12 months, because that was frankly all we could take. In case you've forgotten how weird 1997 was, let's take just a moment here to review the major news events, starting with...

January

... when the year gets off to a less-than-ideal start aboard the troubled Russian space station Mir as cosmonaut Yuri Hackov opens a bottle of champagne to celebrate the New Year, only to have the cork blast through the spacestation wall, leaving a hole that would have sucked out all the air in minutes if cosmonaut Vladimir Fishkillinakov had not alertly plugged it with a wad of gum that he had been chewing since August in anticipation of just such an emergency.

In New Year's college-football action, the national championship goes to Nike State University, which defeats the University of Nike in the Nike Bowl.

To mark the occasion, the Nike Corp. generously announces that its Asian factory workers will receive bonuses averaging 50 percent of their weekly

salaries, or 86 cents.
The team Mattel is forced to recall its popular motorized Cabbage Patch Snacktime Kids doll because of its tendency to clomp on children's hair and not let go. (There is no truth to the rumor that the doll was originally called "Snacktime Maw.")

In education news, the Oakland, Calif., school system decides to teach "Ethonics." A lot of people be upset.

On the media front, NBC, in what some critics view as evidence of the continuing decline of TV news, announces that Bryant Gumbel's replacement as co-host of "The Today Show" will be Pamela Anderson Lee.

America Online's new unlimited-use pricing plan is so popular that its telephone lines are swamped, with the tragic result that millions of distraught subscribers are forced to chat manually with their own family members. And speaking of technology problems, in...

February

... bad luck once again strikes the troubled Russian space station Mir when the main navigational computer is eaten by a rat. Fortunately, the plucky cosmonauts are able to navigate the craft manually, taking star sightings by holding their breath and sticking their heads out the cabin window for what a Russian space agency spokesperson describes as "very brief periods."

In other science news, a group of Scottish genetic researchers, after a long night of drinking Scotch, hatch a plan to tell the news media that they have cloned a sheep named "Dolly." The news media naturally accept this claim with no proof whatsoever, and within hours the entire world has been bombarded with images of Dolly, who is immediately signed to a seven-figure deal to write a book in which she is expected to reveal that she was abused as a lamb.

In a Los Angeles courtroom, O.J. Simpson's legal fortunes take a turn for the worse when members of a civil-trial jury, after carefully weighing the evidence, attempt to kill him with a chair.

As the trial ends, experts fear the U.S. economy will suffer because of layoffs in the massive O.J. industry, which currently employs one-third of the nation's media and legal professionals; however, much of the slack is quickly taken up by the rapidly expanding JonBenet Ramsey Industry.

On the political front, President Clinton, in a press conference originally intended to launch his potentially historic War on Toenail Fungus, winds up answering pesky press questions about reports that his 1996 campaign raised money by selling sleepers in the Lincoln bedroom for \$50,000 a pop. The president states that he has "no clear recollection" of running for president in 1996 and "definitely cannot recall meeting anybody named Lincoln."

In labor news, pilots for American Airlines threaten to go on strike over the thorny issue of "why every single in-flight movie has to feature Steve Guttenberg." The strike threatens to cause massive delays in commercial air travel. The day is saved at the last minute when President Clinton steps in and points out that massive delays are pretty much normal. Speaking of normal, in...

March

... problems continue to plague the troubled Russian space station Mir when all power is suddenly shut off as a result of an apparent failure by the Russian space agency to pay its electrical bill. Disaster is temporarily averted when an emergency crew arrives with a carpet, which enables plucky astronauts to generate their own static electricity by scuffing their feet.

In Washington, President Clinton's plan to launch a historic federal initiative against carpenter ants is postponed indefinitely when he breaks his leg while attempting to step over an enormous campaign contribution. Attorney General Janet Reno vows to have her office conduct a thorough investigation into the burgeoning campaign-funding scandal

"just as soon as somebody tells me where my office is."

A 60-year-old mystery is solved when pilot Linda Finch, retracing the route of Amelia Earhart in an exact replica of the famous aviator's plane, finds Earhart herself still waiting for clearance to take off from La Guardia. In other aviation news, former President George Bush jumps out of an airplane and parachutes safely to the ground, only to be immediately recaptured by his Secret Service detail.

The month ends on a shocking note with the mass suicide of the California-based Heaven's Gate cult, whose members believed that they were going to be picked up by an alien spacecraft accompanying the comet Hale-Bopp. In the wake of the tragedy, an angry but determined O.J. Simpson vows that he will not rest until he finds the comet that is really responsible. And speaking of space, in...

April

... history's first "space burial" takes place when a commercial rocket blasts off carrying a satellite containing the ashes of 24 deceased people whose wish was to spend all of eternity peacefully orbiting the Earth. Everything goes smoothly until the satellite slams through the wall of the troubled Russian space station Mir, where the damage are hampered by the fact that they keep inhaling and sneezing out fragments of "Star Trek" creator Gene Roddenberry.

April also sees one of the biggest stories in world history when Ellen DeGeneres, in a televised event that receives more worldwide attention than the first lunar landing, courageously reveals, on the air, that the letters in her name can be rearranged to spell "Slender El Gene." On the legal front, the tobacco industry goes on trial on



charges that, for years, it has been making and selling cigarettes. The industry promises to produce expert scientists who will testify against "the totally unproved claim that just because you are a giant tobacco company, you are automatically involved with tobacco products."

In golf, Tiger Woods wins the Masters and is awarded the traditional green Nike logo. Shortly thereafter, "Fuzz" Zoeller lowers the sport's previous on-course 10 record, with a 54. The medical world is stunned when a 6-year-old California woman gives birth to a baby; what makes this event even more amazing is that the baby is 27 years old. In Scotland, genetic researchers announce that they have cloned an ant, which they name "Ho-ster." And speaking of science, in...

May

... astronomers are treated to an once-in-a-lifetime celestial extravaganza as the comet Hale-Bopp, having rounded the Sun and now leaving the solar system at 40,000 miles per hour, slams into the problem-plagued Russian space station Mir, seriously damaging the only piece of equipment on the craft that was still working, a Magic Eight Ball, which becomes permanently stuck on "Outlook Gray — Try Again."

In Washington, the Clinton administration and the Congress finally come to terms on an agreement to meet out for all balance the federal budget. This is the 19th such agreement in the past 12 years, earning the United States the coveted international award for World's Most Frequently Balanced Budget.

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FAMILY LIFE

Year

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But in a piece of bad news for the president, a court rules that Paula Jones can proceed with her lawsuit alleging that, as governor of Arkansas, Clinton showed her his drawers.

In a highly controversial decision that, according to critics, is proof that the military justice system is out of date, the Air Force announces that it will court-martial bomber pilot Kelly Flinn on charges of being a witch.

In Scotland, researchers announce that they have successfully produced a 100 percent genetically identical clone of the movie "Jurassic Park," which they name "The Lost World." And speaking of lost, in ...

June

... troubles continue to plague the troubled Russian space station Mir when both the main and auxiliary toilets become massively clogged, possibly because for eight straight months the crew members' diet has consisted exclusively of a special "space food" mixture of Spam and Tami, called "Spam."

The campaign-finance scandal continues to burgeon with the allegation that in August 1996, President Clinton sold Amway products from the Oval Office.

True them: Strom Thurmond, who is honored in June for becoming the longest-serving U.S. senator, writes a foreword to a book by a former staff member, apparently unaware that the book, "The Day After Roswell," contends that the U.S. won the Cold War with technology taken from an alien spaceship. Speaking of other worlds, in ...

July

... the NASA Mars probe Pathfinder lands on the Red Planet after a harrowing approach in which it narrowly misses the problem-plagued Russian space station Mir, which has wandered several billion miles off course after losing power to its thruster rockets, forcing the plucky cosmonauts to steer the craft by spinning command packets into space. Upon landing on Mars, Pathfinder releases its rover vehicle, Sojourner, which — in a demonstration of superb design and

engineering — runs into a rock, deploys its air bag and files a lawsuit.

The Big Tobacco trial comes to a sudden and surprising end when the tobacco industry accepts a plea bargain in which it pleads guilty to a reduced charge of selling a pack of Kool Kings to a 17-year-old, and agrees to pay \$23.3 billion to "every lawyer within a radius of 400 miles."

Meanwhile, the economy continues to boom, primarily because of the millions of new jobs created by the telecommunications industry's massive effort to change every area code in America every two months. And speaking of the economy, it takes a hit in ...

August

... when a strike against UPS results in major headaches for businesses as well as specific acts of violence, the worst coming when angry strikers attack the troubled, and seriously off-course, Russian space station Mir as it inadvertently crosses a picket line in Akron, Ohio.

The strike is settled quickly when President Clinton, exercising his powers under the Taft-Hartley Act, informs leaders for both sides that if they do not come to terms immediately, he will commence logging them.

Unfortunately, the president's triumph is short-lived as the campaign-fund-raising scandal continues to burgeon with the revelation that, during the 1996 presidential campaign, the entire second floor of the White House was dismantled and shipped in crates to the home of a wealthy California contributor.

The month ends with pretty much the whole world watching TV and weeping.

Unfortunately, things do not improve much in ...

September

... when sportscaster Marv Albert is tried on charges connected to an unusual personality disorder that causes him to suddenly transform into another kind of entity altogether, kind of like a werewolf, except in Marv's case he is more like a werbeaver.

Albert's attorney, Roy Black, surprises the legal profession by going with a "mistaken identity" defense, contending that the vic-

tim was probably attacked by "some other Knicks' broadcaster named 'Marv Albert' who wears women's undergarments and has what appears to be an irate ferret clinging to his scalp."

But things go badly for the defense when the prosecution produces a surprise witness who also claims to be an Albert victim — Dennis Rodman, who, in a moment of high courtroom drama, turns tearfully to the defendant and says: "How come you never call?"

So Albert is forced to plead guilty, only to be immediately pardoned by President Clinton on the grounds that "a person should not be punished forever just because he makes a mistake that anybody could make, not that I am necessarily saying that I did, and if so it was a bureaucratic mistake."

In Scotland, genetic researchers announce that they have cloned a sock, which they name "Bob." And speaking of research, in ...

October

... the United States launches the Cassini space probe despite vocal opposition by protesters who are concerned that if something goes wrong, the probe could crash in a populated area and spew out its deadly cargo of "ten-phen."

Fortunately, the launch goes off without a hitch, and the mission proceeds flawlessly for several minutes, at which point the probe, now traveling at 17,000 miles per hour, somehow — in what astronomers later describe as "a one in a billion chance" — manages to miss the troubled Russian space station Mir. There are no contingency plans for this fluke occurrence, and Mission Control has no choice but to abort the mission and blow up the probe.

In entertainment news, the Media Hype Legal Event of the Month for October is "The Nanny Trial," which is watched closely by audiences on both sides of the Atlantic, and which ends on a surprising and controversial note when an outraged O.J. Simpson vows to "find the nanny who is really responsible." And speaking of international controversy, in ...

November

... the eyeballs of the world are once again focused on Iraq, where Saddam Hussein, the Wile E. Coyote of international tension, is

suspected of constructing secret military facilities that, according to U.S. intelligence, will be capable, upon completion, of manufacturing "ten-phen." The crisis is averted when Iraq, faced with the threat of overwhelming U.S. military force, is purchased by the Nike Corp.

The month ends with a heart-warming "high-tech" updating of the traditional Thanksgiving story as astronaut aboard the space shuttle Columbia successfully complete the first orbital transfer of a frozen turkey to hungry cosmonauts aboard the troubled Russian space station Mir.

Unfortunately, the Mir oven is not working, and the cosmonauts make the questionable decision to cook the bird by exposing it to cosmic radiation until it is glowing like a beer sign.

Within minutes after eating it, they begin to experience what Russian space officials describe as "a case of the nuclear trots"; cosmonaut Nikolai Wankov is also reportedly suffering from "a tapeworm the size of the late Nikita Khrushchev." And speaking of problems, in ...

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December

... the burgeoning campaign-finance scandal takes yet another alarming turn when Vice President Gore is arrested for selling crack at the Lincoln Memorial. An indignant President Clinton tells the press that he has "no so-called knowledge of any so-called Vice President Gore." Attorney General Reno vows to drive a pickup truck across the country, sleeping in the back under a tarpaulin.

On the legal front, the U.S. Supreme Court, in a decision that observers believe may herald a more liberal era, votes 7-2 to get nose rings.

In the Middle East, talks break down over the issue of whether rock beats scissors. But aside from that, it is generally a peaceful time as the holy season is celebrated

over much of the Earth. It is also celebrated aboard the troubled space station Mir, which turns out to be unfortunate inasmuch as two of the major elements of a traditional Russian Christmas celebration are (1) drinking vodka, and (2) lighting candles.

As the resulting on-board fire rages out of control, plucky cosmonauts are able to get into an escape pod and jetison from the doomed station; Russian space authorities are unable to maintain radio contact, but report that the cosmonauts appear to be headed toward "a safe landing on the island of Montserrat."

Happy New Year.
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ENGAGEMENTS

SAGERS-ANDERSON

BURLEY - Joe and Sherre Sagers of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Jesse Sagars to Brian Kent Anderson, son of Larry and Pat Anderson of Rexburg.

Sagers is a Burley High School graduate and attended Ricks College in Burley.

Anderson is a graduate of Sugar-Salem High School and attended college in Miles City, Mont. He is employed in St. Anthony, where the couple will reside.



Jesse Sagars and Brian Anderson
The wedding is planned for Saturday in Burley.

LOHR-STEVENS

FLIER - Mr. and Mrs. David Lohr of Flier and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stevens of Buhl announce the engagement of their daughter, Chelise Lohr.

The couple are graduates of College of Southern Idaho and currently are attending the University of Idaho.

After the wedding, they will reside in Troy.

The wedding is planned for 3 p.m. Saturday at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Twin Falls. A reception will follow at the Flier Legion Hall.



Phillip Stevens and Tara Lohr
reception will follow at the Flier Legion Hall.

TROSTEL-LAPP

TWIN FALLS - Gary and Betsy Trostel of Twin Falls and Jodie and Stan Eastman of Cedar Falls, Iowa, announce the engagement of their daughter, Chelise A. Trostel to Toby C. Lapp, son of Peggy and Ray Lapp of Hansen.

Trostel attended Challis High School in Challis. She is employed at BHP Printers in Twin Falls.

Lapp attended Twin Falls High School. He is employed by Wayne Skeem Eagle Gate in Twin Falls.



Toby Lapp and Chelise Trostel
The wedding is planned for March 14, 1998.

KERBS-TERRY

BURLEY - Jeff and Cindy Kerbs of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Jenger Kaye Kerbs to Joshua William Terry, son of Russ and Kim Terry of Burley.

Kerbs is a graduate of Burley High School. She is employed at The Bon Marche in Boise.

Terry is a graduate of Burley High School and attended Ricks College in Rexburg.

The wedding is planned for 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Burley Stake Center with a reception to follow from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The couple will reside in Boise.



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WEDDING

CALDERON-CARVAJAL

TWIN FALLS - Gloria Calderon and Henry Carvajal were married Oct. 10 in Twin Falls.

The bride is the daughter of Gabriela Calderon and Desiderio Calderon of Bogota, Colombia.

Parents of the bridegroom are Cecilia Monsalve of Twin Falls and Oscar Carvajal of Bogota, Colombia.

Amanda Tamayo, friend of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor.

Bridesmaids included Mary Hughes and Amanda Tamayo, friends of the bride.

Special guests included parents of the bride, Gabriela Calderon and Desiderio Calderon of Bogota, Colombia.

A reception was held following the ceremony.



Gloria and Henry Carvajal
Orlando Zamudio attended the guest book. Gift attendants were Carlos Lopez and Robert Flint.

The bride is a graduate of the College of Bogota, Colombia. She is employed at Cactus Petes.

The bridegroom is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. He is employed at Cactus Petes.

The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE SORENSENS

DIETRICH - Mr. and Mrs. LaDri C. Sorensen recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their children and grandchildren.

Sorensen and LaRue Spencer were married Dec. 18, 1947, in the St. George, Utah, LDS Temple.

The couple has been farming and ranching since their marriage. They lived in Mount Carmel, Utah, until 1963 at which time they moved to Dietrich. In 1975, they purchased a ranch in Fredonia, Ariz., where they lived until 1988 when they moved to Weiser. In 1995, they moved back home to Dietrich.

They have been active in serving their children and those in the different communities in which they have lived.

They are the parents of 10 children, 43 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.



LaRue and LaDri Sorensen

The couple wanted to celebrate their anniversary by helping one of their daughters finish her basement. A Thanksgiving dinner was held in their honor and then for three days everyone worked on the basement. All family members were present at the celebration except five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

What worries Americans most about their kids

The Washington Post

Ask American adults to name the most serious problems facing children, and one answer overwhelms the rest: drugs. Crime and the breakdown of home life rank a distant second and third, respectively.

Concern about health care and the ability to pay for it hardly get mentioned. Injuries, the leading cause of death among children, doesn't even make the list. Nor does smoking, the leading cause of preventable illness in all Americans. The only disease mentioned by at least 1 percent of adults is AIDS.

When the Harvard School of Public Health reported last week on its nationwide survey, "American Attitudes Toward Children's Health Care Issues," health care was conspicuously absent.

The findings suggest that the "family values" agenda has caught on with the public more than the "health care" agenda, said Robert J. Blendon, professor of health policy and political analysis at both the Harvard School of Public Health and the Kennedy School of Government, who directed the study.

"Poverty, day care, health insurance — these are off the radar screen," Blendon said.

He said he was surprised that poverty didn't rank higher as a concern when one out of five American children lives below the poverty line, and surprised as well that concern about crime rose sharply even as crime rates fell.

At a time when states are trying to figure out how — and whether — to take advantage of a new federal law aimed at boosting Medicaid coverage of otherwise uninsured children, the results are troubling to health officials.

In the Harvard survey, only 29 percent were aware of the new law or the effort to expand coverage of uninsured children. Adults with uninsured children were no more aware of the new legislation than other adults were.

"We were sort of staggered by that," Blendon said. "What's clear is that people don't even know there's going to be a debate about this. They just see the public following this legislation."

The nationwide opinion poll was designed by the Harvard School of Public Health and conducted by the Survey Research Center at the University of Maryland. About 1,500 randomly selected adults were interviewed by telephone during September and October.

When a 1986 Harris poll, using identical methodology, asked adults to name critical problems facing children, drugs were also far-and-away the top concern. But the other rankings were sharply in the past 11 years.

Child abuse and sexual abuse, mentioned as a top concern by 28 percent of adults in 1986, plummeted to 1 percent this year. Crime leaped into second place, mentioned by 24 percent, compared with 4 percent in the earlier poll. Concern about

breakdown of home and family life remained strong, but dropped from 46 percent to 22 percent. Alcohol fell slightly from 9 percent to 8 percent. Nearly twice as many adults mentioned education as an important concern this year compared with 1986.

Made it health care nor poverty to number one into the Top Ten list of concerns in either the 1986 or the 1997 survey.

"Health care, poverty, alcohol and smoking didn't even make it onto the list," said Ruby P. Hearn, senior vice president of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Hearn expressed concern that the public, although clearly frightened by the dangers of illegal drugs, remained unworried about related health problems. "Very few kids just start taking drugs," she said. "They start drinking or they start smoking, and that's what leads them to drugs." One in six eighth-graders, she noted, say they recently had sex, while one in five binge-drinking, according to the University of Michigan's latest national survey.

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Software ratings can help parents decide what's appropriate

By L. Pober, executive director of the rating board, said he thinks the industry-supported group is helping parents make choices for their children — and even for themselves.

It can be tough to know everything that is in a computer or video game. Getting through all the levels of some games can take 100 hours or more.

"Parents are at a distinct disadvantage because they don't have the technological know-how which their kids have mastered," Pober said. "Parents are, for the most part, unable to navigate interactive games and see all the content."

Pober may be right. Without the Entertainment Software Rating Board label, Mitchell said, she probably would have purchased Quake II, a science fiction-based war game. "There's nothing on the box — other than the rating — that indicates the game is geared to older players and that it contains 'animated blood and gore.'"

Pober said the rating board uses more than 100 independent "raters" to examine games, a system similar to that used by the Motion Picture Association of America. Each game is examined by three persons — the age of the raters ranges from 20 to 60 — who look for violence, sex, blood, gore, tobacco use, drug use and other adult-oriented material.

The evaluators watch videotapes of the game "screens" provided by the manufacturers and decide which of five general ratings that a game should receive.

The Entertainment Software Rating Board, a New York City-based organization set up in 1994 following a backlash against violent and sexually explicit games, has reviewed and rated more than 3,000 games for computers and other console machines, such as those sold by Nintendo, Sony

Treatment of childhood ear infection fuels debate

"It was scary for me as a first-time mother to watch those doctors snap their fingers in my child's ears and not have her respond. I don't like the wait-and-see approach."

- Wendi Guyer, mother

"She was pulling at her ears and Chelsea had an acute case of otitis media and that if she had waited any longer to get her treatment, her child's hearing stopped."

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THE LUTZES

BOISE - Mr. and Mrs. John Lutz of Boise will be honored at an open house Jan. 4 for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Clover Trinity Lutheran Church/School auditorium, south of Buhl. No gifts please.

Lutz and Shirley Schroeder were married Jan. 4, 1948, at Clover Trinity Lutheran Church.

Their years together were shared in farming, construction, and real estate sales and development. They are currently residing at Wilderness Ranch, northeast of Boise.

They are active members of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church.

The event is being given by their children, Dennis (Donna) Lutz of Flier, Yvonne (Kenneth) Reinke of Buhl, Bruce (Nancy) Lutz of Hagerman, Sonya (Dan) Denton of Twin Falls, and Tamara (Ron) Rehwal of Draper, Utah.

The couple has 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Shirley and John Lutz

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Otitis media has been getting a lot of attention lately.

Treatment of the all too common childhood ear infection has engendered controversy recently.

Traditional use of antibiotics is being frowned upon by some in the medical community as being unnecessary in a large number of ear infections.

Instead, a body of research suggests that doctors should hold off using antibiotics initially, and if they do prescribe an antibiotic, cut back on the number of days their young patients stay on it.

"We used to be told to keep them on antibiotics for 10 days, now the advice is five to seven days," said pediatrician David Jones of Tallahassee, Fla. "And unless children are really symptomatic, sometimes it is best to wait and see what exactly you are dealing with."

Some parents find the new recommendations a bitter pill to swallow.

When Wendi Guyer's first child, Chelsea, now 6, was about a year old, she began exhibiting many of the classic symptoms of otitis media.

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FAMILY LIFE



Artist Stephen Keene displays his paintings at the Moore College of Art and Design gallery in Philadelphia recently.

Artist for the masses

Art world scorns assembly-line style painter

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Stephen Keene whips through 12 paintings of the Acropolis on a typical morning.

After lunch, he'll complete 32 more \$5 masterpieces — this time of a sunflower — before preparing 50 plywood boards for the next day's work.

Keene calls himself a sandwich maker of the art world. Some look at his paintings and see garbage. Some see truly modern art.

Either way, his assembly-line art is selling like mad ever since he opened up his first gallery show here on Halloween. Up to 1,000 visitors drop in each week, and the walls are nearly stripped bare of the tossed-off pieces he sells for \$1 or \$5. The few remaining are taped with white "sold" signs.

"Someone told me Matisse wouldn't put sold signs on his art. Well, this isn't Matisse. This is a sign of the times," said Stasha Johnson, 28, who has spent about \$125 on some 25 paintings and furniture by Keene.

Using magazine clippings and old postcards as inspiration, Keene lines up a dozen or more plywood boards, painting the same brush stroke on each, down the line until he's created nearly identical scenes.

Small paintings receive about 125 brush strokes each, barely a morning's work for Keene. An assembly line of bigger pieces may take all day.

"I compare my work to laying bricks or making a sandwich at Subway," Keene said. "We're not talking about Rembrandts here. I think of it as pop art — cheap and cheery. Sometimes art should really be eye candy, and that's OK for a while."

Keene has sold more than 4,000 paintings since he set up a makeshift studio in the window of the Goldie Paley Gallery at Moore College of Art and Design.

A painting professor at Moore scoffed at the notion that what Keene does is art.

"It's not art because it has no merit. The only merit is that it's clean at the art college," he said.

But what about the thousands of "People are not interested in these things if they don't see them. When they do see them, that's when they buy them," said Carl David, owner of the David David Gallery, where an average painting costs between \$1,500 and \$15,000.

For nearly two decades, Keene went the normal route, spending weeks on a painting and selling them at downtown New York galleries.

"You spend a couple of weeks, sell it for \$400 in some uppity gallery, and it becomes an over-



Above, artist Stephen Keene holds a bucket of paint as he works on one of his paintings recently. Right, after working on countless paintings, Keene's glove has become coated with layers and layers of paint.

the-couch kind of picture in a law firm," he said.

Six years ago, he realized what he really loves is the act of painting. Lots of painting.

He trooped to bars, music stores, rock concerts, selling a few thousand paintings each year. This is his first gallery show.

"I like to compare it to a musician who has a set of notes he

plays over and over. Every time you come back to it you get better," Keene said. "I've done this many times, and each time I hope it's a little better."

He said the public's reaction gives him hope.

"I feel like Johnny Appleseed, you know spreading everywhere. I also like to say I'm the Cat in the Hat" in here, giving people excitement, something to look at."



Kind strangers create holiday to remember

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to the letter you printed from Calvin S. Holm, Thiensville, Wis., referring to people who succeed in spite of the fact their parents could not afford to help them with finances for schooling or much of anything else. I, too, was a Great Depression child. I have a true story that I hope you will print in order to pass along the message that help is out there if you pray and hope:

My Favorite Christmas
It was December 1932. In those days, \$1 was a lot of money, and \$5 was a fortune. We lived on a farm in the Colorado Rockies, 5 1/2 miles north of a small village called Divide.

The town consisted of a combination post office, general store, filling station, and an upstairs residence for the owner's family. There was no other filling station, perhaps five or six houses, a schoolhouse, and a community hall where neighborhood meetings, country dances, etc., were held.

The schoolhouse was a two-room building with two teachers.

I rode horseback to school every day, with my kid brother on the back of the saddle. It was cold at times.

Christmas was coming and things looked very bleak. I knew there was a benevolent organization in Colorado Springs called the "Mrs. Santa Claus Club" that gave warm clothes to poor people. So I stole a penny postcard from my mother's stationery (yes, a prepaid postcard cost 1 cent at the time). I addressed it to the Mrs. Santa Claus Club and told them about our cold horseback rides to school. I asked if they had any warm clothes, shirts, pants or jackets for



DEAR ABBY
Algal VanBuren

my 6-year-old brother or me. I told them I was 9 and said if they happened to have some toys for my 1-year-old baby brother they would be very much appreciated.

The day before Christmas, we got a notice from the post office that there was a large box addressed to me. Dad picked it up. It was from the Mrs. Santa Claus Club. When we opened it, I could not believe what was inside: warm jackets, pants, shirts, underwear — all the right size for me and/or my kid brother. There were also small blankets for my baby brother, and to top it off, toys for each of us.

My parents were elated, and my mother forgave me for stealing the postcard. She said, "I think God knew what he was doing."

In addition, the two teachers at school had procured, at their own expense, a present for each child in the school: a pair of lace-up boots for each boy, and a pair of fur-lined overshoes for each girl.

So, Abby, that's the story of the best Christmas I can remember — thanks to a very benevolent group of people and two generous schoolteachers.

— RETIRED ENGINEER, KIRKLAND, WASH.

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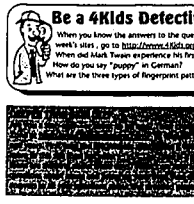
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Dear Anne: Sometimes my biggest worry is a word in French, but I don't know how to learn. Can you help? —*Jefferson, Burlington, VT*

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Games ease tensions during holidays

The Baltimore Sun

Let's play a game. I ask you a question, you answer it. There are no winners or losers, no need to be competitive, petty or defensive.

Or, it'll be fun. I ask you a question, you answer it. There are no winners or losers, no need to be competitive, petty or defensive.

"The worst thing is when people get bored and bicker with each other. Games are a way of structuring or funneling those feelings," says Dr. Ann Stambler, child psychotherapist and co-founder of children's game manufacturer Gamewright, based in Boston.

"They provide an organized way for people to get together and have fun, and they're safe, because there are rules. You can be aggressive, but it's structured."

— Dr. Ann Stambler, psychologist

something other than their daughter's new unwashed boyfriend or the cheap wine they know Aunt Rose bought at Wal-Mart.

But while family games sound like a winner on the surface, in some families, the outcome is as random as a roll of the dice.

Depending on the competitiveness of the group, it could be a yag. He steals money from the banker. He cheats, says

Sue Jones, 38. "I take what is owed me," says her husband, Larry, 38.

Not worry. The Har-risburg, Pa., couple is just talking about playing Monopoly.

But kanizake gaming isn't always productive for young players.

"You don't want children to get to the point where they feel they're not good enough or smart enough," Stambler says. "It's

healthy for adults to make exceptions for children."

To that end, Stambler and her husband, Monty Stambler, child psychotherapist and Harvard Medical School faculty member, developed Gamewright. Its bright, memory-enhancing and shape-recognition games are meant to accommodate kids, but also appeal to adults. They tend not to be conflict-causers, Stambler says.

Not all kids are weak opponents, however. Precocious youngsters who slaughter older relatives at tests of mental acumen such as Trivial Pursuit or Scrabble can cause even more angst at family gatherings by promoting jealousy and bitterness.

"That's not a problem of the game, it's a family problem," Stambler says. "You can't blame the family pathology on the game."

And face it, some families just aren't going to let a game board get in the way of traditional bickering.

Psychologists and game experts agree the most productive makeshift games are ones that bring the family closer together through shared experiences, or provide a window into the family for new members and friends.

OK. First question: What's a good way to ease the tension surrounding family interaction during the holidays?

A. Drink.

B. Drink more.

C. Play a game.

If you answered C, you're partly there — and you'll probably remember a good deal more about the holidays.

At this time of year, stress reaches a holiday high that's often augmented by mandatory family get-togethers. As a diversion from seasonal dysfunction, playing organized games has become as much a holiday staple as watching chintzy, dated animated specials. Pulling out that dusty edition of Trivial Pursuit — or any other game — can be a holiday staple as watching chintzy, dated animated specials. Pulling out that dusty edition of Trivial Pursuit — or any other game — can be a holiday staple as watching chintzy, dated animated specials.

Growing numbers of gay men are trying to become fathers

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Two dozen men in a two-small room take turns describing why they long to become dads. One man announces that his sister has agreed to bear his lover's baby by artificial insemination.

"We kept trying to conceive on our own, but it didn't work," his partner deadpans, triggering a torrent of laughter.

Each month, as many as 50 investors, lawyers, child psychologists, banquet managers, therapists, real-estate agents and business owners meet at the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center's "Wanna Be Dads" workshop to network, confab and explore the possibilities of fatherhood through adoption, foster parenting, surrogacy or sharing parentage with women. Most of them are men in stable relationships of more than seven years' duration, although unattached men also participate.

"For gay men, this is a real awfully. They don't know what the logistics are" and are starved for information, notes Will Wake, a registered nurse and leader of the two-year-old group.

While the lesbian baby boomlet is a well-known urban phenomenon, growing numbers of gay men are quietly embarking on the ultimate planned parenthood. No statistics have been compiled, but surveys of the courts in the New York City metropolitan area indicate that several dozen gay men complete the adoption process each year. In New York last month, two men made history when a state judge allowed them to adopt the toddler they had reared from infancy as foster parents.

Some men, such as the couple who opened this story, opt for surrogacy (apparently legal in New York only if no money is exchanged) or sharing custody with a child's mother or lesbians. Some adopt privately, at a cost of \$15,000 — or more. Others begin as foster parents, requesting children who are likely to become eligible for adoption, or go through gay-friendly private agencies.

Just like straight prospective adopters, most "Wanna Be Dads" want healthy infants.

While the law forbids discrimination by agencies, and a series of court decisions has affirmed the rights of gay parents in New York, Wake cautions aspiring dads that "there's a totem pole of

who gets what, and gay men are at the bottom."

While gay men are encouraged to be honest about the kind of child they seek, the more conditions they place concerning a child's age, health and race, the longer they will wait to have their dreams realized.



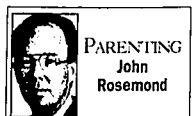
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Weekly apology may help save relationship



PARENTING
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Q. My 15-year-old daughter and I have a lousy relationship, and I'm to blame. When she was about 12, I realized she had a mind of her own and wasn't going to conform to my lofty expectations. The more I tried to influence her, the more she let me know that she had her own tastes and ways of doing things. I became increasingly angry and disapproving, and she became increasingly defensive and belligerent. Today, our relationship turns around insult, sarcasm and yelling. I know I've made her feel terrible about herself and made it almost impossible for her to please me. It's beginning to show in her grades and her choice of friends. Is there anything I can do to salvage this situation?

A. First, I agree wholeheartedly with you: the problem with you and your daughter is your fault.

As she approached adolescence, you began wanting her to be an extension of you, to carry on your hopes and dreams and your choice of clothes and furniture and friends and probably, in the long run, husbands as well. When she takes a step away from her life, you took out your anger on her. It's an old story, one that fathers and sons act out as often as mothers and daughters.

As you already know, you created the problem, and you have to fix it. And, yes, it can be fixed. For starters, I recommend an invention called "An Apology A Week." The name says it all. Once a week, you apologize to your daughter for one of the many blunders you've made over the past five years. I'm not talking about a tearful, dramatic scene, complete with organ music, but a short, simple statement of fact. You've messed things up, you know it, and you want to do it all.

Pick a time when you and your daughter are together privately and not likely to be distracted for the next five minutes. Say you're riding along in the car together and out of the blue you start talking.

"You know, Leslie, I've been thinking lately about something I did several years ago that was really dumb. I'm talking about when I persuaded you to take piano lessons, which you hated, and which I finally let you quit, after many battles over practicing. Shortly thereafter, you asked for guitar lessons, but I refused because of the piano incident. You argued that the piano was my idea and that you should not be punished for not liking it, but I wouldn't budge. Well, you were

right. I was mad and acted like a child because you wouldn't let me run your life. Things like that have made it very difficult to you to be open with me. I don't know if you still like to take guitar lessons, but if you do, I'll provide them with no strings attached. If you don't like them, you can quit with my blessings."

I'm not suggesting that you close each apology by giving her something, but an occasional "peace offering" if it seems to fit the situation, would be helpful.

Once you've delivered the apology, say no more and don't expect anything in return from her, even an acknowledgment that she heard you. Initially, she's not going to trust what she hears from you, but you may think you're trying to trick her into giving you an apology for something she has done. Don't apologize more than once a week, either, lest you begin to sound insincere to her sensitive ears.

At best, it's going to take a few weeks for her to begin trusting you and warming up to you. To begin with, she may reject your attempts to establish positive communication. If so, simply acknowledge her anger by saying something like, "I don't blame you for still being mad about it, even after all this time," and let the matter drop.

I have found that an apology a week can go a long way toward defusing a conflict-ridden parent-child relationship, but it's not going to completely turn the trick. In addition, find ways of spending time with her without seeming to force yourself or your likes upon her. Remember, she is her own person.

A few words of caution: an apology is not the same as begging for forgiveness or putting yourself down. Nor does this mean you should start letting her get away with misbehavior. The idea is not to give away power, but to retrieve the power you threw away.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist in North Carolina. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at P.O. Box 4124, Gastonia, NC 28054 and at <http://www.rosemond.com/parenting> on the Internet's World Wide Web.

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Sabryna Dawn Schmidt
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Monday - can't trust that day for anything positive

It's time for a preview. Coming soon, in 1998...

I was browsing through a list of trends in the "Old Farmer's Almanac" when I began thinking about what's new and what's old (surely not me) and what's back in style.

Just about everything costs more than ever, of course. And no one is predicting a downward trend in prices for 1998. But a few select household goods have actually gotten cheaper through the year.

For example, a clothes dryer that cost \$380 today would have cost \$1,770 in 1947 (in 1997 dollars).

Now I know why my grandmother said clotheslines were wonderful and clothes dryers were "silly contraptions."

Similarly, a \$300 TV would have cost \$5,280 in 1947. My parents didn't buy one until years later, when the prices were substantially lower. (Remember how blue the skies were in "Bonanza" when you got that majesty color TV?)

The cost of a home is another story. An average home in the United States, now at a median of \$131,500, would be equal (in today's dollars) to \$49,330 in 1950.

Houses cost big bucks. We spend lots more money on our homes than our parents did, but we earn lots more than they did, too.

One sign that we are entering 1998 with the economy in pretty good shape: Businesses are holding holiday parties again.

Last year, 97 percent of companies in the United States had a Christmas party - up from a low of only 16 percent in 1990, when layoffs dampened the mood.

And speaking of percentage increases, life expectancy has hit an all-time high. According to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, if a man makes it to age 65, his average life expectan-



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

cy is now 80.5 years. The report doesn't mention women, but we've always lived longer than men - and the men have always insisted that we drive them to earlier graves.

That probably won't change. Now here's an interesting national trend: (Physical) fighting among boys in school yards is down, but (physical) fighting among girls in school yards is up. (Have we been pumping too much iron?) I don't think I want to try and figure that one out.

Here's what's "in" among retailers: 1950s furniture, big pantries, vintage desk lamps and anything else that reminds today's Baby Boomer of Grandma's house.

That's right. Nostalgia will be big in 1998. In fact, a lot of people are even moving back to the farm.

As of my last year, 1.6 million more Americans moved to rural places than from them.

The majority of us are traditional in other ways, too. We still get married, we still get divorced, and profess a belief in God, and work hard.

We also get older, every year. Some of the changes that come with age are inevitable, I suppose. We tend to become more cynical than we used to be, and we discover more of life's gray areas. More compromises. More confusion.

We may hold tight to our basic values, but our perspectives change. Some of us become more accepting of people who are different from us, or we find a way

to recapture the wonder of life in our children's eyes. Some of us don't.

One day, my son started getting bored with his favorite "Goosebumps" books, and he couldn't understand why. He told me he thought someone else had started writing them. But the real explanation was much simpler than that.

Children eventually outgrow their childhood books, along with their jeans and their shoes... and their idealistic perspectives on life.

An elderly woman once told me about the days when ice cream was two dimes for a nickel. She would take her 15-cent return on her school locker fee every year and spend it on ice cream. She would sit on the curb and eat 15 cents worth of the glorious stuff. While she sat there, she would watch people go into the ice cream shop and buy one dip of chocolate, one dip of strawberry and one dip of vanilla, as if they did this every day - and she would think about how rich those people must be.

Today, that woman has ice cream whenever she wants it. But it doesn't taste nearly so good.

Each new year is a gift. Perspectives may change, but trends may arise, but we must still find ways to savor life and give something back to it. A key, we are told, is to be good to ourselves.

One trend I read about just last year, more people had car accidents on Monday than on any other day of the week, and heart problems and strokes have also begun to peak on Monday mornings.

There's something about that day.

My suggestion for starting the new year right: Let's give everybody Mondays off.

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

Book recounts days when sailors traveled on the wind

SEATTLE (AP) — Niels Peter Thomsen is one of the few still alive who worked on a sailing ship out of Puget Sound.

Now a retired 70-year-old captain living in Edmonds, Thomsen is 90 though he looks 20 years younger. And his memoir, "The Voyage of the Forest Dream," is 300 pages of sea stories.

He was a teenager in 1925 with a couple of year's experience as a sailor when he found himself between voyages in Seattle. To earn a little money, he takes a job wrapping fish in newspapers for customers at the Pike Place Market. There in the Seattle Times he sees a story about a new-masted ship, the Forest Dream, which is about to leave Victoria, British Columbia, on a round-the-world trip to Mauritius in the Indian Ocean with cargo of railroad timbers.

As a young man seeking adventure and a reader of Joseph Conrad, Thomsen just had to be on the Forest Dream. His high times and adventures are part of the ship's crew of 12 during that six-month ordeal are told in his memoir, "Voyage of the Forest Dream." Thomsen, who was born in Denmark, began to put the story of his life down on paper for his family. He published this part to share the journal of a shipmate, Malcolm Chisolm, and the diary of a shipman, Arch Horka, who joined the crew in Australia. Together they bring back the days when sailing out of Puget Sound meant traveling on the wind. Sailors had to climb the



Thomsen

from the rolling ship in 15-foot squalls. At another, the captain drunk at the wheel — allowed the sails to billow with men aloft, knocking one sailor to the deck and a painful death.

"When a ship is swaying back and forth in a big sea, and up there, of course, it's dangerous. But when you're young you don't think of that," says Thomsen. The Forest Dream makes it to Mauritius and then returns to Australia, where it is sold to pay off debts and the crew breaks up. Chisolm died fighting with the Lincoln Brigade in the Spanish Civil War, but his diary ended up in the possession of marine historian Harold Hutycke, who also lives in north suburban Edmonds. Thomsen contacted Hutycke while trying to track down old shipmates and was astonished to find the 70-year-old document. The Forest Dream was one of three wooden sailing ships built in Aberdeen in 1919. Hutycke says they were built to haul lumber, but had short careers at the end of the sailing era. "Judas Priest! Don't call them tall ships," says Hutycke. Only landlubbers use that term. He likes Thomsen's memoir, saying it's "one of the best because it's autobiographical, and an autobiographical book from the 1920's is very rare."

The night before Forest Dream left Victoria, 100 cases of whiskey were loaded aboard. The captain planned to make a Prohibition-era special stop at San Pedro, Calif. When Coast Guard and customs officers prevented that delivery, the captain and first mate took it on themselves to drink their way through the liquid cargo. Thomsen says that's the only explanation for some of the brutal and bizarre episodes that followed.

Instead of following the scheduled route around South America's Cape Horn and Africa's Cape of Good Hope, the ship sails against prevailing winds toward Australia. At one point, the captain takes Thomsen over the side in a small boat to attempt scraping barnacles

from the rolling ship in 15-foot squalls. At another, the captain drunk at the wheel — allowed the sails to billow with men aloft, knocking one sailor to the deck and a painful death.

"When a ship is swaying back and forth in a big sea, and up there, of course, it's dangerous. But when you're young you don't think of that," says Thomsen. The Forest Dream makes it to Mauritius and then returns to Australia, where it is sold to pay off debts and the crew breaks up. Chisolm died fighting with the Lincoln Brigade in the Spanish Civil War, but his diary ended up in the possession of marine historian Harold Hutycke, who also lives in north suburban Edmonds. Thomsen contacted Hutycke while trying to track down old shipmates and was astonished to find the 70-year-old document. The Forest Dream was one of three wooden sailing ships built in Aberdeen in 1919. Hutycke says they were built to haul lumber, but had short careers at the end of the sailing era. "Judas Priest! Don't call them tall ships," says Hutycke. Only landlubbers use that term. He likes Thomsen's memoir, saying it's "one of the best because it's autobiographical, and an autobiographical book from the 1920's is very rare."

Animal magnetism

It's normal to feel guilty about not spending time with your children, but with your dog? Yes — people increasingly view their pets as members of the family. More than three-quarters of pet owners surveyed by the American Animal Hospital Association feel guilty when leaving their pet home alone, and nearly half stay at home more often because of their pet.

Unregistered aliens

If you're thinking of spending post-retirement winters in Phoenix, don't worry about having to register your vehicle in

Love at first sight

If you're an expectant mother, ultrasound is ultragood in terms of your feeling about the baby. Recent studies in Europe have shown that mothers who received an ultrasound bonded better with their child during and after pregnancy and had less stress while they carried the child, the University of Michigan Medical School reports.

A read on the problem

You can help your child overcome speech and language problems just by reading to them every day. An Ohio University study of children ages 3 to 5 with some sort of delay in their ability to speak or understand words "suggests that reading intervention can help children with language delays increase their vocabulary skills quickly through a very simple and enjoyable activity at home, says study author Helen Ezell. — Compiled from wire service reports

A better way to copy videos

Knight-Ridder News Service

OK, so you exposed a mile and half of videotape on Christmas Day. But once the memories are saved, how do you give everyone a copy? Two VCRs together and hope that a clear copy is created? More often than not, it won't be. You might be in need of the ultimate VCR for dubbing perfect copies. GoVideo, which pioneered side-by-side dual-deck VCR technology and patented the AmeriChrome circuitry, is the latest to market a machine incorporating two stacked video decks in one box. The GoVideo VCR Images GV-620 (\$799) better than trying to wire two VCRs together? It's the fact that you get "picture-perfect" copies of your video tapes, thanks to the AmeriChrome copy circuitry. The deck's microcontroller automatically synchronizes deck speeds and provides a clear video signal path between the decks. You'll find it hard to tell the difference between a copy and the original. Features include on-screen programming in two languages (English and Spanish); a skip-search function that allows you to

"sample" at intervals while searching as well as a VSS (Video Search System) function; high-speed rewind; and forward/reverse Jet frame advance. It also includes editing controls to splice together a video from several sources. The Image has four heads in each deck for outstanding visual effects, which include cleaner fast-forward and rewinding scans. Each of Images' decks can play and record, which lets you record from two different sources simultaneously (for example, from a TV and camcorder). You can also make two copies of the same source at the same time or tape a TV show on one side while watching a rented video on the other. The two decks of Images can be programmed to either record or play in sequence, allowing you to record up to 16 hours without interruption or to play continuously by looping from one deck to the other.



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Winter brings with it the echo of a bird's struggle to sing

-SOCIAL SECURITY QUESTIONS, ANSWERS-

I hear myself saying what other Southern Californians from northern states say in winter: "I miss the beauty of the snow-covered landscape, but I don't miss the driving."

It's partly true. I don't miss shoveling the driveway, scraping ice from the windshield, holding my breath on slick curves. But I think I'd risk it again, just to see those pine boughs weighted with snow and the way ice glistens on open fields after a blizzard.

Remember how the winter sun sometimes throws blue and lavender streaks across the hills like washes of watercolor. Teicles hang like daggers from house eaves. Ice-coated cherry trees gleam in the sun.

That's when birds swooped into the feeder in my yard, singing for their supper. They came in waves like acts in a ballet — the blue jays, cardinals, juncos and grosbeaks.

Sometimes cedar waxwings staggered in from feasts on cherry mash — the unpecked fruit that ferments on tree branches when the growing season is past. The waxwings were a hard act to follow, but little nuthatches did



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their best, wagging their square, stubby tails and climbing down tree trunks headfirst.

Some birds were regulars, including a pair of northern cardinals. The male treated onlookers to flashes of red against the thick, green pines. The female, demure in muted browns, painted a softer picture with her wings and tail. Her "what cheer, cheer, cheer" sounded sweet in the muffled air.

One year, when I lived alone in the north country, a special whippoorwill became my companion. He called from the swamp at night. I listened because, unlike other whippoorwills, his song did not roll out easily in the stillness.

He began bravely enough — whipp-poor, whipp-poor, whipp-poor,

until at last he got it right: whippoorwill, whippoorwill, whippoorwill.

Sometimes I dozed off and suddenly awakened to his first call. I began calling for him. "Come on, now, you can do it. Slower. Think it through. There! See? It wasn't so hard."

I felt a special affinity for this bird because his struggle so perfectly matched my own lonely struggle just then to sing my own song — to learn to write.

What an odd pair we were, telling each other to be brave, to go on.

I have heard other whippoorwills since whose calls were jugged.

And I have heard whippoorwills whose notes were strong and clear as they thrubbed across the fields after dark.

But they did not speak to me in the way my special whippoorwill spoke — of things beyond being a bird in a forest with a song that wouldn't come out right.

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Knight-Ridder News Service

Q. I'm going to move to a new apartment and my landlord wants proof of what I receive from Social Security. What can I use as proof of my benefits?

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Q. I will be age 62 in a couple of months, but my husband is five years younger than me. Do I have to wait until he retires to receive benefits?

A. A married woman age 62 or older can receive benefits on her husband's Social Security record only if her husband is entitled to retirement or disability benefits. Therefore, since your husband is under the minimum retirement age of 62, you cannot receive benefits on his record at this time unless he is entitled to disability benefits. However, if you have worked long enough under Social Security, you may be eligible for benefits based on your own work record. Your husband's age and entitlement status would not be a factor.

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Older alcoholics act out problems

Counselors tell how to deal with alcoholics

Knight-Ridder News Service

GLENN ECHO, Md. — Courtney, 67, a widowed mother of six, is almost well in her cups when she barges into the annual family reunion and demands a scotch. She carps on her nephew and harangues her youngest daughter. Within minutes, she discovers that one year, five of her children have refused to come.

The ingrates, she seethes. All the more reason for another drink. "You're the only one of my six children who's not here," she says. "My kids have left me, my husband's dead and I've had a 15-year going headache from all the rest." Courtney sips. "You're not going to tell ME I can't have a drink."

Courtney is convincing as families delivering these lines. The bleak and bitter family reunion script she and others rehearsed one recent December afternoon is ripped straight out of her own life.

Sober nine years, she is part of an unusual Maryland theater troupe of older recovering alcoholics who draw on their own lives to write and perform plays.

"I'd been drinking for 33, 34 years on a daily basis," Courtney explains during a break in practice. "But when my family started to drop away from me ... that did it." She knew she had to change.

"Alcoholism is a poorly identified and poorly recognized condition in the elderly," said Meg Campbell-Kotler, with the Montgomery County Commission on Aging, a sponsor of the troupe. As many as one in five of those over 65 have problems with alcohol, researchers say.

The theater approach was pioneered in Boston, with The Best Generation, and new troupes are forming in Michigan and other states. "When I got in recovery, I realized the way people get sober is they hear other people and learn from their experiences, strength and hope," said Lynn Bratley, founder of the Boston troupe. "These are vivid, vivid stories."

In keeping with the anonymity of Alcoholics Anonymous, members of the Maryland troupe are identified only by their first names.

Professional counselors who intervene to help alcoholics quit drinking say January is their busiest season. The holidays are often what convince families they just can't take it anymore and have to do something.

When 64-year-old Pat Sexton's six exasperated children finally decided to stop feeling angry and guilty and to do something about their mother's drinking, the family had been through emotional hell. There is a textbook case of what works in interventions and what doesn't.

Rule 1: Never talk to an alcoholic when they're drunk.

At the wedding of her eldest son, Sexton, responsible for the groom's dinner, instead had passed out in the car. Her son, Steve Skalbeck, was furious and called her on her drinking. She angrily denied it.

Rule 2: Don't tell them a drunk. Rule 3: Don't patronize the alcoholic. They get defensive. "You get angry. You think, 'How dare you!'" Sexton said.

But, have a plan. When they finally decided to take formal action, Sexton's children went to the library and read up on alcoholism and aging. They found a professional counselor skilled at interventions.

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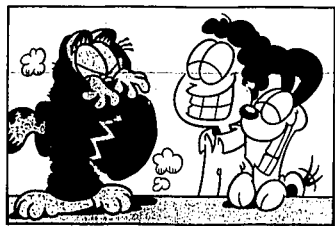
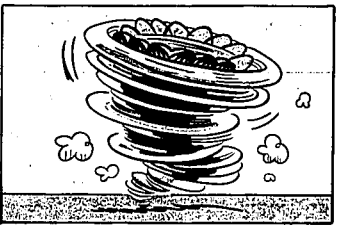
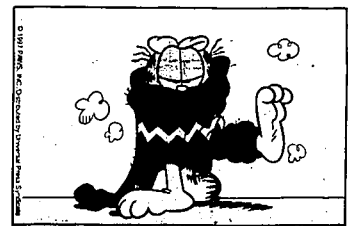
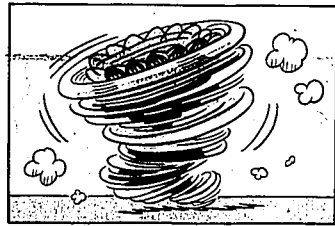
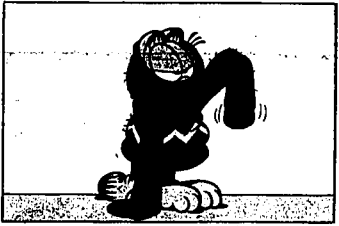
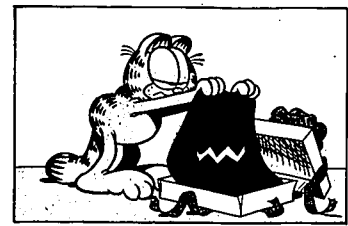
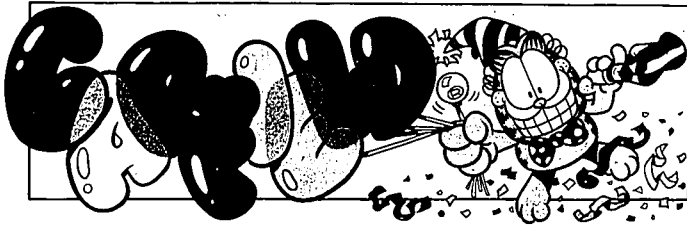
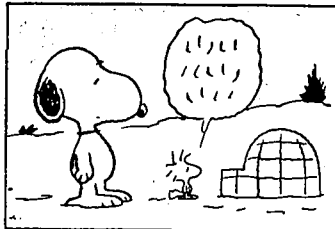
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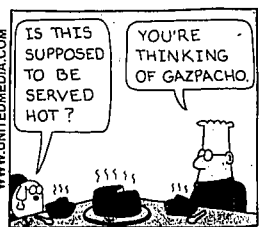
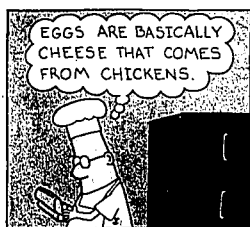
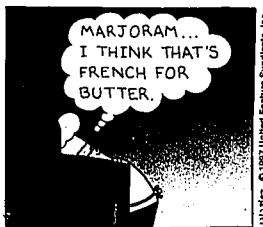
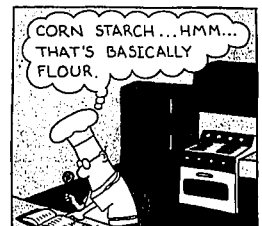
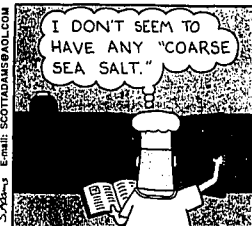
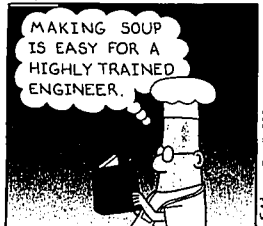
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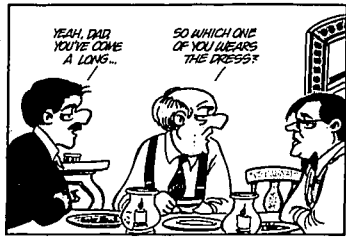
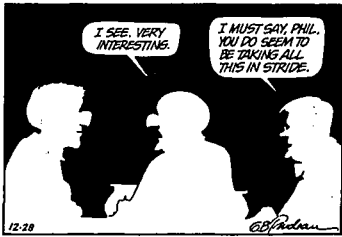
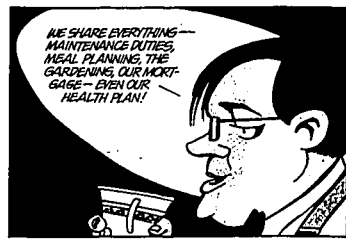
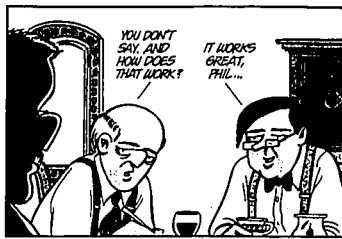
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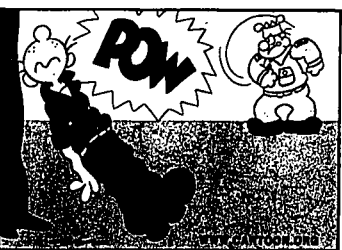
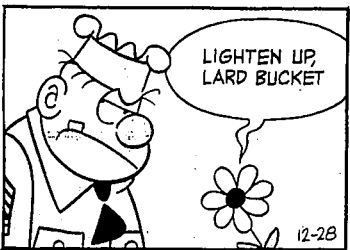
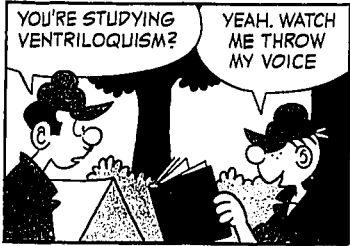
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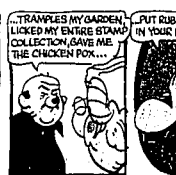
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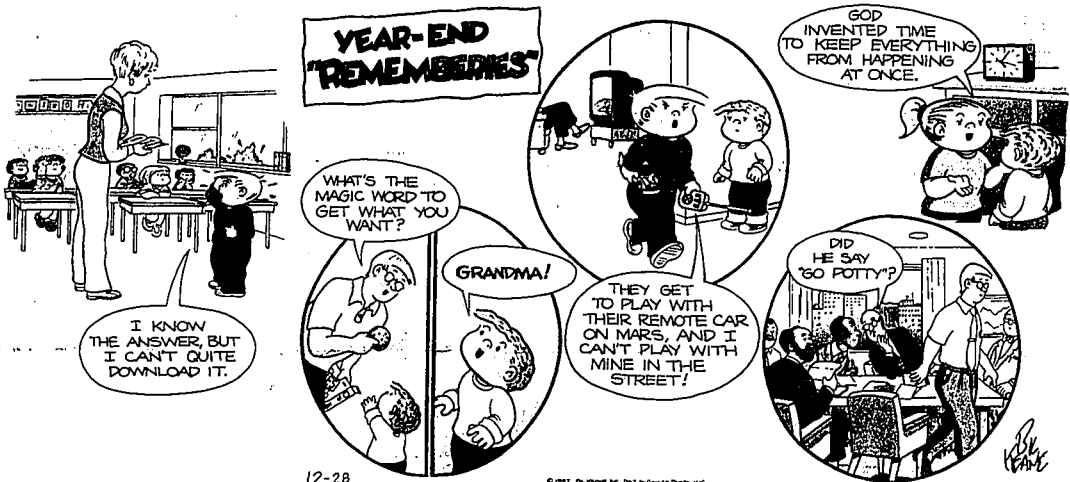
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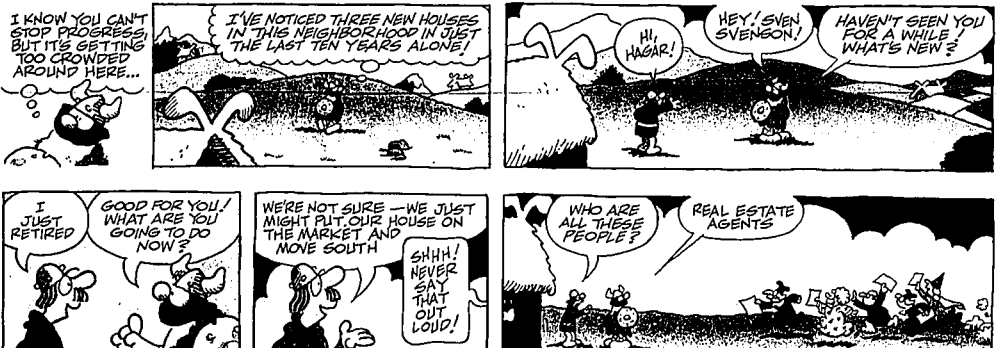


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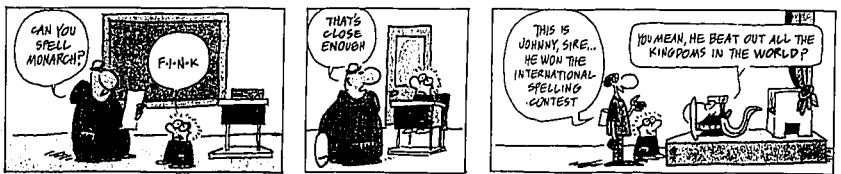
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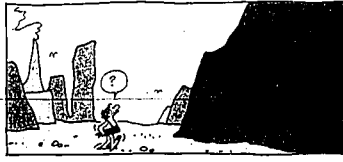
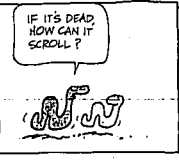
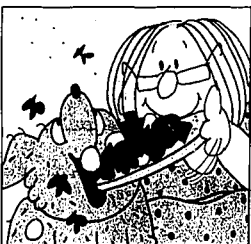
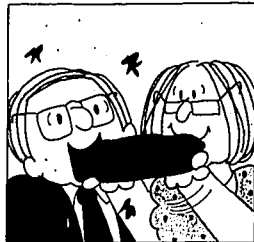
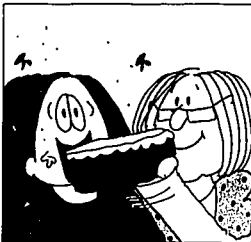
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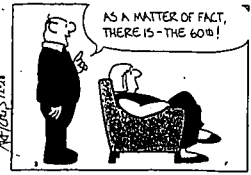
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The Times-News

PARADISE

A princess, a saint, a dictator, an au pair and a sheep (or two) called Dolly. These were among the indelible images of 1997.

Inside, our annual review of the year's highs and lows—not to mention the offbeat trends and quirky news you may have missed.

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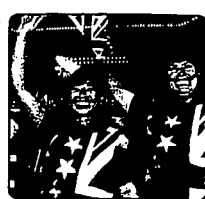
England grieved over Diana's death with bouquets of flowers, while the world castigated the paparazzi who pursued her.



Seven! The arrival of those bundles of joy in November was one of the more amazing events to fill the year. The proud parents—Bob and Nancy McCaughey of Carlisle, Iowa—could count their blessings: seven new babies, the first set of septuplets in the world to survive after birth.



Ellen came out, as did Ellen DeGeneres (l.), in a highly anticipated episode on ABC, making her the first gay star of a sitcom.



Hong Kong sovereignty reverted to China at midnight on June 30, ending 150 years of British colonial rule.

Best Ear Lines

From *Newsday* (New York) Here's how newspapers around the country treated the Mike Tyson-Evander Holyfield championship fight, in which Tyson bit off a piece of Holyfield's ear:

"Bite of the Century!"

The *Arizona Republic* (Phoenix)

"Bite Night!"

Lexington (Ky.)

Herald-Leader

"Earmarks of Cowardice"

Houston Chronicle

"Holyfield Still Chomp-Ion"

San Francisco Examiner

"A Two-Bit Bout: Holyfield Wins"

The *Kansas City* (Mo.) *Star*

"World Chomp"

The *Sun* (London)

"Lobe Blow For Boxing"

The *Tennessean* (Nashville)

"Pay Per Chew"

The *Philadelphian* (Daily News)

To sum up:

"Headline Writers Pun-ish Readers."

Best Hygiene News (Carine)

From *The Herald-Mail* (Hagerstown, Md.)

Crazy Dog Pet Toothpaste is billed as the very first peanut butter-flavored toothpaste for dogs. It retails for \$6. The same company also makes a special \$6 toothbrush for dogs.

The hard part is getting them to brush.

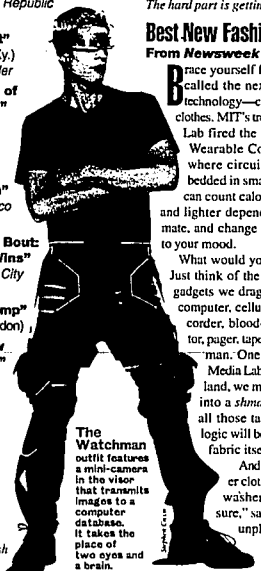
Best New Fashion Trend

From *Newsweek* magazine

Brace yourself for what is being called the next revolution in technology—computers in your clothes. MIT's trendsetting Media Lab fired the first shot of the Wearable Computer future, where circuitry will be embedded in smart garments that can count calories, get heavier and lighter depending on the climate, and change color according to your mood.

What would you use them for? Just think of the various mobile gadgets we drag around: laptop computer, cellular phone, camcorder, blood-pressure monitor, pager, tape recorder, Walkman. One day, postulates Media Lab Prof. Alex Pentland, we might want to slip into a *shmatie* that handles all those tasks. Maybe the logic will be woven into the fabric itself.

And get this: Computer clothes can be made washer-safe. "Just be sure to unplug them first." ...and never press "delete."



ON OUR COVER....

- A) Timothy McVeigh was sentenced to death for the Oklahoma City bombing.
- B) The Florida Marlins won the World Series.
- C) The chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov lost to Deep Blue, a computer.
- D) Iraq's Saddam Hussein confronted the UN again.
- E) The President and Vice President's travel practices were investigated.
- F) NASA's *Mars Pathfinder* landed, explored the Red Planet.
- G) Mother Teresa died.
- H) The British suitor Louise Woodward was found guilty in the death of a baby—then freed by the judge.
- I) *May in Black* was the year's biggest box-office hit.
- J) Mike Tyson bit Evander Holyfield's ear during their heavyweight fight.
- K) The Air Force discharged B-52 pilot Kelly Finn, raising complaints of sexism.
- L) Scientists in Scotland cloned a sheep, Dolly.
- M) Princess Diana died in a car crash in Paris.



Best World Record

From *The Journal Gazette* (Fort Wayne, Ind.)

Ryan Tripp, 12, wanted to mow the White House lawn, but after traveling 3116 miles on a lawn mower from Beaver, Utah, he had to settle for the lawn of the U.S. Capitol.

Ryan traveled 42 days to set a record and raise money for a 4-month-old girl from Beaver who needed a liver transplant. He broke the old record—3034 miles, set in 1989—in College Park, Md.

"All I can say is—what a way to get out of school," said Sen. Orrin Hatch (R., Utah), when he met Ryan in Washington. The boy missed the first five weeks of class.

Quite a trip—and all those clippings!

Worst Case of Shooting Yourself in the Foot

From *The Casper* (Wyo.) *Star-Tribune*

A man on trial for robbing a shoe store at a knifepoint probably didn't help his court case by propping his feet on the defense table—in a pair of stolen boots.

Charles Taylor was identified by a store clerk as the man who stole a pair of tan hiking boots and \$69. "I leaped over and stared," said Judge James Fleetwood, who presided. "I said, 'Surely, nobody would be so stupid as to wear the boots he stole to his trial.'"

While the jury deliberated, the FBI's Paul O'Mara called the store and learned that the stolen boots were size 10½ from Lot 1046—the same size and lot number as the boots Taylor wore to trial.

The jury found Taylor guilty of aggra-



Ryan Tripp during his trip. We can imagine what his lawn looked like by the time he got back home.

vated robbery. "We sent him back to jail in his stocking feet," said the judge.

Next time, *Charlie*, keep your feet off the furniture!

Worst Office Gripes

From *The Record* (Bergen County, N.J.)

The biggest complaint people have about the place where they work: It's too cold. The second biggest complaint? It's too hot. The International Facility Management Association found that the wrong temperature led the list of complaints heard by its members. Other complaints in the top five included not enough conference rooms, poor janitorial service and not enough storage space.

Hey, boss! My office is warm enough, but how about raising my pay?

Best 'Whoops'!

From *The Fresno* (Calif.) *Bee*

A VIP parking lot, the driver claimed to be a friend of George Steinbrenner. But, how embarrassing, the parking-lot attendant, the parking-lot attendant was Steinbrenner. "He looked at me, surprised, and said, 'Guess I've got the wrong lot,'" said the Yankees' owner, who was working as the world's highest-paid parking-lot attendant to personal-



Maybe George would trade a VIP parking slot for a lefty pitcher.

Best New Vacation Spot

From *Self* magazine

What's the laziest city in America? It's Altoona, Pa., because it ranks 351st out of 351 U.S. cities when it comes to active recreational activities. On the other hand, L.A. wins as "America's Fittest City," because it has more fitness professionals than anywhere else. *If it wasn't so much work, we'd load the couch in our van and head for Altoona.*

Worst Shopping News

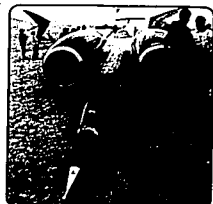
From *The Register-Guard* (Eugene, Ore.)

A survey of grocery store executives reports that 64% of customers secretly open and eat cookies, candy or chips, then don't buy the opened package. Their requests are sometimes odd too, including refund demands for food that was eaten but not enjoyed.

Some executives reported customers who got into fistfights with the cashiers or washed their hair with the mist sprayers in the produce section. There was also one report of a family that set up a campsite, complete with hibachi grill, in the back of the store to cook their dinner. *We always enjoy ice-fishing in the seafood department.*



The Dow Jones plunged 554.26 points on Oct. 27 as a result of an unstable Asian market, then rebounded.



A world land-speed record was set by a British pilot, Andy Green, who averaged 714.1 mph in two runs in Nevada.



The sportscaster Marv Albert pleaded guilty to assault at the end of a humiliating trial on sex charges in Virginia.



The Hale-Bopp comet triggered the mass suicide of 39 cultists in California, led by Marshall Applewhite (above).

Worst Nouvelle Cuisine From The Indianapolis Star

A mealworm stir-fry was just one of several dishes featured at the seventh annual Bug Bowl at Purdue U.,

where 12,000 people learned more about bugs than they cared to. Hundreds lined up to sample delicacies that included beetle bars, like peanut butter bars but with finely chopped, dry-roasted mealworms; chocolate chirp chips, made with dry-roasted crickets; and basic bug quiche, made with sautéed bee larvae or crickets, depending on your mood.

Decisions, decisions...and then you have to choose the right wine.

Best Restaurant Guide From The St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times

Big Yellow—the online directory service run by Bell Atlantic Corp.—surveyed restaurants in Boston, New York, Atlanta, Miami, Chicago, Dallas and Los Angeles to see if there is any connection between their daily specials and outside forces. Among the findings:

- Restaurants in cities with a Republican mayor serve about 15% more red-meat specials than those in cities with Democrats at the helm, where fried food, goat cheese and pesto are popular.

- "Mother" is the most common word used in naming daily specials. They tend to be 15% more expensive and 43% more fatty than specials without Mom's name.
- Tuesday's specials contain about 40% fewer calories than those on Thursday, the fattiest day of the week.



The cricket-spitting event at the Bug Bowl? Ptoooey!

- Miami has the most low-fat daily specials. Chicago is fat city.
- There are five times as many "Texas barbecue specials" in Atlanta as there are in Dallas.

• A "Bill Clinton special" is five times more likely to have gravy than a non-Clinton special.

But now, thanks to the line-item veto, President Clinton can remove the gravy.

Best Job News (Feline)

From The Amarillo
(Tex.) Sunday News-Globe

Maggie the cat is the last line of defense in protecting pet lovers from unwisely mixing species. The courageous feline is the Pasadena Humane Society's "dog tester." The 6-year-old tabby's job is to ensure domestic peace when adopted dogs are introduced into homes where their traditional enemies already live. So, to be sure the canines do not harbor anti-feline proclivities, before they leave the shelter for their new homes, the hounds are led into the office where Maggie resides. Most of the time, the encounters are amicable, but occasionally the dog lunges for Maggie or Maggie for the dog. Sometimes, says volunteer Peggy Fordham, "She'll look at me and say, 'This just isn't going to work out.'"

No scaredy cat, she!

Maggie the cat (no, she's not the one on the roof in Tennessee Williams' play)

Oldest In-Laws

From Newsweek magazine

Maybe it explains why he likes his steaks rare," said Catherine Targett of Cheddar, England, about her husband, Adrian, who was found with DNA tests to be a descendant of the 9000-year-old Cheddar Man in London's Natural History Museum.

...and it explains why he loves cheeseburgers.

Worst News For Germophobes

From The Chicago Tribune

The American Society of Microbiology paid researchers to hide in stalls or pretend to comb their hair while observing men and women in five cities.

Chicagoans, it seems, do better than folks in several other major cities on a crucial matter of personal hygiene: Nearly 8 out of 10 wash their hands after getting to the bathroom. The country's dirtiest hands may be in New York

City. Just 60% of those using restrooms in Penn State washed up afterward.

Play it safe: The next time you see someone at the restroom mirror with a comb, be sure to wash your hands.

Best News for Germophobes

From The Los Angeles Times

An infrared detection system is undergoing a test run to catch employees who don't wash their hands after using the bathroom. Here's how the device works: Employees wear a badge that triggers an infrared sensor whenever they go to the restroom. A second sensor

at the soap dispenser activates if they remain at the sink for at least 15 seconds. An electronic record is kept, noting whether each worker has washed his or her hands. A blinking badge means the employee did not.

We call that being caught dry-handed.

Best Magic Act

From St. Louis Post-Dispatch

A man with a stuffed-up nose is breathing easier since he pulled out a cloth from inside his head.

Goeran Rudolfsson had been bothered by congestion since having an operation on a brain tumor in June. Blowing his nose one day, he felt something peculiar, Swedish newspapers reported. It turned out to be a 31-inch-long cloth that had been placed in his head to absorb fluids during the operation—and inadvertently left there. Rudolfsson was able to grab one end of the cloth and pull the whole thing out.

He's our pick for the Clear Head Award.



Adrian Targett with copy of Cheddar Man.

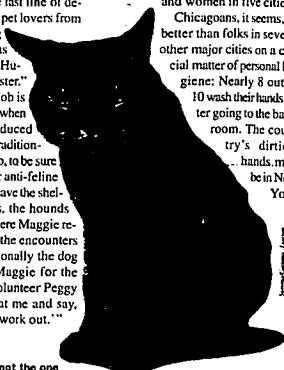


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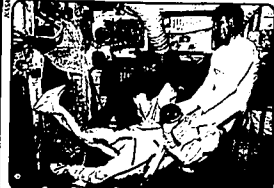
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The beleaguered Russian Mir space station had a series of mishaps—from computer failure to a collision with a cargo ship—but NASA decided to continue its involvement, sending up another American.



Eldrick (Tiger) Woods, 21, became the youngest golfer to win the Masters.



Jerry, George, Elaine and Kramer, the well-compensated characters of *Seinfeld*, returned to NBC for a ninth season, with the sitcom maintaining its high weekly ratings.



Paula Jones wins a round: The U.S. Supreme Court declared that she'd have her day in court—soon.

Best Experiment

From the Rocky Mountain News (Denver, Colo.)

If you are caught without an umbrella when it starts to rain, will you stay drier by running to shelter instead of walking?



This tired (and wet) runner gave up trying to dodge the drops.

Thomas Peterson and Trevor Wallis of Asheville, N.C., both climatologists, calculated that running made one 44% drier over 100 meters (about 328 feet).

To test their findings, they measured off a 100-meter course and waited for it to rain. They wore identical dry clothing that had been weighed before the test (they wear the same size) and wore plastic bags under their clothes to trap any water that might seep through. Peterson walked the course, while Wallis ran. Afterward, they weighed the clothes again. The result: Wallis' clothes were 40% drier.

Frankly, we'd take a cab.

Worst Fashion Statement

From The Wall Street Journal

Harrods, the decorous London department store, has a strict dress code that bars patrons wearing clothing that is ragged, dirty, unkempt or that exposes excess flesh. Also unwelcome are flip-flops, and tank tops that reveal "hairy, sweaty armpits."

"We don't want people coming in here with pink punk hairdos that are one-foot high and look like a cockatoo," grumbles

Michael Cole, a Harrods spokesman.

Last summer, Eilene Kadden, a Los Angeles clothing designer, was accused of wearing "tight-fitting pantyhose" in Harrods and was unceremoniously escorted out the door. In fact, she was wearing leggings bought two years ago... in Harrods. Mr. Cole says it doesn't matter where she bought the disputed clothing. "We sell beds," he points out, "but we don't allow people to sleep in them here."

Picky, picky.

Best Beefcake

From The Sun Herald (Biloxi, Miss.)

If your car breaks down in Miami, you may be surprised when you call a tow truck. Hank Towing, which opened last summer, dispatches body builders in skimpy "uniforms" to aid stranded motorists, *Shape* magazine reports. And sometimes calls are received from motorists who haven't actually broken down.

Anything to get to the body shop.



Roy Llaurodo on the job last year: He has since left Hank Towing but is probably still a hunk.

Best Drunken Youre

From The New York Times

A Swedish cargo ship that was sunk during World War I while carrying 5000 bottles of champagne will be towed underwater to Sweden by a consortium, in order to salvage the valuable cargo, the newspaper *Dagens Nyheter* reported.

The 1907 Heidsieck champagne has lain undisturbed inside the ship in frigid water in the Bay of Finland since 1916, when the ship, the *Joenköping*, was sunk by a German submarine. A consortium representative, Claes Bergvall, who sampled the first bottle brought to the surface, said it was "a relatively sweet champagne, good, with a very powerful flavor."

But the bouquet was a bit salty.



A few of those 5000 bottles of bubbly.

Worst Airline Faux Pas

From United Press International

A man who looked disturbingly similar to Fidel Castro, with a fake beard and fatigues, created such an angry stir among Cuban-Americans on an American Airlines flight from Austin, Tex., to Miami that the airline had to apologize for the promotional stunt. Ana María Pozo, a lawyer, says she was "so surprised, I shrieked." She says it got worse when the pilot announced, "Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. This is Fidel Castro, and I'm going to fly you to Miami."

The stunt was an attempt to celebrate the airline's nonstop service between the two cities. A Carmen Miranda look-alike was also aboard. The airline said it had "demonstrated a complete lack of sensitivity." It sure did. Ms. Miranda was Brazilian.

Worst Reptile Snack

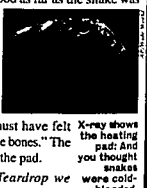
From The Associated Press

Ron and Bonnie Probst of Klamath Falls, Ore., took their 8-foot boa constrictor, Teardrop, to the animal clinic after it swallowed its prey—a heating pad.

"The pad apparently satisfied all the criteria for food as far as the snake was concerned," said the vet.

"It was warm and fuzzy and had some hard objects inside that must have felt something like bones." The vet removed the pad.

That's one Teardrop we wouldn't want on our pillow.



X-ray shows the heating pad; and you thought snakes were cold-blooded.



Apple Computer's Steve Jobs—the co-founder and temporary CEO of the struggling company—stunned loyalists by announcing that archrival Microsoft, led by Bill Gates (on screen), would invest \$150 million in Apple.



Jimmy Stewart



Robert Mitchum



Gianni Versace



John Denver

Some of the well-known figures to whom we bid farewell in 1997: the actors Jimmy Stewart and Robert Mitchum, the fashion designer Gianni Versace and the singer John Denver.

Best Romance Findings

From a Club Med survey of married and unmarried couples on vacation:

• Vacationing couples who played tennis *against* each other were three times more likely to have romantic moments than those couples who played on the same side.

• Of the Club Med couples who went horseback riding, 75% held hands more often than usual, and 71% kissed more.

• Couples married five or more years were three times more likely to go dancing than newlyweds.

• Couples who worked out every day during their vacation were 50% less likely to be publicly affectionate toward each other than couples who didn't work out daily.

• Dieting couples were three times as likely to argue as those who were not watching their weight.

• And 49% of the couples who enjoyed scuba diving found that their partners became more complimentary afterward.

So our best advice is: Beat your partner in a "love" match, then go for a dive.



He can't wait to get to the surface and compliment her on that lovely yellow rubber suit.

Best Getaway

From the *Reading (Pa.) Eagle*

The police were looking for a man who walked into a doughnut shop in Toronto with a Canada goose and threatened to harm the bird unless someone gave him some cash. "He said, 'Give me some money, or I'll kill the goose,'" said Sgt. Steve Sheppard. A female customer tried to persuade the man to release the bird but gave in when he threatened to wring the goose's neck. The woman walked to a bank machine in the store and withdrew an undisclosed amount of money. When she handed over the cash, the bandit released the goose and fled. The bird was turned over to the Humane Society.

That's one goose that wasn't cooked.

A new star joins a long-running show

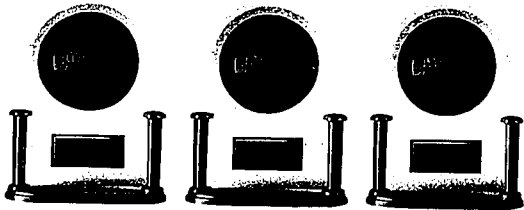
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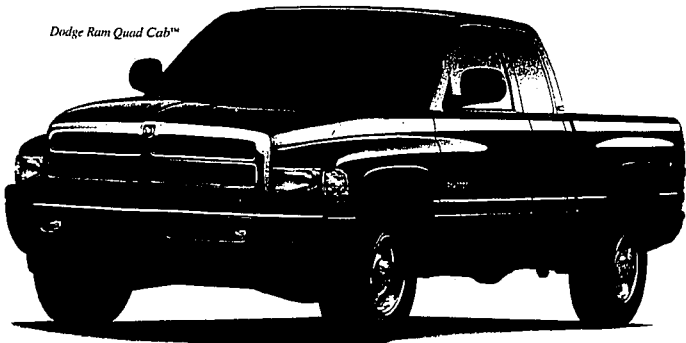
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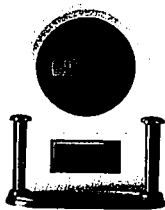


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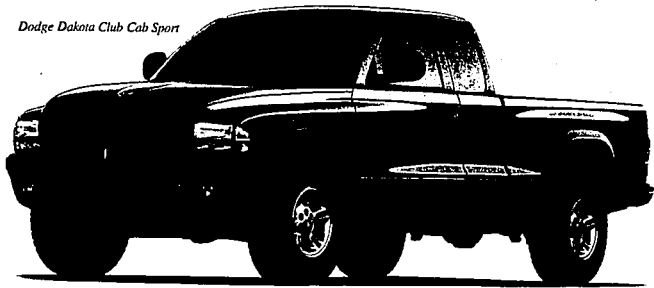


The results of the latest J.D. Power and Associates APEAL study are in. Dodge Ram, the truck that changed the rules, has now received the J.D. Power and Associates award for "Most Appealing Full-Size Pickup" three years in a row. No doubt, the addition of this year's new Ram Quad Cab™ will add even more to Ram's appeal. And Dakota, the Dodge that's full of surprises, just received the J.D. Power*

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Swiss banks created funds for Holocaust survivors to atone for war profiteering and for denying Jews and their descendants access to their own deposits. Riva Salfero of Latvia got \$400.

Best Name Game

From *The Herald-Mail* (Hagerstown, Md.)

There's a war going on in Scaggsville, Md., between upscale newcomers and old farm families over the town's name. The new suburbanites don't like the name Scaggsville and want to rename it Rocky Gorge. "Scaggsville sounds so hickish," said one of the new residents. "Rocky Gorge just sounds nicer."

But families who have lived here for generations think Scaggsville works just fine. "Scaggsville has always been Scaggsville. Why change it?" asked a longtime resident. The reason, more than anything else, is real estate. The former farming community with large barns and homey ranches is now sprinkled with new subdivisions filled with \$300,000 homes. The subdivisions have names such as Cherry Tree Farm, Cherry Creek and Hunters Creek. The monikers were chosen by developers, not local history. Suffice to say that Scaggsville wouldn't have made the cut.

How about Scaggsville Gardens?

Best Alternative Beauty Pageant

From *The Charleston (W.V.) Daily Mail*

In Ocean City, N.J., there's no swimsuit controversy in this beauty pageant. Crab Night in Venice, which featured bead-wearing hermit crabs, captured top honors in the 22nd Miss Crustacean pageant. The entry beat out 29 others, including Taxi Crab and Crabs in Black, to win the coveted Cucumber Rind Cup. The pageant, which started in 1975 as a way to tweak the Miss America pageant—has become an annual rite of summer. The hermit crabs are dressed up in all manner of outfits.

We wonder who won Miss Congeniality.



Star Wars for Generation X. The release of the classic sci-fi film made it the biggest moneymaker in U.S. history.

Worst Bit of the Bard

From *Reuters*

Juliet is just a chick, a girl who has a lot of dramatic things happen in a short space of time. —Claire Danes, on her title role in the film "William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet." And Claire Danes is just an actress who is still very young.

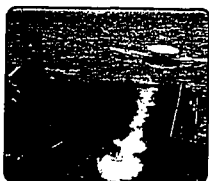


Leonardo DiCaprio, as Romeo, woos Claire Danes in the flick about that chick.

Best News for Chicago Cows (Since the Chicago Bulls)

From *The Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*

In the article "Did the Cow Do It?," an attorney, Richard F. Bales, raises some doubts about the cause of the Great Chicago Fire. Bales spent hundreds of hours researching old land records, slogging through a handwritten transcript of a government inquiry into the fire and other materials about the 1871 event. Convinced that neither Mrs. O'Leary nor her cow was to blame for the Great Chicago Fire, Bales wants to make historians consider other suspects. [He believes a neighbor named Daniel "Peg Leg" Sullivan caused the fire.] Bales said the accusations of O'Leary's and her cow's involvement may have spread through—horrors!—inaccurate news reporting. It's moos to us.



Tensions roiled in the Persian Gulf after Saddam Hussein expelled American UN inspectors. The U.S.S. Nimitz stood by.

Worst Excuse

From *The Sunday World-Herald* (Omaha, Neb.)

The University of Iowa gave engineering diplomas to 137 persons this summer on which the word "university" was misspelled. An embarrassing, if mildly amusing, mistake.

But worse was the explanation given by a university representative, who suggested that the diplomas might have been printed by a computer that lacks the capacity to check spelling.

We'll bet that university representative makes sure the computer spells his name correctly on his paychecks.

Worst Restaurant Come-On From the Far Eastern Economic Review

The following sign was seen at the entrance of the Hibiscus Restaurant in Indonesia's Jakarta Hilton International:

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Worst News for Bieters

From *The New York Daily News*

You're standing in a crowded elevator when someone sneezes, and the next thing you know, you've gained 25 pounds. What happened? You caught the "fat virus"!

Although the evidence is preliminary, doctors believe some forms of obesity may, in fact, result from a mild respiratory virus known as Ad-36. The scientists revealed that they had tested the blood of 154 obese persons and compared it to that of 45 thin persons. While one in every six obese folks did have signs of exposure to Ad-36, not one of the skinny folks did. Shouldn't they spell the virus "Add-36"?



Waiting for El Niño seemed like a full-time occupation—as Californians got ready for the onslaught from the Pacific.

Best News For Soup Eaters

From *The Washington Post*

It was worry about money that drove her to the Fairfax, Va., food bank, pride that made her volunteer a couple of hours unloading trucks in exchange for some canned goods, and hunger that caused her to reach for the cream of asparagus soup a few days later.

But no matter how hard Jeanna Dodd tried, she couldn't get the Campbell's she open. Suddenly the lid popped off, and out spilled the contents: jewels, gold, silver, rings, a bracelet, a Rolex watch. "I had just said, 'I hope I can pay the rent,'" Dodd, 24, said. "This is like an answer from God."

The container of cream of asparagus soup was not a soup can at all but a replica used to hide valuables from burglars. Apparently, someone mistakenly donated it to a food bank. Although she

wanted to cash in on the can's contents, worth about \$7000, Dodd waited to see if the real owners stepped forward.

And they did. A couple reading the morning paper suddenly discovered photos of their jewelry—which they hadn't even realized was missing. They claimed their valuables and gave Dodd \$1000 and a set of gold earrings.

So there are happy endings. To all our readers, we wish you serendipitous treasures, encounters with honest people and just rewards. Happy New Year!



Jeanna Dodd and her favorite can of soup: Mmmm...good (and such rich ingredients!)



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Tinnitus Relief!

If you suffer from Tinnitus and experience symptoms such as ringing in the ears or buzzing, hissing, whistling or other sounds, you should know about a new book—*The Tinnitus Handbook—A Self-Help Guide*.

The book contains a wealth of new information on Tinnitus—what causes unwanted noises, how to deal with them, and how to protect yourself from frustrating Tinnitus symptoms.

The book gives you facts on the natural, alternative and medical remedies that can bring lasting relief from unwanted ringing and irritating sounds in your ears. You will learn all about new treatments and find out how and why they work.

You'll discover how to get relief from Tinnitus by gently massaging a specific part of your neck. You'll find out about a simple breathing exercise which "cleanses" the inner ear and brings relief.

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ment that has helped thousands get relief, yet is little-known to most people—even doctors.

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Lynn Minton Reports Fresh Voices

From Martin J. Ruiz, 16: "Why do girls carry a lot of stuff in their purses?"

Elan: They carry everything they need in there. I find it extremely annoying. Five minutes left before the bell, and you see every girl with that little compact, doing her lipstick, doing her eyes. And it all comes out of this big purse they carry.

Quentin: Eye shadow, mascara, they have a color for any time of day. I take my girlfriend shopping, and they have, like, Brown 1 and Brown 2. What are the different brown numbers? And \$5 apiece!

Robin: You guys would probably notice if they were wearing the wrong colors for their outfit. Ryan: I would have no idea if they were wearing Brown 1 or Brown 2. And it would make no difference to me. But girls—I have sisters and I know—they say, "You see what she's wearing today? That skirt does not match her left sock." Guys don't do that. We're just like, "Hey, he looks like a dork today." We don't say that the color of his eye crust doesn't go with his shoelaces.

From Patricia Weir, 14: "Why don't guys tell each other secrets or have any gossip? Are their lives really so boring that they have nothing to tell their friends?"

Elan: We just wait for the right moment. If I need to tell Quentin something, I'm not going to lean over and whisper in his ear. I'm going to wait until we're alone, we're drinking a Sprite. I'm not going to sit in class and make a big scene of it.

"WHY DO GIRLS...?" "WHY DON'T GUYS...?"

Some questions sent in by Houston middle school students were answered by these students from Topi High in Woodland Hills, Calif.: Elan Yakovlev, 17; Quentin Stella, 17; Robin Gryzman, 16; Ryan Tomlinson, 17; and Jessica Fong, 17.



Elan



Quentin



Robin



Ryan



Jessica

Revealed—

the secrets

held in big

purses, how

guys gossip

and why girls

pass notes.

From Johnny Gonzalez, 16: "Why do girls always write notes to each other in class when you could wait and say what they want to say in private in two minutes?"

Jessica: Girls write to each other in class because they're bored. Guys, they'll just interrupt and yell at each other across the room. But girls are more submissive—they don't want to interrupt the class.

Quentin: "Hey, pass this to her!" They don't want to interrupt the class? What do you call that?

From Ashley Eleton, 13: "What do guys talk about when there are not any girls around?"

Quentin: We make fun of our friends. Guy friends are like that. We make fun of each other all the time. I treat my enemies better than my friends sometimes. It's a guy thing. Bonding.

From Gary Chang, 13: How do you get a girl you like to notice you?

Quentin: You can't just stare across the room at some girl you like and expect spontaneous combustion to happen. You've got to be man enough to go up to her. Maybe you feel afraid of talking to her, but the next thing you know, it's not so bad.

Elan: Laughter and being funny are very important in trying to pick up a girl or trying to get close. Also, you're bound to know somebody who knows her. You go up to him, you say, "Listen, I'm interested in your friend..."

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Star Trek Secrets Revealed at New Museum

Even Trekkies—the most avid fans of *Star Trek*, the TV series that first aired in 1966, and its film and TV spinoffs—may

not know that the wine goblets used by the Klingons in *Star Trek: The Next Generation* and *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* appeared in the 1956 film *The Ten Commandments*.

This tidbit comes from the new History of the Future Museum, part of *Star Trek: The Experience*, a \$70 million attraction opening Jan. 4 at the Las Vegas Hilton. Other Trek trivia:

- Fabric worn by Spock's parents, Sarek and Amanda, was first used in Cecil B. DeMille's 1930s epics.
- Lt. Geordi La Forge, played by LeVar Burton, wears a visor based on a 79-cent plastic headband.

- Dr. McCoy's first med scanner in the original TV series was a satsbaker.
- The original Tribbles were animated by balloons, rubber bladders and the guts of a battery-powered toy dog.

Spock, Captain Kirk and Scotty (l-r) in the original *Star Trek*: No, these outfits were never worn onscreen in biblical epics



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President Clinton wants the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland to join NATO. How much will it cost? And will American taxpayers foot the bill, estimated to range from \$1.5 billion to \$25 billion over 10 years? Clinton has said the U.S. would pay 6% of that, assuming the three new members pay

50% and our NATO allies pay the remaining 44%. The three countries also will need to spend at least \$8 billion to arm themselves at NATO's levels. That means buying hundreds of jets like the F-16 fighter (made in the U.S. by Lockheed Martin) at \$25 million a pop. Think the Senate will approve?

Former Rep Says House Is 'A Mess'

Pat Schroeder of Colorado is one of 30 Democratic Representatives who got sick of the House and bailed out once the GOP majority took over. Now Schroeder, 57—who retired in 1996 after 12 terms in Congress—has written a book called *24 Years of House Work... and the Place Is Still a Mess*, due out in April. "I'm trying to get through the 12-step 'recovering politician' program," she quipped to *Intelligence Report*.

Next month, as head of the Association of American Publishers, she'll be back on the Hill seeking support for a bill to create copyright protection on the Internet. What does Schroeder miss most about Congress? "My friends," she said. And what does she miss least? "Congress."



Pat Schroeder: From the steps of the Hill to the 12 steps for "recovering politicians"

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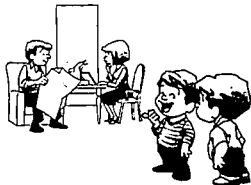
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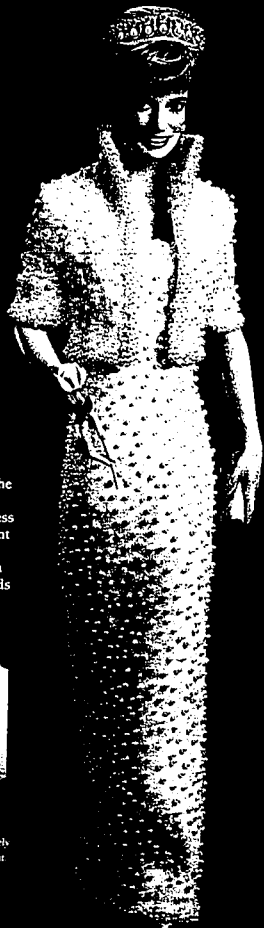


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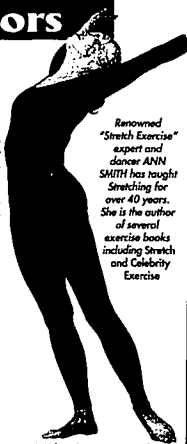
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Ask Marilyn

Could you possibly come up with a better-sounding phrase than stepson, stepdaughter and stepchild? The connotation is obvious, and the stigma can last a lifetime for them.

—A. Friend, Clifton, N.J.
Are they part of your family? If so, what's wrong with just plain "son" and "daughter"? Other than the doctor, who needs the genetic blueprint? I, for one, would be pleased to see such distinctions disappear into the past. Families should be defined by love, not science.

After some foot trouble, I wondered about the answer to this question: While standing straight up on both feet, is all of our weight on each foot, or is only half on each foot?

—S.B., Portland, Ore.
Standing the way you mention, each foot bears only half our weight. You can test this at home with two bathroom scales. (They don't have to be identical.) Say you weigh 120 pounds and step onto two scales, one under each foot. Each scale will read about 60 pounds. As you shift your weight a bit, they might read 55 and 65, or 50 and 70, but the readings of the two scales together will always total your full weight.

How much of an idealist do you think a person should try to be in his or her daily life? I am not referring to the petty stuff. At what point should people stop

If you have a question or comment for Marilyn vos Savant, who is listed in the "Quizzes Book of World Records" Hall of Fame for "Highest IQ," send it to: Ask Marilyn, PARADE, 711 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017. Or you can send e-mail to marilyn@parade.com (please include name, city and state). Due to volume of mail, personal replies are not possible.

defending what is right and instead just do as everyone else is doing?

—Jenna, Arlington, Wash.

In my opinion, it would seem morally reasonable to stop defending "what is right" when

no one is actually being harmed. But instead of just giving up, I would begin to pay attention to what all those other people are doing and keep an open mind. Maybe they



Do we

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aren't wrong. Why was it possible for us to see such a relatively small object as the Hale-Bopp comet, with a nucleus of about 25 miles, when it was more than 120 million miles away from us? Reporters discussed its beauty and rarity, but none over explained why we could see it at that great distance.

—Ernest Koehler,

Metuchon, N.J.

We couldn't see the nucleus of the comet at all. Instead, we saw the surrounding cloud of gas and dust, which was at least 100,000 miles wide (not including the tail). That's more than 10 times the diameter of the planet Earth.

What answer would you give to someone who asked you the question, "Are you smart?" Because I do well in school, I'm sometimes asked questions like this. I find them embarrassing and difficult to answer.

—Anonymous, Hallsopple, Pa.

To the question, "Are you smart?" answer, "In some things, yes. But in other things, no. Two heads are always better than one, and I've only got one head. You and I always know more than I do alone."



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Museums Without Walls

If you can't visit a museum that interests you, don't fret. Many museums now bring their art to you in the form of books they publish. One of them starts practically from scratch, at least so far as its surroundings are concerned. *The J. Paul Getty Museum and Its Collections*, by John Walsh and Deborah Gribben (Getty, distributed by Oxford; \$65 hardcover, \$40 paperback), celebrates the art, architecture and history of a famous California institution that has just moved into sumptuous new quarters in the Los Angeles area. The subtitle is "A Museum for the New Century," but many of its 200 color illustrations are devoted to the museum's art holdings from

Masterpieces of the J. Paul Getty Museum



centuries past, and the whole adds up to a spectacular art and architecture show.

Equally important, Getty also is releasing beautifully designed and printed individual 128-page books devoted to its collections called *Masterpieces of the J. Paul Getty Museum* (each is \$34.95 hardcover, \$19.95 paperback). The volume of *Paintings*, for instance, ranges from Georges de La Tour to Vincent van Gogh. That's Cézanne's *Still Life With Apples* on the cover, at left (as if you didn't know). Other books in the series are devoted to *Illuminated Manuscripts, Decorative Arts, Antiquities and Drawings*.

Incidentally, in *Building the Getty* (Knopf, \$35), the architect Richard Meier gives his own take on the planning and construction of the 13-year, billion-dollar project.

Another new, if less expensive, establishment is spotlighted in *The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum*, edited by Peter H. Hassrick (Abrams, \$35). This ever-popular American artist, who died in 1986, now has an institution devoted to her works

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Jon sounds a bit homesick for the East—but, as he says, "with the show, we're pretty well nailed down in California." Jon adds that he and his wife, Teri, talk of moving back to New York City, where they used to have a place, though she's from northern California. As if being married to the beautiful Ms. Hatcher isn't sufficient, one of Tenney's new feature films, *With Friends Like These...*, casts him as an ambitious actor married to Ellie Macpherson. The supermodel plays...well, a supermodel. How did they get along? "Ellie knows that, as successful as she has been as a model, she's still relatively new to acting. So there's a nice, innocent aspect to her work." He's in another new movie—a comedy that has been playing the festival circuit, called *Lovellie*, with Sherilyn Fenn and Bruce Davison. When you consider all the great things that Tenney says about the *Brooklyn South* crew (see Dav Milch, how about this quote from Milch about Jon Tenney: "He's so extraordinarily good-looking that people don't appreciate what a good actor he is."

In Step With JON TENNEY

BY JAMES BRADY



EVERY FEW YEARS network TV seems to turn out a big new leading man—a George Clooney or David Caruso, who's suddenly on all the talk shows and magazine covers. It doesn't happen overnight, of course, but is usually based on training, stage work and lesser roles. This may be the time for Jon Tenney of the CBS cop series *Brooklyn South*, from the producer Steven Bochco.

As for the critics, *Entertainment Weekly* was typical: "Tenney suddenly finds his mug among Hollywood's most wanted." And literally so, with an MGM feature film, *Music From Another Room*, to be released in April, and several more Tenney flicks in the can or in the works. But when we spoke, Jon's mind was, understandably, not entirely on the job: He and his wife, Teri Hatcher (formerly of TV's *Lois & Clark*), had their first child—a daughter—on Nov. 10.

Early this year, Tenney was in *Fools Rush In* with Matthew Perry and that lovely Mexican import Salma Hayek. Good movie, said Jon, "but it was weird living in Vegas for three months." I guess so, especially if you grew up in Princeton with a nuclear physicist father and a psychiatrist mother, went to college at Vassar and trained at Juillard.

"Even in high school I knew I wanted to be an actor," he said, "but I also knew I wanted four years of a good liberal arts college. I took a double major, drama and philosophy," which he acknowledged was a curious mix.

As for *Brooklyn South*—in which he plays a sergeant named Donovan, with his own mix of tangled emotions—Jon called it, "a happy cast that fell quickly into a tight ensemble, something like that brotherhood of the po-

lice." A perk for a new dad: "It's a large ensemble. The wealth is spread over all that talent, so there's a nice work schedule."

And is Steven Bochco around all the time? "He delegates well and isn't on the set every day," said Jon. "There's constant working on the look of the show and the words. Great pains are taken, and a lot is due to David Milch, the writer/producer, who was also on *Hill Street Blues*. He has a great sense of language."

How good can it get? Jon Tenney stars on *Brooklyn South*, works with Ellie Macpherson, is married to Teri Hatcher and is a brand-new daddy.

Sounds good. But is CBS satisfied *Brooklyn South* is working? The ratings have been so-so. "It's been very encouraging," said Jon. "Initially we were picked up for 13 episodes. Then we got a full season. We knew that, up against *Monday Night Football* [on ABC], we wouldn't come out of the box all that fast. We've been holding our own." CBS, he added, will take another look in January, after the NFL season ends. **B**

Personal:

Born Dec. 16, 1961, in Princeton, N.J. Married to Teri Hatcher since 1994. One daughter, Emerson Rose, 7 weeks.

Television:

Includes *The Dirty Dozen*, 1988; *Alone in the Neon Jungle*, 1989; *Murphy Brown*, 1989; *Equal Justice*, 1990-91; *Good Company*, 1990; *Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman*, 1993; *Twilight of the Gods*, 1997; *Brooklyn South*, 1997-.

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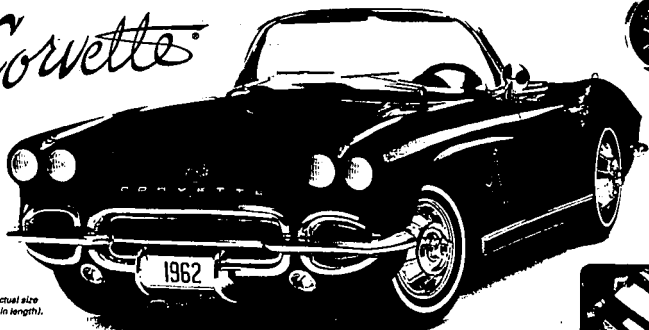
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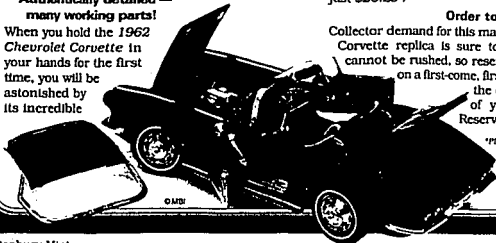
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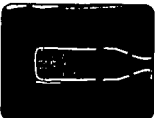
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