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Caring and learning

Students earn credits visiting elderly at care center

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Some senior citizens can count on daily visits from junior high students whenever school is in session.

"He's my boy," said Pearle R. Aldrich, a resident at Twin Falls Care Center.

"I know you have a mother and a dad, but couldn't I just say I like you?" said Aldrich, patting Kyle Williams' hand during a recent visit.

Williams, 15, is a ninth-grader at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School. He spends half an hour at the care center daily for an elective course, and he is one of Aldrich's regular visitors.

Students walk across the street from the junior high to the care center, visiting a few at a time throughout the school day. It's a community-service class for ninth-graders only, O'Leary counselor Frank Scherer said. Students become health-care assistants for about 30 minutes a day. They receive an "A" as long as they do the work.

Scherer interviews students before they can take the class, and they must have teacher recommendations. Goofing off isn't an option.

"It takes a special person with a special kind of heart to go over there," he said. The class is a service rather than an academic class, but Scherer said he is sure students are learning a lot.

Williams and classmate Jamille Carvajar, 14, agree. They say they are discovering how to interact with senior citizens, and learning about the past through the personal histories of people they visit. They must write a report about one resident they visit regularly.

Even though some days he doesn't feel like visiting, Williams said, he is glad he does.

"It makes us happy to be here," he said. Being around elderly people forces Carvajar to think about her own life.

"I don't want to be old," she said. Students check in with care center activity director Craig Nebeker. Their main assignment is visiting residents who don't typically get visitors. The students talk and play games with them and sometimes help with care-center clerical tasks.

The young and old get attached to one another, Nebeker said. Some students visit in the evening too, or volunteer during the summer. Now and then they learn a resident has died, but in some cases residents get to go home.

As a whole, the experience is a lesson about life's natural progression, Nebeker said.

Williams took the class, he said, because



Jamille Carvajar, 14, visits with Jon Hindes in his room at Twin Falls Care Center. Carvajar gets class credit at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School for helping at the center.

he remembers friends telling him it was fun. He also knows one of the residents, who had lived across the street from his grandmother.

Carvajar's friends said it was fun, too, but she also remembers bringing gifts to the care center when she was in

seventh grade.

"I thought old people were really cute," she said.

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Lawmakers face slate of 70 new bills

The Associated Press

BOISE — Anybody can be a county sheriff in Idaho. All you have to do is to be appointed or get enough votes, and you're in.

But if legislation sponsored by the Idaho Association of Counties becomes law after 2001, sheriffs will have to meet lawmaker standards.

The bill is among about 70 prefiled with the Idaho House for the legislative session starting Jan. 12.

The legislation declares it is in the state's best interest to make sure sheriffs are qualified, since they are the primary law enforcement officers in every county.

"With the increase of crime continuing as a major social problem of this state," requiring qualifications and standards are necessary, the bill states.

If the measure becomes law, nobody can be elected or appointed sheriff unless they are United States citizens, registered to vote, at least age 21 with at least four years experience in law enforcement.

The would-be sheriff also must be certified by the Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) program or is eligible for certification by POST as a peace officer.

Another measure prefiled calls for a constitutional amendment to give the legislature authority over actions by the state Land Board and other bodies now exempt from legislative oversight.

The Land Board, made up of the governor, attorney general, secretary of state, schools superintendent and controller, is a body created by the Idaho Constitution. It is exempt from laws requiring other state agencies to submit their rules and regulations to the Legislature for approval.

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Study shows risks of huge amounts of animal waste

The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — The staggering amount of animal waste produced on American farms often pollutes water, and the risk is growing as more large-scale livestock operations take hold, according to a new U.S. Senate study.

The study found that the amount of animal manure produced on the United States is 30 times greater than the amount of human waste, and there are no national standards for dealing with the animal waste.

For example, a single 50,000-acre hog farm being built in Utah could potentially put out more waste than the city of Los Angeles, the study said.

The report is scheduled to be released later this week. It criticizes water, air and soil pollution by San Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, who called it "the first comprehensive report to illustrate the magnitude of environmental problems caused by animal waste."

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Clinton mulls nature of possible tax cuts

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — President Clinton has not ruled out an across-the-board tax cut, called for by some Republican leaders, but he continues to favor trims aimed at the rich class, a senior White House aide said Sunday.

With the federal budget showing a 12-month surplus for the first time in nearly three decades, Clinton prefers a targeted and limited approach to tax cuts — one that does not assume the budget is now under control or that any surplus should



Rahm Emanuel

automatically be converted into tax cuts, presidential assistant Rahm Emanuel said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Yet Clinton would not necessarily veto a general tax cut that reaches across all income levels, Emanuel said.

"If others have an approach, we'd love to see it," he said.

But, he added, "Where are they going to pay for" tax cuts? "Are they talking about cuts in education? Are they talking about cuts in health care? Are they talking about cuts in senior programs?"

Although Republicans have not been talking about those steps, his comments indicate the Clinton administration is preparing for a robust and wide-ranging debate with Republicans in 1998 over federal spending decisions in a new era of balanced budgets.

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End of 'Seinfeld' show saddens some, pleases others

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — From her waitress station at Tom's Restaurant on Manhattan's Upper West Side, Mary Curtis has spent the last 1 1/2 years watching the worlds of "real New York City" and "Seinfeld New York City" collide.

Tom's is the real-world counterpart of Monk's Cafe, the diner where Jerry, George, Elaine and Kramer hang out on the popular NBC comedy. The diner's street facade is shown as the exterior of the "Seinfeld" gang's favorite hangout.

And though the news that "Seinfeld" will end its nine-season run this spring has brought a new surge of tourists through the diner's doors, Curtis is steadfast in her assertion that the diner doesn't owe its success to star Jerry Seinfeld.

"We probably helped make him," she said during Saturday morning's breakfast rush. "He didn't make us."

Seinfeld announced last week that the sitcom — No. 2 in the ratings behind "ER" — would film its last new episodes this season.

Curtis, Curtis comes herself a fan, fondly recalling this season's episode in which Jerry "slips a mickley" to an unwitting girlfriend so he can play with her collection of vintage toys.



Soup chef Al Yeganeh, made infamous by the comedy show 'Seinfeld', sits a pot of soup at his Soup Kitchen International restaurant in New York City Saturday. 'Seinfeld' will air its final show in May.

liding! Worlds colliding! The diner is only one of many real-world New York people and places which have had their realities altered by a collision with the world of "Seinfeld."

The show's rise to ratings dominance this decade has paralleled New York's comeback, and for many tourists the over-

laps between reality and televised fiction have become irresistible attractions.

Although "Seinfeld" is filmed in California, plots often involve topics near and dear to the frazzled hearts of New Yorkers: battles with food deliveries, fights over scarce parking spaces, apartment angst, celebrity sightings and annoy-

ing taxi drivers.

A 1991 episode titled "The Alternate Side," in which George is put in charge of moving cars on Jerry's block to avoid violations of the city's arcane street-cleaning rules, was no revelation to Tom's customer Jeff Shavers. "I ran into somebody that moved cars back and forth across the road long before George ever did it," he said.

Not all of the show's "real New York" references have met with universal acclaim. Soup chef Al Yeganeh was compared to certain genocidal Germans in a 1995 episode which raised a Fuhrer by limping his dictatorial control of the lines outside his International Soup Kitchen.

Yeganeh agreed to be interviewed Saturday only on the condition that what he calls "the 'N' word" not be used in connection with him. He then repeatedly referred to Jerry Seinfeld as "an idiot clown." Yeganeh was furious at being labeled a "Soup ('N' word)" and claims the episode caused a legion of intimates — including a place called "Soup Nuts" — to try to cash in on his reputation.

Back at Tom's, regulars Gigi Iriyazy and Jacqui Sturgess saw no reason to mourn the imminent demise of "Seinfeld" as they shared a platter of silver dollar potatoes.

"It's not our kind of show. We were not sorry that it ended," Iriyazy said. "The tourists coming here on Saturday and Sunday ruined the ambience of the great diner in New York."

THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 32 Low: 19
Mostly cloudy becoming partly cloudy in the evening. Patchy fog Tuesday morning; mostly sunny in the afternoon.

Treasure Valley

High: 44 Low: 25
Partly cloudy with variable winds around 15 mph. Patchy fog Tuesday morning. Afternoon sunny but hazy.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 30 Low: 13
Mostly cloudy becoming partly cloudy in the evening. Patchy fog Tuesday morning; mostly sunny in the afternoon.

Eastern Idaho

High: 32 Low: 14
Cloudy with a chance of morning snow showers. Partial clearing by late afternoon. Tuesday mostly sunny.

Northern Idaho

High: 42 Low: 32
Mostly cloudy with scattered morning showers. Southwestern mostly sunny after patchy morning fog.

Northern Utah

High: 26 Low: 5
Cloudy with chance of light snow. Evening turns possible. Tuesday partly cloudy, highs near 30.

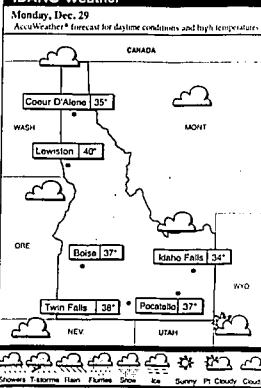
Northern Nevada

High: 40s Low: teens
Partly cloudy. Monday night mostly clear. Tuesday mostly cloudy with highs and 30s to mid-40s.

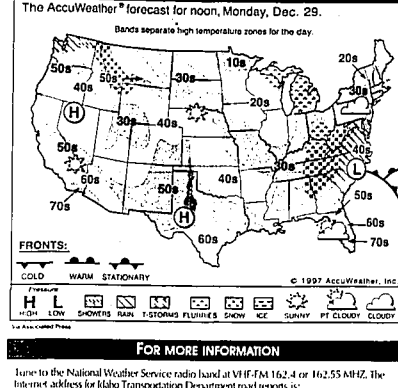
MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High: 42 Low: 23 Mostly cloudy with south wind 5-15 mph.	High: 43 Low: 25 Sunny.	High: 30s Low: 20s Mostly clear; patchy low clouds and fog.	High: 30s Low: 20s Mostly cloudy with slight chance of snow.	High: 30s Low: 20s Mostly cloudy with slight chance of snow.

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Index: 1
Minimum
Burn time:
(4) minutes

ROAD INFORMATION

Boise: 376-8028
Magic Valley: 886-2266
Pocatello: 233-5724
Rigby: 745-2220

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 5:13 pm
Sunrise tomorrow 8:08 am
Lunar phase: New, Dec. 29; first quarter, Jan. 5; full, Jan. 12; last quarter, Jan. 20.
Visible planets: Aries; Mars; Evening: Mars, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday	41 20
Last year	50 40
Normal	39 21
Month to date	46
Normal mo. to date	1.03
Water year to date	2.25
Normal year to date	2.98

Idaho High/Lows

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho: High	High: 41
Boise	41	21	0.0	degrees at Twin Falls, Boise, Low.	
Burley	37	20	0.0	degrees at Idaho Falls, Pocatello, etc.	
Fairfield	m	m	0.0	degrees at Idaho Falls, Pocatello, etc.	
Idaho Falls	27	20	0.0	degrees at Idaho Falls, Pocatello, etc.	
Jerome	38	20	0.0	degrees at Idaho Falls, Pocatello, etc.	
Lowellston	40	33	12	14 at Chama, N.M.	
Malad	29	08	0.0	at Chama, N.M.	
Albina	36	16	0.0	at Chama, N.M.	
Blackfoot	26	06	0.0	at Chama, N.M.	
Pocatello	33	13	0.0	at Chama, N.M.	
Salmon	27	14	0.0	at Chama, N.M.	
Stanley	25	0	0.0	at Chama, N.M.	
Sun Valley	m	m	0.0	at Chama, N.M.	

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	43	21	0.0
Atlanta	43	24	0.0
Boston	34	21	0.2
Chicago	50	32	0.0
Dallas	50	32	0.0
Denver	33	16	0.0
Des Moines	44	27	0.0
Detroit	34	19	0.0
Honolulu	82	68	0.1
Indianapolis	36	21	0.0
Kansas City	37	23	0.2
Las Vegas	55	39	0.0
Los Angeles	77	47	0.0
Memphis	47	27	0.0
Miami Beach	62	56	0.0
Minneapolis	32	14	0.0
New Orleans	55	31	0.3
New York	39	24	0.0
Oklahoma City	40	21	0.0
Omaha	35	30	0.0
Phoenix	59	36	0.0
Portland, Me.	47	27	0.1
Portland, Ore.	51	43	0.1
Reno	48	30	0.0
St. Louis	40	25	0.0
Salt Lake City	32	10	0.0
San Diego	62	48	0.0
Seattle	52	42	0.1
Spokane	39	26	0.0
Washington	42	29	0.0

Canadian Cities

City	39	29	0.0
Calgary	39	29	0.0
Montreal	33	4	0.0
Toronto	m	m	0.0
Vancouver	42	29	0.0

Authorities charge Mexican mayor with organizing massacre

LOS CHORROS, Mexico (AP) — Authorities charged the mayor of a southern Mexican municipality with organizing the massacre of 45 peasants, and the region's leftist rebels accused federal authorities of complicity.

Tacinto Arias Cruz, mayor of Chenaholo, was charged Saturday night with murder, causing injuries and criminal association for the Dec. 22 killings in the nearby village of Actal.

Arias Cruz provided the weapons used, said the prosecutor, according to Jose Luis Ramos Rivera of the federal attorney general's office.

As he was being taken into prison, Arias Cruz denied the charges, Mexican media reported. "I didn't do anything," he said. "I don't know what a massacre is."

Refugees — A5

Forty people — all peasants from Chenaholo — have been charged in the attack. Most are jailed in the capital of southern Chiapas state, Tuxtla Gutierrez.

Chenaholo municipality includes both Actal and Los Chorros, where many of those arrested live. Peasants who fled Los Chorros Saturday, fearing for their lives, identified several of the men charged as members or supporters of Mexico's ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI.

The massacre has outraged Mexicans and brought calls for the resignation of the state governor, the interior secretary — even President Ernesto Zedillo.

Rebels of the Zapatista

National Liberation Army, who rose up in January 1994 to demand rights for Chiapas state's poor Indians, said the federal government ordered the massacre.

Zapatista military leader Subcomandante Marcos said the killers used vehicles belonging to the Chenaholo mayor's office, and said they bought their uniforms with money from the federal Social Development Secretariat. He did not provide evidence.

He said the killers shot pregnant women and cut open their stomachs with machetes. Mexican news media have reported similar charges.

Marcos accused state police of trying to cover up the massacre by hiding the bodies in mass graves, and said federal officials supplied the firepower.

1 dead, dozens injured as jet hits turbulence

TOKYO (AP) — A United Airlines jumbo jet hit massive air turbulence over the Pacific late Sunday, killing one woman and injuring more than 80 people, some of them seriously.

The flight, UA 820, on route to Honolulu from Narita, Japan, turned back after encountering the turbulence about two hours into the flight, landing again in Narita early Monday morning, a United spokesman said.

The company's Chicago headquarters, Narita is 40 miles east of Tokyo.

Seventy-four passengers and nine flight attendants were taken to Tokyo hospitals, United said. All except nine passengers and one flight attendant were treated and released.

Japanese news reports said the turbulence was so violent that the plane suddenly dropped, sending passengers and flight attendants into overhead luggage compartments and the ceiling.

A United spokesman said the Boeing 747 encountered "severe clear-air turbulence," unanticipated rockiness that develops when there are no storm clouds.

"The plane suddenly descended while an attendant was delivering meals, and oxygen masks dropped and food scattered everywhere," Kyodo news quoted Joji Haru, a 50-year-old passenger from Tokyo, as saying.

Haru said there were several dents in the ceiling panel caused by people being thrown against the roof, according to Kyodo.

The incident lasted several minutes. Afterward there was an announcement that the plane had dropped about 950 feet but that there was no loss of a crash.

United did not release the name of the dead woman, but the Kyodo News agency identified her as Konomi Katsura, 32, of Tokyo.

Bills

Rep. Jim Steicheff, D-Sandpoint, thinks the Land Board — and the Board of Correction, also exempt, should be subjected to more control by the Legislature.

"I don't think anybody that's using the state government as a vehicle should be able to deal with money and rules without our knowledge," he said. "Otherwise, you have an unaccountable section of government."

It won't be easy. Steicheff has to win two-thirds approval from the full House and Senate to put the issue before voters in the November general election, then win a majority of voters at that point.

Other prefilled bills range from requests to change the fees charged by county government to setting up a statewide registry and disbursement unit for child support orders.

It would cost \$135,000 to set the system up and \$377,700 to operate it for a year, but counties would be relieved of the responsibility to collect child support payments. The legislation doesn't call for the system to start until Oct. 1, 1998, which is the start of the state fiscal year.

Counties also want an increase in the fees they get for keeping state prisoners in county jails until there is room for them in the state prison system. They get \$35 a day now but want to make \$45.

That would cost the state an extra \$750,000 per year.

Other proposals:

- County clerks want to increase their filing fees from \$3 to \$8 for the first time. The Idaho Association of Counties estimate that will give counties an extra \$1.7 million per year to cover the cost of those services.
- Legislation would define as trespass any person who is hunting, fishing or trapping on private property and refuses to leave

after being requested. It's similar to the criminal trespass law that applies specifically to hunting, fishing and trapping. Violations require license revocation for at least one year.

- A bill requires anyone winter feeding big game animals to get permission from the Fish and Game Department. "Winter feeding concentrates animals, raising public safety and animal health concerns," the legislation says. A permit would cost \$50, which would go to help pay for winter feeding.
- The fastest prefilled bill is an 86-page measure rewriting Idaho's Employment Security Law. It imposes reductions in some categories of taxes on employers.
- Prefilled legislation allows checking through Social Security numbers the information on marriage licenses to see if one of the parties has unpaid child support obligations.
- As part of the Governor's Medicaid Reform Initiative, prefilled bill beefs up enforcement of false claims for Medicaid, with triple damages and civil penalties for proven violations.
- A bill prefilled by Rep. Jim Clark, R-Hayden, and Sen. Greg Ipsen, R-Boise, calls for creation of a Budget Stabilization Fund to minimize the need for budget cuts or tax increases. The fund would bill private property tax increases that are more than a percent higher than the previous year.
- Steicheff also has prefilled a bill making the offense of failure to obtain a driver's license a misdemeanor instead of a felony. Steicheff says there may be some savings from cutting the number of people sent to prison for the bill. And he has submitted a bill giving a property tax break to disabled veterans with a services-connected disability of 10 percent or more.

Spokane detectives seek Post Falls man for questioning

POST FALLS (AP) — The Spokane County Sheriff's Department has released the name of a second Idaho man it is seeking in the slaying of a Spokane Valley resident.

The man was charged Saturday with the slaying of Edward A. Burrow, 22, about the killing of Jeremy Moore, sheriff's Lt. John Simmons said.

Burrow, who lives in Post Falls, is thought to be one of three men

who barged into an apartment Tuesday on confront floor.

Witnesses reported that Moore was killed when he opened the front door to the apartment. But authorities said Friday the 20-year-old Moore was shot once in the head at close range after a struggle with the intruders in a back bedroom. He died instantly.

Moore apparently knew his attackers, and detectives are

investigating several motives for the shooting.

Burrow works as a roofer, according to court records. He has no criminal record in Spokane or Kootenai counties, outside of two traffic violations in the past five years. Burrow has contacted authorities about turning himself in, and negotiations are taking place between detectives and the man's attorney, Simmons said.

Waste

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The study was compiled by the Democratic staff of the Senate Agriculture Committee. Harkin is the ranking Democrat on that committee. The study said the nation's agricultural officials consider 90 percent of rivers and streams "impaired" with agricultural runoff the largest contributor to that pollution.

Last year alone, more than 40 animal waste spills killed 670,000

fish in Iowa, Minnesota and Missouri, the study said. That was up from 20 spills in 1992.

Harkin uses the study to support his push for national environmental standards for livestock producers. He and other supporters want Congress to impose national standards so states won't undercut each other in an effort to lure the livestock industry.

Farm groups have been leery of new regulations.

The report also noted that the rise of large-scale livestock operations — a growing trend among meat producers — has greatly increased the risk of waste spills, because the large farms produce more waste than can be spread over nearby cropland.

Over the last 15 years, the number of hog farms nationally has dropped to 157,000 from about 600,000, but the overall output of hogs has increased.

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NATION

U.S.: Forces will stay in Persian Gulf

KUWAIT (AP) — President Saddam Hussein shows no sign of loosening his hold on power in Iraq and is likely to remain for years to come a threat to vital U.S. interests, the U.S. area commander says.

Calling Saddam "a great thug," Marine Corps Gen. Anthony Zinni said the Iraqi leader will prove difficult to remove from power.

"No one's going to get in close to take the shot. Anyone who would dare to would be self-sacrificing," said Zinni, who as head of the U.S. Central Command has responsibility for American military operations in the Persian Gulf area.

And as a result of Saddam's staying power, U.S. forces — including troops Zinni visited



Anthony Zinni

Sunday in central Saudi Arabia and Kuwait — must remain in the oil-rich region indefinitely, he said.

Zinni's bleak assessment comes as U.S. frustration over Saddam's defiance of U.N. weapons inspections runs high, with increasingly mainstream voices in the United States are urging his forcible removal. Zinni gave little credence to such proposals.

"The (Iraqi) people would like to see him gone, but they're too much afraid," Zinni said.

"It's a very rock-solid dictatorship, run ruthlessly. It's hard for opposition to take hold."

Saddam runs Iraq like an organized crime boss, Zinni said.

"He's a great thug," Zinni said. "Any potential opposition gets taken out pretty quickly, even if it's just a rumor of opposition."

With such a potential foe remaining in power, Zinni offered little comfort to those who would like to see the United States scale back its costly military presence in the Gulf. Nowhere is that presence more visible than at Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, Zinni's first stop on a four-day trip to the region. The sprawling military city in the desert is home to 4,500 U.S. airmen charged with patrolling the skies over southern Iraq.

Nichols could escape death

DENVER (AP) — Terry Nichols probably won't be sentenced to death by a federal jury, but he wouldn't stand a chance in an Oklahoma trial, attorneys said Sunday.

"It would be a major upset if the (federal) government were able to obtain a verdict of death," Stephen Jones, former attorney for convicted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh, said on the CBS program "Face the Nation."

Gerry Spence, a prominent defense attorney, said trying McVeigh and Nichols in Oklahoma on murder charges would amount "to a legalized lynching."



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Report: U.S. will trim fish harvest

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fearing a sharp decline in Pacific fish, the federal government will toughen restrictions on the commercial catch for 83 species, including popular black cod, ling cod and dover sole, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday.

Commercial fishermen will be required to reduce ground fish hauls by up to 65 percent under regulations expected to be released in time to be effective when the new year begins Thursday, the Times said.

Ground fish, which are found near the ocean bottom, represent 50 percent to 60 percent of the total value of California's annual commercial fish harvest.



Artist Mohamed Said Ouafi talks about the vandalism of his sculpture, Islamic symbols he erected near the National Christmas tree and giant Hanukkah menorah, visible in the background.

Vandals attack Islamic symbols

WASHINGTON (AP) — Artist Mohamed Said Ouafi brought a friend to a grassy area near the White House to show off his sculpture of a crescent and star, the Islamic answer to the nearby National Christmas tree and giant Hanukkah menorah.

But when the Arlington, Va. resident arrived at the site Friday night, he saw the large green crescent in its place, but the accompanying orange star was gone. Ouafi searched the

area and found the plywood star lying near a garbage can about 300 feet away, damaged and covered with a red, spray-painted swastika. "Hopefully, it's just a kid who doesn't mean to hurt."

But Arab-Americans assembled with Ouafi in front of the defaced sculpture to condemn the vandalism said the incident was especially painful because this marked the first year Islam's crescent and star joined Christian and Jewish religious

symbols on the Ellipse, a grassy area between the White House and the Washington Monument. The plywood, wood and plaster sculpture was erected Dec. 19 and is scheduled to be removed on Jan. 11.

M.T. Mehdi, secretary-general of the New York-based National Council on Islamic Affairs, said he believed the vandalism was the work of supporters of Israel, either fundamentalist Christians or Jewish extremists.

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Pioneer sets sights on history

Pilot hopes to circle the Earth in balloon without landing

MOJAVE, Calif. (AP) — It's late afternoon at Mojave Airport, a dusty complex on the edge of this desert town, and pioneering pilot Dick Rutan is fidgeting with a curious white orb outside his hangar.

He tugs at wires and hoses. He peers through the bubble window. He strokes the smooth exterior.

The sphere is an airtight life-support capsule designed to be carried by a towering ice cream cone-shaped balloon that Rutan intends to use to achieve aviation's last, most elusive milestone: circling the Earth in a balloon without landing.

For a man at Social Security age and already a flight pioneer in Charles Lindbergh's league, the risks — and they are many — hardly seem worth it. It would seem a man so intimate with airplanes and speed and danger has nothing left to prove. Voyager took care of that.

Eleven years ago, Rutan and former girlfriend Jeana Yeager became folk heroes by flying their anorexic airplane around the world without landing or refueling. The Voyager now hangs in the Smithsonian's Air & Space Museum.

But Rutan, 59 and the Big Man in Mojave — the sign outside his hometown welcomes motorists to the "home of the Voyager" — isn't himself ready to become a museum piece.

Life went on. His relationship with Yeager, writing before the Voyager flight, crashed and burned after it finished. A quest for Congress went bust. Restlessness took hold.

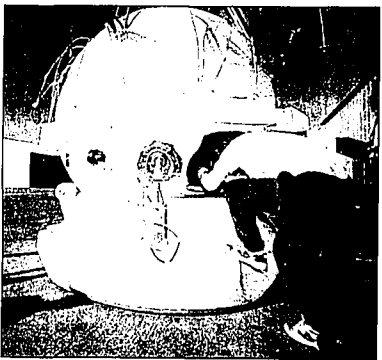
On Jan. 5 or some day shortly thereafter, depending on the weather, Rutan and copilot David Melton, 39, a veteran balloonist from New Mexico, will strap into the orb and do what adventurous men do: push the boundaries of safety and common sense in the name of glory.

Their plan is to rise in the 170-foot balloon from the Altitude Launch site six miles into the jet stream and ride the 200 mph air currents for 24,000 miles around the world in 18 days, or so.

To qualify for round-the-world recognition, the balloon must land just beyond the longitudinal



Flight pioneer Dick Rutan checks equipment inside the airtight, life-support capsule of his balloon Dec. 16 in Mojave, Calif. Below, the craft he hopes will carry him around the world.



line it took off from, anywhere in North America. Rutan could actually fall far short of North America and still break the current distance record of 10,377 miles.

Teen who died at 680 pounds becomes focus

MARTINEZ, Calif. (AP) — Christina Corrigan died alone at the age of 13, a child in a 680-pound body whose heart gave out while her mother was making a run to the grocery store.

Now her mother is on trial charged with felony child abuse, and Christina's private life and death have made her a very public lightning rod for attitudes toward food and weight.

Fat activists say Christina's mother didn't cause her daughter's death. They blame a society

they say is prejudiced against obese people and doesn't know how to help them.

"The weight of shame was heavier on her than her own weight," says Marilyn Wann, editor of the San Francisco-based magazine FATSO?

Prosecutors say that's not true. They say they charged Marlene Corrigan strictly because of the condition in which her daughter's body was found on Nov. 19, 1996 — lying on a dirty sheet, soiled with bedsores and with feces

trapped in the folds of her flesh. Ms. Corrigan's trial resumes Monday.

Christina spent the last months of her life lying in front of a television, barely able to hoist herself up to go to the bathroom, according to police reports.

Defense attorneys say Ms. Corrigan was a caring, but over-worked single mother who was working full time and checking in frequently on two sick parents while raising Christina and her brother, Chad.

Tanned, rested, ready

Ferraro, former vice presidential candidate, considers run against D'Amato, close friends say

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a career marked by huge successes and bitter disappointments, Geraldine Ferraro, the only woman ever nominated by a major political party for vice president, is hopping up in her Caribbean vacation home to decide whether to try a second time for the U.S. Senate.

Five years ago, the right to challenge New York Republican Sen. Alfonse D'Amato seemed within her grasp. After narrowly losing a bitter and spiteful Democratic primary, Ferraro said she was quitting politics for good.

But now, in the days after Christmas, Ferraro jets to her Virgin Island vacation home to search her soul and decide if she wants to reenter the game.

"She has wanted to be a senator from New York for a long, long time," said her close friend and confidante, Rep. Barbara Kennedy, D-Conn.

For months, the TV talk-show celebrity and former congress-



Geraldine Ferraro

woman from Queens has been flirting with challenging D'Amato, one of the most influential Republicans in Washington, in 1998.

Two other Democrats already have entered the race: Rep. Charles Schumer and New York City Public Advocate Mark Green, who lost to D'Amato in 1986. Still, things look good for Ferraro. She remains well-known and popular around New York and her poll numbers show her running ahead of D'Amato.

But Ferraro, a street-smart, tough and savvy politician, is well aware how quickly political tides can turn and how a hard-fought campaign can tear at a family.

Almost since her emergence as a national political figure as

Democratic presidential nominee Walter Mondale's running mate in 1984, she has been dogged by allegations her husband, real-estate developer John Zaccaro, is somehow connected to the mob.

This time around, her reluctance to declare her candidacy and quit her job on CNN's "Crossfire" debating show has left Ferraro far behind the competition in the crucial task of raising the millions of dollars the race will require.

It's also opened her to criticism from D'Amato, who says she's improperly and perhaps illegally "building a campaign on CNN's dime and time."

Ferraro had no comment. She abruptly canceled a Christmas Eve interview scheduled weeks ago with The Associated Press, asserting she "has nothing to say at this time."

Ferraro turns 63 next year and knows that well be her last opportunity to become a U.S. senator.

Study: DNA contributes to aging process

By looking deep into the inner workings of yeast cells, scientists report they have uncovered a fundamental mechanism that is involved in aging — why the cells get feeble and die.

The work, described in the journal Cell, shows that small chunks of useless DNA gradually accumulate inside dividing cells until the cells can no longer function. As a result, they fade into senescence.

It is not yet known whether the same thing happens in human cells. But biologist Leonard Guarante said genetic evidence suggests it does, and he speculated the discovery may yet lead to ways to slow, or even control, the aging process.

"What we've found is a specific molecular mechanism that we think is the cause of aging, in general," Guarante said. "We found it in yeast cells, but there are clues that hint a very similar process works in higher organisms, even humans, he said.

The main clue, so far, he said, is that a mutant gene known to cause a rapid-aging disorder in humans is also seen in the yeast cells, where it also speeds aging. "That's a possible link between what's happening in yeast and in people with this disease," he said.

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OTHER VIEWS

Take another look at 'bad' food choices

From the Lewiston Morning Tribune
What could be better news during the holiday season than confirmation that a good drink is also good for you? A study that reveals eating meat is good for the environment.

No, that conclusion is not the product of imaginative children with visions of sugarplums dancing in their heads. It comes from researcher David Coley and colleagues at the Centre for Energy and the Environment at the University of Exeter in England.

Mind you, Coley doesn't pretend to say eating meat is better for you than a vegetarian diet. It's just better for the Earth, the British journal *New Scientist* reports.

That's because meat takes less energy to produce than many of the foodstuffs we are programmed to believe are better food choices. Coley and his colleagues tried to measure everything that goes into producing different kinds of foods, including the manufacture and application of fertilizers and other chemicals, harvesting, processing, packaging, transportation and waste disposal. And they found that meat "does well because it is not highly processed, provides a lot of calories and is often grown locally," Coley says. "But obviously it makes a lot of difference whether the meat comes from the local farm or Brazil."

The study, which examined the diets of more than 2,000 people and bal-

anced the results for geography, found that it takes almost six times as much energy to get the average person's food to the table as is in the food itself. But what people eat makes a lot of difference in how much energy they consume.

The most energy-intensive item studied is coffee, which requires 177 megajoules (MJ) of energy to produce 1 MJ of food intake. That's no shock, considering how little real energy coffee produces. But other results are more surprising.

Fresh fruit, for example, consumes between 10 MJ and 22 MJ, while sugar and white bread and ice cream are at the bottom of the scale, requiring only 1 MJ each.

Typical salad vegetables soak up 45 MJ, and white fish takes 36 MJ. But here's the good news: Beef and burgers consume only 8 MJ, chicken takes 7 MJ, and lamb only 6 MJ.

This is not an excuse to overindulge in anything, of course. And this page would be irresponsible to nudge anyone away from the moderation that is hardest to achieve this time of the year.

But when the time comes to enjoy that holiday meal, and you find yourself offered red meat followed by rich ice cream, give your conscience a break and enjoy. It might be hell on you, but remember, it's a favor to Mother



Keep women off the battlefield

Did you hear the National Football League is opening its team rosters to women? From now on, when you watch pro football, you're going to see women out there knocking heads with the likes of Reggie White and Barry Sanders. "And the tackle, by Denise 'The Vacuum Cleaner' Jones," the announcer will scream, as the crowd roars. OK, so you don't buy it. I'm not surprised. All of us - even feminists (most of them) - understand that the chalk lines on the edges of the professional football field mark a zone where equality between the sexes is pure fantasy. Any woman unfortunate enough to doubt this only has to place herself in the killing zone on the front lines of, say, the Green Bay Packers or the Kansas City Chiefs. Hint: Make an appointment with an orthopedic surgeon beforehand.

I say all this to illustrate a point about public policy. The reason we all know the idea of women playing pro football is absurd is because we're serious about football. It's a tough game, and if you allow yourself to be distracted by irrelevant issues such as "sexual equality" when you should be making your team the toughest it can possibly be, you're going to get creamed.

So why are we letting feminists impose "sexual equality" on an area that makes football look like a tea party; something that is not a game, but a matter of life and death - for our nation as well as for the "players" - namely, our military?

According to a report by my colleague James Anderson, a former professor at

Edwin Feulner

the Marine Corps University in Quantico, Va., the military, by training male and female recruits together, is "dumbing down" the physical requirements so women can compete with men. In the process, men are being molded into the hardened warriors we need to defeat an enemy. This is every bit as stupid as allowing women to play pro football and making the players play "easy" so the women won't get hurt. The reason we don't do this, as I said before, is because we're serious about football. And the reason we are doing it in the military is because we're not serious about war. The one exception, I should note, is the Marine Corps, which still separates the sexes in training.

Gender-integrated basic training is undermining rigorous standards and creating an environment in which recruits are vulnerable to sexual misconduct and abuse. At the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Ill., for example, recruits watch a video telling them that "anyone can make it through boot camp," causing recruits' fears but also making a mockery of the idea that becoming a soldier is a matter of toughness and rigor. Recruits no longer drill with rifles and are issued "blue cards" to give their training instructors when they feel "stressed." Drill instructors can't verbally chastise their recruits, removing a time-tested technique for instilling mental toughness.

A similar pattern can be found at Army and Air Force training bases. One Army recruit said he expected boot camp to be tough, like in the movies. This is like summer camp. "So many female recruits were unable to pass hand grenade throwing tests at one Army base that authorities changed the standards, setting a different requirement for male and female recruits. Yet, the inability to throw a hand grenade effectively could be a matter of life and death.

Congress could turn things around by standing up to the "gender-equality" activists. Lawmakers will get some help from a panel appointed by the Pentagon and headed by former Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., which looked into how well male-female integration is working. It reported that drill instructors spend more time separating men and women to prevent sexual harassment than they do molding cohesive military units.

If the emphasis on toughness that enables a U.S. soldier to outlast or outperform a capable enemy on the field of battle is systematically removed from basic training for the sake of "gender equity," America will pay the price on future battlefields.

And the "post-game analysis" will be: They weren't serious about war.

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LETTERS

Lance acts for Idaho citizens

Attorney General Al Lance has been a strong defender of states' rights. He was once again defending states' rights when the state of Idaho won the recent lawsuit against the Forest Service for refusing to identify people and businesses owning facilities legally taxable in the state of Idaho. Isolated criticism of this lawsuit has appeared in *The Times-News* "letters to the editor" and needs to be briefly addressed.

There are typically three sources of revenue that come to Idaho cities, counties, schools and highway districts from private use of federal lands in Idaho. These are the 25 percent portion of Forest Service fees collected statewide, Bureau of Land Management payments in lieu of taxes and property taxes on private property located on federal land. Past coordination between county assessors and federal land managers at the local level has worked well.

The Forest Service did not contest the right of the state to collect property taxes but thwarted this state right by promulgating a directive that would have prevented release of property owners' names based on questionable interpretation of privacy laws. Had this policy been allowed to stand, a privileged class of property owner would have been established: one who could own taxable property and enjoy the services and facilities of Idaho but who could avoid paying a tax that would ultimately be passed on to other Idaho property owners.

Many property owners on federal land would accept their responsibility to pay state property taxes and would voluntarily identify themselves to county taxing authorities. Others would not be so inclined.

Clearly, Attorney General Al Lance acted on behalf of all Idaho taxpayers who believe property taxes are high enough without Forest Service creation of a privileged class that could

avoid their rightful and well-established responsibility to participate in the funding of local government, schools and roads.

REP. JIM D. KEMPTON
Albion

Where is my interest?

On Christmas Eve, I found an icy-bitsy surprise check in my mailbox from a local health-care facility. This had to do with treatment of my husband received after suffering a stroke on Nov. 4, 1996. He was under the care of this local health-care facility until approximately 4:45 p.m. on Nov. 5, 1996, a length of time of about 16 hours nearly 14 months ago.

My question is: After nearly 14 months, where's my interest? I'm quite sure that had I owed this icy-bitsy amount to this health-care facility, interest would have been charged to me after nearly 14 months. This health-care facility used my money for nearly 14 months to earn some interest, why didn't I earn interest?

They wasted no time in reroading my husband out of this facility when he was still suffering effects of that stroke. Why then did it take 14 months to return a "credit balance amount" to us?

The last sentence of the cover letter, received with this check, reads: "If the refund is an insurance overpayment, the insurance carrier may request reimbursement from you." The mind wonders: What in the world does that mean? Did they overbill the insurance company to begin with? After all, my husband has good insurance, and good insurance means good billing, doesn't it?

Again, my question: Where's my interest? Seems to me that I should have some coming, and someone who charges interest and earns interest should pay interest.

ANN RIDGELY
Twin Falls

Clinton OKs more federal nonsense

Clean-air Clinton/Gore and associates again have committed treason. America has been sentenced to an additional 7 percent increase in our air standards. Already, our standards far exceed Mexico, China, Canada and all of the Third World countries manufacturing the goods being consumed in America. Both Canada and Mexico have no new requirements as a result of this conference in Japan.

As most people know, with the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement, our borders were eliminated and goods can be shipped duty-free from both directions. This includes goods made in other parts of the world, imported to Mexico and Canada, then shipped into our country duty-free.

Mexico's wages are a fraction of ours, and its regulations almost non-existent. During the past few years, much of our industry has moved to Mexico to avoid unions, high wages, poor work habits, bureaucrats and regulations. Even though I highly detest our industry moving, I can see that failure to move means bankruptcy for them. American

manufacturers have not used their wealth and power to stop these nonsense activities from happening to our country. They have reasoned that it would be easier to eat the destruction and nonsense and pass the costs onto their customers.

The largest employer in Mexico now is General Motors. While we live off government jobs and handouts, Mexicans are enjoying a world never dreamed of before.

With the additional clean-air requirements which will be forced on America, there will be no chance for industrial survival. Our industrial doom is sealed. Our entrance into the social conditions of the Third World countries assured.

It is a provable fact that the concerns of those crying about the atmosphere cleanliness are totally without foundation. There is no pending crisis. A host of our best scientists disapprove their wild claims, and yet we allow a handful of tax-supported radicals to make terrible decisions for America.

The Arizona Legislature passed a law approving the use of frozen the government has been unable to stop this. It

now is the only state in the union free to use and sell frozen. The benefits for this state are immense, both in money and efficiency.

The states could decide to assume their proper role in law-making, as directed by the Constitution. Much of the costly federal nonsense could be eliminated. This might take wearing ourselves from the federal trough.

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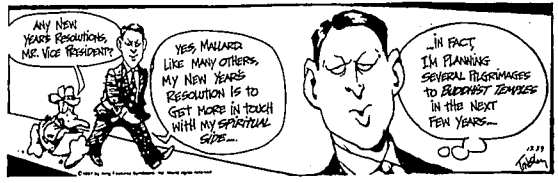
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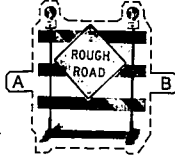
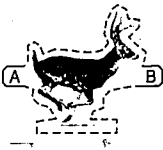
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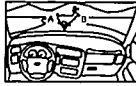


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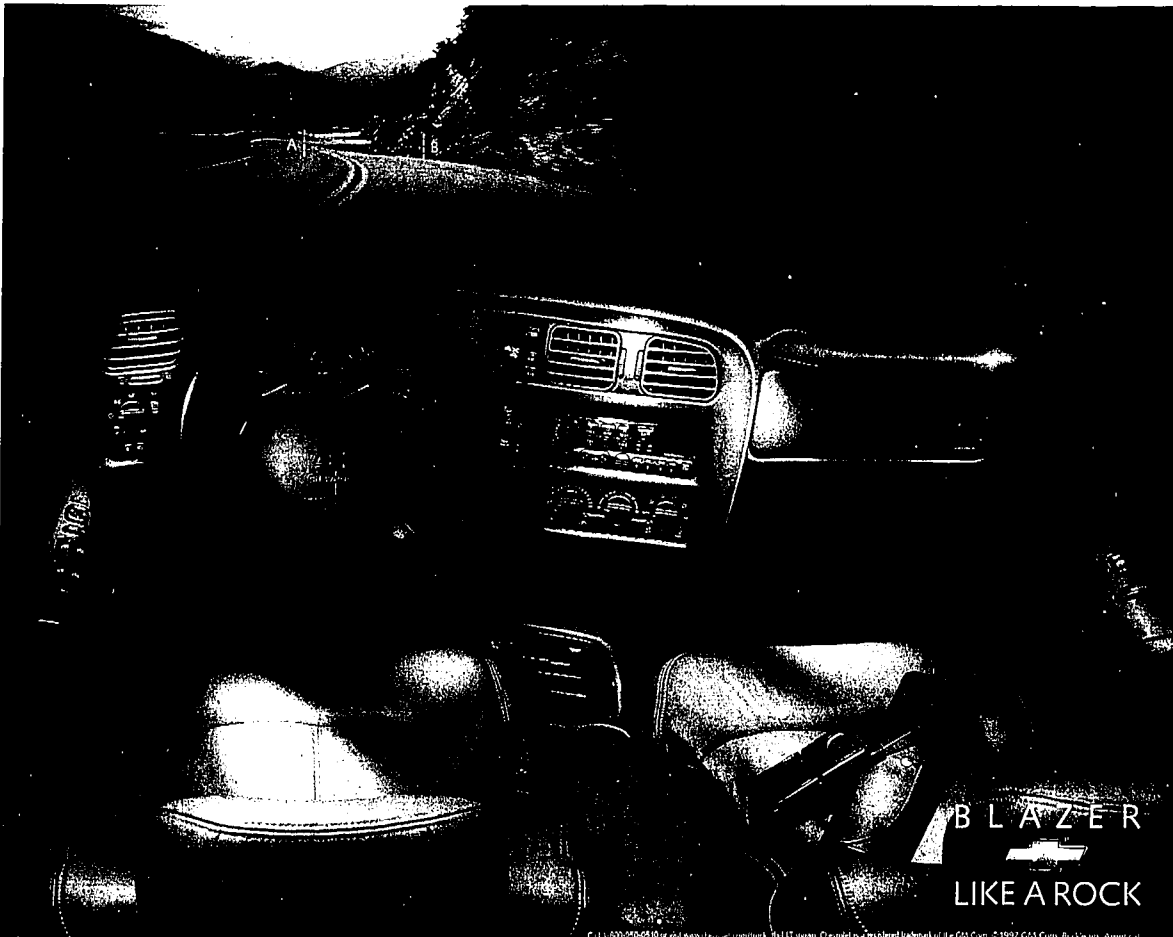
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Batt keeps eye on where state workers surf

BOISE (AP) — Those who got a computer for Christmas are trying out all the bells and whistles, but Gov. Phil Batt wants to ensure it is business as usual for state government's 12,000 PCs.

Online games, brokerage houses, fantasy football leagues or video strip shows are off-limits under his Oct. 30 policy.

It is a three-strikes approach, with the third offense as grounds for dismissal. The state agencies are shedding extraneous software — even unauthorized screen-savers that occupy idle computer monitors. Also prohibited are any political activity, promotions for charitable events and excessive e-mail.

State computer managers have not started installing Net Nanny or other Internet site-blocking software, but they are not ruling it out.

Batt thinks too many people are playing games on taxpayer time. "The governor felt that wasn't a very professional image for the state to have," Batt spokesman Lindsay Northern said.

"It's not an issue," replied Jerry Rasavage, executive director of the Idaho Public Employees Association.

Governments across the country are installing software to monitor their cybersurfing workers.

It will not be long before Idaho agencies can punch a button or two and produce a list of the 500 most frequently visited World Wide Web sites. Many will be business-related.

But if state workers are like those elsewhere, many will be off the work track.

"It's intriguing," said Miles Browne, project team manager of Batt's Information Technology Resource Management Council, which is turning Batt's order into state policy.

"There is a great concern with the adult sites, but the vast majority of sites people might go to are different from that. The issue isn't so much where they're going as it is using time someone else paid for."

Traffic deaths shock 2 Utah towns

Head-on collision kills Provo, Logan residents; others still in hospital

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — Residents of two communities were stunned by the loss of four young holiday travelers in an automobile accident on an icy U.S. 89 through Sardine Canyon.

Logan High School senior Carey Shane Gunnell was driving his girlfriend and two classmates to dinner and a movie Friday night when their car slid out of control and collided head-on with a car carrying four siblings from Provo who were on their way to a family reunion in Preston, Idaho.

Seventeen-year-old Gunnell and 16-year-old Anna Lee Christensen were killed. Christensen died instantly, and

Gunnell died as a helicopter was transporting him to McKay-Dee Hospital in Ogden.

Also killed were two sisters from Provo, 29-year-old Denise Brencley, a Provo Police Department 911 dispatcher, and her front-seat passenger, Tonya Brencley, 17, according to the Utah Highway Patrol.

The Brencleys' brother William, 14, and sister Kathryn, 22, remained in critical condition at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City.

Gunnell's cousin Nick Stevens, 18, also was injured, and he remained in critical condition at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City.

Sieve Archibald, 17, was treated for injuries and released Friday from Logan Regional Hospital.

Gunnell's mother, Kristine Gunnell, spent Saturday afternoon trying to think of happier

times. She said she could still picture her son sitting at the electric piano he got for Christmas and hear his friends' laughter in the house. "He collected people, attracted them to him. He loved being with his friends. He was a good kid with a big heart," his mother said.

Christensen, a junior, had been counting the days until a trip to Europe planned by her French class, said friend Keith Hale.

Hale spent Saturday at her home trying to console her family and reminiscing about her last few weeks. The day before she died, Christensen had opened Christmas presents with her family and added Winnie the Pooh and Elmo cartoon characters to her stuffed animal collection.

"She was always so happy and friendly, that was just Anna Lee."



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POCATELLO (AP) — The Idaho PUC rejects AT&T's claims it is dragging its heels in forcing local phone companies to lower access fees they charge long-distance providers.

AT&T argues the PUC has not complied with legislation passed last year ordering the regulators to determine by Dec. 1 how much local phone companies were overcharging for hooking up long-distance in-state calls.

PUC disputes the legislation contained a deadline for fee cuts and defends its cautious approach as protecting consumers.

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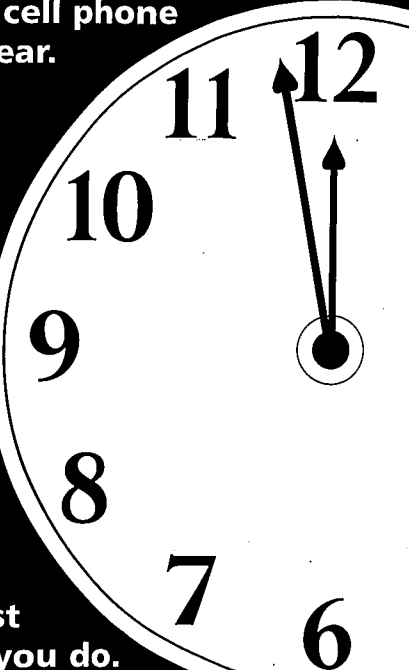
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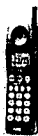
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Stand back when Dalen lights a fire

BLISS - Everyone backs up when Dalen Kast grabs matches.

Anything can happen. Nobody knows better than his wife.

"Boys get back, Dad's got the gasoline," Kelly Kast called, as Dalen splashed gas on this year's Christmas Eve bonfire and dropped the match.

In moments the pile of trash wood in the Bliss couple's feedlot was hurling sparks and smoke against the darkening sky, the pile's branches lit and glowing. Locust stumps burn hot, and the 20 or so backwood stumps we took were nearly in unison.

Horses in an adjacent corral, just shadows against sundown's gray mist, seemed spooked by the flames. The cows were unimpressed.

A nearby tree caught a rain of ash and sparks and would have burned had it been less green. I think Dalen half wished it would.

"I just like a fire, myself, I kind of go fire crazy," Dalen says.



WEST WIND
Virginia S. Garber

This year, no cat ran out of the just-ignited inferno; the cat that did one year has become part of the Kasts' fire lore. So have the \$7,800 haystack bales obliterated while burning weeds and the Christmas Eve bonfire that wouldn't ignite - a failure Dalen's friends won't let him forget.

The Kasts started torching trash on Christmas Eves five years ago when their children wanted a bonfire. One year they invited a few neighbors.

"It's just kind of blown up from there," Kelly said.

Last year's attendance was about 50 including children, her husband reported. This Christmas Eve, 75 people were on the RSVP list alone. Others just show up when they see the flames.

In a state a couple of years ago leveled a dozen trees around their place near Interstate 84, and the Kasts still are gathering the wreckage. Mafred, HaLee and Ian, ages 11, 10 and 8, dragged wood with chains attached to their four-wheeler to haul the bonfire pile. Their father lit a lighter, tamer blaze for face and Zachery, 5 and 3, to roast hot dogs.

And Kelly's brother-in-law Doug Drake prepared the 48 pounds of chili - or 12 to 14 gallons, estimates vary.

Kelly kept going over the list of neighbors and friends who promised to come, because she didn't have freezer space for leftover chili. She was reassured by the prospect of a home wave of visitors after Catholic Christmas from Mass.

The chili was served from a tailgate, too hot to eat gracefully. The trick was to wait for night air to cool it some, then gulp it down before the bottom of the bowl froze. The four-wheeler's trips to the house for fuel, for pots, chili, new bags of beans and - when the inferno had collapsed and revealed manageable coals - the marshmallows.

One of the pickups that drove up in the darkness carried a load of straw bales for fireless seats.

I shared one with Felicia Faulkner, a nearly-17-year-old from Focutello who called me her "homey." Felicia came to the bonfire with an aunt and uncle who live northwest of Bliss and occasionally light holiday bonfires of their own.

The swarms of children were keyed up for Christmas, and played a rough game of tag outside the circle of light. The winners they toed like banners on long sticks glowed weirdly with reflected light.

Talk around the bonfire touched on Dalen's fire exploits (he's been crabby this year because there haven't been many opportunities to burn). Christmas past, the difficult dog training and whether it's un-American to refuse blackened hot dogs.

Bull Fire Chief Mark Grimes, in a Santa hat, quizzed the man sharing his straw bale on exactly what phenomenon made flames shoot from the center of an upturned stump.

"I saw fire, I had to come," Grimes said. "I came up to wish (Dalen) a merry Christmas and gave him a book of matches."

About half the Bliss Fire Department was there but that evening no Gooding coy had been invited, but their attendance wasn't work-related. The flames just reddened a few cheeks and melted one nylon coat, and the smoke camouflaged an ex-smoker's short hair.

This year's hot, misty-locust bonfire was expected to burn for at least a day. It singed the people around it, leaving their fur sides frigid. Someone passing in front would momentarily feel the warmth and light that drew them together.

As the clear night wrapped them in stars, the coals cast their impossibly long shadows on the haystacks beyond the corral.

Virginia S. Garber is The Times-News's assistant city editor. Her column about Westeners off the beaten path appears here on occasion.

SPOTTING SPECIES



Volunteer bird watchers Jack Trotter, left, and Howard Hudak take a close look at the winged life in the Snake River Canyon.

Birds on the wing

Volunteers count fowl for annual event

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Jack Trotter has an eagle eye when it comes to spotting birds.

Toting portable scope, binoculars and lots of dedication, the Twin Falls pediatrician and a small group of people walked a road along the Snake River north of Twin Falls early Saturday morning.

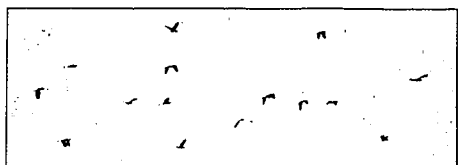
"Say, Howard, take a look at this and tell me what you think," Trotter asked Howard Hudak, another volunteer.

"They agreed it was a merganser, a fish-eating duck."

The group was among 21 local volunteers participating in the annual National Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count. Its purpose is to draw a picture of bird populations. By day's end, the volunteers counted 67 species in a seven-mile radius of the Twin Falls Post Office. That compares with 65 species sighted last year. Last week, 77 species were spotted in the Thousand Springs area.

The counts will show population trends, often affected by local environment.

For example, in 1984 watchers spotted "a whole lot of barn owls" wiped out the next year by a hard winter, said



A flock of herons takes flight along the Snake River.

Trotter, a bird observer since the 1970s and contributor to the new book "A Birders' Guide to Idaho."

While laymen wouldn't know a feathered critter from an old coat, these amateur experts could tell you a bird's species in a few beats of a wing. Whenever they heard a whistled or whistle along the road, they halted and put field glasses to eyes. They seemed little bothered by snow-frosted ground or frozen riverbanks.

The winter holidays may seem a strange time for the national count, but that's when people are available to volunteer, Trotter said. While they may see only 60 species in the cold Twin Falls area, groups in the warmer climates of

Brownsville, Texas, for example, probably will spot more than 200 species, he said.

Along the way Karl Ruprecht recorded their finds, accompanied by his new wife, Jennifer.

"I was never a bird watcher until I met Karl," she said.

Down the road, Trotter saw a ruby crowned kinglet, "a real pugnacious little thing," he said.

"In the summer they say, 'jeep, jeep,'" Karl Ruprecht added.

Trotter recently helped count birds in the Hagerman area and came up with 77 species this year compared with 94

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Minidoka committee struggles with how much sex ed to teach

By Karen E. Haleznek
Times-News writer

RUPERT - A committee of ministers, educators and parents has been gathering to determine how much information Minidoka County students should receive about sex education.

The decision is proving to be difficult. Under direction by the School Board, the group's choices are abstinence-only - teaching students just to say no to sex - or abstinence-based, which can mention contraception and go into greater detail about sex and its consequences.

The two may sound similar, but their differences divide families, friends and educators.

Paul Congregational Church minister Vince Frank advocates an abstinence-only message. It shows students the positive results of waiting for marriage

Sex education in Minidoka County

Part 2 of a 2-part series

before engaging in sexual intercourse, and the consequences of teen-age sex, such as sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy.

"If you give out too much information it stimulates people and can backfire," Frank said. "Plus the government spends billions of dollars on contraceptives and it's not working. If kids want to use birth control there are ways to find out how to get it, like through a school counselor."

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Castleford ag shop ready for students

By Leandra Reulle
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD - Castleford School's new ag shop is open and almost ready for business. The completed building is missing only a few desks and some equipment before it will be operational.

The 9,600-square-foot building is a vast improvement over the previous cramped space, said Steve Hines, Castleford's agriculture teacher.

The previous building was only about

5,000 square feet and too narrow to do really big projects. Hines said the old building is "not long-lived" and will be torn down within a few years to make room for other improvements.

The new welding and fabrication shop boasts a door large enough to fit a combine, swather or tractor through it without taking the cab off a truck.

"The building is designed to handle modern farm equipment," Hines said.

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Another bridge?

Council to consider chipping in for study

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - County leaders will ask the City Council today to kick in \$5,000 to study the possibility of another Snake River Canyon bridge.

Also on today's agenda is review of bids for a new street sweeper and discussion of plans to make the City Park handshel; accessible to the handicapped.

The meeting begins at 4 p.m. in City Hall. Anyone who wants to attend is welcome.

Twin Falls County commissioners are passing the hat among local government entities, hoping to raise \$200,000 to study building another bridge.

The study's total cost is around \$100,000, but the state Transportation Department is offering an \$80,000 share, according to county Commissioner Dennis Maughan.

The city's \$5,000 share of the study's cost would be the largest share other than the state's. The next-largest requests - for \$3,500 each - are aimed at Twin Falls and Jerome counties.

Some private businesses also have pledged to finance part of the study, Maughan said.

A third local bridge over the Snake River could relieve traffic pressure on the Perrine Bridge and the Hanson Bridge. Local leaders have long speculated about such a project as a way to reduce traffic on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

Jerome County Commissioner Roy Prescott said such a bridge might span the canyon from to rim, or it might cross the Snake at the canyon's bottom.

City leaders are eyeing a 1998 Elko Parkway street sweeper, which lists for \$91,400. If the city trades in one of its 1990 models, the cost of a new, three-wheeled street sweeper would fall to \$74,000.

Mundane as they may seem, street sweepers collect dirt, petroleum products and other nasties - thus keeping them out of local canals and, ultimately, the Snake River.

The handshel plan centers on addition of a wheelchair ramp. City staff members want to run the idea past the council before proceeding.

Bookmobile brings titles to remote northeast Nevada

By Sam Feltman
Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT, Nev. - Folks who think Jackpot is remote ought to visit Tuscarora or Currie, Nev.

They are just some of the places a bookmobile reaches in its 4,000-mile-a-month route. It visits cattle ranches such as the Winecup, Boies and TS. It covers a few remote road-maintenance stations such as Lone Mt. Station and Emigrant Maintenance Station and stops at three prison honor camps. It travels to remote resort communities long after the last tourist has left for the season - places such as Lehman Caves and Wildhorse Reservoir.

Sara Jones of Elko County Library said Nevada has three bookmobiles, and the Northeastern Nevada Bookmobile - which covers the three counties of Elko, Eureka and White Pine - has by far the largest route.

Jones said funding comes from three sources. Elko County and the federal government each pay around \$16,000, and the rest of the \$85,000 budget comes from the state.

This barely covers wages and operating costs. The bookmobile has no budget for books, which are lent from the Elko County Library System. Some smaller towns have their own libraries, but because of their limited budgets the bookmobile has access to more books.

"It's economical for us," Jones said, "and Elko's library has over 100,000

titles that the bookmobile has access to."

On a two-week schedule, the bookmobile visits each spot twice a month. It comes loaded with books, videos and tapes can be checked out, or patrons can place orders for books to be delivered on the next visit.

Driver Alan Fust keeps the mobile in running order and does library duty. Julia Doren travels with him to the more popular spots to help with library duties. She also fills requests after the mobile parks at Elko County Library.

"The bookmobile isn't as handy as a library."

It comes to Jackpot every other Monday and stays for only a couple of hours. Patrons have to wait for things they really want to read because they order the books to be delivered on the next visit.

And you can't browse for long or sit down and read something there. Schoolchildren love the bookmobile but can be problem for the adults - noisy and underfoot when adults are trying to pick out books.

But most folks don't seem to mind the inconvenience and are grateful for the limited resource. Doren said some people in remote areas will check out 20 to 30 books each visit, read every one and wait anxiously for the next visit.

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

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

THIS WEEK AT CSI

The Times-News
The following is a schedule of meetings and events this week at

the College of Southern Idaho.
TODAY
CSI baseball camp continues at 9:30 a.m. in the Expo Center.

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

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

TODAY
Dietrich School Board, 7 p.m., business room.
Twin Falls City Council, 4 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
WEDNESDAY
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
FRIDAY
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
WEDNESDAY
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
FRIDAY
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

SERVICES

Russell Aubrey Biggs Sr. of Twin Falls, 10 a.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Dorothy Bailey Squires of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel.

11 a.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Harrison, Idaho, (Yates-Judges Funeral Chapel in St. Maries).

Ina Claire Burch Eames of Burley, 11 a.m. today at the Star LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, 611 S. 400 W. of Burley; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral today at the church (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Margaret G. Malloy of Boise, 2:30 p.m. today at the Alden-Waggoner Chapel in Boise.

Lowell Wells "Smity" Smith of Burley, 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Burley West LDS Stake Center, 2420 Parke Ave; friends may call from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. before the funeral Tuesday at the church (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Ernest Jacob Conrad of Ogden, Utah, and formerly of the Bliss-Hagerman area, 11 a.m. today at the United Methodist Church, Fourth and Salmon streets in Hagerman; friends may call from 10:30 to 11 a.m. today at the church (Myers Mortuary in Ogden, Utah).

James Francis Dillon of Brownsville, Ore., and formerly of Twin Falls, funeral today in Gresham, Ore. A graveside service at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls will be announced later.

Bette M. McIntyre of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension (White Mortuary).

A.R. "Ray" Kron of Twin Falls and formerly of Pocatello, 11 a.m. today, LDS 22nd Ward Chapel at the corner of Cedar and Poole in Pocatello (Colonial Funeral Home in Pocatello).

William Majors of Burley, 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral Tuesday at the mortuary.

Beverly Meils Nelson formerly of Shoshone and Gooding, memorial service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the First Christian Church in Gooding.

Lois Ann Henderson of Nezperce and formerly of Hetchon, 11 a.m. today at Vassar-Rawls Funeral Home in Lewiston.

Dagoberto Limon of Twin Falls, 10 a.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

George William Brishin of Rupert and Battle Mountain, Nev., memorial service at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Paula Jeannette Yaeeger Chamberlain of Burley, 1 p.m. today at Payne Memorial Chapel in Burley; friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the mortuary.

Carl Dee Draper of Rupert, graveside service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

William F. Torney Jr. of Hailley, memorial service at 1 p.m. Jan. 10, 1998, at St. Charles Catholic Church in Hailley (Wood River Funeral Chapel).

DEATH NOTICE

Junetta Ann Morrison of Twin Falls, cryptside service at 1 p.m. today at the new Reflections of History Mausoleum at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Dean Charles Vickers Wednesday, December 31, 1997
TWIN FALLS-Dean Charles Vickers, 88, of Twin Falls died Sunday, December 28, 1997 at Twin Falls Care Center. Services for Dean will be held at 1 p.m.

Wednesday, December 31, 1997
The First Baptist Church in Filer. A complete obituary will follow at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

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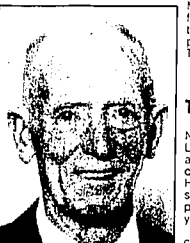
Cecil Bowyer of Twin Falls. Released
William L. Harding of Jerome.

OBITUARIES

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

TWIN FALLS
Edith Pearl Albertson
Edith Pearl Albertson, 78, of Twin Falls, died Friday, December 26, 1997 at Birdswede Estates. She was born January 18, 1919 in Buhl, the daughter of Sigehorn and May Marie O'Donnell. She attended schools in Buhl. On July 24, 1941, she married Dean Albertson. They farmed together in the Woodzet and Hazelton areas for many years. She worked at Conoda Warehouse in Hazelton for several years before moving to Twin Falls in 1976, where she worked for 10 years in the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital. Edith loved being with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her favorite pastimes were embroidery work, cooking and spending time at the Senior Citizens Center.

Surviving Edith are two sons, Gary Albertson of Twin Falls and Larry Albertson of Homer, Alaska, one daughter, Madeline Simmons of Palmer, Alaska, 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dean Albertson and two sons, Dan Albertson and Kerl Albertson. Edith left many happy memories with her family and friends. We will miss you mom and grandmom. Services for Edith will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 30, 1997 at White Mortuary with Bp Paul Tatakoka conducting. Burial will follow at the Hazelton Cemetery. Friends may call at White Mortuary from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, December 29, 1997. The family suggests memorials be given to the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center, 616 Eastland Dr., Twin Falls, ID 83301. The family of Edith Pearl Albertson would like to give a special thank you to Orlena Eslinger for all the love and wonderful care she gave to her mother.



Samuel Richard (Kelly) Matthews

Samuel Richard (Kelly) Matthews, 76-year-old Declo resident, died Saturday, December 27, 1997, at his home in Declo. He was born August 4, 1921, at Declo, the son of Timothy Willard and Lillian Genevieve Parsley Matthews. Kelly received his education in Declo. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Army with the Tenth Mountain in the European theater. He married Ruth Kidd on October 29, 1943, in Declo. Kelly farmed with his father in Declo, where he continued farming and raising sheep throughout his life. He was a member of the L.D.S. Church and was past president of the Declo Lions Club. He loved hunting and fishing. Survivors

include his wife, Judy, two daughters, Kimberly, 16, and Carolyn, 14, two sons, Robert, 11, and Richard, 10 (all are enrolled in Twin Falls Christian Academy), his father and mother-in-law, Jerome and Grace DeLoe of Elma, Co., and Beverly Hanson of Edmonds, Wa. Two brothers, Steve Bolz of Zambra, Alaska, and Dale Bolz of Hampton, Va. At the time of his death, David was the mill manager of Land O'Lakes in Twin Falls. Services for David will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 31, 1997, at Grace Baptist Church with Pastor James Scott officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at White Mortuary from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 1997.

Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main in Burley from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday and at the church from noon to 12:45 p.m. prior to the funeral on Tuesday.

NAMPA

Thomas Clinton Bundy
Thomas Clinton Bundy, 40, of Nampa left his family to meet our Lord on Christmas Eve. He died as a result of injuries when his plane crashed in Hastings, Neb. His wife, Holly and daughter, Margaret Erin, survived without injuries, due to his piloting skills. Tom enjoyed a full 40 years.

He gave his life to the Lord as a child and, like the Apostle Paul, he kept the faith until the day of his departure. Tom was supported by a wonderful, loving wife in his ministry as a family physician first in Lakeland, Fla., then in southern Idaho. He loved participating in the music ministry of his church. Tom is survived by his wife, Holly, and daughter, Margaret Erin of Nampa, father and mother John and Margretta Bundy of Bethany, Okla.; sister Margaret Ann Adams and husband Tom of Bethany, Okla.; and brother McCall and wife, Deb, of Yukon, Okla. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29, 1997, at the Nazarene First Church of the Nazarene, directed by Gene Adams Funeral Service, Bethany, Okla. The Bible suggests that man should live three score and ten years-70 years. Tom lived his three score and ten years in a period of 40 years.

Lawmaker believes prison too harsh for driving without license

BOISE (AP) — Sandpoint Rep. Jim Stoicheff does not think prison is the place for drivers who do not see the need for a driver's license.
Stoicheff has filed legislation for consideration in January that would decriminalize driving without a license. Currently, the offense carries mandatory jail terms and a third offense is a felony that can bring up to three years in prison.
Stoicheff's bill will be among at least two seeking to stop Idaho from imprisoning people who drive without a valid license. Gov. Phil Batt also plans to propose legislation and is working with the chairs of the House and Senate judiciary committees to

draft a bill.
About 100 of Idaho's approximately 4,000 prisoners are serving time for driving without a license.
The Sandpoint Democrat is replacing mandatory jail terms and prison time with civil fines and community service. He would also add a new defense against the charge: "that the person has religious or personal beliefs that preclude them from obtaining a driver's license."
Although the law would designate this as an "affirmative defense," the courts would have the discretion to accept or reject it.

Gov. Batt highlighted the driving-without-privileges penalties in his "Committee of One" report last summer on how Idaho could spend its fast-growing prison slow.
In his report, Batt suggested that Idaho's current law making a third offense a felony should be amended.
Idaho is one of only five states that imprison people for repeatedly driving without a valid license.
Stoicheff's bill does not let unlicensed drivers completely off the hook. It would retain fines of up to \$500 for a first offense, \$1,000 for a second and up to \$3,000 for a third offense, plus additional license suspensions.

Newspaper reports Utah county neglects domestic abuse laws

BLANDING, Utah (AP) — Police officers in San Juan County routinely fail to write and file reports on domestic abuse and do not let battered women of their right to file a complaint or seek protection, according to a Salt Lake City newspaper.
The Salt Lake Tribune reported in copyright stories Sunday that pending court cases in the southeastern Utah county — the state's most sparsely populated — show an official indifference to domestic violence.
A state legislator, Rep. Max Kucle Johnson, was among the abusers whose case was never pursued by police, the newspaper said.

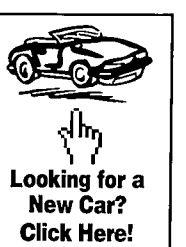
Utah Legal Services attorney Rosalie Reilly of Monticello has filed a lawsuit against Blanding in the U.S. District Court, alleging that the local justice system denies abuse victims the protection state law mandates.
She recently petitioned the court to have San Juan County Attorney Craig Halls disqualified from a protection order case in which he represents the abuser as a private attorney.
"How can Mr. Halls take a stand against the crime of domestic violence at the same time, as a private attorney, have the discretion to represent an alleged perpetrator?" attorney Reilly wrote in her petition.
Halls, who is defending the name of one of his private clients in a police report, he hands the case off to prosecutors from the state or neighboring Grand County. Until a client becomes a criminal suspect, he insists, there's no conflict.
The failure of police to take reports and forward them to Halls, however, is one of the symptoms of substandard enforcement of the county's descriptions in a petition filed on behalf of Blanding resident Leslie Keith.

wise people are going to use the law as a club."
Halliday told two opinions last March when Lynnette Johnson left her home with a swollen forehead, sore ribs and bruises on her left arm — all inflicted, she said, by her husband of 23 years, state representative Johnson.
But Halliday did neither. He never filed a criminal report and there was no official explanation, as required by law, for why Rep. Johnson was not arrested.
Halliday told the Tribune that when Mrs. Johnson and her children left town, that seemed to ensure their safety so he took no further action.
Although Mrs. Johnson described years of abuse in a request for a protective order, she later withdrew it and reconciled with her husband, saying he was getting counseling.
Rep. Johnson acknowledges he shoved his wife and gave his daughter a small kick, but said he is getting help for his out-of-control behavior.
Another Blanding woman says she thinks about preparing for her own funeral.
Town residents who run afoul of Councilman Rancee Bayles run the risk of making the hot-headed welder's "AK-47 list," alleges his ex-wife Jennifer Bailey.
Bailey, a self-described gun nut, contends the idea of a list is a joke.
Police have taken no action when Bailey has complained of stalking and vandalism, she said.

The Salt Lake Tribune reported...

pending court cases in the southeastern Utah county — the state's most sparsely populated — show an official indifference to domestic violence.

her protection order in October by phoning and visiting the home, and accusing his estranged wife in public while seeking forgiveness. But police officers told Leslie Keith they could not act unless they catch her husband in the act, the suit alleges.
Halls, who is defending the police department, conceded Blanding officers do not always complete required paperwork associated with domestic disturbances — or tell victims where to go for help.
But officers deny they had grounds to arrest Steven Keith and accuse Reilly of infringing on their discretion to determine when an arrest is appropriate.
"She wasn't someone arrested every time," Halls says. "There are things we can do better ... but on the other hand, someone has to make a human decision, other-



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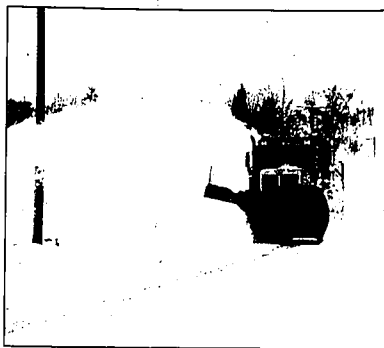
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JEROME
David Phillip Bell
David Phillip Bell, 44, of Jerome, died Saturday, December 28, 1997 at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome. He was born November 9, 1953, in Artesia, Calif., the son of David and Katharine Mueller Bell. David moved to Idaho in 1972, and on March 19, 1977, he married Judy Hulce in Kimberly. He is survived

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SNOW FURY



A Burley Highway District scraper clears the road southwest of town during recent bad weather. Today's weather is expected to reach into the 40s, according to the National Weather Service.

Castleford

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"I'll give us a chance to do some things we haven't been able to do before."

The shop, which takes up the bulk of the building, features an extensive ventilation system, a center drain so the entire shop can be hoisted out when necessary and a large alcove to house the aging science welders away from the assembly area.

Hines, a former mechanic, envisions students being able to build trailers as well as do machinery maintenance. The facility will remain a welding shop primarily, as state code prevents woodworking in the same area.

The building also houses two classrooms and an office and prep room for Hines. One classroom will be devoted to agriculture classes and is set up like a science lab with counters and sinks lining the outer wall; desks will fill the center.

Hines, who also has a teaching endorsement in biology, looks forward to teaching botany, animal science, ecology and horticulture in the new space. Some of

the classes will qualify for College of Southern Idaho credits.

"Theoretically, because my classes and the business classes, the kids could graduate with up to 10 credits at CSI right now," Hines said.

The other classroom, the technology lab, is designed to increase those numbers of credits as well as offer classes to the community. Castleford Superintendent Kelly Murphy said the room will be outfitted with monitors to link it to other high schools and instructors at CSI.

For instance, Murphy said, if another school had a calculus teacher and Castleford didn't, students could take a satellite course. Cameras mounted in the room would give the instructor access to students, while monitors would show the teacher in his or her home classroom.

Murphy said the school intends to use the room in the evenings for adult-education classes and teacher training. Because Castleford still is waiting for about \$60,000 worth of

computers and equipment to be delivered and installed, the room will not reach its full potential until next year. Meanwhile, it will be used as a traditional classroom, Murphy said.

"The priority factors were water, dry, closely from the time they first started moving dirt around until the time they finished," Hines said. "We went through and decided if we didn't have enough money to do something, we'd do the quality and cut out a few frills."

Murphy said the finished building cost about \$54,000, with another \$7,000 to clear and prepare the land for the building site. The project was funded through a bond issue Castleford passed with 92 percent voter approval. The school bought the land several years ago from Twin Falls Canal Co. and worked with the town of Castleford on water-line improvement.

In addition to money from various technology grants, Castleford got \$4,670 from a Idaho Community Foundation Grant to buy two new welders.

But despite the new welders, the shop will be largely bare. Going from a small space with limited capabilities to the new shop, the ag program needs all the help it can get with more equipment. Murphy said the school would welcome donations of used welding equipment; he would like to see all the students busy on projects instead of waiting to use equipment.

"This is as good a facility as there is in the state," Hines said. Melissa Frey, a junior at Castleford, said she is looking forward to working in the new shop. Frey said students have enjoyed watching the new building go up and have been enthusiastic about the project.

"I hope the kids realize what they've been given," Hines said. "I hope the patrons of the district are proud of themselves and what they've done to further the vocational program. I'm darn proud of it."

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Salt Lake teen dies from injuries suffered during beating

SOUTH SALT LAKE, Utah (AP) — A 17-year-old boy who had been in a coma since an Oct. 9 beating has died of pneumonia brought on by injuries suffered that day.

Two teenagers arrested and

charged with aggravated assault several days after the beating now will face homicide charges, police say.

John Hall died Friday at Central Valley Medical Center in Nephi.

He had been in a coma since he was beaten and was never expected to survive his injuries, which severely damaged his brain stem.

The youth had been beaten with a baseball bat and tire iron.

Sex

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Other committee members had concerns about sending mixed messages to students, by teaching abstinence while offering information on protection.

Minidoka County School Board Chairwoman Norma Claridge, who is not on the committee but will vote on its proposal, prefers an abstinence-only curriculum.

"It doesn't make sense to me to say, 'Don't do it, but if you do here's what to do,'" she said. "But that's just my personal opinion. I think as a board we've decided that an abstinence-based program might be the way to go."

This could be a mixed message, said district nurse Nancy Kunau, but it's also the lesser of two evils.

Kunau helps teach sex education to seventh- and 11th-graders. She also works with children as young as 13 who are trying to prevent babies that often have birth defects, teens who may not learn for years that they are carrying sexually transmitted diseases, and young fathers whose parents are making their child support payments.

"We definitely don't want to do anything less than we're already doing," Kunau said. "I think we need to look at some

thing a little more involved, that has some meat to it that kids can really use."

Without a doubt, said Burley obstetrician and gynecologist Dr. Mark Dowdle, abstinence needs to be the primary message. But for the teens who have already chosen to have sex, contraceptives can no longer be ignored.

"Parents ought to have the right to choose what students learn, but I think you have to offer a unit on contraceptives," Dowdle said. "Most teen-agers are learning about contraception at the doctor's office, and for most of them it's too late at that point."

East Minico Junior High School health teacher Dan Merritt said he likes the abstinence-based curriculum he's using now, but it's time to go more in-depth.

"Teaching only abstinence is like a lie," he said. "You might as well put a sheet over their heads."

Danelle Jones, now 22, went through the district's programs and had a baby when she was 16. Looking back on what she learned in the early 1990s, she's hard-pressed to remember any details.

"I know we talked about goal-

setting, the college we wanted to go to and that those things may not happen if you have sex," said Jones, who was already married when she had sex ed in high school. "But we didn't get any specific information."

Jones said that she knew about birth control from her older sister, but she thinks better education could help prevent a lot of pregnancies.

"I got lucky that everything worked out for us, but that's not going to happen for most girls," Jones said. "I really think there needs to be more discussion about all the options and it needs to happen before 11th grade. Because the truth is, a lot of people are doing it, it's just some of us got caught."

But Frank, whose daughter also had a child while in high school, argues that education isn't always the answer.

"Sometimes ignorance is bliss," he said. "I know if I had known about this sexual stuff when I was that young, it would've gotten me in a lot more trouble than being naive and ignorant."

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Birds

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last year. Ducks there were so thick they stepped on each other's heads to fly off, he said. But on the swift-moving river, ducks are sparse.

But they observed robins and cedar waxwings sharing a tree. Usually, birds of a different feather are territorial during breeding season but stay together in the winter to keep off predators, Trotter said.

Three-fourths of a mile and several species later, the volun-

teers were greeted by a sky of birds, mostly herons and mallards.

"You have to practice estimates," Karl Ruprecht said, trying to gauge the gracefully moving objects.

They move on. "I enjoy being outside," said Hudak, a U.S. Forest Service biologist. He also likes to see the relationships of birds to habitats.

But Hudak calls Trotter an "exceptional birder" for his experience and dedication.

"It adds a different element to being outdoors," Trotter said of his hobby. "It's the challenge. It adds a whole different element of enjoyment."

At one stop they gazed at what appeared to be ducks floating on the river, then realized they were hunting doves.

"Failed again," Trotter said with a laugh.

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IN BRIEF

Nowen beats American Koznick to win slalom

LIENZ, Austria — It's a been a season of streaks in women's World Cup skiing and now it's Ylva Nowen's turn. The Swede earned her third straight slalom victory Sunday, edging American Kristin Koznick by a cent of a second. "I woke up last night and had problems falling asleep again," Nowen said. "So I was quite tired today. I had difficulty concentrating."

It didn't show. Nowen trailed Koznick by 12 seconds after the 58-gate first run, but produced a perfect second run.

Still, Koznick's second place was her best career finish and the best result for an American this season.

"I am not disappointed, because my goal was to finish in the top three," Koznick said. "It's a tough position to be in after the first run and I am proud of myself that I hung in there in the second."

The last time a slalom was held in this resort, it was won by an American, Judy Nagel, in 1970. No American has won a slalom since Julie Parisien at Park City, Utah, in 1992.

Michigan wrestlers resume following Reese's death

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Michigan will resume its suspended wrestling season Tuesday with a ban on athletes using saunas for weight loss and other safety measures in place.

That and six other safety measures are part of Michigan's response to the Dec. 9 death of wrestler Jeff Reese.

The 21-year-old junior from Wellsburg, N.Y., was wearing a rubber suit when he tried to shed weight for a match the following day. Reese suffered kidney failure and heart failure after a two-hour workout in a 92-degree room. He had been trying to lose 12 pounds in a single day.

Washington County Prosecutor Brian Mackie said Friday there was no criminal wrongdoing in Reese's death.

The Wolverines are to compete Tuesday and Wednesday at the Oregon Classic. Michigan's next home match is Feb. 6 against Ohio State.

A task force appointed in the wake of Reese's death forwarded the recommendations to athletic director Tom Goss on Friday. Goss said the policies will be implemented immediately.

"My goal is to make this sport safe," he told The Ann Arbor News. "We need to be able to make it safe, or decide whether we need to have it."

Snow falls after prayers at Winter Olympic site

NAGANO, Japan — Snow began falling Sunday at Winter Olympic sites, a day after local tourism officials prayed at a Shinto shrine for snowfall.

The tourism association, representing about 800 lodging facilities in Hakuba, held prayers at a shrine of Japan's indigenous religion because their business has been suffering from lack of snow this season.

On an ordinary winter day, more than 30,000 skiers come to the village, but the number has been about half this season because there is snow only in the high mountain areas.

Weathermen say the El Nino weather pattern probably will mean warmer weather than usual this season. Nagano is the southernmost site ever chosen as the site for a Winter Olympics.

Hakuba will be the site of Alpine skiing, ski jumping and cross country events in the Games, which begin Feb. 7.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Lion tamers



Tampa Bay's Mike Alstott cheers after the Buccaneers beat Detroit 20-10 Sunday to advance to the next round of the NFL playoffs. Alstott rushed for 68 yards on 21 carries.

Bucs notch 1st playoff win in 18 years

By Gary Myers
New York Daily News

TAMPA — The fireworks lit up the sky. A couple of the Bucs took a team flag and did a victory lap around the field. It was a long time coming in Tampa Bay — 18 years between playoff victories.

Reality is likely to set in next Sunday when the Bucs travel to Lambeau Field to face the Super Bowl champion Packers. But the fans were celebrating like it was a Super Bowl when Tampa eliminated the Lions, 20-10, in Sunday's NFC wild-card game.

"We didn't come here to just show up and make the playoffs. We

came to make an impact and win," said fullback Mike Alstott, whose 31-yard TD run early in the third quarter gave the Bucs a 20-0 lead. "This is exciting for the community. The electricity coming from the crowd was unbelievable."

And what the Bucs did to Barry Sanders was just as hard to believe. One week after he rushed for 184 yards against the Jets, becoming the third back in NFL history to reach 2,000 yards, he was not a factor at all against Tampa. It didn't help that the field was muddy after some heavy rains the last few days.

By the time Alstott scored to give the Bucs the 20-0 lead, Sanders had carried the ball seven times for 15

yards. Tampa led 13-0 at the half and controlled the ball for 20:41. The two ways to control Sanders, other than the defense just flat-out shutting him down, is to keep the Lions defense on the field.

"Our focus all week was to play solid run defense," Bucs coach Tony Dungy said. "I felt like we prepared very well to stop Barry Sanders and I think we were pretty successful doing it."

What happened to Sanders? "He ran into the Bucs defense," DT Warren Sapp said.

Sanders, who finished with 65 yards on 18 carries, left the locker room after the game without comment.

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Patriots' defense shuts down Miami

By Ed Duckworth
Providence Journal-Bulletin

FOXBORO, Mass. — At one point during training camp last summer, free safety Willie Clay of the New England Patriots uttered what sounded like an over-the-top prophesy.

"Mark my words now," he told a knot of skeptical reporters. "Everybody talks about our offense, but before this season's over, people are going to see that defense is a real strength of this team."

Okay, Willie, we see. We believe. And we apologize for snickering in your face.

The Pats' underrated, under-publicized and underappreciated defensive unit made the big plays again on Sunday in a surprisingly easy 17-3 victory over the Miami Dolphins.

The wild-card win earned the Pats a trip to Pittsburgh next Saturday afternoon, where they will face the Central Division champion Steelers in a semifinal round game of the AFC playoffs.

That won't be an easy game to win, but if the Pats can

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New England quarterback Drew Bledsoe huge Miami quarterback Dan Marino after the Patriots knocked the Dolphins out of the playoffs Sunday in Foxboro, Mass.

Marino: 'I want to play as long as I can'

By Bill Reynolds
Providence Journal-Bulletin

FOXBORO, Mass. — It didn't take very long to get to the nitty-gritty. "Was this your last game as a Dolphin?" he was asked.

"No," Dan Marino said emphatically, almost with a touch of defiance.

For that's been the rumor. Locked in a philosophical struggle with coach Jimmy

Johnson, in the twilight of his Hall of Fame career, there's been speculation that Marino will be out of Miami next year, the sacrificial lamb for a franchise that's come to mirror Marino himself, all about memories. The speculation that he saw Marino's last game as a Dolphin on Sunday. "I want to play as long as I can," he said. "I still think I can play at a high level."

He was standing in a small room inside Foxboro

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Irish luck runs out; LSU gains Independence

The Associated Press

SHREVEPORT, La. — Kevin who? With Kevin Faulk, the Southeastern Conference's leading rusher, out with a twisted ankle, backup Rondell Mealey rushed for 222 yards Sunday, including 26 on the game-winning drive in the third quarter, as No. 15 LSU beat Notre Dame 27-9 in the Independence Bowl.

Mealey, a sophomore, also set Independence Bowl and LSU records — previously held by Faulk — with a 78-yard run in the fourth quarter. He was voted the offensive player of the game.

It was sweet revenge for the Tigers (9-3), who were embarrassed 24-6 by the Irish (7-6) seven weeks ago at Baton Rouge, their worst loss of the season. Teams that lost the regular-season game have now won seven of the 13 rematches in bowl games.

The loss brought Notre Dame's turnaround to an end with a crushing, ugly thud. After starting the season 1-4, the Irish won six of their last seven regular-season games and came into the bowl with a five-game winning streak.

When Mealey hit his stride in the second half, he took all of the life out of the Irish, whose offense gained just 14 yards in the third quarter. Quarterback Ron Powlus was sacked four times in the second half, including a brutal hit that seemed to knock the wind out of him. He finished 8-of-18 for just 66 yards.

As the final seconds ticked off, LSU fans stormed the field, waving flags and hugging players. The Notre Dame players walked to midfield with heads bowed to shake hands with LSU.

Notre Dame hasn't won a bowl game since beating Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl after the 1993 season.

LSU came out sluggish early, and things looked bleak when Faulk went down with a twisted ankle early on the Tigers' second possession. But Mealey picked up

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Humanitarians: Utah State, UC fit bowl script

The Associated Press

BOISE — Smurf Turf. A flock of lame ducks. Game-time temperatures in the 30s. Teams with a combined record of 3-9.

Welcome to the inaugural Sports Humanitarian Bowl. If December in Idaho is your idea of college football paradise, you'll fit in just fine with Cincinnati (7-4) and Utah State (6-5).

"This game is just what we wanted," Utah State coach John L. Smith said. "This is the culmination of our dreams."

"We couldn't be happier to be playing in this game," echoed Cincinnati coach Rick Minter.

Utah State and Cincinnati are looking to make a good showing for ourselves and for our school."

Two of the most unlucky bowl teams of the year are doing battle in a game that didn't exist even 10 months ago.

Cincinnati hasn't been to a bowl since 1950, while Utah State endured a four-game losing streak and gave up 51 points to loely North Texas in the season's final game.

But Humanitarian Bowl organizers are optimistic that their teams will provide an exciting event in the season's coldest bowl game.

Early this year, officials with the Boise-based Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame decided they needed a showpiece for their annual inauguration ceremonies.

The Treasure Valley area of Idaho liked the idea of showing off its scenic splendor to a national audience. The city embraced the game and its potential to be a financial watershed for this growing city of 370,000.

Corporate backers arranged a \$750,000 payday for both teams. Officials signed a deal with the Big West Conference to showcase the conference champion. Everything came into place shortly before the start of the college football season.

They forgot one thing: It's really, really cold in Boise in December.

"This is pretty brutal," said Cincinnati quarterback Chad Plummer, a Florida native, as the Bearcats ran drills in 25-degree weather this week. "We're staying inside as much as we can."

Cincinnati didn't expect to draw a huge crowd to a game being played nearly 2,000 miles from campus. The Bearcats are happy to end their 47-year bowl drought in any fashion possible.



Utah State coach John L. Smith does the hula hoop at West YMCA in Boise, which he and the rest of the Aggies' football team visited Sunday.

SPORTS

LSU Road success continues for Sonics; Jazz edge Grizzlies

The slacking, and the absence of Faulk, who set an independence rushing record of 234 yards two years ago, wasn't even noticed.

Mealey rushed for 38 yards on LSU's first possession in the second half, one more than he had in the first 30 minutes of the game — to set up LSU's 42-yard field goal that tied the game at 6.

Notre Dame got a tough break on the kickoff, as Allen Rossom slipped at the 6 yard and was ruled down, despite making it to the 21. The Irish only managed six yards, and the Tigers got the ball at the Irish 49.

That meant more Mealey time. He rushed for seven yards and a touchdown the first time he touched the ball, then shook off a tackler for a 13-yard gain on his next carry.

LSU got down to the Irish 12, and Faulk, who had connected with Abram Boyer for the go-ahead score with 4:05 left in the third quarter.

PHOENIX (AP) — Seattle's NBA-best road record is not by accident. Sunday night's 106-97 win over the Phoenix Suns was a prime example.

The SuperSonics limited Phoenix to 36 points shooting Gary Payton to 24 points, 10 assists and six rebounds as Seattle improved to 11-4 on the road.

Detlef Schrempf added 25 points and nine rebounds for the SuperSonics, who won despite being outbounded 47-30.

"We know they like to score a lot of points, so we wanted to make it more of a defensive game," Schrempf said. "I thought we did a good job with that. We gave away rebounding, but made up for it with great defense. They like to run and gun, so forcing them to take bad shots was a big key."

Rex Chapman had 26 points and Cedric Ceballos 18 for Phoenix, which had its fourth game-winning streak snapped. The Suns lost both Danny Manning and Jason Kidd to injuries.

Manning strained an abdominal muscle late and falling, and Jazz coach Steve Kerr rolled his right ankle with 5:44 remaining in the game. The Suns said both players would be re-evaluated Monday.

Pro basketball

Jazz 89, Grizzlies 88 VANCOUVER, British Columbia — John Stockton scored 10 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter, including a wide-open jumper, with 2.3 seconds left that gave Utah the win.

After squandering a 14-point, third-quarter lead and falling behind by one point twice the final 38 seconds, the Jazz managed to pull out the win when Karl Malone set a pick on Antonio Daniels that freed Stockton at the top of the key.

The Grizzlies then blew an opportunity to pull out the victory when Daniels' inbound attempt was picked off by Jeff Hornacek.

Karl Malone had the Jazz with 31 points and 11 rebounds, and added a game-high 13 in 29 games, and a game-high 13 points.

T-Wolves 93, Pistons 89 AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Stephen Marbury scored 10 of his team-high 19 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Minnesota Timberwolves to a comeback victory over the Detroit Pistons.

The win, Minnesota's first in Detroit since 1992, was the Wolves' sixth in eight games and

moved them to 500 (14-14) for the first time since they lost 66. Detroit has now lost two straight, both at home.

Trail Blazers 82, Spurs 79 PORTLAND, Ore. — The Portland Trail Blazers came back from a miserable start and rallied in the sixth half behind Rasheed Wallace to beat San Antonio, snapping the Spurs' seven-game winning streak.

It was the Blazers' second victory over a Midwest Division power in as many days. They beat Utah in Salt Lake City 105-91 Saturday.

Wallace, matched up against the Spurs' Tim Duncan, scored 12 of his 14 points in the second half, eight in the fourth quarter.

Celtics 108, Lakers 102 INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Antoine Walker had 28 points and 13 rebounds and Travis Knight buried his former team by scoring 11 of his 14 points in the second half as the Boston Celtics stunned the Los Angeles Lakers.

It was just the second home loss of the season for the Lakers, but their four-game winning streak snapped and fell one game behind first-place Seattle in the Pacific Division.

The win was the seventh in the last nine

games for the Celtics (14-13), who just won more victory to equal last season's total.

Knight, who had 14 points, 10 rebounds, was playing in his first game at the Forum since signing with the Celtics last summer following a five rookie season with the Lakers.

Heat 101, Pacers 90 MIAMI — Alonzo Mourning scored 22 points and grabbed 13 rebounds and Tim Hardaway had 21 points and 10 assists as Miami beat Indiana.

In a matchup of two of the top teams in the Eastern Conference, Miami outscored Indiana 8-1 in the final 1:57 to secure its fourth win in five games.

Kings 92, 76ers 90 SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Derrick Coleman and Corliss Williamson got into a fight and Mitch Richmond scored 29 points as the Sacramento Kings edged the Philadelphia 76ers.

With 6:42 remaining in the fourth quarter, an battle under the bars turned into a fight in which Coleman and Williamson both landed punches.

The brawl receded the scorer's table, and both players were pulled to the floor and separated. They were ejected and suspensions will be forthcoming.

Bucs

Late in the third quarter, Lions quarterback Scott Mitchell was tackled on the field on a stretch-er with his head injuries.

Instead of the Lions being in position to at least tie the game, the Bucs drove 89 yards on 17 plays, eating up 8:50, scoring on a 59-yard pass from Tom Dillier to Horace Copeland.

"Matt should never have picked the ball up," Lions coach Bobby Ross said. "The idea is to fall on the ball. Don't pick it up."

The Lions scored 10 points in the second half but a key 50-yard pass from Dillier to Rob Thomas kept Detroit from seriously threatening.

Detroit's Matt Russell tried to pick the ball up and run with it rather than just fall on it. He couldn't hold on. The ball rolled out to the Bucs 17 and Tampa kept possession.

Asked if they gave the Packers something to think about, Sapp said, "They are the world champions. You don't scare the world champions by beating the Lions."

When the linebacker stepped between Marino and his receiver, he was bound to score so long as he held onto the ball.

"I'm not a pretty runner because I'm a tight end piggooner," drawled the 27-year-old native of New Market, Tenn., but when I saw the open field in front of me, I went as fast as I could."

The touchdown gave the Pats a 14-0 lead, and when Arm Vinatori boomed a 22-yard field goal a few minutes later, the "fins were all spushed.

Now the Bucs have to go to Green Bay. In their history, they are 0-16 when the temperature is below 40. It doesn't figure to reach 40 in January at Lambeau.

"We're going to look at the weather charts," Dungy said, "if it's going to be below 40, we probably will forfeit."

The Bucs obviously are tired of hearing about the inability to win when it's cold. And they were trying to keep their first playoff game since the 1982 season in perspective.

Asked if they gave the Packers something to think about, Sapp said, "They are the world champions. You don't scare the world champions by beating the Lions."

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Marino

Stadium, a room with all the glamour of used tape on a locker room floor. Not exactly an ideal setting for the man who will go down in history as one of the greatest quarterbacks ever to play in the National Football League.

Maybe that's only fitting. If these are not the best of times for Marino, then Sunday was the culmination point of his worst play of performance ever. An entire afternoon of having Patriot players in his face, always another blitz, always someone else rushing him, taking him out of his rhythm.

An afternoon where he looked old, slow and every bit of his 36 years, his game covered with rust.

In a sense Marino's become the old gentleman who stands in the middle of the busy street in the Old West town having to prove himself old over against some other young gun. An old fighter who has had two many fights, too many battles. And old fighters who is now all about momentum and reputation, even if he doesn't really want to admit it.

The numbers tell the story, numbers as clear as debris on a ledger sheet.

• 17 completions in 43 attempts, 141 yards

• 2 interceptions.

But it was more than just the numbers. Once Marino used to be nimble in the pocket. Not quick, certainly, but with great instincts, the ability to sidestep, to feel when the pressure was coming from a defender in close. Once he was able to make opponents pay for blitzing him.

Now? Now he seems frustrated, just another quarterback without any answers. Athletes don't lose it all

once, they dramatic suddenly panic in a big dramatic moment. Instead it comes in dribs and drabs, slips away as quietly as youth. A step here, a step there, a badly thrown ball here, a wrong decision there. Talent slipping away like sand through a finger street.

So it was with Marino.

He can still throw the ball that gets out to the secondary like a rocket, still has those times when the remains of how he used to be, but when he first came into the league out of Pittsburgh with the magic in his arm, everything all ahead of him. But they are just flashes now, teases and hints, reminders of the way things used to be. One of the oldest clichés in sports is the great athlete who stays too long at the dance, the one who can't walk away gracefully but clings to illusions. It seems we are now seeing that with Marino.

Not that the Dolphins' demise was all Marino's fault. Far from it, Miami is a case study in medicine. You'd have to look at the history except for Marino.

Johnson arrived two years ago promising to run the ball and play physical football. So far those promises have been as empty as last week's Christmas stocking. On Sunday, not only could the Dolphins not run the ball, they also could not protect Marino. He saw Johnson's hit in his face when the British once beat at Lexington.

"I think we can't let Dan down today," O.J. McDuffie said.

"When you go on the road, you have to be consistent offensively, and we're just not at that level right now," Marino said. "You can't make mistakes. I made two mistakes, two interceptions, and that's all I can do right now. I'm not good enough right now to even average that. I can't make those mistakes."

So how about offensive changes next year? "I don't ask that," Marino snapped. "Okay, Don't ask me that. That's not up to me."

Not surprising. Old quarterbacks don't fade away. They just get blitzed to death.

Patriots

time to play with "the intensity and effort" coach Pete Carroll said Sunday, who's to say they can't upset the Steelers?

Certainly not Willie Clay. "It took a while for us to get it together," said Clay. "But we know our jobs now. We've got the system down and it's working. We're blitzing and covering and sacking and tackling the way we're supposed to."

Cornback Jimmy Hitchcock, who has been transferred after ducking to swan since September, saw things the same way.

"We have genuine confidence now because we came into games so well prepared," he explained. "We had an excellent game plan today and we executed it. Their scoring offense line was confused. Dan Marino was confused. That's a testament to our scheme."

As they had in their AFC East division-clinching win Monday night in Miami, the lions won the one by taking away the run and forcing the Dolphins to become a one-dimensional, pass-only team.

Then New England turned up the heat on the immobile Marino, a future Hall-of-Famer who, at 36, clearly isn't surrounded by a great supporting cast. And Marino committed a fatal turnover.

What proved to be the dagger to the Dolphins' heart came on the second snap of the third quarter when linebacker Todd Collins stepped between Marino and tight end Troy Doytner to pick off a slant pass and return it 40 yards for a touchdown.

Collins knew what to expect because the Pats were "reading" the audible Marino called out, thanks to Keith Byars.

"He helped a bit with that," said Collins. "Some teams usually try to change their audibles, but the audible on that play was the same as the other three games we played them."

So when Marino yelled out "46!" at the line of scrimmage, Collins waved to Hitchcock to drop back while he filled the area Doytner was bound to occupy.

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SPORTS

Calhoun: No big deal

UConn coach closes in on win No. 500

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun will take them one at a time, thank you.

Calhoun got his 499th career victory Sunday when his 11th-ranked Huskies throttled Hartford 100-69. Win No. 500 comes on Tuesday night against Fairfield.

"I'm much more concerned about playing a very good Fairfield team than I am about

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getting to 500," Calhoun said. "It would be win No. 12 this year and then we would move on to No. 13."

Pressed a little further, Calhoun was evasive.

"What do I think about getting win No. 500? Well, I just want to always have said. It would put me in some pretty good company. And, that's all I'm going to say."

Calhoun was 250-137 in 14 years at Northeastern and 229-114 in 11-plus years at Connecticut. He would become the first coach in Division I New England college basketball history to attain 500 career wins.

The Huskies (11-3) don't have any plans for Calhoun's 500th.

"I just heard about the 500 thing last week," junior guard Ricky Minton said. "We don't have any plans. We just want to concentrate on Fairfield. They are a very good team that gave us trouble last year."

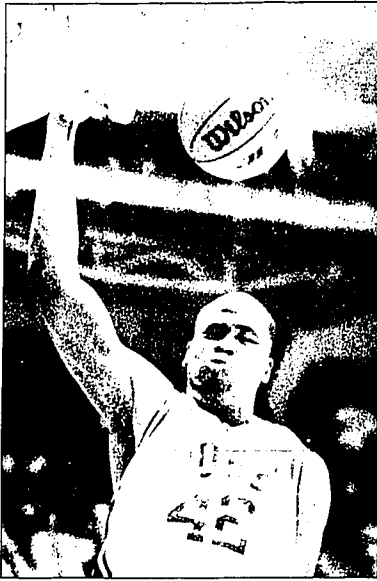
Even though Hartford (4-5) had been at UConn this season, the players and coaching staff had a difficult time accepting their loss.

"Seeing was believing."

"There was no way we could have duplicated in practice the kind of speed and intensity we saw today," Hartford coach Paul Braccavino said. "Speed, intensity. You saw a lot of that when you play UConn."

No. 21 Clemson 84, South Carolina 80

CLEMSON, S.C. (AP) — Harold Jamison, Greg Buckner and Iker Kurba had 13 points each and Tony Christie scored 10 for Clemson,



Duke freshman Elton Brand slams home a dunk against Villanova Dec. 10. Brand will miss the rest of the season after suffering a broken foot during practice Saturday.

including consecutive 3-pointers to start the second half for the Tigers (9-3).

South Carolina State (1-5) threw scores into North Carolina State (losing 66-67) and 10th-ranked South Carolina (a 90-85 loss) its previous two games. But Clemson (9-3) used a 21-6 run, led by Truette's 9 points, in the final 10 minutes of the first half to put this one away.

Terrill McIntyre scored five points in his first game since bruising his right foot on Dec. 13.

No. 5 Arizona 92, James Madison 68

TUCSON, Ariz. — Michael Dickerson and Miles Simon each scored 20 points as No. 5 Arizona rebounded from an infrequent loss with a rout of James Madison in the opening round of Bank One Fiesta Bowl Classic.

Mike Bibby added 15 points and

eight assists for the Wildcats (8-3), who lost 84-79 decision at Florida State in their only game last week.

Simon also had seven assists and three rebounds for Arizona, which will play unbeat Kansas State, a 70-63 winner over Davidson, in Monday night's championship game.

No. 15 Iowa 91, Bucknell 52

HOVANA CITY, Iowa — Kent McCausland went 5-of-6 from 3-point range and scored 17 points and Ryan Bowen added 15 on a night dedicated to his hometown as No. 15 Iowa blew away Bucknell.

Iowa (11-1) dominated its final timeout for Wednesday's Big Ten opener at Indiana, shooting 57 percent and taking Bucknell (3-8) out of the game with its full-court press and overlapping half-court defense.

"One stinking play" put Mizzou on the map, in Holiday Bowl

SAN DIEGO (AP) — It was a play that would have made the Holiday Bowl proud.

A receiver being wrestled to the ground while kicking the ball backward over his head and a teammate makes a diving catch in the end zone, forcing overtime.

At the time, Missouri coach Larry Smith called it "One stinking play" because it led to his Tigers eventually losing 45-38 in overtime to No. 1 Nebraska. But it gave Missouri a sense of renewal, that after 13 straight losing seasons it could play the big boys.

"It's kind of bad to say you get a lot of notoriety off a loss, and one fluke play," linebacker Kevin Ford said. "But that play was on every sportscast and being seen in the United States and then people got to know this team."

And now the No. 19 Tigers (7-4) are in tonight's Holiday Bowl against No. 10 Colorado State (10-2), their first postseason action since contributing to the Holiday Bowl's reputation of wacky finishes. The current Tigers were just kids when Steve Young caught — that's right, caught — the winning touchdown pass as BYU rallied to beat Missouri 21-17 in the 1983 Holiday Bowl.

Missouri would like to put the Nebraska play behind it and con-

tinue the revival it's enjoyed under Smith, who took Southern Cal to three straight Rose Bowls in the late 1980s.

"I think we're not so concerned about the exposure," said junior quarterback Corby Jones, an elusive runner who's honed his passing game. "I think we've already proved to ourselves that we can play with and beat anybody on our schedule. We have to win this game as one of our goals, and not so we can show somebody else what we can do."

Colorado State is well aware that three of Missouri's four losses came to Alliance teams — Ohio State, Kansas State and Nebraska.

"Whenever you step into a bowl game, one of the things you love to do is face as powerful an opponent as possible," said Colorado State quarterback Moses Moreno. "We thrive on challenge, and that's what's going to get us going."

This game will showcase the quarterbacks. Missouri has already launched a 1998 Heisman campaign for Jones, while Moreno will end his college career in his hometown bowl game. Nine Rams are from San Diego County, and 34 are from California.

Colorado State is in the Holiday

Bowl for the third time in fourth years under coach Sonny Lubick, and still looking for its first victory. The Rams lost 23-14 to Michigan in 1994 and 54-21 to Kansas State in 1995.

"I think this year of any is our best opportunity to end that losing streak," said Moreno, who was born and raised in neighboring Chula Vista and started in the '95 Holiday Bowl loss. "We know how it feels to be on national TV and to be embarrassed by a team and you just don't want to settle for that."

While Missouri won four of its last five, the Rams have won eight straight, including the Western Athletic Conference title game over New Mexico. In that game, they outscored opponents by an average of 43-11.

Moreno threw for 2,257 yards and 20 touchdowns. Damon Washington, another San Diegoan, rushed for 112 yards and Kevin McDougal for 111.

"It's just been a great balance," Moreno said. "We have so many weapons on that offensive unit that we're explosive yet cohesive enough to understand our roles and not to be selfish."

The Rams like to establish the run early, setting up play-action passes and Moreno's dropback passing.

Carquest win would salvage seasons for West Virginia, Georgia Tech

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — With their teams having struggled at the end of the year, Georgia Tech coach George O'Leary and West Virginia's Don Nehlen said a victory in the Carquest Bowl would salvage the season.

"We told our team this game is the start of next season," O'Leary said Sunday. "We'd like to end this season on a good note."

Georgia Tech (6-5) started the season 4-1 but lost four of its last six games and finished fourth in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Yellow Jackets lost four games by a total of 14 points.

West Virginia (7-4) was 6-1 but lost three of its last four, with losses at Syracuse and Notre Dame, and a triple-overtime heartbreaker to Pittsburgh. The Mountaineers finished third in the Big East.

O'Leary and Nehlen said that despite the late season slumps, their teams deserve to play in a bowl. Both teams qualified for the game with the necessary six wins

against Division I-A opponents.

"I don't think we've done a very good job educating some of you guys as to what a good season is," Nehlen told reporters.

O'Leary said. "We lost to two Top Five teams (Florida State and North Carolina) and had a very competitive schedule."

The Mountaineers' best player is tailback Amos Zereoue, the nation's third-leading rusher with 1,505 yards and 16 touchdowns. Although Zereoue came to Florida nursing a sore foot, he will be ready to play tonight, Nehlen said.

"The closer it gets to the game, he runs faster. He'll be fine," Nehlen said.

Georgia Tech's offensive leader is quarterback Joe Hamilton, who came on strong late in the season. Hamilton passed for 1,172 yards and six touchdowns in the final four games. The mobile Hamilton also was the team's second-leading rusher with 478 yards and five touchdowns.

"Look at Hamilton in their opener against Notre Dame and

he was 10 percent of their offense," Nehlen said.

"Look at him in the middle of the season and 112 yards, 40 percent. Look at him now and he's 50, 60, 70 percent."

"I quit looking at him because he makes me nervous."

West Virginia's defense defanged Syracuse quarterback Donovan McNabb, who could both run and throw the ball well.

The Mountaineers should have outside linebacker Gary Skills for the game to help stop Hamilton. Skills, an All-Big East performer, led the team with 11 sacks but missed the final game of the season with a fractured knee. Skills has said he would play against Georgia Tech.

This is Georgia Tech's first bowl game since the 1991 Aloha Bowl. West Virginia lost the 1995 Carquest Bowl to South Carolina and the 1996 Gator Bowl to North Carolina. The Mountaineers have lost their last six bowl games dating to 1987.

2-sport star paces Stanford in win

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Thanks to her teammates and a crowd of enthusiastic fans, Kristin Folk was at ease when she returned to basketball after helping Stanford to the NCAA volleyball championship.

Folk, a dual-sport athlete for Stanford, had 16 points and eight rebounds in her debut this season as the 17th-ranked Cardinal downed No. 18 Colorado 87-73 Sunday.

"I had a really easy time out there, my teammates were great. The crowd was great. I felt comfortable because I felt like they wanted me out there."

Stanford (8-4), which went into the season ranked No. 4, has struggled with losses to Connecticut and Tennessee. They clearly got a boost Sunday from Folk's return, which was accompanied by rousing applause from the fans at Maples Pavilion.

"Kristin is a very special talent with an instinct for basketball," coach Vera Vanderveer said. "She does everything we need her to do, especially catching and passing the ball well. We've had so many turnovers with our post game this year, she's come in and given us a boost."

Even Olympia Scott, who had a career-high 33 points, took the time to compliment Folk.

"The first day, she comes right in and runs the plays," Scott said. "She fits right in perfectly, as if she's never been away."

Stanford has won four NCAA volleyball titles since 1992, and Folk has been on three of those teams.

Colorado (6-2), which had won three straight, was led by La Shena Graham's career-high 29 points. Jenny Circle, the only other Colorado player in double figures, had 17 points.

Folk entered the game about five minutes into the first half, with the Cardinal trailing 11-7. Stanford responded with a 17-5 run to take 24-16 with 7:19 left as Folk scored nine points during the stretch.

Vanessa Nygaard added 11 points and 12 rebounds for Stanford. But it was clearly Folk's show.

Even Barry noticed the change in the team.

"A big piece of their puzzle is now back on the bench. I know Tara pretty well, and I know she's been drumming her fingers waiting for Kristin to come back," Barry said.

Folk, who hadn't played on playing basketball last season, joined the team in February after several players were injured and averaged 10.7 points and 8.2 rebounds in 10 games.

Penn State 86, No. 8 Wisconsin 71

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Andrea Garner scored 21 points as Penn State broke open a close game and upset No. 8 Wisconsin 86-71 in the Big Ten opener for both teams.

Penn State (7-3, 10 Big Ten) outscored the Badgers 9-

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2, 84-19.5 over an eight-minute span of the second half to push its lead to 19 points with seven minutes left.

The victory was also the 400th at Penn State for Lacy Lains coach Rene Portland.

No. 10 Virginia 84, California 66

OAKLAND, Calif. — Lesley Brown came off the bench to score a career-high 21 points as No. 10 Virginia pulled away from California in the second half to beat the Bear.

Virginia (8-1), playing its first game in 19 days, won despite getting just four points from leading scorer Denya Walker, who picked up her fourth foul early in the second half.

No. 12 Florida 76, Rhode Island 53

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Murriel Page scored 22 points and pulled down 10 rebounds as No. 12 Florida used big runs to start each half to beat Rhode Island in the State Farm Classic.

Page scored 12 points in Florida's early run that put it out 50-26.

No. 13 Illinois 78, No. 22 Purdue 76

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Ashley Berggren scored 25 points, including the game-winning shot with two seconds left, as No. 13 Illinois recovered from a 13-point deficit in the second half to beat Purdue.

It was the Big Ten opener for both teams and broke a seven-game winning streak for Purdue (7-4) over Illinois (6-4).

No. 16 SW Missouri St. 89, S. Illinois 80

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Lisa Davies scored a career-high 25 points to lead No. 16 Southwest Missouri State to victory over Southern Illinois.

Roshanda Reed had 22 points for the Blue Bears and Yen Quach added 12.

No. 23 Duke 69, Kent 57

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Michelle VanGorp scored 15 points to lead No. 23 Duke to a victory over Kent in the opening game of the State Farm Classic.

The Blue Devils (8-3) scored their first seven points of the second half to build a 42-31 lead and kill any momentum that the Golden Flashies had built with a late first half run. Kent (4-5) was held scoreless for the first 6:13 of the second half.

No. 24 FIU 77, Louisville 60

MIAMI — Senior Gergana Branova scored 18 points to lead No. 24 Florida International to a victory over Louisville in the championship game of the FIU Holiday Classic.

Florida International (8-0) struggled early before taking a 39-24 lead at halftime behind junior Crystal Jenkins' 10 points.

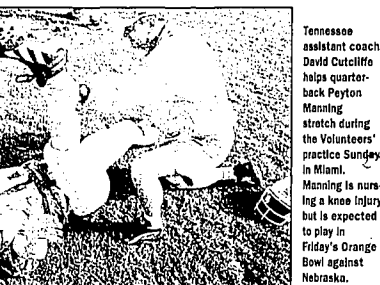
Cautious Tennessee expects Manning to be OK for Orange

MIAMI (AP) — Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning, recovering from a knee injury, took the majority of snaps in practice Sunday and said he expects to play in the Orange Bowl against Nebraska.

"Peyton is a day better," coach Phillip Fulmer said after Sunday's second workout in Miami.

"But we are still having to be cautious with the things he does," Manning's right knee remained sore and stiff, but he said it was continuing to improve. The senior spent six days in the hospital after rupturing a sac in his knee Dec. 6 in the Southeastern Conference Championship Game against Alabama.

"I feel like it will improve hopefully throughout the week and I can gain more confidence in it as it loosens up a little bit



Tennessee assistant coach David Cutcliffe helps quarterback Peyton Manning stretch during the Volunteers' practice Sunday in Miami. Manning is nursing a knee injury but is expected to play in Friday's Orange Bowl against Nebraska.

more," Manning said before Sunday's workout.


"On Saturday it felt better than I thought it would going out there for the first time in cleats and planting on it and sprinting out a little bit. I was pleased with my progress."

Second-ranked Nebraska led the Volunteers 17-14 in Michigan in the final rankings, and Cornhuskers coach Tom Osborne said his team wants to play the Volunteers at full strength Friday night.

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—Claude Adrien Helvétius

A wise declarer takes note of the cards played by a defender. A wise defender knows whether he can afford to believe that what he sees is truth.

Dummy's diamond ace wins, and South goes after clubs before leading trumps. He cashes dummy's king and leads low to his ace, noting East's play of the deuce followed by the four. Since on the line play normally shows an odd number of cards, should South trust East and ruff the next club with a low trump?

If he does, East overruffs and leads a diamond, setting the slam one down. So much for placing too much trust in a wily defender's plays.

Today's South was lost in the fog. Instead of ruffing an overruff of his third club, he had two ways to improve his chances.

One way is to ruff with the king, avoiding the overruff. Then South leads to his spade ace to lead a fourth club. However, instead of ruffing, South discards dummy's diamond jack. Now South can ruff a diamond safely, losing only one club trick.

Even better, South can discard dummy's diamond club on the third round of clubs. West wins and East discards, but South is in control. He can ruff a diamond with a low trump and a club with dummy's king, giving him his best chance to score the slam.

NORTH ♠ 10 8 6 5 2
♥ K 4 6
♦ A J
♣ K 6

WEST ♠ 4 3
♥ A J 2
♦ K Q 10 9 3
♣ A J 8 5

EAST ♠ K J 7
♥ K 5 3
♦ 8 6 4 2
♣ A 2

SOUTH ♠ A
♥ Q J 10 7
♦ 7 5
♣ A J 9 8 5

Vulnerable Both Dealer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Diamond king

LEAD WITH THE ACES

South holds:
♠ Q 3
♥ 10 9 4 2
♦ 7
♣ A K 4 3

East	South	West	North
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	1♠	Pass

ANSWEIT: Heart four. East has at least four hearts, so it might be costly to waste the heart jack. The low lead proves better whenever partner can contribute an honor or even the heart eight.

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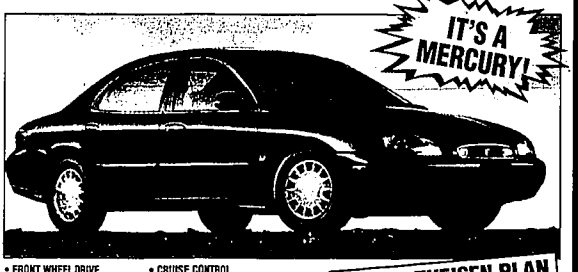
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Section D

Attack of the clueless people — not you, of course

Before I get to this week's topic, I need to correct several errors that crept into some of my recent columns, probably because of E.Nino.

First of all, many people, responding to a column I wrote on the SAT tests, angrily objected to my statement that Princeton, N.J., is the home of Harvard University. Whoops! Princeton is of course the home of Yale University. Harvard University, according to the directory of the American Society of Colleges and Universities, is "a type of weevil."



HUMOR
Dave Barry

Second, I received a letter from a woman who chastised me for stating, in a column about the Napa Valley, that "pinot noir" is French for "a type of wine." This is totally incorrect: "pinot noir" is actually French for "that type of wine I would like to throw in the garbage for correcting me, but I am not going to, because she signed her letter 'a bionter,' which is French for 'There is a pomegranate in your underhairs.'"

Finally, a pre-med student at the University of Iowa wrote to the school newspaper, the Daily Iowan, to object to a column in which I stated that the Hippocratic Oath was written by Aristotle. Wrong! The Hippocratic Oath was obviously written by the person for whom it was named, Seymour Oath.

In her letter to The Daily Iowan, the premed student also makes this statement, which I am not making up: "A doctor must go to school for nearly one-third or more of his or her life before becoming a qualified physician. Many lose their families and more in this effort."

My feeling about that is: If you're losing your family and can't maybe you should spend more time practicing on cadavers.

But the point is that I am very sorry about those pesky errors that keep creeping into my column, and I am grateful to the many readers who, week after week, write angry letters correcting me. This is in no way whatsoever related to the topic of this week's column; namely: Is the public stupid?

When I say "the public," I of course do not mean you. I'm talking about other people, the vast mass of people out there who have somehow managed to feed themselves and obtain drivers' licenses, yet whose IQs are in the gumbo range. There are a lot of these people, and I don't say this merely because of the apparently huge demand for TV guesses ("Call and pay us money to try to guess stuff about you that you already know!").

No, I say this because of the people who are always in line at the drive-thru. Whenever I get in a line, I find myself directly behind people who apparently have just been beamed here from the Planet Clueless. If it's a line to purchase something, and everybody else is using cash or credit cards, and we're zipping along, the Clueless People will always bring things to a grinding halt by producing some kind of weird, inappropriate piece of paper — perhaps a coupon that comes from a completely different store and expired in 1977; perhaps a letter from Ed McMahon advising the Clueless People that they have probably won \$23 million; perhaps several photocopies of pages from the Treaty of Ghent. Whatever it is, it will be something that requires the cashier to consult with all the other cashiers, and then the manager, and then employees from surrounding stores, and so on in a ripple effect until the Clueless People, every minute or so, and stock markets start crashing all over the world.

It's even worse when the Clueless People get to an airline counter. If you think that achieving lasting peace in the Middle East is a difficult and time-consuming process, you have never seen the Clueless People try to grasp such complex concepts as "Gate 6." And they take forever to rent a car, because what they're doing is, there at the rental-car counter, I think some of them are trying to re-mortgage their homes. All I know is, those of us waiting behind them are gradually forming a new type of human society, the People Behind To Wait In Line Forever Behind The Clueless People. We intermarry, have children, grow old and eventually bury our dead under piles of luggage while in front of us the Clueless People, frowning with intense concentration, try once again to comprehend the difference between "compact" and "midsize."

I'm not the only person who has noticed this problem. I've received many letters from people who agree with me and the public and have concluded that it has a Purina brand Puppy Chow for brains. A

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The Washington Post

After filling up on chips and salsa, you can't budge after eating only half of your chicken fajitas. So you ask the waiter for a doggy bag, figuring the leftovers have a future as lunch. Then you leave the restaurant, go to the movies, stop for a cup of coffee, drop off your evening companion and finally head home, forgetting that the doggy bag has been sitting patiently in the back seat.

Oops. You've just committed a food-safety faux pas. You violated the two-hour rule.

According to that rule — the mantra of public-health experts — leftovers and prepared foods should be refrigerated within two hours. If they are not, nasty bacteria can multiply and grow, and your future lunch could end up giving you an upset stomach, or worse.

Yes, food-safety concerns have even hit the doggy bag. And here's why: In today's era of value-conscious dining, large portions are a common place. Granted, a lot of people clean their plates, but according to a survey conducted by the Industry Council on Food Safety, a coalition formed by the National Restaurant Association, 70 percent of restaurant customers report they occasionally or frequently take leftovers home.

What's more, off-premise dining is the fastest-growing segment of the restaurant industry. The industry council says carryout and home delivery account for nearly 50 percent of all restaurant traffic.

All of this adds up to a lot of food being transported from one place to another. It also means that some of that food may not be eaten immediately after it's cooked, and that could translate into a problem if it's not stored or reheated properly.

And that's why the Industry Council on Food Safety has printed safe-handling brochures for restaura-

teurs to include in their doggy bags and in the process of printing safe-handling stickers and cards that could be affixed to carryout bags or containers.

Already, many establishments include reheating instructions on pizza boxes or rotisserie chicken bags.

For more information, call the USDA's meat and poultry hot line at 1-800-535-4555 or the Industry Council on Food Safety at 1-800-456-0111.

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Food safety tips

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has a brochure that specifically addresses safe handling of take-out foods. Among the department's recommendations:

For foods purchased or delivered hot:
 Eat within two hours.

To keep the food hot within those two hours, set the oven temperature high enough to keep the food at 140 degrees Fahrenheit or above. Check internal temperature of food with a meat thermometer. Covering with foil will also keep the food moist.

It's not a good idea to keep the food hot longer than two hours. It will taste better if you place it in shallow containers, divide large quantities, cover loosely and refrigerate immediately. It is safe to freeze leftovers; wrap tightly for best quality.

Reheat leftovers thoroughly to a temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit or until hot and steaming. In the microwave, cover food and rotate so it heats evenly. Consult your microwave manual for recommended times and power levels.

For food delivered cold:
 Refrigerate immediately. Cold food should be held at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or colder.

Perishable food should not be at room temperature longer than two hours. If the food has been sitting inside or outside where the temperature is 90 degrees or above, discard it after one hour.

Keep food cold on a buffet table by nesting dishes in bowls of ice. Use small platters of food, and replace them with fresh platters, rather than adding fresh food to a dish that already has food in it.

The government also suggests that take-out leftovers be stored no longer than 3 to 4 days for cooked meat or poultry, pizza or fried chicken and 3 to 5 days for deli convenience foods such as egg, tuna or macaroni salads or sliced luncheon meats.

For leftovers that are frozen, officials recommend they be used in 3 to 6 months for cooked meat or poultry dishes; 4 months for fried chicken; 1 to 2 months for deli sliced luncheon meats; and 3 to 4 months for deli prepared convenience foods.

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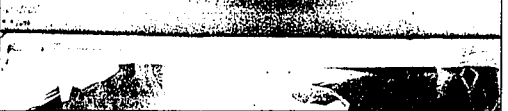
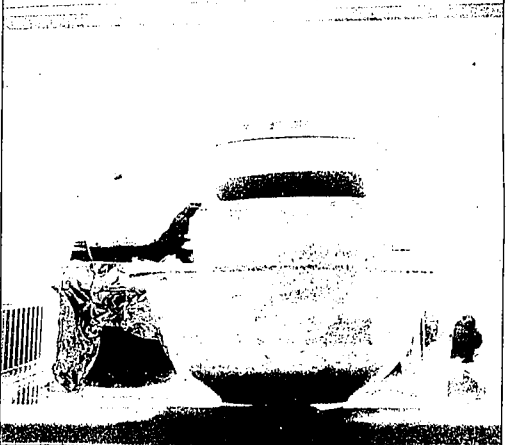
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LOOKING

GOOD

Fashion returns to romance

The Dallas Morning News

One stitch at a time, old-fashioned handwork with sequins, beading and embroidery is taking fashion in a new direction.

This season, elaborate handwork has been showing up in unlikely places — along the hems of coarse woolen skirts, up the straps of tiny camisoles and even across mesh tops paired with strict suits.

With a flourish of sequins and a garden of embroidery, fashion has gained notice that minimalism, the defining look of the '90s, is eroding. Even Muccia Prada, Italy's high priestess of purity, dared to frame delicate silk tops with chunky crystals and to outline Army-bunker-heavy woolens with austere-bleat-beads.

Preds predicts that the era of understatement is coming to a close. "I would say that we are going into more fantasy, more freedom, more decoration — but in a new way," she said.

By the time holiday clothing slithered into stores, women's wear fairly radiated with dustings of beads, lacings of ribbon

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Silver metallic knit dress with spider-back and rhinestone dotallings is from Molly Malloy and sells for \$99.

HEALTH NOTES

Prozac moments

Low levels of a natural brain chemical called serotonin may frequently be the reason we explode in fits of rage, according to a study that says the antidepressant Prozac often reduces such aggressiveness. That finding from a study headed by Emil P. Coccaro, psychiatry professor at Allegheny University of the Health Sciences in Philadelphia, was published in the Archives of General Psychiatry.

Inflated expectations

Those of you women who suffer excessive menstrual bleeding now have an alternative to surgery: a heated balloon that can fix the problem right in the gynecologist's office. The Food and Drug Administration has approved Gynecare Inc.'s ThermoChoice. The company estimates that it will replace 20-30 percent of the hysterectomies that now are standard treatment.

Disfigured children

If you've read or seen John Grisham's "The Rainmaker," you know it's about an insurance company that routinely denies coverage for medically necessary procedures. Unfortunately at the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons says life imitates art. In a recent survey, more than

half the group's members reported insurance denial or trouble obtaining coverage of procedures for deformities, disfigurements and congenital defects in children.

Avoiding infection

People who have had total knee replacements may be risking infection during dental surgery, Johns Hopkins University researchers report. Dental procedures that cause considerable bleeding, such as multiple tooth extractions and root canal work, can introduce bacteria into the bloodstream. When the bacteria attack the artificial knee, the area can become seriously infected because the artificial parts lack the body's normal defenses against infection. Physicians from Johns Hopkins University examined the records of 3,490 knee-replacement patients from 1982 to 1993 and found that 62 developed joint infections six months or more after surgery. An additional 12 similarly infected patients were referred to the study. Researchers examined the source of infection for all 74 patients and discovered that nine cases were linked to dental procedures that had prompted excessive bleeding.

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HEALTH & FASHION

PERSONAL TRAINER

Using crutches requires good style

If an injured foot, ankle, leg or hip can't support its usual load, using crutches can reduce pain and allow normal healing. Using crutches correctly is important — and the correct way may not be the way you'd guess.

Getting a correct fit

The pharmacy or medical supply store can advise you. Some guides:

Length: Space for 2 to 3 fingers (about 2 inches) between top of crutch and armpit

Hand grip: Elbow bends at about 25 degree angle

Stand straight when measuring



Four ways to walk on crutches

A nurse, doctor or trainer can teach you the best gait to use. These are the basics:

Swing-to-gait: Slower and easier; good for a beginner

1 Both crutches forward at same time, 12 in. in front of your feet, 6-8 in. wider than your toes



2 Push on both hand grips and swing forward

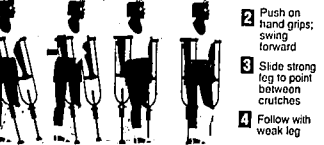
3 Land between the crutches on the heel of the healthy side

Swing-through gait: Fastest and most difficult

Almost the same as Swing-to-gait; foot lands ahead of crutches

Shuffle gait: Slowest, appropriate for person who walks weakly or with difficulty

1 Both crutches forward, 12 in. in front of feet, 6-8 in. wider than toes

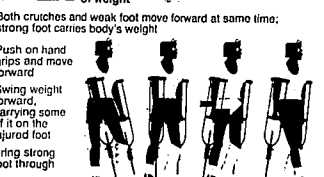


2 Push on hand grips; swing forward

3 Slide strong leg to point between crutches

4 Follow with weak leg

Three-point gait: Used if weak side can carry a slight amount of weight



1 Both crutches and weak foot move forward at same time; strong foot carries body's weight

2 Push on hand grips and move forward

3 Swing weight forward, carrying some of it on the injured foot

4 Bring strong foot through

SOURCE: Complete Guide to Pediatric Symptoms, Signs and Medication
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Say what? Noise-filled lifetime spurs baby boomers to seek help for hearing loss

The Gazette

Americans are losing their hearing. Say what? Americans are losing their hearing.

And we might as well get used to repeating sentences for our friends, family and co-workers, because the future will be populated by millions of folks with differing degrees of hearing loss. As baby boomers grow older, live longer and continue to work and play in a high-volume, cacophonous world, an increasingly hearing-impaired population is inevitable.

Some people, as President Clinton did recently, will buy hearing aids, which improve but cannot replace original auditory abilities. Some, fearful of how hearing aids will make them look or unable to afford them, won't buy aids, instead choosing to feignly slog their way through everyday life armed with "Flah?" and "Sorry, could you please repeat that?"

What has happened? Too much noise — and too many years filled with the sounds of shop tools, headphones, power lawn mowers, rock concerts, motorcycles, hair dryers, jet airplanes, surround-sound speakers, leaf blowers, snowblowers, hunting rifles, vacuum cleaners, chain saws, even electric razors.

With each technological advancement, society cranked up the volume another notch — and by the time we realized we were doing irreparable damage to the delicate hair cells in our ears, it was too late. Hey, nobody was selling earplugs at Woodstock.

Now, 28 million Americans have lost at least some of their hearing, and 10 million of those

are victims of noise-induced loss, says Dr. Holly Kaplan, an audiologist for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, headquartered in Rockville, Md. Those numbers are rising as generations of audiotically damaged people grow older and continue to gradually lose hearing as part of the natural aging process.

"We live in a noisier world, and hearing loss is happening at an earlier age," Kaplan says. There's been recent research that shows that was once classified as a typical 65-year-old ear is now commonly seen in 55-year-olds.

"We acclimate to noise. We don't even think about it, but we should, considering the insidious damage it can do to our hearing mechanism. We need to be aware that these are the only ears we're going to get, and we've got to take care of them."

Exposing your ears to prolonged loud noise is a sure way to erode your hearing, experts say. The danger zone: Permanent damage can occur if you're exposed to anything 90 decibels (sounds in the 90-100 range include ringing telephones, motorcycles, power mowers and power tools) or louder for eight hours or longer. The higher the decibel level, the more quickly damage will take place.

If you experience ringing, buzzing or a muffled sensation in your ears after exposure to loud noises, you may have experienced hearing damage and should see a physician and/or audiologist.

"That's your body telling you there's been damage done," says Lee Ann Lizzul, an audiologist for The Center for Hearing, Speech and Language, a nonprofit agency in Colorado Springs.

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typical example comes from Kathy Enloe, who works for a record store and who sent me a list of things that she claims customers have actually said to her, including:

- "It's an instrumental, but I don't know who sings it."
 - "I don't know what it is, but I think it's country, and I think it has 'love' in the title."
 - "Got any records by Gladys Knight and the Pimpfs?"
- The story is similar with Oldham: "In my eyes, there are two different kinds of embroidery: hand embroidered and machine. And machine doesn't count for me."

contains at least one vowel. Am I right? I knew it! Pretty impressive, huh? Send me some money.

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Fashion

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and weavings of fine embroidery. The dark and plain rigors of minimalism were giving way to a romantic, quirky and decorated feeling in clothing — a feeling that forecasters say will build for seasons to come. Already, the looks have found many expressions, from thrift-shop eccentric to drop-dead glamour to museum-quality craftsmanship.

Todd Oldham calls it "minimalism whiplash." Others see it as part of fashion's inevitable cycle, and even a reversion to heroin chic's depressing bleakness.

Vivienne Tam, who has made intricate embroidery and beading part of her signature for years, featured soft, beaded items worn with tailored tweed separates for a "soft-hard contrast" in her fall collection.

"I think people are tired of this minimalism. We're all too tired of looking plain," she says.

"Beading is very pretty and feminine." She carried the idea further in her spring collections, using, for example, tiny white beads to trace a floral border on dresses.

Tam says she is attracted to decorative work because her mother taught her hand sewing and needlework. Feeling what she was sewing translated, she says, to the garment.

"There is a more human feeling, having this touch of the hand, an intimacy," she says.

The story is similar with Oldham: "In my eyes, there are two different kinds of embroidery: hand embroidered and machine. And machine doesn't count for me."

Oldham has long been a champion of elaborate beadwork and embroidery, partly out of his concern that skilled handwork would disappear without support from designers. Besides, he and his customers adore it.

"It's a bit like a print. You either love it or you don't. I always love it," he says.

A year ago, he designed an evening gown that was beaded to resemble a long Persian carpet. The dress took nearly a dozen bead-loom craftsmen five weeks to complete.

"The side effect of that much labor is the prices are outrageous," he says. A pair of completely beaded pants is nearly \$3,000.

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HEALTH & FASHION

Some seek to battle cold with herb

Knight-Ridder News Service

If echinacea is this year's darling among cough-and-cold treatments, then what are gardeners doing wasting time with tomatoes and roses? Indeed.

In case you've been too healthy to notice, echinacea (pronounced eka-NAY-sha) is suddenly the "must have" immunity herb. Used to battle cold and flu, this old medicinal herb supposedly stimulates the growth of blood cells and builds up the immune system. There are more than 300 echinacea products worldwide, but the big buzz this year involves echinacea lozenges among mainstream cold remedies.

But here's what most people don't know. Echinacea is an ordinary perennial prairie flower called purple cone flower that is easy to cultivate in the garden. You can start from seeds, planted now, or from transplants set out in early spring. The beautiful flowers with lavender petals surrounding a dark purple-brown center will bloom from mid-summer through fall.

At that point you can harvest all the parts of the echinacea plant and make your own herbal cold remedy. Sound too easy? Well there are a few bumps in the road.

For one thing, not everyone is convinced echinacea actually works in cold treatments. And some may not like the "kick" from it in tincture form.

Echinacea stimulates the immune system to a higher state of activity, an outcome demonstrated in more than 500 clinical studies, according to Rob McCabe, president of the Herb Research Foundation, an organization that encourages herb education and research.

Those who use it say it should be taken at the first sign of symptoms, or even before symptoms begin if you suspect you've been in a cold-catching situation in an office where "something is going around," for instance.

Although echinacea is a native of the Midwest where it grows wild, most of the research has been done in Germany where the German government formed a commission of physicians and researchers to look at herbal products. Kommission E, as the group was known, gave echinacea a positive rating, and the herb is used in Europe for treatment of colds and other conditions.

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- Takes echinacea as tea (bags available at health stores) or mix alcohol-free extract with water or tea.
- Consult your health professional for the proper dose.

CAUTION: Don't take echinacea if you are allergic to plants in the sunflower family.

The power of echinacea

Also known as the purple coneflower, echinacea is a North American plant valued by Native Americans for its medicinal uses. It is also a popular cure in Europe.



For more information: Consult a reputable local herbal shop or the internet at www.herbnet.net

Next week: Healthy back

Skin treatment

- Tincture can be used to treat cuts, scratches, insect bites, facial blemishes. Your health professional can tell you how best to use it.
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Traditional uses

- Native Americans used echinacea topically for wound healing, a practice picked up by early settlers. Also used in omelet lozenges for purifying body, mind.

Simple tips to grow your own echinacea

Knight-Ridder News Service

The purple cone flower (*Echinacea purpurea*) is available from Seeds of Change and Botanical Interests, among others. The seeds from these two companies are organically grown.

Start seeds indoors now. Stratify the seeds before planting by placing them in moist paper toweling, or in moist peat mix, in the refrigerator for four or five weeks in winter.

Then start the seeds in flats or pots at 70 degrees. Use bottom heat, or place the pots on top of the refrigerator to keep them warm.

— not a drug — it has not been evaluated for safety and effectiveness by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

And that's the biggest bump in the road. Kids and the elderly should not be treated

They should germinate in about two weeks.

The plants can be set out in early spring. They are available in nurseries at that time. Plant in garden locations where they can remain for several years. Purple cone flower grows in sun or shade and needs adequate watering. Once established the plants are fairly drought tolerant.

Sometimes the plants will flower the first year, but there is no guarantee.

The flowers are three to four inches wide with drooping, lavender petals and a cone-like dark purple-brown center.

with it, for example, because there is little knowledge on herbs' actions on these age groups. And, some practitioners see echinacea should not be used if you have a systemic or autoimmune disorder.

Good ways to exercise, rehab injuries

Knight-Ridder News Service

DETROIT — Longtime weight lifter Don Salata could barely use his left arm after he tore a muscle 18 months ago lifting heavy equipment for a DJ job.

Doctors told him there was "no surgery and no rest," he says, and that he had to resign himself to gradual, repetitive exercises to rebuild strength in his arm. One doctor told him he might never regain his original strength.

"That's when I started looking for ways to rehabilitate myself," says Salata, 33, of Detroit. At a fitness club the suburb of Southfield, Mich., certified water exercise instructor Ted Lieberthal pointed him to the pool.

"To be honest, my initial impression was, 'This is for a bunch of old ladies,'" says Salata, who has exercised competitively his entire life, rowing, playing football and basketball, and weight and power lifting. He was a college lifeguard and swim instructor.

A single hour in chest-deep water walking, exercising and running in a weighted belt, boots and gloves changed his mind.

"What hooked me was I got a good workout," says Salata, who now is an aquatic water instructor with Lieberthal at the CMI Health & Tennis Club in Southfield. "I actually was sore the next day."

Dryland exercise like jogging and aerobics still far outpaces water as the preferred fitness environment in America. But across the country, water continues to show a slow but steady surge of interest by professional and college sports teams, hospitals and others won over by the benefits of water for therapy, conditioning, pain relief and overall well-being.

"Water is a fabulous place to work out," says Lieberthal, who earlier this year was named the global aquatic instructor of the year by the Aquatic Exercise Association, a Florida certification group. "You can be absolutely sure no one's going to get hurt. And you get a better bang for

your buck. You can work more muscle groups safely in an hour that would take three hours on land."

Water exercise provides a quicker return to activities, with less pain or risk of reinjury, says Dr. Bruce Becker, vice president of medical affairs at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan in Detroit.

For top-level athletes, a day or two of water exercise offers the benefits of a land workout, like running, without the punishment to the rest of the body, he says.

"Water is ideal for athletes who have to train by doing a lot of pavement pounding," says Becker, who once teamed with the Nike company in Oregon to help acquaint top-level athletes with the benefits of water. "I have a lot of friends who are runners to whom I say, 'Your body would be so much healthier if one or two days that you spent running, you ran in the water.'"



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HEALTH & FASHION

Drugs can slow hair loss, but don't count on it

The Hartford Courant

It's the ultimate bad hair day. Your hairline's disappearing, no matter how carefully you arrange your remaining strands. You have to face the mirror and admit you just can't hide it anymore. Then you go skulking around pharmacy aisles checking out Rogaine displays or considering spray-on hair in a can.

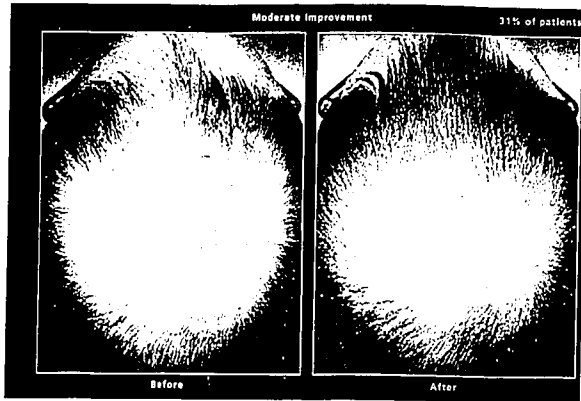
Everyone's looking for a magic potion to deal with their balding pate. Truth is, there are no miracle cures, just a few emerging treatments that help slow the process for some people. For others, there are transplants and wigs.

Most men and women lose some hair as they get older. How much you lose depends on a combination of factors: aging, hormones and genetics. The most common form of baldness, androgenetic alopecia (sometimes known as male or female pattern baldness), affects more than half of all men and more than 30 percent of women over 50.

Male pattern baldness often results in the receding hairline. Female pattern baldness can cause thinning at the top or sides of the head as well as bald spots. While women suffer more overall thinning, men experience more pronounced hair loss.

The result, says Dr. Ronald Salvin, a New Haven, Conn., dermatologist specializing in hair loss, is an emotional problem as well as a physical one.

"The absence of a front hairline, for example, adds 10 years to someone's appearance. It affects how you are felt about themselves," says Salvin, who is also a professor of clinical dermatology at Yale. "When hair loss reaches the point where it's getting to be



In a handout photo from Merck & Co., demonstrates the moderate improvement experienced by 31 percent of the patients who took the company's drug for baldness, Propecia. The Food and Drug Administration announced Monday that it approved Propecia, the first pill for male pattern baldness, as a potential way for men both to grow new hair and to stop existing strands from falling out.

an embarrassment when people start hunting for a solution." Too often, experts say, people look for remedies in all the wrong places. According to the American Hair Loss Council, the nation's 40 billion balding men and 20 million balding women spend \$1.5 billion annually on drugs, rugs, plugs and other remedies to combat hair loss. More than \$100 million of that goes toward unproven treatments, including vitamin supplements,

topical solutions, specially formulated shampoos and conditioners. So what are the bare facts about those quick-fix "cures" touted on late-night TV and on the Internet? Despite medical advances, no one knows how to prevent hair loss. Companies that promise cures for hair loss are selling romance, not medicine, and the public, who wants to believe there's a solution, gets confused, says Salvin.

"If you're looking for entertain-

ment or a side show, tune in," he says. "If you're looking for credibility, see a physician who is familiar with hair-loss treatments."

So far, only the drug minoxidil has been judged by the Food and Drug Administration to be capable of regrowing hair and slowing further hair loss. The most well-known brand name is Rogaine, a topical treatment (now available over-the-counter) that is applied to the scalp twice a day.

Milk of magnesia won't cure your acne



COSMETICS Q&A Paula Begoun

ounces of water every day to "flush impurities from your skin"? And do you believe caffeine can stimulate oil production?

— ANNE NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J.
DEAR ANNE: I am sorry to hear that you are one of the small percentage of people who receive no benefit from Accutane. That is very disappointing. Retin-A also doesn't work for everyone. I suspect that for your skin type it may be an issue with vitamin A in general, but that's a theoretical discussion. Your doctor was correct to steer you away from birth control pills, given your problems

with hyperpigmentation.

I apologize for the confusion about the milk of magnesia. Leaving a thin layer of it on under my makeup was something I did for years because it was the only thing that worked for my terribly oily skin. However, for some skin types, leaving a layer of milk of magnesia on the skin for long periods can be irritating, which is why I recommend that trick only in extreme situations. If you use it as a mask, leave it on for 10 to 15 minutes and then rinse or wash it off.

Rogaine (minoxidil) can definitely help with the hair loss you've experienced from Accutane. It is the only product that can.

Drinking lots of water is great, but it won't "flush impurities" out of your system. If you drink more water than your body

needs, you'll just go to the bathroom more, and it will just be water leaving the body.

Impurities, whatever that means, are not causing your oily skin or acne; hormones and a genetic predisposition activate this irksome skin disorder. All the water in the world can't affect hormonal activity or genetics, nor can it change dry skin or cell turnover.

Caffeine would have to go a long way to get to your oil glands. Nothing I've seen indicates food has any effect on oil production or acne (unless you have a food allergy).

Paula Begoun is the author of several books on cosmetics, including "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me" (Beginning Press, \$13.95), a no-nonsense paperback guide to brand-name cosmetics.

Study links depression symptoms, alcohol problems in women

The Washington Post

Women who have symptoms of depression are more likely than others to develop alcohol problems within a few years, a seven-year study from New York City reports. The same researchers found no such link between depression and alcohol problems in men.

Researchers studied a group of 1,306 men and women from Erie County, which includes the city of Buffalo, for seven years, monitoring them periodically for signs of depression, use of alcohol and alcohol abuse problems. After three years, women who initially had been classified as having symptoms of depression were three times as likely as nondepressed women to have alcohol problems. After four years, they were two-and-a-half times as likely to have alcohol problems. Seven years into the study, the depressed women still were more likely to have trouble with alcohol, although the link was statistically fuzziy.

Numerous previous studies have documented that depression and alcohol problems often go together. But the evidence suggests that in men the alcoholism tends to precede the depression, while in women the depression tends to precede the alcoholism. The new findings should be "a flag," said Beth Moscato, a psychologist and epidemiologist at the State University of New York at Buffalo, who directed the study. If a woman has symptoms of serious depression, her doctor or counselor should periodically evaluate her drinking, Moscato recommended.

The study was conducted by

researchers from SUNY Buffalo, the Research Institute on Addictions in Buffalo and SUNY Stony Brook. Their results were reported in the Dec. 2 American Journal of Epidemiology.

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Estate plan. Review the provisions you've made in your will or trust instrument. Births, deaths, marriages, divorces, remarriages, and changing fortunes will almost certainly throw things out of kilter.

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Grandma senses trouble in Mom's conspiracy with son

DEAR ABBY: I am a grandmother and I watch my two grandchildren every day while their mothers work. The boy is 5, the girl is 4.

My two daughters do a lot of children's activities in the evenings and on the weekends. The cousins are close. They don't fight, and they really love each other.

The girl's mother includes the boy in every special thing they do — pizza, fishing, swimming, etc.

The boy says when he and his mother do things, he wants to be alone and he does not want his cousin included. His mother cuddles him and tells him it's OK to want to be alone. She tells him to not mention when he's going to the beach, etc., so they will not have to take the little girl along.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

I think she is demonstrating her son how to be secretive and manipulative. I also think it's cruel. Of course, my daughter doesn't agree. I see disaster ahead. Please advise.

— CONCERNED GRANDMA IN PORTLAND

CONCERNED GRANDMOTHER: This situation is not a question of all or nothing. Since you watch the children during the day, their time with their mothers is limited, and therefore I see no reason why they shouldn't each spend one-on-one time with their mothers for special out-

ings. There should be no need for secrecy about it.

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Abby, the 1998 VISION USA program is getting under way again, and I hope you will alert your readers to the opportunity

for low-income working families to obtain free eye care.

— ANDREA P. THIAU, O.D., NEW YORK CITY

DEAR DR. THIAU: I'm pleased to alert my readers once again to this worthwhile effort by the American Optometric Association.

To qualify for free eye care in the VISION USA program, individuals must have a job or live in a household where there is one working member, have no health insurance that covers eye examinations; have an income below an established level based on household size; and have had no eye examination within the last two years. (Eligibility requirements may vary in some states.)

From Jan. 2 to Jan. 30, 1998, low-income working people and their families can be screened for eligibility for VISION USA by calling 1-800-766-4466. Phone lines will be open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Central Standard Time). Because phone lines are sometimes very busy, it may be easier to apply by mail. Application forms are available from: VISION USA, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63141. Completed forms should be postmarked by Jan. 23.

The comprehensive eye exams will be given in optometrists' private offices in March, coinciding with the celebrating of Save Your Vision Week, March 1 to March 7.

Smoking among adults holds steady at 1-in-4

ATLANTA (AP) — Nearly 25 percent of American adults continued to smoke in 1995, suggesting that the nation will fall short of its goal of 15 percent by the year 2000, the government said Wednesday.

A survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said 24.7 percent of the nation's adults, or 47 million people, were smokers in 1995, down only slightly from 24.8 percent in 1994. The number of smokers hasn't changed much since 1990.

Among the smokers, 24.5 million were men and 22.4 million were women. Smoking levels were the same among people who had not graduated from high school and among those living below the poverty level, the CDC said.

"Yet, 70 percent said they wanted to kick the habit, the agency said.

"While we are stuck at 25 percent, we continue to have the vast majority of smokers wanting to quit," said Michael Eriksen, director of the CDC's Office of Smoking and Health. "If we could make that wish a reality, we could have the single greatest effect on human health."

One thing that would help is if all health plans offered counseling and nicotine treatment programs by the year 2000, the CDC said.

About two-thirds of 105 health maintenance organizations surveyed in 1995 offered some coverage of programs or products that help smokers quit.

As of March, only five state Medicaid programs provided reimbursement for smoking counseling or classes to help people quit.

"Even though doctors and health providers all know how harmful smoking is, progressive medicine and health plans still fall short in providing these ser-

VICES or reimbursing for them," Eriksen said.

Smokers who quit halve their risk of heart disease after a year. After a decade, their risk of lung cancer is half that of continuing smokers. And after five to 10 years, their risk of stroke is the same as that of a nonsmoker, the CDC said.

CPR class offered

TWIN FALLS — An infant Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation class will be offered at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Education Center at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Pre-registration is not required.

Support group to meet

TWIN FALLS — The Arthritis/Lupus Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 6 in the Education Center at MVMHC.

Dr. Donald Pica, rheumatologist, will discuss the treatment of arthritis. For more information, call 737-2050.

Parenting classes set

JEROME — Childbirth and parenting classes will be offered at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 6 through Feb. 3, in the snack bar at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center.

The classes, taught by a registered nurse, will emphasize preparation for labor and birth, changes during pregnancy and newborn care. The second class in the series qualifies as a refresher course for moms who have previously taken the classes.

Wear loose, comfortable clothes, and bring two pillows and a blanket (optional) to each class.

Fee is \$20 for the five classes (\$5 per class). Bring payment to the first class.

To register, call St. Benedict's at 324-2001.

Meditation event set

TWIN FALLS — An information meeting on meditation will be held on Saturday, Jan. 3, at the KMYT-TV Community Room.

Representatives of the Know Thyself as Soul Foundation, a nonprofit organization that promotes the views of Indian teacher Sant Thakur Singh,

will sponsor the free event at 1 p.m. Sant Thakur Singh, a 65-year-old Sikh mystic, teaches meditation and awareness of inner peace and awareness.

The KMYT building is located at 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. For further information, call 342-3926.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion section. Mail notices to: The Times-Herald, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83301, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

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"TWO THUMBS UP!"
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007 Tomorrow Never Dies

HAPPY HOLIDAY. HAPPY HOLIDAY. HAPPY HOLIDAY.

COMICS

Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

YES, MAAM. WELL, ORIGINALLY, I CAME IN WITH MY DOGS TO GET HIM A LICENSE.

BY MISTAKE I GUESS HE GOT A TEMPORARY DRIVER'S PERMIT.

NO WE HAVEN'T THE DOGS LICENSES I THINK THERE'S ANOTHER MISTAKE.

ISN'T THA A FISHING LICENSE?

Dilbert By Scott Adams

SO, I'M THINKING: WHAT IF EVERY PHOTON IS JUST A DENSELY PACKED UNIVERSE, AND TO THEM, OUR UNIVERSE LOOKS LIKE A PHOTON?

IF I'M RIGHT, I MIGHT BE THE FIRST RAT TO WIN A NOBEL PRIZE.

STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED. NAME ONE.

B.C. By Johnny Hart

SAW RIGHT!

WHAT WAS THAT?

WELL, HE'S FROM SERVIC WENCES.

Garfield By Jim Davis

GARFIELD, IT'S THAT TIME OF WEAR.

TIME TO PULL OUT MY LITTLE BLACK BOOK...

AND FIND A DATE FOR NEW WEARS!

WELCOME TO TOUCH-TONE TURTLE ZONE.

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

HO-HUM... MOM'S PUTTING ON THE OLD PINK SWEATER AGAIN.

IT'S EITHER THAT OR THE PINK TURTLE-NECK!

I CAN'T WAIT 'TIL I'M OLD ENOUGH TO WEAR SOMETHING DARING...

LIKE BLACK.

The Wizard of Id By Brent Parker & Johnny Hart

WOULD YOU MISS ME IF I DIED, TURNKEY?

I SURE WOULD KIP...

I'VE GOT THREE KIDS IN COLLEGE!

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

HELGA'S MOTHER ALWAYS TRIES TO BUG ME WITH HER CHRISTMAS GIFT.

WHAT DID SHE GIVE YOU THIS YEAR?

ONE OAR.

Bette Bailey By Mort Walker

ANOTHER DIET?

YEAH, I'VE TRIED CHOLESTEROL-FREE, PROTEIN-FREE AND FAT-FREE.

WHAT'S THIS ONE CALLED?

GUILT-FREE!

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

HALF THE PEOPLE DOWN THERE THINK I'M GOING TO DROP YOU.

HALF THE PEOPLE UP HERE THINK SO, TOO.

The Bom Loser By Art Sarnsom & Chip

SIGH.

I DON'T KNOW THAT THE GIFTS WERE ALL THAT GREAT.

BUT THERE'S SURE AN IMPRESSIVE AMOUNT OF WINKING!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

MICHAEL, WOULD YOU LIKE SOME TURKEY?

HURRY - HAVE SOME SPURDS!

PASS HIM THE CORN, EVA!

GRAW, HON?

TRY THE OAT BREAD I MADE IT THIS MORNING.

NOW - TELL US ALL ABOUT YOURSELF!

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

WELL, HANSON, YOU'RE HIRED! BUT I SHOULD TELL YOU: WE HAVE A NO-SMOKING POLICY.

BUT I SMOKE!

YOU'LL HAVE TO DECIDE BETWEEN HAVING A GREAT JOB, TERRIFIC MEDICAL AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS, A CHANCE TO RISE TO THE TOP... OR SMOKING.

BOY, YOU PEOPLE SURE DRIVE A HARD BARGAIN.

Pickles By Brian Crane

MY GRANDPA'S OLD, AND MY TEACHER SAYS WE SHOULD LISTEN TO OLD PEOPLE.

FOR ONE THING, THEY DON'T SPEAK THAT OFTEN. PLUS, OVER THE YEARS YOU ACCUMULATE A LOT OF WISDOM AND STUFF.

OPAL, YOU'RE NOT COOKING CABBAGE, ARE YOU? YOU KNOW CABBAGE REPEATS ON ME!

THAT PROBABLY WASN'T A GOOD EXAMPLE.

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

WELCOME TO TOUCH-TONE TURTLE ZONE.

12-29

The Family Circus By Bil Keane

I DIDN'T SPEAK TO HER BECAUSE SHE LOOKED LIKE SOMEBODY I DON'T KNOW.

You forgot one ornament, Mommy! It's the one I made in school.

December is the nut month

Q. What's the "Law of Life's Highway?"

A. "It's everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane." This law is one of a set of laws with Studentium's Law: "All trails have more uphill slopes than downhill slopes." And Gold's Law: "If the shoe fits, it's ugly."

The calendar is so called because it means. Or seems to.

December is the month for nuts - you may try this with this as you wish, but I'm talking about pecans, cashews, walnuts, that sort. It's during the Holidays when Americans eat 40 percent of the national annual total.

New Englanders have a name for clam chugging in winter - "Down East Welfare."

"A cure for the common cold would kill off countless people."

Each of 80 percent of the U.S. 50-year-olds has at least one living parent. That's a 1997 figure. The 1960 figure was 67 percent. The 1940 figure was only 52 percent. Indeed, people are living longer.

Freud said cats are sex symbols

WHAT'S WHAT? L.M. Boyd

A fourth of Europe's food is potatoes.

Q. Did your Love and War man say the wife is usually twice as smart as the husband?

A. Not at all. What the cited unitary study reported was: When a husband and wife are of greatly unequal intelligence - one being a good deal smarter than the other - it occurs twice as often that the wife is the partner with the higher I.Q.

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

IF DECEMBER 29 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are intuitive, a natural psychologist, name has been changed on more than one occasion. Cancer, Capricorn, Aquarius persons play significant roles in your life. Mother was married once, father possibly a world traveler. During past year, you fixed things, had mechanical difficulties, finally purchased new car. During upcoming months, scenarios will feature change, travel, variety with emphasis on marital status.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Lunar position highlights prestige, community leadership, gain via words, verbal and written. Sales (and) declares, "I am astounded by your energy and dedication."

AURUS (April 20-May 20): Emphasis on gifts, music, domestic appliances that could include where you live. Marital status. Invested with Libra pleasurable, find outcome dubious. Color coordination.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Focus on mystery, intrigue, stories relating to international spies. Spotlight also on discovery, finding out new car. Being why you are here. Purpose of existence.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Conclude old year. Focus on emotional whirl. Get things done by the numbers. Spotlight on business enterprise, public relations, status. Capricorn plays dramatic role.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Project completed, past efforts pay dividends. Love relationship proceeds as result of participation in political-charitable activity. Travel plays major role. Aries figures prominently.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): People comment, "When you wear bright colors, your looks create aura of exhalation." Make fresh start, be finished with those who take you for granted. Leo presence here.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Deal gingerly with Aquarius - you could find under the rug. Focus on direction, motivation, income, marital status. Gourmet dining tonight, seafood is favorite.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Those who told you, "Brighten up!" will now kick you. Be more serious. Emphasis on versatility. Focus on performance involving circus. Gemini in featured role.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Detect subtle innuendoes, transform discovery into stable profit. You know what others do not know, take advantage of it. You'll be advised concerning clandestine arrangement.

WATERBURY (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will recapture lost opportunity. Focus on writing skills, ability to advertise and promote projects. Events transpire to bring you closer to goal of fulfillment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): False count discovery brings loss in transformed into victory. You comment, "One cannot always rely on computers." Waterbury in amazing manner. Taurus represented.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look beyond immediate, what appears to be mirage turns out to be real. Trust on definition of terms; be near water if possible. Virgo will play dominant role.

- ACROSS**
1. Quack swim
 2. Flock youngsters
 3. Glistening ombers
 4. Mado
 5. Pokespearhorn spiro
 6. Gaffer with an omy
 7. Barn below
 8. View twice
 9. Indian corn
 10. Columal Lunders
 11. D'vine Comedy writer
 12. Brightest tree
 13. New Jersey team
 14. Eozoon
 15. Hangs down
 16. Hang down?
 17. Taldans
 18. Drink for two?
 19. Salary
 20. Porters
 21. Massachusetts peninsula
 22. Animal fat
 23. Localities now
 24. More rational
 25. Unpleasant
 26. Prongy
 27. Headstuners
 28. In person tests for pool graduates
 29. Pace
 30. Thin strip
 31. Tented tails
 32. Apperition
 33. On the top
 34. Postlude area
 35. Singer Patay
 36. Warring
 37. Hair coloring
 38. Police officer
 39. Tomlin and
 40. Pong
 41. Boreas
 42. Small pins
 43. Singer Patay
 44. Immediately, if not sooner

Saturday's Puzzle solved.

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- DOWN**
1. Claim as a right
 2. Laundry worker
 3. Quackly
 4. Animal fat
 5. Localities now
 6. Wingy litted
 7. Bug? thorn
 8. Fat as ice
 9. Armved
 10. In person tests for pool graduates
 11. Lively
 12. Acres Taylor
 13. Cut the picture
 14. Places in circus
 24. Personnel
 25. Personnel
 26. Personnel
 27. Personnel
 28. "Pretty Woman" co-star
 29. Get snazzy with
 31. Intramural agreements
 32. Painful wounds
 33. Painful wounds
 34. Indian of the Southwest
 40. Silly wool
 41. Country
 51. Postal requirements
 53. Place milk is processed
 55. "Divine Poems" poet
 56. Male turkeys
 60. Peboe and darning
 62. Duddy
 63. The Greatest