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School asks how to pay for a rural education

RICHFIELD'S MONEY WOES

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

RICHFIELD — An average of 14 students in a classroom might sound too good to be true for overextended teachers who want to give their students more attention, but in Richfield it creates a budget crunch.

Student numbers in Richfield have dipped below 200 since the beginning of the school year, Superintendent Larry Ferguson said. Fewer students mean fewer state dollars for salaries.

At the beginning of the year, Richfield already had been paying for 1 1/2 teaching positions without state help, he said. The extra positions are needed to provide necessary courses for secondary school, or already limited elective courses would need to be cut.

Like Idaho's other small school districts, Richfield is struggling to meet the demands of a modern education with the limited dollars its tax base provides. The problem hasn't gone unnoticed by Gov. Phil Batt, who last week recommended small-school consolidation when he unveiled his 1998-99 proposed education budget.

The idea finds support among Richfield school officials.

Another solution many districts have pushed since 1991 is a lawsuit against the state to force it to change the way schools get money for capital expenses such as buildings. Batt said at a State Board of Education meeting in Twin Falls in October that the state is in "imminent danger" of losing such a lawsuit.

Richfield School Board Chairman Merle Hill said the district hasn't been involved in that effort for the past couple of years because of the cost of legal fees. The issue is relevant to Richfield, though. Voters here already have taxed themselves nearly to the legal limit for capital improvements, and the school still needs a new library and science lab to improve its accreditation standing.

Richfield School's library has seating for 11 students, librarian Connie Briss said. Resources are limited, although Briss has built a magazine selection for research. The library has 1998 encyclopedias on computer disc. Student Amy Hamilton, 16, said she does her research by computer at home. Her family buys research material on compact disc, as do many families.

Richfield's economic situation doesn't promise relief.

The school, about 40 miles from both Twin Falls and Halley, has 181 students in preschool through 12th grade. Nearly



Above, Richfield fifth-grader Victor Vasquez, 11, finishes a class assignment in the hallway. Space is at a premium in the tiny school which houses just fewer than 200 students in preschool through 12th grade. Below, Dale Scoles is a science teacher at Richfield. Unlike most of his colleagues at large school districts, Scoles teaches grades seven through 12.

65 percent of those students receive free or reduced-cost lunches, a figure the federal government uses to measure economic disadvantage.

Grants have allowed the school to hook up its computers and just this month connect to the Internet. Voters in 1997 approved a bond issue to replace the school's leaky roof and retire its coal heating system for propane-powered boilers.

But voters first defeated a bond issue in 1996 that would have taxed them nearly twice as heavily to pay for a new library and science lab and more classroom, storage and office space.

The high school science lab is too small, science teacher Dale Scoles said. He crowds as many as 18 students around one work station.

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Schools say they'll continue battle against state

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RICHFIELD — School districts suing the state over school funding recently suffered a legal setback.

The Idaho Schools for Equal Educational Opportunity — a coalition of about 20 districts — has been fighting to bring its case to trial. But just last week, 4th District Judge Daniel Eismann ruled in favor of the state.

Eismann upheld his October 1997 decision dismissing the case, saying the Idaho Constitution does not require the Legislature to either directly or indirectly provide capital funding for schools. It's up to voters to decide whether to tax themselves for expenses such as new buildings.

The coalition's attorney, former Idaho Supreme Court Justice Robert C. Huntley Jr. of Boise, said his clients will ask the Supreme Court to award them a trial. The case already has been before the Idaho high court twice, both times sent back to District Court.

No Magic Valley districts remain involved in the lawsuit, although the

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coalition still lists Richfield as a member in good standing.

Confusion existed in Richfield about its involvement, with conflicting reports from top school officials. But School Board Chairman Merle Hill said the district has not been

involved for a couple of years.

"We really couldn't afford the \$3,000 as our share of the suit," Hill said Saturday.

Valley School District in Hazelton had been involved, but, withdrew after passing a 1992 bond issue that paid for a new school.

Other districts have joined and withdrawn since the lawsuit began in 1991. It did prompt the Legislature in 1994 to increase school funding by introducing a state-funded system to help schools pay staff salaries and benefits.

The districts have kept the lawsuit alive to fight for a new system to pay for much-needed capital expenses. They cite a 1992 state study that showed schools needed \$700 million worth of improvements.

Boise School District recently joined the effort, infusing the case with \$20,000 for legal fees.

That is a one-time contribution, district spokesman Don Haller said. The district joined because there is power in numbers. While the district passed a bond issue in 1996, building needs remain. Some of its schools date back to the turn of the century.

Other districts involved are much smaller, and their dues aren't as high.

Genesee School District in northern Idaho has paid about \$10,000 into the lawsuit over seven years, Superintendent David Newman said. Newman is president of Idaho Schools for Equal Educational Opportunity.

Genesee has attempted to pass a bond issue for the past three years, Newman said. Even if the small district resolves its problems, he doesn't think it will drop

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Nona Am, 13, watches her classmates frolic in the snow during lunch break.

Facing Paula Jones: Clinton spends 6 hours answering questions

WASHINGTON — Closed in an 11th-floor conference room for nearly six hours, President Clinton faced Paula Jones on Saturday and, under oath, gave secret testimony in her sensational sexual harassment lawsuit.

The president did not rule out ever being introduced to Mrs. Jones, but testified that he did not recall meeting her before and, according to one source familiar with Clinton's unprecedent deposition, he denied charges that he exposed himself to her in 1991 and asked for oral sex.

Clinton's limousine emerged from an underground parking garage at his attorney's offices at

4:20 p.m. EST, six hours after he arrived and claimed the infamous distinction of first American president to testify as a defendant in any criminal or civil suit.

At the White House, he waved and, ignoring reporters' questions, ducked inside to pick up a draft of his State of the Union address. He mixed plans for a dinner out and shared a private dinner in the residence with Hillary Rodham Clinton. "It's been a long day," one aide said.

Mrs. Jones, who was earlier besieged by news cameras, also left through the garage without comment. At her hotel, she ignored swarming

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President Clinton leaves the White House to answer questions under oath in the sexual harassment case brought on by Paula Jones.

Battle over abortion endures, remains complex

Numbers taper off in recent years

WASHINGTON (AP)—Twenty-five years and 35 million abortions after the Supreme Court changed the lives of many women, the American people still are of two minds. Morally, many have trouble with abortion. Many think it is a matter for a woman and her conscience.

As the nation marks the 25th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision on Thursday, that clash of values endures.

But other factors are changing the debate that has divided the nation as none since slavery.

It is possible that when new abortion techniques become more commonplace, science and technology will tone down the debate in ways that justices in robes and lawmakers in pinstripes and demonstrators in fury have been unable to.

Dr. Jerry Edwards, medical director of Planned Parenthood in Houston, expects that in three or four years 30 percent of abortions will be "medical abortions," using earlier and less disruptive techniques than surgery. He also expects that the East abortifacient pill RU-486 and other after-sex abortion pills will become widely available this year.

While the abortion involves a baby that is only eight or nine days old and is no larger than a match head, those heart-rending pictures of a thumb-sucking fetus will no longer be valid, says Edwards.

But making abortion a quicker, less-traumatic experience isn't enough to make the East abortifacient issue or take abortion out of the political arena. In the view of its opponents, abortion will remain widely available.

Wanda Franz, president of the National Right to Life Committee, doubts that any scientific advance can change the basic morality of the abortion debate.

"I'm not sure technology is going to come up with a perfect way to kill a baby," says Mrs. Franz.

Other factors are coming into play.



Pro-life activist Veronica Williamson, of Washington, drops to the street and prays for aborted children during the March for Life in Washington in this 1997 file photo.

An entire generation of women has come of age since Roe, and some of these women view the abortion option as part of their birthright.

Carol Sanjour, who teaches family law at Columbia University, says women students gasp when they learn that in the 1960s it was illegal in Connecticut for a married couple to use birth control devices.

Now, despite Roman Catholic strictures, birth control is widely practiced and looked upon as wrong in relatively few homes.

"Maybe something is there that is also going on with abortion," Ms. Sanger says.

There has been consistent majority support in polls for restricting the conditions under which women can have abortions — at the same time that majorities also say that it is a question for a woman and her doctor. If the polls show anything, it is the complexity of the issue and the dilemma it puts upon many people.

In 1973, when the Supreme Court made abortion a right under the Constitution, 51 percent of Americans said "yes" to the poll question, "Should abortion be legal for a woman who does not want any more children?" In 1996, the same question drew the same percentage of yes answers.

On the other hand, if the question is merely whether abortion should be legal "when a woman does not want the baby," the no's prevail, 56 percent to 36 percent, according to an Associated Press poll conducted earlier this month.

Summarizing 25 years of polling, the American Enterprise Institute reports, "Most Americans are at once pro-choice and pro-life. Most Americans believe that abortion is morally wrong. At the same time, most Americans believe that the procedure should be a woman's personal choice. But the choice should not be without limits."

"Very minor fluctuations in public opinion," agrees Tom W. Smith, of the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago. "Americans are moderates, not ideologues, on this," he says.

Year after year, surveys ask people to name the most important problem facing the country "and abortion almost never has gotten more than 2 percent and rarely even 1 percent," he said.

In the years before Roe, the government estimates that between 200,000 and 1.2 million abortions — virtually all illegal, therefore hard to count — were performed every year in this country. Between 1973 and 1994, the Guttmacher Institute estimates, an average of 1.4 million abortions a year were performed. In recent years, both the number of abortions and the rate — the number per 1,000 women — have been tapering off.

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Woman who had abortion wouldn't again

WASHINGTON (AP)—Robin was 21 years old, struggling to raise a year-old daughter and hearing a doctor with her fetus in bed when she unexpectedly got pregnant and chose an abortion.

"I just knew I couldn't raise two children alone," she recalls. "It wasn't an easy choice. But it was a choice I felt I needed to make, and I do not regret it."

Some 1.2 million to 1.4 million abortions are performed every year in the United States; for every 1,000 women there are more than 300 abortions. Still, the nation's abortion rate is at its lowest in two decades as the number of unplanned pregnancies drops and aging baby boomers slowly lose their fertility.

Robin blames all three of her pregnancies on contraceptive failures. "I had the Sprinlogest, which I told her story on condition that only her first name be used."

Her first pregnancy came when she was 19 and living with her fiancé.

"I was very adamant, but I was pregnant and engaged, then I was pregnant and engaged, then I was pregnant and engaged," she says. "There wasn't a question."

After a difficult pregnancy, Robin delivered a healthy baby girl. By then, her engagement had begun to sour, and soon the wedding was off. She says she probably skipped some birth control pills, although her ex-fiance hadn't yet moved out. Her daughter was 3 years old when she discovered she was pregnant again.

"I wasn't capable of being a mother to two children, and my daughter was 8 years old," Robin says.

She made an appointment at an abortion clinic during her first trimester. The procedure was quick but she recalls a "horrible experience with a dream while under the anesthesia. It was spinning, twisting."

Her third pregnancy occurred when her ex-fiance returned for a visit.

"I remembered that dream," she says. "It was a sign I wasn't going to do that (an abortion) again."

So Robin arranged an adoption. When her 2-year-old questioned her growing size, Robin explained, "This baby is a gift for someone."

She has since told her daughter, now 14, her full story.

"I've learned to know that I'm just a normal, everyday person, and these things happen to good people," Robin said. If she were to get pregnant, "I would like to know she has three options... and it's her choice."

Abortion opponents win lots of little battles

NIGHT RIDER News Service

Twenty-five years ago this month, American women won the legal right to end pregnancy with an abortion — a right they now exercise with remarkable frequency.

Nearly 4,000 abortions are performed in the country each day. Millions more will grapple with the decision.

But the right to abortion, established in the landmark Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision, increasingly is being constrained by concerted grassroots legal and political campaigns.

Across the country, abortion foes are winning lots of little battles, making it harder to find doctors and clinics to perform the operation and to come up with the money to pay for the procedure.

The bottom line is — this is a matter of life and death," said Helen Alvarez, who organizes anti-abortion efforts for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Alvarez and her army of pro-life allies want the country to revert to the pre-Roe days when abortion was outright illegal in many states. They appear unlikely to win that ambitious goal any time soon. But current trends might be moving toward an important "way station" — a de facto ban on abortion for many women.

One day, "there could be so many hurdles between you and the procedure that you'll never make it to the abortion," conceded Sarah Weddington, the Texas attorney who argued the pro-abortion side of the Roe case before the Supreme Court.

Over the past decade, dozens of state legislatures have implemented an array of new abortion restrictions, including mandatory 24-hour waiting periods and parental notice requirements.

Last year, Congress passed laws barring federal employees from being covered by health insurance that covered abortions, and banned abortion for women in prison and for women using military hospitals overseas.

And the ranks of doctors willing to do the procedure are dwindling, with 45 states losing operation providers between 1982 and 1992, the most recent year for which such statistics are available.

The numbers of hospitals, clinics and physicians offices willing to perform abortions also is shrinking, down 8 percent between 1988 and 1992, estimates the Alan Guttmacher Institute, the private research organization with the most respected abortion statistics.

Anti-abortion activists who are attempting to build on their successes this year, had a rare setback Friday, when the Republican National Committee defeated a proposal to deny party funding to any candidate who doesn't oppose what abortion opponents have termed "partial-birth" abortions.

But Congress is expected to

face a fresh array of anti-abortion proposals in coming months.

"Our ultimate goal is to reverse Roe," said Wanda Franz, president of the chief anti-abortion group, the National Right to Life Committee. "We're doing these other things in the interim until the political situation changes so we can make that happen."

The committee's tactics — intensely committed supporters, applying carefully targeted political pressure — are getting results.

Fortune Magazine recently ranked the National Right to Life Committee the 10th-most-influential lobbying organization in Washington, sharing the field with such heavyweights as the National Rifle Association, the American Association of Retired Persons, and the AFL-CIO.

By contrast, the main pro-abortion group, the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL) ranked 43rd on Fortune's list.

Unlike the other groups in the Top-10, the National Right to Life Committee has waged its campaign with a relatively meager budget and a tiny staff — fewer than 500 salaried employees to operate 2,500 chapters around the country and mobilize some 3.5 million sympathizers.

The group's strength became evident during the debate last year over partial-birth abortion, when the congressional switchboard was paralyzed by hundreds of calls a day and the Capitol's mail system inundated with millions of postcards.

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Looming budget surplus fuddles lawmakers

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — With a federal budget surplus now suddenly within sight, Republicans and Democrats soon may find themselves free of the fiscal constraints that have shackled their aspirations for decades.

But who knows what they'll do without their chains.

The looming surplus, brought even closer by President Clinton's decision to propose a balanced budget for the next fiscal year instead of waiting until 2002, has thrown both parties into rollicking disarray over exactly what their post-deficit agenda should be.

Republicans are squabbling over whether to use the impending income tax increase to cut taxes, increase spending or reduce the remaining national debt. Democrats are steaming toward a fiscal debate — which could pit Clinton against the liberal wing of his party — over whether or how to spend the surplus.

The cacophony is the sound of an entire generation of politicians, who have always operated in the shadow of the deficit, preparing to navigate a fiscal landscape bathed in the sunlight of surplus.

"Fighting deficits has been the principal goal of public life for almost 15 years now, and it's driving a lot of us crazy," said Alan Brinkley, a professor of modern American history at Columbia University. "The parties for a while will be somewhat uncertain about how to move in any direction."

It probably will be a couple of years before there is a sizable surplus to throw around, and Congress's immediate options may be narrowed by Clinton's decision to push for a balanced budget this year — making it harder for Republicans to cut taxes and for liberals to increase spending. But it could bring closer the day when lawmakers will get their hands on any kind of budget surplus for the first time since 1969.

Official Washington has been eagerly awaiting the transformation of the budget's ink from red to black, but the magic moment is coming faster than anyone thought possible.

Ever since Clinton and congressional Republicans last year agreed to a plan to balance the budget by 2002, politicians and other analysts have watched in awe as the booming economy has defied all expectations and driven down the deficit as if on autopilot. At the end of November, the Treasury Department reported that, for the first time since 1970, the government had run a surplus over a 12-month period.

No one can be sure that the economy will continue to hum and sustain a deficit-free government, but Clinton's upcoming budget request will signal his commitment to that

end-three years before the budget deal stipulated.

Elimination of the deficit is not just a political milestone — it is a political watershed that is the domestic equivalent of the end of the Cold War. Just as a generation ago, the quest to work their bearings in foreign affairs left the U.S. power struggle with the Soviet Union policymakers at least since the early 1950s have been constrained by the pressure to limit spending and raise revenues in order of the long-running deficit.

"Virtually everything that's gone on in Washington over the last 20 years has been based on the idea that the deficit has to be reduced, and the political parties have created images for themselves based on how the deficit should be reduced," said Stanley E. Burson, a budget expert with the Congressional Budget Office.

"None of those images now are going to hold," the players in Washington are having to redefine themselves.

Hence, the spectacle of the Republican Party — which long has cast itself as the party of tax and spending cuts — now risen into factions over whether or not to spend the impending surplus.

House Transportation Committee Chairman Bud Shuster, R-Pa., was first in line calling for a big spending increase for highway programs. Many others, including House GOP Conference Chairman John A. Boehner, R-Ohio, want to earmark any surplus for tax cuts. A smaller faction, led by Rep. Mark W. Neumann, R-Wis., wants to insist that at least some of the excess revenues be used to begin paying off the national debt — now at \$34 billion — accumulated over years of deficit spending.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, and others seeking a radical overhaul of the tax code are eyeing the surplus as a way to help smooth the transition to a new system. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., wants a little bit of everything: He has called for annual tax cuts, some buy-down of the debt, and increased spending for highways, defense and science.

Clinton's decision to propose a break-even budget all but guarantees that the Republican-controlled Congress will follow suit and move up the timetable for eliminating the deficit. House Budget Committee Chairman John R. Kasich, R-Ohio, for one, had already planned to do so. But that will make it harder for Republicans to cut taxes, unless they come up with fiscal offsets to pay for them.

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White House vandalism fits large pattern of protest

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — She won't say who she is or why she did it, but the woman who authorities say used spray paint to deface a sculpture of Christopher Columbus in the White House on Tuesday chose a form of vandalism that is far from unheard of.

All over the hemisphere — in Chile and Mexico; in Honduras and El Salvador in Minneapolis, Cleveland-Pittsburgh and New York City — statues of the 15th-century explorer have been defaced by paint-wielding protesters so many times in recent years that the act might now be considered a cliché.

Aiming to demythologize the Italian voyager who opened the New World 506 years ago, demonstrators repeatedly have snaked memorials to him in red — symbolizing, they say, the

blood of countless Indians who perished under European expansion.

The woman in Tuesday's White House incident is accused of using reddish-brown paint. During a public tour of the executive mansion, while in the historic Blue Room — a room filled with valuable antiques — authorities say she "eroded" in oil-solvented busts of Columbus and Italian sailor Amerigo Vesputi, a New World explorer who was a Columbus contemporary.

She remains in federal custody, a Jane Doe charged with felony destruction of government property.

Was the act a political statement? Where others have targeted Columbus statues that are easily accessible — in Pittsburgh's Schenley Park, Minnesota's State Capitol rotunda, Manhattan's Columbus Circle and outside

Union Station in Washington, to name just a few — was Jane Doe a pioneer in her own right, a protester, or allegedly successful in defacing perhaps the hardest-to-reach Columbus statue in the land?

"We don't know," said Channing Phillips, spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office in Washington. "She gives us no clue. It's really a mystery at the present time."

In U.S. District Court Friday, Magistrate Judge Alan Kay ordered her committed to a secure federal facility for a 45-day psychiatric evaluation. Phillips said the woman, who appears to be in her thirties, reduced to cooperate with mental health specialists at the District of Columbia's St. Elizabeths "Hospital," where she was held Wednesday and Thursday.

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'Super Bowl of politics' starts up in earnest

Knight-Ridder News Service

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — The campaign for the 2000 presidential election year began in earnest here this week, complete with schmoozing, political consultants and promises of fame and glory for the winner.

But there are no candidates for president in this campaign. This is the campaign for the right to host the Republican national convention in 2000.

A similar campaign will start soon for the Democratic convention. Compared to other events like the Olympics, it's not that big, but it is the Super Bowl of poli-

tics," said Tim Fitzpatrick, a spokesman for the Republican National Committee.

The convention brings only 2,000 or so actual delegates to town. But with 15,000 members of the news media covering the biggest names and ideas in American politics and government, the convention turns an international spotlight on the host city for a week or so.

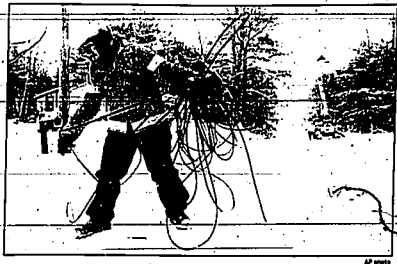
It highlights the unique attributes of the host city to people across the nation and around the world," said Democratic National Committee Chairman Steve Grossman. Eager to get a leg up on the com-

petition for the GOP convention, several cities started lobbying here at the winter meeting of the Republican National Committee even though the party did not name a site selection committee until Friday, and it will not make its recommendation to the full 165-member Republican National Committee until January 1999.

Philadelphia officials boasted of their city's unique role in American history during a reception at a posh resort here. San Antonio hired a platoon of lobbyists, including veterans of past GOP presidential campaigns, and then hosted "Desert Fiesta" in Chicago and Charlotte, N.C. also started lobbying.

That's not to say those four have the field to themselves. The Republican National Committee next week will invite several other cities to make a pitch. The Democratic National Committee already has invited 27 cities to submit bids. On Friday, Boston officials said they will aggressively seek the Democratic convention.

The financial payoff for the winner is large. Chicago officials estimated that their city enjoyed a \$100-million windfall from the Democratic National Convention in 1996. San Diego city officials say their town picked up a net gain of \$125 million from the Republican National Convention.



Donna Reed, a worker for Central Maine Power, gathers downed lines Friday in North Poland, Maine. A tree-trimming crew from Delaware works in the background. About 57,000 customers in the region remain without electricity.

Conditions improve for utility repair crews

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Clouds gave way to sunshine Saturday as utility crews labored in frigid cold to restore service to thousands of people in their 10th day without electricity.

Maine's two largest electricity providers said Saturday that a few areas blacked out by last week's ice storm were fully back on line or close to it, although some northern homes might not see electricity until spring.

"We're here so that people who don't have power don't think everybody has green up."

— Kay Rand, assistant to Maine Gov. Angus King

However, the National Weather Service warned of dangerously low wind chills in southern and central Maine. Northerly wind gusting to 30 mph combined with temperatures in the teens to produce wind chills down to 20 below zero.

"But cold isn't that big a deal, because crews are pretty well equipped, clothing-wise," Cox said. Maine's biggest utilities said Saturday that they still had more than 48,000 customers without power down from a peak of nearly 400,000 a week ago.

Long-term relief efforts were stepped up Saturday as the federal Small Business Administration opened a disaster loan workshop in Lewiston, Maine.

Aides to Gov. Angus King manned phones at the State House in Augusta, referring callers with storm-related problems to various agencies and coordinating contacts between utilities and government departments.

"We're here so that people who don't have power don't think everybody has given up," said Kay Rand, King's top staffer.

In northern New York state about 61,000 customers were still waiting for power. Crews in New York were ham-

pered by a storm that piled as much as 18 inches of snow in their way on Thursday and Friday.

"The snow means we have to have roads plowed across fields so that our crews and trucks can gain access to lines and install new poles," said Robert Perkins of New York State Electric & Gas.

In addition to utility crews at work in New York, some 2,700 National Guard members were on duty Saturday mending doors,

door surveys for people stranded without power and delivering food, fuel and medical supplies. National Guard crews also resumed reconnaissance flights Saturday, after suspending the airborne searches on Friday because of the snowstorm.

Central Maine Power Co. said it had fully restored service to all but a few car-round residents in some areas.

"However, there are hundreds of unoccupied seasonal residences which will still need repair and therefore could easily stretch into the spring, given the remote locations and severe tree damage involved," said CMP spokesman Mark Ishkhanian.

A new ice storm on Friday cooled much of Connecticut, which had escaped the brunt of the earlier storm that hammered northern New England and New York.

About 16,200 Connecticut homes remained blacked out Saturday, but most were expected to have service restored during the weekend, utility officials said.

Ice collected in a thick coat on everything from power lines to airliners and parked cars. "My car was covered with a sheet of ice. It's a quarter-inch thick," said David Greene, a courier in Connecticut who suffered bloody knuckles from chipping the ice off his car.

through the hallways so they could find their way.

On Wednesday, Frjin. found Mrs. Nyemiel—\$10,000-and-ordered her to spend at least four nights a week in the building for the next 60 days.

The judge said she was inspired by the 1991 movie "The Super," in which Joe Pesci played a landlord sentenced to live in his own building. On Friday, one night into her sentence, Mrs. Nyemiel wasn't happy and said she considered her own building a jail.

"It's not fair to put me in prison at this time of my life," she said in the nearly empty two-bedroom apartment where she is doing her time. The kitchen and bathroom were decrepit, though other rooms had been recently redone.

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City Court Judge JoAnn Frila said she hopes the sentence will prod 71-year-old Florence Nyemiel into bringing her apartment building up to snuff.

"She wouldn't want to freeze," the judge said. "She wouldn't want to sit in the dark."

Mrs. Nyemiel pleaded guilty in December to six violations at the building and was ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine and put \$15,000 in an escrow account for repairs. She did neither.

Every month, the heating and hot water system failed. And because Mrs. Nyemiel hadn't paid the electric bill, the power was cut off in common areas of the building and residents resorted to stringing Christmas lights

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Employees lose jobs over home pages

TRaverse CITY, Mich. (AP) — Hired to teach computer technology at a marketing company, Cameron Barrett suggested his bosses check out his Web page, where he published his own fiction. Some women staff members did, and were shocked by the violent and sexually explicit passages. They complained to their boss, and Barrett was fired.

"I said, 'If you're interested, you may go read it.' But at no time did I make it part of my training, and I only said it once," Barrett said, complaining his stories were just his stories. "Do you think Stephen King is getting around his neighborhood killing people because that's what he writes about?"



Cameron Barrett, at home in Traverse City, Mich., was hired to teach computer technology at a marketing company, where he suggested that his trainees might learn something by checking out his Web page. After some staff members were shocked at the violent and sexually explicit scenes in some of the fiction he published there, he was fired.

"Just as people need to watch what they say in real life, what you put on your Web page is going to be visible to everyone, including future employers," said Esther Dyson, a director of the Electronic Frontier Foundation in San Francisco.

Although the First Amendment prevents the government from stifling speech, private employers are under no such constraints.

Communications and fire people for unions decry the use of Web sites, even if done at home, as public venues that employers can use to determine who is suitable for the company.

A few other people around the country have said they have been disciplined or fired over the content of their personal Web pages.

Liz Sommerfield, 23, said she quit her job at a small Virginia publisher after being ordered to remove any reference to the company on her Web page, where she calls herself "SexyChick" and posts her own erotic stories.

And the Navy has moved to dis-

charge a sailor after 17 years of service when it learned through America Online that he is gay.

Some experts argue that Web pages should be considered private, like the books and magazines read at home. But a lot may depend on whether the employee erases the line between personal and professional.

In the Michigan case, Barrett "essentially invited people to look at a Web page," University of Michigan law professor Deborah Malamud said. "There's a real difference between that and being held liable for having a copy of Playboy in your home."

Barrett, 24, said he thinks it was unfair he was fired by Knorr Marketing in Traverse City because other members of the all-female staff he was teaching

"were uncomfortable working with me after seeing my fiction."

The company's vice president, Jim McIntyre, said "there's no doubt in my mind" that Barrett

wanted the women to read the fiction.

"On several occasions he said, 'I urge you to look up my own home Web page,'" McIntyre said.

1st female septuplet joins brother at home

JES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The smallest-born of the McCaughey septuplets became the first girl to be released from the hospital, joining three of her brothers at home.

Kelsey Ann, who weighed just 2 pounds, 5 ounces when she was born nine weeks premature, weighed 4 pounds, 10 ounces, when she left Blank Children's Hospital on Friday, said hospital

spokeswoman Lynne Yontz.

The 8-week-old joins Brandon James and Joel Steven, who went home Monday, and Kenneth Robert, the first-born who went home Jan. 3.

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Friend: Robbery suspect had \$10,000 and a lot of fear

NEW YORK (AP) — Fear rained the lobster.

Michael Reed, a suspect in the \$11 million World Trade Center robbery, had \$10,000 in cash and was wearing new clothes while eating lobster and scallops at a Manhattan restaurant. But he couldn't enjoy himself because he feared his life, said a friend.

"He was very scared," John Costello said Friday. Reed "thought he was going to get whacked."

Costello spoke to The Associated Press after being questioned by the FBI. He said he believes somebody else was behind the heist and that he was talking to the AP because he, too, was afraid.

The FBI so far has implicated only three suspects, including Reed, in Tuesday's heist. The three were identified by neighbors who recognized their faces in security camera pictures shown on television and in newspapers.

Reed, who appeared in court Friday, was held without bail. Melvin Desmond Folk also was arrested, and Richard Gillette, 33, was arrested late Friday at a hotel in Albuquerque. A.M. Reed, 34, and Folk, 44, have been charged with armed robbery.

Gillette, who police said had \$20,000 on him when arrested, was to appear Tuesday morning before a U.S. magistrate in Albuquerque, according to FBI Spokesman Agent Freda Belton.

The New York Times reported Saturday that the two Brinks guards who were held up during the robbery performed poorly on lie detector tests, and the Daily News reported that one Brinks

employee — possibly one of the guards — failed a lie detector test.

The Daily News also reported that while Reed and Folk knew each other, Reed apparently did not know Gillette, which the paper said bolstered suspicions that the trio was pulled together by someone else.

FBI spokesman Joseph Valiquette said his agency had questioned and released Costello, but he declined to comment on what Costello said. "As far as whether we believe others are involved ... that is one focus of the investigation, but no one else has been charged," Valiquette said.

Costello said Reed had invited him to take part in the robbery, but he declined. He said he "wouldn't have had any problem with standing — the money," though. Costello said Reed showed up at his apartment shortly after the heist with \$10,000, saying his share would include an additional \$240,000. Costello said he urged Reed to leave the state.

"But he was paralyzed with fear," he said.

The heist at the World Trade Center had gone like clockwork at first, authorities said, but the three suspects then blew their escape by taking off their ski masks before walking past security cameras. Authorities gave the pictures to the press, and dozens of people called police to identify them.

The \$1.1 million taken included \$300,000 in U.S. currency, the rest was in a variety of foreign currencies, Valiquette said. Only a small amount has been recovered, he said.

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you have."

Student Tiffini Brownlee, 16, said that while she likes attending a small school, Richfield doesn't have many course offerings. She is interested in photography, but it isn't offered as an elective.

Richfield offers art, home, economics, business and agriculture as electives. It can offer students just one foreign language, Spanish. It doesn't have a music program, not even in elementary grades.

"But you've got to think of education. You've got to be able to offer more."

— Joe Mathoney, with school board member other small districts, Shoshone

and Dienehl. The board would provide more course offerings and specialized teachers, he said.

While Richfield has many teachers who have been in the district for a while, it's a training ground for new teachers, he said. In my move on in a couple of years.

Opposition to consolidation generally revolves around sports, Mathoney said. Parents are afraid



The annual snowball fight between the seventh- and eighth-grade classes is a tradition in the school. Between the two classes, barely 30 students are eligible to join the fight.

it will reduce their children's chances to play. "But you've got to think of education. You've got to be able to offer more," he said.

Hill supports consolidation, too. "We haven't got the tax base to really have a school that will be comparable to other districts," he said.

Batt has other ideas for helping small schools. In his State of the State address last week, Batt supported reducing the two-thirds

majority required to pass a bond issue. He wants it accompanied by the requirement that a certain number of voters cast ballots, so a small group doesn't impose a tax burden.

Small schools have their advantages, Richfield student Jonathan Mills, 16, said. Teachers can spend more time with students.

But at small schools, money has limits. Richfield Principal Theo

Perkes said he thinks the school does a good job with what it has. Realistically, it does a less adequate job than could be accomplished through consolidation, Perkes said. Dollars for Richfield's extra 112 teaching positions, for example, come out of the general fund and could be used for supplies.

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Senator pushes for emergency school fund.

BOISE (AP) — Sen. Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, wants the state to set up an emergency fund for school districts before collapsing roofs or faulty electrical wiring hurt children.

The chairman of the Senate Education Committee is drafting a bill that would create an emergency fund to help school districts pay for crucial building repairs when bond levies fail and no other funding means are available.

After the Sandpoint High School auditorium roof collapsed in December 1996, Schroeder and Sandpoint Rep. Shawn Kough attempted to revise the acceptable snow load school roofs could bear. But the price tag killed the measure.

To avoid a similar defeat, Schroeder is not tying money to the emergency fund bill. Instead, he wants lawmakers to pass the concept and then act for \$1 million to \$2 million next year to establish the fund.

Battle

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out of the lawsuit. A long-term solution is needed, he said, because the problem eventually will arise again.

The lawsuit challenges whether Idaho's system of paying for public education provides students with equal educations. It cites a 1994 Arizona Supreme Court decision, which ruled Arizona did not have an equaliza-

tion formula for capital expenses. The lawsuit also challenges whether the Legislature is meeting its constitutional mandate to provide school funding, when schools are forced to pass levies to pay for basic maintenance and operation. The challenge is supported by a 1978 Washington Supreme Court ruling.

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'Sweet Auburn' Avenue makes a comeback after years of decline

ATLANTA (AP) — Huddled close on a cold, gray day along Auburn Avenue are lives of a family who have seen the rise and fall and rise of the fabled street where Martin Luther King Jr. was born.

Ruth Simmons grew up here during segregation, when the street bustled with black businesses. Her brother's granddaughter, Porria Scott, came of age during the civil rights movement, when desegregation brought near ruin. Another grandniece, Alexis Scott-Reeves, now works amid decaying buildings and construction sites that local leaders hope will become tourist attractions.

The three women point to King when reviewing the avenue's intonations.

"Dr. King's legacy, if you will, is the paradox of Auburn Avenue. Desegregation, which we surely needed, led to a fracturing of the community," Mrs. Scott-Reeves said. "King's happened has been good overall. But for dear Auburn Avenue, it's left a rethink in its shining armor."

Auburn Avenue was dubbed "Sweet Auburn" by early civil rights leader John Wesley Dobbs because of the opportunities it afforded blacks even under strict segregation laws.

"It was the yellow brick road for black dreamers in the South in the 1930s and '40s," said author Gary M. Pomerantz, whose book "Where Peachtree Meets Sweet Auburn" chronicles Atlanta's racial, social and political history.

It was a place where blacks could own businesses, get a good education at nearby black colleges and prosper. It was a street that had something for everyone.

"You have to understand, there wasn't a lot of places for blacks in those days," Mrs. Simmons said. "Once you hit Auburn Avenue, it was just like going home. People knew you and greeted you by your name. That was something, then."

The 2-mile long street offered black-owned nightclubs where such musical greats as Cab Calloway and Duke Ellington performed. There were big churches, fancy restaurants, clean hotels and a slew of shops, from beauty salons to clothing stores to funeral parlors.

"Auburn Avenue was a living lab for Martin Luther King Jr.'s dreams," said Dobbs' grandson, former Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson.

It wasn't until the 1950s that Auburn Avenue gained recognition among whites nationwide as King's birthplace and then as his final resting place.

That was also when the street began to decline.

"Black people were able to begin to move and work where they wanted to. They left Auburn Avenue," Ms. Scott said.

By the early 1970s, businesses were closing, old buildings were torn down and residents had all but disappeared. Although many former residents returned on Sundays for church, they stopped sleeping there.

"It turned into a decaying memorial to a hygienic era," Pomerantz said. "It was a necessary though regrettable price for freedom."

As businesses closed, Jackson devised a revitalization plan, which tried to lure people back to the neighborhood by promoting its historic value and its access to downtown shopping. But for a time, Auburn Avenue was seen as



Normal Lacey walks recently with her great granddaughter, 3-year-old Ashley Stoney, along the "Freedom Walk" on Auburn Avenue in Atlanta, between the Martin Luther King Center and the Dr. King birth house.

too far gone to be worth the risk.

"You've got to change attitudes about investing in black neighborhoods," Jackson said. "It's beginning to catch on."

In the 1980s, remaining business owners thought that construction of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site and the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change around King's birthplace and his tomb would bolster renewal.

Although they are the city's most popular attractions, they are nothing but a quick stop and visitors don't linger.

"The King legacy is one that is getting tossed in different markets — the tourist market," said Timothy Crimmins, an urban history professor at Georgia State University. "Someone spinning

off of that is the key for Auburn Avenue."

The King family declined to be interviewed for this article, but Mrs. Simmons recalls King standing on the steps of the Atlanta Daily World newspaper building, debating with her brother, publisher C.A. Scott, about the avenue's future.

"The greatness of Sweet Auburn was the people. King stood on the shoulders of all these men who worked down here," she said.

Report: Stokes will announce retirement

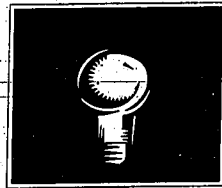
CLEVELAND (AP) — Rep. Louis Stokes, Ohio's senior congressman and the state's first and only black representative, will retire when his current term is over at the end of this year. The Plain Dealer reported today.

The newspaper said Stokes, who will be 73 next month, would announce his plans at a news conference today. Stokes' staff confirmed that a news conference was planned, but wouldn't reveal the subject.

The Democrat was elected to Congress in 1968 and has been easily reelected ever since.

Carl Stokes' 1967 election as mayor of Cleveland paved the way for his older brother's career in Congress. Long after the more flamboyant Carl Stokes had dropped from the political scene, Louis Stokes gained his own reputation as head of the Select Committee on Assassinations that investigated the murders of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. Carl Stokes died in April 1996.

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Dreams of the West become real for a price

A look at the journey along the immigrant smuggling trail

IPSALA, Turkey (AP) — The smuggler turns off the Fiat's engine and looks back at his cargo. "Fog," he tells the four men sandwiched in the rear seat. "You're lucky tonight. The weather is on your side."

"Now let's move before someone comes," he says. The men, all Kurds from northern Iraq, struggle out of the car. They shake their legs and rub their thighs, stiff and tingling after the four-hour night drive from Istanbul to a dirt road just outside a town near the Greek border. The car's headlights dissolve into the fog's thick gauze. The ground is muddy and slick. A cold drizzle begins.

"Remember the instructions?" asks the smuggler, who never leaves the driver's seat. The Kurds had been thinking of the Wulfsburg as the road for about three hours until the river. It's dark, but try not to use a flashlight. There will be a small boat hidden in the brush on the river's bank. The other side is Greece.

"It's a good night," the smuggler tells them. "The fog will keep you hidden."
The Kurds nod and gather their bags — mostly plastic shopping sacks containing such clothes as a bit of food. They tuck off single file, heads down and squinting, fading into the blinding soup of white beams of fog. The drizzle changes to a pelting sleet.

Minutes later, the smuggler is on the road back to Istanbul. He turns up the car's heater. Caravans, armies, pilgrims and refugees — for as long as people have crossed between Europe and Asia Minor, their paths have funneled through a single place: the bottleneck where Istanbul now sprawls. The metropolis straddles the narrow Bosphorus Strait that separates the continents. Like all important crossroads, it's a place to make decisions.

For tens of thousands of illegal migrants, it's also where the deals are cut.

Recently all the major immigrant smuggling groups in Turkey operate out of Istanbul, authorities say. Sometimes the rings transport the refugees from border areas to Istanbul before arranging westward passage. More often, the immigrants make their own way to Istanbul after crossing into Turkey with forged passports or visas obtained at super-inflated rates.

The majority of clandestine travelers these days are Kurds from northern Iraq and southeastern Turkey.

Iran's Kurds gained quasi-freedom from Saddam Hussein's regime after the Gulf War, but embargoes and relentless internal strife have kept the region desperately poor. Across the border, Turkish Kurds face constant battles between the army and rebelling groups in a 25-year-old fight for autonomy.

The rest of those sneaking west through Turkey are mostly Iranians, Pakistanis and others from deeper in Asia.

Liaisons for the smugglers troll for clients at the places where the illegal immigrants congregate: flop houses, telephone



An Italian Civil Protection volunteer takes care of Kurdish children in the port of Oran, near Brindisi in southern Italy, early this month.

offices, parks.
One smuggler, an Iranian, calls Istanbul the "new Casablanca" after the ambience of the Humphrey Bogart movie.

"Remember how Casablanca was?" he asks. "People making deals, trying to get out or get fake papers. That's Istanbul now. It's a new Casablanca."

The costs to leave vary according to the manner and scope of the journey. Several hundred dollars is enough to arrange a ride to near the border, say Iraqi Kurds waiting for passage in Istanbul. The price can rise to near \$3,000 for land transportation on the Greek side to Athens or the port of Patras, where immigrants try to stow away on vessels to Italy or buy passage on a smuggling ship.

By sea from Turkey, the fare runs up to several thousand dollars to cross to Greek islands or Italy.

Calculating how many people make the trip is much harder to determine. Authorities on either side of the border offer no official estimates on the size of the illegal industry. Several hundred thousand, some activists place the number at more than 50,000 a year — and even higher if the increased boat traffic directly to Italy is included.

The only concrete figures come from political asylum claims and apprehensions at the border.

A total of 21,060 illegal immigrants were caught in 1997 trying to enter or leave Turkey, police reports. More than half of these were trying to sneak across the 80-mile land border with Greece, officials say.

Although the border is short, it runs through a sparsely populated region of dense woods and wide marshlands that offer good cover for immigrants to slip across. Greece's military relies on local police to watch the border, and the Turks loosely patrol their side, although authorities have recently increased their effort.

The punishment for those caught in Turkey ranges from one to three months in prison. Smugglers can receive up to two years in prison.

Turkey has approximately 1,500 formal asylum-seekers from Iraq and Iran awaiting relocation in a third country, the U.N. High

Commissioner for Refugees says. "In Greece, approximately 1,400 asylum requests were made in 1996, according to the U.N. agency. The majority were Iraqi Kurds, claiming persecution by rival Kurdish factions or Saddam's agents."
"But there are many, many more people who take the illegal route," says Metin Corabatir, spokesman for the U.N. refugee agency in Ankara, Turkey's capital. "They are afraid the asylum claim could be rejected. The smugglers never say no — as long as you have the money."
The smuggler doesn't trust the telephone. Maybe it's tapped, he worries. Or what if someone overhears the conversation? His credibility is no unnecessary risks. His name is Ali. He's from near Erbil in northern Iraq. That's about all he's willing to

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WORLD

Saddam, U.N. inspector trade threats

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Adding threat to the standoff in Iraq, President Saddam Hussein vowed Saturday to suspend cooperation with U.N. weapons inspectors if the United Nations doesn't lift tough economic sanctions within the next four months.

The chief U.N. inspector, an Iranian to Baghdad to persuade Iraq to grant inspectors entry to all sites, responded with a warning of his own.

"We must have the access we require. Otherwise, there is going to be nothing but further sanctions," Richard Butler said during a stop in the Persian Gulf nation of Bahrain.

The U.N. Security Council ordered Iraq to dismantle its nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programs as a condition for ending the 1991 Persian Gulf War. U.N. officials have reported progress in the nuclear and chemical areas, but suspect Iraq is holding back significant information on biological weapons. The inspectors' job is to find out the truth.

In November, Iraq's National Assembly, which takes its cue from the leadership, recommended suspending Iraq's disarmament activities before May 20.

In a televised speech marking the seventh anniversary of the Gulf War, Saddam said that if the inspections are not over by that time, he will follow the lawmakers' recommendation.

Iraq is expected to "bear the responsibilities for such a position," he said.

"There is no way and no alternative to that course," said the Iraqi president, dressed in a brown military uniform.

The United Nations pulled all its inspectors out of the country in November after Iraq expelled all American members of the monitoring teams. The three-week crisis was resolved in a Russian-brokered deal.

Butler said Saddam's latest threat was nothing new.

"I noticed that he repeated what was said last November when that crisis occurred," Butler said, "but we are in a very serious moment now."

Relations between Iraq and the United Nations have been particularly tense in recent days, following Iraq's decision to bar an

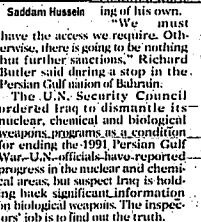
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Albright says Saddam condemning himself

WASHINGTON (AP) — It is near the end of a "tizzy day" for Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, and a team of Middle East experts is heading outside her office.

Ahead is a period of both crisis and opportunity, and for the moment Albright's attention is fixed on the dangerous stalemate between Iraq and U.N. weapons inspectors.

"They must have been close to something on whether biological or chemical weapons were used on civilians," Albright told The Associated Press in a wide-ranging interview marking the end of her first year on the job.

"Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is 'tightening the noose around himself,'" she said, personalizing the conflict. "By not letting this inspection team go forward, in almost a strange way it's almost as if he has come close to saying, 'O.K., you caught me.'"

At a press conference, she warned late Friday by a burning log in a nearby fireplace, Albright registered confidence the Russian government intervened to halt sales to Iran of Russian technology before Iran

could develop dangerous new missiles.

She seemed dubious that a stalemate in Israeli-Palestinian negotiations would be overcome by President Clinton's separate meetings this week with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

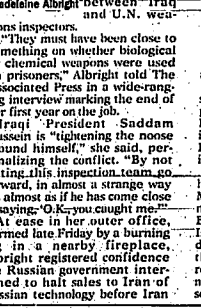
"I am an eternal optimist, and I will continue to be one," she said. "But getting Israel to pull back more on the West Bank and the Palestinians to rout terrorists 'are very serious issues to their leaders.'"

Albright fretted that everything in the Middle East gets tangled, "even things that seem simple" such as setting up a Palestinian airport or an industrial zone.

Apologizing for the analogy, she likened the limping peace process to "something like a Rubik's Cube — you get things into place and something shifts. But I think we have to keep pushing on it."

Albright considers 1997 to have been a poor year for Mideast peacemaking and did not predict 1998 would be better.

But her thoughts on the Arab-Israeli conflict, Iran's race to develop awesome weapons and the weary struggle with Iraq reflected the resolve and determination that marked her first year as secretary of state.



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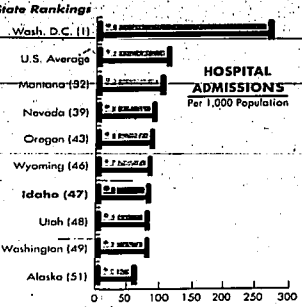


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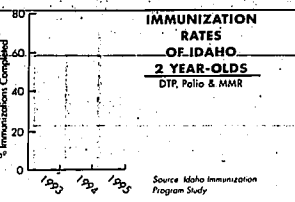
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WORLD

Decline in gold prices puts livelihoods at risk

By Dean F. Murphy
Los Angeles Times

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Things have never been so good — and so bad — for South Africa's notoriously exploited gold miners.

The good news is that more of them are surviving each day's work. Preliminary data show fatalities and injuries per 1,000 laborers dropping last year to one of the lowest levels since the 1960s. A new mine safety act that outlaws deadly conditions of the apartheid era.

The bad news is that about 30,000 former gold miners are benefitting from the safer conditions, having been let go last year by cash-strapped mining companies. And as gold prices recently tumbled below \$280 an ounce to their lowest dollar level in nearly two decades, some analysts are predicting that as many as 100,000 more miners — about one-third of the remaining work force — may lose their jobs if the free-fall continues.

"It seems gold is losing its shine," said George Molchatski of the National Union of Mine-workers, the country's largest association of miners. "If this were a Christian society, I would say we need divine intervention."

Gold mining, the engine of South Africa's economic machine under the apartheid system of racial separation that ended with all-race elections in 1994, has been in decline for more than a decade. Production last year was less than half of its 1970 peak level. In 1986, gold sales earned half of the country's foreign exchange; last year, they accounted for one-fifth.

Although the industry has faced troubled times in the past, the outlook for gold is dimmer than ever. The European Union, as it heads toward a common currency, is contemplating unloading huge stockpiles of gold reserves. Central banks in Argentina, Canada and Australia, reflecting a growing international trend, have sold off large amounts of the precious metal, preferring to hold reserves in U.S. Treasury bonds and other paper assets.

And as the ongoing financial crisis in Asia has demonstrated, gold appears to be losing much of its

Spencer loses case, delighting press

LONDON (AP) — A European commission has rejected an effort by Earl Spencer, Princess Diana's brother, to sue the British government over its privacy laws, delighting newspapers he accused of hunting his sister to death.

Spencer, whose attack on the media made international headlines as Diana's funeral in September, was seeking to sue in connection with 1995 tabloid reports that his former wife had drinking and drug problems.

However, the European Commission on Human Rights ruled Friday there were insufficient grounds for a suit, including that Spencer had not exhausted his legal rights in British courts — one of the criteria for taking cases to the commission.

In 1995, "The News of the World" published a front-page story under the headline "Diana's Sister-in-Law in Booze and Bulimia Clinic," and a picture of his wife, a former model, walking on the grounds of the clinic.

Serbia mourns victims of coal mine blast

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Angry over an explosion that killed 29 coal miners in Serbia, a local mayor criticized the state Saturday for ignoring primitive and unsafe conditions in the country's mines.

The powerful blast ripped through a mine Friday night in Sokobanja, about 110 miles south of the capital, Belgrade. In addition to those killed, 19 miners were injured and dozens had to crawl to

safety through suffocating smoke and dust. Sokobanja miners went on strike last year to protest outdated equipment and poor working conditions, Mayor Zoran Zekovic said.

centuries-old glitter as a safe haven for governments and investors weathering stormy times. The dollar price of gold has continued to fall during the Asian turmoil.

In the past, the high dollar price of gold and the slipping value of South Africa's currency, the rand, have more than compensated for poor results at the mines. But with gold losing one-quarter of its dollar value in the past year — and some analysts predicting prices of as low as \$250 an ounce in the near future — some mining companies no longer can cover basic operating expenses.

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EDITORIAL

In money matters, lawmakers should err on side of caution

Three years in office have not drained the optimism from Idaho's budget-obsessed governor. Phil Batt's final budget proposal features ambitious spending goals based on a projected 5 percent growth in state tax revenue.

Probably too rosy. The consequences of this optimism may show up after Batt has left the Statehouse for the union fields of Wilder or the fatwags of Arizona. So the task falls to the Legislature - and especially its Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee - to temper the governor's cheerfulness with their caution.

What a governor proposes, JFAC disposes. JFAC's two co-chairmen already have signaled that Batt's proposal will taste the knife. One of them, Sen. Atwell Pury of Melba, crisply defined the attitude that should guide the committee's work this winter: "We'd rather be too low than be too high."

It's a prudent attitude. It is the happiest kind of mistake. It yields surprises that can be put toward key needs, socked away for rainy days, or even be shared with taxpayers. Guessing too high yields heartache.

So JFAC's members should stand in

front of mirrors and practice saying, "No," with dignity.

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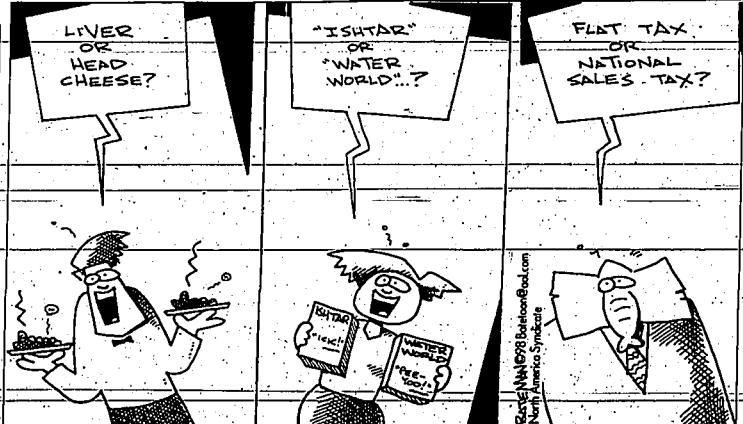
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Idaho exported more than \$650 million worth of goods to Pacific Rim nations in 1996. Devaluation of Asian currencies puts exports at risk, along with Idaho's microchip industry.

Such prospects should not inspire alarm, but they do encourage prudence. Batt proposes to expand total state spending by 7.7 percent; lawmakers would be wise to trim a couple of full percentage points from that number.

That won't be easy to do. Rising revenue has inflamed the budget lust of every bureaucracy and interest group. Lawmakers will have a fight on their hands if they try to enforce frugality. But they should do so. That's why we send them to Boise.

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We don't need this presidential porn

Bill Clinton stoically shrugged. "Probably," when asked if the Paula Jones case would go to trial. "I just try to put it in a little box and go on with my work. That's somebody else's politics, not mine."



SANDY GRADY

Despite real or feigned presidential calm, I suspect most of us wish the Jones vs. Clinton melodrama were stuffed in a very large box and sunk in Potomac mud. I don't know what, if anything, transpired between Paula and Bill in that Excelsior Hotel room. Did the future prez drop his pants? Is she saying so. He says, "Well never know. But Heide? He's the only one who's weary of this sexual soap opera, thinks it's a damnable blight on the presidency and country, and vainly hopes a settlement could blow away the queasy nightmare.

Forget a reprieve. The caper's only been nasty. Now it gets flat-out mean. "We've exposed the ridiculous vision of Jones, newly coiffed and togged, strolling through White House gates to listen to the prez being quizzed about his sexual habits."

Bad enough the paparazzi zoo at Clinton's deposition at his lawyer's office was guaranteed to be the most degrading media circus since the Kennedy-Fulbright. This, ABC put Sam Donaldson back on the beat?

You don't need a legal diploma to guess at the sordid, three-hour quizzing of Clinton.

A sample of Jones' lawyers' earlier written questions provides a raunchy hint: "Give the names of each and every woman (other than Hillary Rodham Clinton) with whom you had sexual relations while Arkansas attorney general, governor or U.S. president." And "Name every female whom you kissed during a meeting between you and the female while in public office."

What's this, the Jerry Springer show? The principal lesson we're meant to absorb is surreal when you realize Clinton is growling threats at Saddam Hussein, pinning Medal of Freedom medals on American glitters and in 10 days stands in the TV glare to deliver the State of the Union Address. It's a cartoonist's bonanza but the

world must think us bikers. I don't know who to blame for this gut-churning embarrassment - Clinton-haters, Clinton's publicity-hound lawyer Bob Bennett, the erratic Jones or the stubborn president. A box on all.

OK, maybe the Jones lawsuit isn't totally inspired and funded by right-wingers who detest Clinton. Her chief backer is Charlesville-based Rutherford Institute, shadowily connected to Jerry Falwell whose video painted Clinton as drug-runner and murderer. You can find Web sites for the Paula Defense Fund, with lavender flowers on the Internet for donors.

Another fairlight outfit, Paul Weirich's Free Congress Fund, ran cable and radio ads with a toll-free number for women who know about "sexual harassment by the president." One caller reportedly said the prez "has been harassing me day and night." No wonder Clinton sometimes looks bug-eyed.

Before feminists grow mutinous, I agree Paula Jones has every right to take Clinton to court. No caricaturing her as a ditzy trailer-truck gold digger. Who knows whether her motive is dough, vengeance, fame or political venom? "The lawsuit is not principally about money," she says on her Web site. "I want my character and reputation cleared and expenses covered."

But her behavior toward money is curious. First she turned down a \$700,000 settlement, which caused her original lawyers to split. Her new Dallas team raised the ante to \$2 million. No dice. An exasperated Bennett charged, "I have a feeling they were going to try to settle a book contract and a movie."

Who knows? Is blame Bennett, a lime-light-hunting muckpuck whose represented Washington big game Celine Weinberger, Rep. Dan Rostenkowski and Harold Ickes, for failing to settle this ca-

per. If Bennett's worth his \$475-an-hour fee, he could have said a statement that would satisfy Jones' yearning for purity while clearing Clinton of lustful crudity. But Bennett, blithely ignoring a gag order, has been busy performing on the tube. Once, denying Jones' claims of "distinguishing characteristics" on Clinton's private parts, he assured television, "In terms of size, shape, direction, whatever your size, shape, direction, whatever, the president is a normal man."

File under Things We Didn't Need To Know. Finally, I blame Clinton's own refusal to budge an inch in Jones settlement. Sure, he adamantly denies wrongdoing. One guess is that Clinton's too broke to pay off Jones. He's \$2.5 million in the red for Whitewater fees. Two insurance companies withdrew coverage, leaving Bennett's \$1 million unpaid. No president will have left the White House so deep in the hole.

Probably the truth is that Clinton wants a court showdown. Ex-sidekick George Stephanopoulos may be right: "He needs to try to trial it because it will help him in the long run in history." Save us from such history - the media carnival, Court-TV drive, CNN blather over presidential porn, Lincoln and Jefferson, never your eyes. It's a very time.

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A few further observations on state spending. Pay raises - Gov. Batt seems adamant about his proposal to put 5 percent more into state employee pay. Given last year's pay freeze, a raise of about that size seems fair, covering two years.

But if the Legislature accepts this proposal, it also should adopt Batt's accompanying recommendation to put most of the money into merit raises. Rewarding good work is one of the best ways to encourage it. Legislators should ignore the politically attractive siren call of unions or others to spend the money without regard to job performance.

Education - The usual advocates for education spending have criticized Batt's budget proposal, because it would further reduce the proportion of state spending that goes to education. Let us say this once more: Proportions don't matter. Only dollars matter, and the dollar amount that Idaho spends on education continues to rise smartly. The proposal proposes a 5 percent dollar gain. Anyone who thinks that's a

reduction needs remedial math. Corrections - The amount Idaho spends to lock up criminals continues to soar. Batt has proposed creative ideas for reducing prison populations. Why not huck back some of the dollars while these ideas are given a chance to work?

Higher education - Batt wants to boost spending at Idaho's colleges and universities by more than 7 percent. Maybe lawmakers need to look again at consolidating duplicated programs.

Health and Welfare - Idaho's gargantuan Health and Welfare Department spun-off juvenile corrections into a new department a couple of years ago. If Batt gets his way this year, Health and Welfare's Division of Environmental Quality will go the same way. Meanwhile, welfare reform is reducing cash-assistance caseloads. All have possible savings been wrung from the costs of administering this shrinking giant?

This list is hardly exhaustive. JFAC members should sharpen their pencils and look for opportunities to economize throughout the budget.

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LETTERS

Clearing up some legal facts

I read the Jan. 6 article relating to Kyndra White's sentencing in District Court.

First, Mr. Wynia was not released to the Twin Falls Community Work Center. The Twin Falls Community Work Center is an Idaho Department of Correction minimum and community custody facility. Mr. Wynia was transferred in this facility to participate in the work-release program.

Mr. Wynia was not charged with a parole violation because he was not on parole. He was charged with the felony crime of Escape from Prison, Idaho Code 18-2605. Any inmate at the Twin Falls Community Work Center who leaves this center, their employment site or other assigned location without permission is prosecuted under this code.

Since opening the Twin Falls Community Work Center 5 1/2 years ago, there have been nine escapes from this facility. All have been apprehended, and all have been convicted of the felony crime of escape.

JEFFERY L. NICHOLS
Manager, Community Work Center
Twin Falls

Oh, Denny, say it isn't so!

Don't you know there aren't any of us left in Twin Falls County? We're as scarce as the pheasant and the Bruneau snail, and now you have abandoned us. You were our hero, the guy who spit in the commission's eye rather than change parties to be chairman. We loved ya, man!

Was it the money, Denny? We know they control the purse strings that dole

Manure pollution is a big problem

A few years ago, a group of men and women, under the auspices of the Health and Welfare Department, used to conduct monthly town meetings. The

purpose of these meetings was to decide how to relieve small towns of the unfunded mandates passed by federal congressmen. These laws consisted of a stack of papers piled high as 20 volumes of Britannica. These laws were vied against large cities and small towns alike, one size fits all. Small towns were to obey, abide by the expense of these regulations.

These meetings brought about much discussion about ways and means to do away with such laws. They led us around in what amounted to a waste of time on our part, but they added hours to their time to keep their jobs secure. One of these regulations which stood out as I attended about seven of these meetings was a law that all towns were required to install a filter plant precisely to filter out rain and snow water from city streets. Ridiculous, of

course, in a state with less than 8 inches of rainfall a year.

Now, according to an article in The Times-News, a study by the Senate Agriculture Committee stated that 60 percent of the rivers and streams, impaired with agriculture run-off, were the largest contributors of air pollution. The study also found that manure waste produced in the United States is much greater than the amount of human waste, and there are no standards dealing with the animal waste. I know these statistics may be hard to believe, but these are their findings, not mine. Need I say more?

Overheard: Resident hunters inviting their out-of-state relatives to hunt game in Idaho, special benefice, may have to submit their genealogy book to the state Fish and Game. LAWRENCE JOHNSON Gooding

Doonesbury



Infanticide should not be considered a mere 'matter of opinion'

The Republican establishment, which has the primacy and utility of a figurehead, had a bad day Tuesday when voters spurned its anointed candidate in California congressional race. Perhaps this is just a guess — it was unwise to insist a man particularly distinguishable from his Republican rival by his tolerance for a form of infanticide. This contest became a skirmish in the abortion wars, wherein the celebration of tolerance is the first refuge of the interloper.



GEORGE F. WILL

tion to, banning partial-birth abortion. In Tuesday's election, Lois Capps finished first, as expected, but with less than 50 percent of the vote, so she will face a runoff with the recognizable minister, who is Bordonaro, even though Firestone outspit him at least 3-to-1. And even though the local affiliates of ABC, NBC and CBS banned certain independent ads on Bordonaro's behalf. The ads concerned partial-birth abortion. They featured no shock-filled pictures of dead fetuses, pictures that depict the reality behind the vacuity of the word "choice." They featured words — truthful descriptions of a medical procedure at the center of a national debate. The manager of the ABC affiliate called the ads'

language "pretty strident" and "stronger than we were comfortable with." Well. Overlaid pictured a newborn, and said: "This baby was born just a few weeks early. Even at that age a partial-birth abortion can still be performed. This procedure starts with the entire body being delivered except for the head. An incision is then made into the skull and the brain removed."

The other ad pictured a group of conversing women, one of whom said: "First the baby's legs are pulled into the birth canal and the entire body is delivered except for the head. Then an incision is made in the skull and the brains are removed. After the head shrinks, the entire body is removed." By ABC World News Tonight described the procedure this way: "A living fetus is partially withdrawn from the womb, then the skull is vacuumed out." NBC Nightly News reported: "The fetus is pulled partially out of the birth canal, feet first."

Many people who call themselves "pro-choice" demand tolerance of the right to choose to kill almost-born babies, but are intolerant of the right to choose one's public school, to smoke, to own a gun, to rent your basement apartment to whom you choose, to drive a sport utility vehicle or to broadcast a truthful description of one-way of killing almost-born babies. Republican opponents of partial-birth abortion are called intolerant.

Then the skull is punctured, and the brains suctioned out." The manager of NBC's affiliate said the banned ads "were little too vivid, a little too graphic" and "pretty tough. I can see it scaring little children to death." See? The censorship was to protect little children, not to protect partial-birth abortions of little children. The affiliates ran censored ads which included the words "we

won't describe this gruesome procedure." No independent ads by pro-choice Republicans, praising Firestone were banned by censored. Many people who call themselves "pro-choice" demand tolerance of the right to choose to kill almost-born babies, but are intolerant of the right to choose one's public school, to smoke, to own a gun, to rent your basement apartment to whom you choose, to drive a sport utility vehicle or to broadcast a truthful description of one-way of killing almost-born babies. Republican opponents of partial-birth abortion are called intolerant.

dicinate to the goal of preserving the Union. However, the slavery controversy had two extremes, those who demanded immediate abolition, and those who demanded the right to expand slavery into the territories. Lincoln — intolerant, up to a point — opposed abolitionists but countenanced civil war to stop expansionists. Suppress the newly founded Republican Party had, in the name of tolerance, eschewed what today are disparaged as "liberal tests" and said that even slavery-expansionists could expect party support. What would have been the point of founding such a party? Given that the American Medical Association says there is "no identified situation" in which partial-birth abortion is necessary, it is reasonable to suspect that Republicans who support it do so partly because they consider the right to life movement generally degenerate. Reciprocated disdain is tolerable. George F. Will is a Washington Post columnist.

High turnover rate alarms Transportation Board

Certainly one of the biggest challenges the Legislature will face this session is compensation for our state employees. It is alarming that in an engineering-dominated organization such as the Idaho Transportation Department, the turnover rate for engineers is up 350 percent from last year. Additionally, highly technical jobs such as those in computer information technology are experiencing a turnover rate up approximately 50 percent over 1996 figures. We are facing recruitment challenges that result in some positions remaining vacant an average of four to five months. Applicants are rejecting job offers because of low pay in many cases. Clearly the lack of ability to recruit qualified staff presents management with the task of how to meet the needs of the traveling public. The ITD Board of Management is dealing with serious engineering issues, accountable to the taxpayers of Idaho, for the

READER COMMENT

Leon E. Smith Jr.

expenditure of highway funds amounting to over \$323 million annually. Over the next three years, we will be involved in 524 projects spread throughout every corner of the state. The inability to attract and retain highly qualified staff directly impacts the ability to accomplish this tremendous project load and the cost per mile to build these projects. In order to ensure the Idaho taxpayers are getting the best value for their dollar, we can ill afford to continue to ignore the importance of an effective compensation program that supports management in attracting, recruiting and retaining a highly skilled workforce. Certainly, projects like the Highway 30 connection between the Twin Falls and the Overland bridge in Burley and the Highway 75 improvements from Timmerman Hill to North

ing the department due to low pay or unsatisfactory working conditions. Conditions like all-night storm duty, many 24-hour days in a row to get bridge and highways open after floods and slides, etc. In these times of reducing the number of employees in our department, we are asking employees to do more with less pay and higher health insurance costs. We are indeed fortunate to have so many dedicated and highly skilled employees who have stuck with us through some tough times. It's time we show them that they are valued and important members of our state workforce. The Legislature must give strong consideration to any compensation decision made this session and the impact those decisions have on our ability to provide a skilled workforce able to provide the best service possible to the public.

Fork do not get accomplished without competent people directing every step of the way. We (the State of Idaho) cannot afford to lose these people. As a member of the ITD Board, I am concerned about all employee compensation, and I am faced with the ramifications of compensation decisions. The results of past pay practices have triggered many challenges for our department. In years past, ITD enjoyed the reputation of having the longest tenured employees. The tide is turning. Our turnover rate has increased 2 percent over last year, with 47 percent of our employees leave.

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Fighting for Cambodian royalist base intensifies

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Cambodian troops engaged in fierce battles with rebels in that country's northern jungle today in some of the most intense fighting in recent weeks, a Thai officer said. Three Thai soldiers were wounded in the clashes when

shells strayed across the border, the senior Thai officer said today. Thai troops retorted with fire. The officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said fighting around the resistance base of O'Smach over the past three days has been the heaviest since December.

Cambodian leader Hun Sen has been trying to crush the rebels at O'Smach since August, but so far has failed. The rebels are loyal to Prince Norodom Ranariddh, the co-prime minister Hun Sen deposed in a bloody July coup.

Indonesian town quiet after riots; police remain

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Stores reopened but police remained on the streets of a town in eastern Java today, two days after riots erupted over increased food prices brought on by the nation's economic crisis. Residents said the main street

in Jember, about 500 miles east of Jakarta, was blocked off not far from where a shopping mall was torched during the unrest. Dozens rioted and stormed stores Thursday, accusing owners of selling staples such as rice at inflated prices. Many stores closed Friday, but were doing

business again today. "Shops and traditional markets are back to normal," said Sritudi, a resident who like most Indonesians uses only a single name. "They are upon and selling things with normal prices. But I saw some police deployed around the central town's market."

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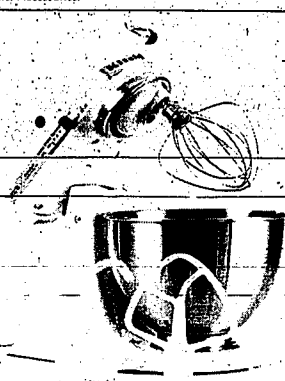


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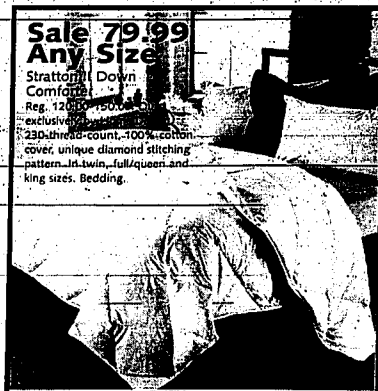


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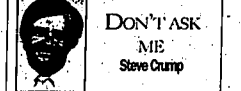
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The Top 10 causes of marriage in rural Idaho: 10. Remington shotguns. 9. Pickup trucks with back seats. 8. Beer.

The Top 10 causes of divorce in rural Idaho: 10. Shania Twain. 9. Karaoke. 8. Milking goats in the living room.

Times-News features editor Steve Crump reminds you that wedding receptions in small-town Idaho are generally semiformal. Orange jumpsuits with the name of the county are still stashed across the back are usually inappropriate attire.

Storm pounds Magic Valley

ALBION - The storm that brought high winds and driving rains to the Magic Valley late Saturday morning raged more violently in the mountains. The storm moved through quickly, but Pomerelle Ski Area had to shut down its lifts for about an hour, resort operator Woody Anderson said.

Many states share waste problem

Hasty disposal practices, poor records further complicate nuclear-waste cleanup

BY N.S. NOKKENBUD Times-News writer IDAHO FALLS - Idaho is not the only state with a Cold War legacy of radioactive waste disposal problems, and it may not have the worst of them.



For more information on radioactive waste problems and cleanup, visit The Times-News Online's NowLink page. Go to http://www.magicvalley.com and click on NowLinks.

Cleanup of buried radioactive waste at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. State-and-federal-officials-were-there to learn from industry representatives more about the technology available to clean up the similar wastes buried above the Snake River Plain Aquifer - a key southern Idaho water supply.

Gathering helps officials focus efforts

BY N.S. NOKKENBUD Times-News writer IDAHO FALLS - Three key officials in the effort to clean up buried radioactive waste in Idaho say they learned some things last week.

Grain Junction, Colo. Carlson helped run the three-day conference. Industry representatives at the conference are the folks with proposed solutions for INEEL to use, said Alan James, the Energy Department engineer in charge of finding the best way to clean up the pits and trenches at INEEL.

Space has educators hyped

Local teachers plan to see colleague launched into space

BY JENNIFER SANDMANN Times-News writer TWIN FALLS - Local teachers already are talking about making the trip to watch the launch of McCall elementary teacher Barbara Morgan's space shuttle mission.

NASA announced Friday that Morgan will be added to its astronaut roster for a shuttle flight. Morgan was a backup to New Hampshire teacher Christa McAuliffe, who was killed in the Jan. 28, 1986, explosion of the space shuttle Challenger.



Teachers, including Rosina Eldredge, front, use 3-D glasses to view slides of Mars, taken during the recent Pathfinder expedition. had applied years ago for the chance to be the first teacher in space. They both know Morgan and say it's fantastic she gets to go.



Junior High School, said she has been waiting a long time for the news. Morgan's trip will benefit teachers. She will be able to explain space education to them as a colleague, absent the "heavy" scientific lingo.

knowledge is changing so rapidly it's a challenge to keep lessons relevant. A survey done about 10 years ago by the state Department of Education found that space is one of the subjects students are most interested in and teachers feel the least prepared to teach.

Program aims at altering Idaho's eating habits

By Kurt Fridemann Times-News writer



For a list of online resources on nutrition, and to see the University of Idaho Extension Services homepage... Go to http://www.magicvalley.com and click on NowLinks.

#2 See #1." Nutrition is important in the Beltran home, the young mother said, even if they don't have much money. Beltran's father, Nolberto Gardea, was a diabetic, she explained, as are her two brothers.



Nutrition adviser Gloria Harrison helps 18-year-old Naomi Beltran with cooking recipes at her Rupert home. The program The extension service created the nutrition-adviser position to help people such as Beltran learn life skills and better nutrition on a limited budget.

Cassia. This program has been running for only about two years, Parr said. Four advisers from Miradoka and Cassia counties out of the nine that serve Magic Valley. Rhea Lanring, Magic Valley's program administrator, said a total of 21 advisers are in Idaho. "It's a wonderful program," she said. "It's designed to help those who welfare."

MAGIC VALLEY

SERVICES

Edwin Phillip King of Buhl, 11 a.m. Monday at the Farmer Funeral Home...

May Andringa Cutler of Twin Falls, 2 p.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel...

Tuesday at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. David L. Boyd of Jerome...

DEATH NOTICES

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Christine Anderson of Rupert, 11 a.m. Monday at the Hansen Mortuary...

Sally E. Anderson - SHOSHONE - Sally Eulalia Anderson, 93, of Shoshone...

Clark L. Priester - BOISE - Clark L. Priester, 35, of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls...

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Clive Martell, both of Oakley; Robert A. Stevens and Robin Thurn...

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

Brndon Moreno, infant son of Martin and Gabriela Moreno...

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

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Gary Tucker paints a new sign over the festive holiday scene in the window of Magic Valley Bingo in downtown Twin Falls...

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Nutrition

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But even such a widespread effort may not be enough.

Help needed

Hilary Horton, a registered and licensed dietitian with Idaho State University, said there is need for better nutrition in Idaho. "In today's two-income families what is eaten is usually whatever is convenient and easy," she said. "All our parents fed you was macaroni and cheese and burger, and it would be easy to develop bad eating habits."

"These days, many families rely on fast food instead of fruits and vegetables," Horton said.

"Good, healthy cooking is kind of becoming a lost art," she said. "People are afraid to eat healthfully, they think it's not going to taste good."

These eating habits stem from a variety of more concerned about meetings, make-overs and nutritional suits than the general health of their families, leaving a majority of today's youth suffering from obesity, Horton said. "I think it comes from a lack of knowing what is out there," she said. "I've given community lectures and teaching nutrition in schools, but that really isn't enough."

The battle

That doesn't stop those in the trenches of Mini-Cassia's war against unhealthy eating. They teach lessons titled, "The Food Guide Pyramid," "Understanding Food Labels,"

"Keeping Food Safe" or "Eating Right and Light."
Earlier last week, Kristie Edmondson made the half-hour trek from Burley to the Idaho Youth Ranch, to teach seven girls in the Promise Lodge about a pyramid and sign them up for the program that features 21 lessons.

"You have to be passionate about this job," she said over the din of teenage chatter. "It's what I love to do. I like to share and interact with people."

On the stormy Wednesday night, she quizzed the girls. "How many servings are in this piece of chicken?" "In what food group is cottage cheese?" Edmondson brought a small pyramid, color-coded and full of fake food to test the girls' knowledge.

She had them identify the food products and replace each in their proper slot in the cardboard display.

The young women were caught up in the process of firing out answers or exclaiming over rubber fruit pie and empty Mountain Dew cans - not an uncommon reaction, Edmondson said.

She is relatively new to the nutrition game, having taught only a few months. But, Edmondson has been teaching even under a barrage of jokes and giggles, and said teaching about nutrition is not a fine art.

"I quit teaching," she said. "You just use your communication skills a lot."

Communicating care

Tammy Martindale, Harrison's 10:30 a.m. appointment Tuesday, has cerebral palsy and gets

around her apartment mostly on her knees.

Martindale is one of the 292 enrolled members of the nutrition program in the Magic Valley and said she started because she needed something different.

"I can't work because I would lose my medical card," she said. "When you're on welfare you need your medical card."

The 33-year-old Missouri native said she didn't like staying at home with no job and no way to leave her apartment.

"I know people think that because I sit in front of the television all day and watch soaps or play video games, I am not contributing," she said. "That's not true, I think I have lots to offer." Harrison thinks she does, too.

"Sometimes you just help people survive," Harrison said. "You aren't there to judge them, just to help."

On Tuesday she helped Martindale learn about the dairy group, and encouraged her to finish college.

"The idea of this whole program is to change behavior," Harrison said. "I try to build up a friendship so you can find out what they really want." What Martindale wants is a motorized scooter. With that kind of transportation she could wrap up her 3 1/2 years of college and get a job.

"I'm not anywhere near done," she said.

Long road ahead

Neither are the nutrition educators. "Right now a large part of the

job is recruiting," Edmondson said.

Harrison agreed and said she wishes for a better referral system.

"I told them when I was interviewing that I didn't want to be a saleswoman," she said. "I don't like going door to door."

"And people just haven't been interested," Harrison said, though all the work she performs is free.

"Either they aren't asking for help or we don't know who they are," she said.

Nutrition advisers are reaching only a small part of Idaho's population.

The program started in 1994 in Boundary, Blaine, Bonanza and Shoshone counties; statewide, there are only 527 families enrolled in eating classes.

"I think it's a national trend," she said. "There are so many resources out there to help these families, and they just don't realize it."

Those who do are benefiting. "The most useful information for Beltran and her family has been learning to budget expenses."

"Actually the lessons on managing your money have really helped," she said. "We are saving so much money."

She already has amassed enough lessons to graduate from the program but is less interested in graduating and more interested in improving her future. She took her last test Friday for her high school equivalency and hopes to start college soon.

"It's so exciting that a young girl like this is wanting to do so much," Harrison said.

Computers help link workers to new jobs

The Times News

BURLEY - A new computer system at the Mini-Cassia Job Service is streamlining the process of finding jobs.

An electronic program called "Idaho Works" is available on computers in semi-private kiosks at the local office southwest of Burger King on West Fifth Street.

The program enables applicants to search "America's Job Bank" where jobs are listed for Idaho and the nation, said Pat Petersen, Job Service manager. State listings are updated Mondays and Wednesdays.

Some of our computers have Internet access," Petersen said. "Our customers use the Internet to look for work. These computers are not available for the public to merely surf the net."

Until a few months ago, applicants searched for jobs by perusing three-ring binders that had to be updated regularly by

hand. Now, the click of a mouse or pressure of the screen-roll-up descriptive information about a variety of jobs, said Lisa Michael, Job Service consultant.

After finding a job of interest, applicants are then counseled one-on-one about how to apply for the job - such as what forms must be filled out and filed.

Applicants are also counseled about how to dress for a job interview.

Services are available at the Job Service at no charge. This is one more taxpayer who has had jobs can benefit from some of the tax money they've paid to Petersen.

A typical agenda covers topics such as dealing with change, stress and grief; reasons why an employer is likely to hire an employee; resume preparation; the hidden job market; interviewing techniques; and job search strategies.

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Environmental Quality, learned about a process that destroys hazardous chemicals in pits by inserting electrodes into the ground.

He didn't know you could do that, he said. "I've got a chance to talk face-to-face with industry representa-

tives, so he will have to rely less on Lockheed Martin to do the homework," he said. Lockheed Martin Technologies Inc. is the contractor that operates INEEL for the Energy Department.

Jines, Poeten and Koch - the three INEEL officials in getting the pits and trenches cleaned up -

said what they learned during the three days will help them find the best ways to get the waste cleaned up.

The bottom line is to protect human health and the environment, Jines said.

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Waste

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government buried plutonium-contaminated waste along with oils and solvents in 16 pits and 58 trenches at INEEL. As at sites elsewhere, records were spotty.

Some contaminants have seeped into the ground and the groundwater. But no contaminants have been found outside INEEL's boundaries in amounts above federal drinking-water standards.

The most widely known problems are underground tanks of highly radioactive liquid wastes, said Bob McLeod of the Energy Department at Hanford.

But at INEEL, poor records complicate the cleanup of contaminated soil and groundwater at 72 buried waste sites at Hanford.

When workers at the site dug into some of the buried waste, they uncovered some unpleasant surprises, McLeod said. The hazardous chemicals in the sites they found meant more restrictions, more time and more cost.

"But Hanford officials hope to learn more about INEEL before they tackle any buried plutonium-contaminated waste."

Tennessee

Even kitchens were among the radioactive trash dumped at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory research facility and nearby weapons plants was dumped in trenches, said John Kuehler, director of the Energy Department's Oak Ridge office.

At times, the water table rises into the cutting trenches. Efforts to stem the seepage of contamination include digging some of it up, capping the waste, solidifying the waste and cutting trenches to divert ground and surface water away from the waste.

Wastes from the site have contaminated the Clinch River in Tennessee.

South Carolina

At the Savannah River Site in South Carolina, some waste was labeled only as "classified" when it was dumped into waste pits, said Robert Blundy of Westinghouse Savannah River Co.

The incomplete records hamper efforts to clean up 119 acre of mixed radioactive and hazardous chemical wastes. But some potential radioactive hot spots have been identified from historical operations records, Blundy said.

The waste includes clothing and tools, reactor parts and solvent used to extract plutonium from reactor fuel. The disposal site also includes a small amount of plutonium waste, solvents, lead and mercury.

A decision on the cleanup is due by 2000.

Though problems are similar at these and other contaminated federal sites, they are different enough that no solution would work at all the sites.

"Officials hope, however, that sharing information will help cleanup efforts at other sites."

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Suspicious fire kills man in his apartment

SPOKANE (AP) - A 37-year-old man was killed in a suspicious fire that swept through his apartment unit, officials said.

The blaze apparently started in a bathroom and was contained to the first-floor unit of a two-story house divided into apartments, officials said.

No one else was injured. Investigators were unsure how the blaze started or how the victim died.

His name was not immediately released.

Police detectives and fire officials were trying to determine whether the blaze was intentional, police Sgt. Scott Malenik said.

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New test gives better look at pertussis cases

COEUR-D'ALENE (AP) — A new test for pertussis is giving health officials a better idea of the number of actual cases in northern Idaho.

As of Thursday, the Panhandle Health District had 32 positive tests for pertussis since Dec. 1. But health officials are stopping short of calling it the latest illness an outbreak.

"I understand the skepticism with pertussis. There are so many trumps in public health, but pertussis is like this year that's at a standstill. It doesn't seem like it's going away."

—Christine Hahn, state epidemiologist

was a precaution. The latest rash of whooping cough victims came at the end of the worst year for the disease in Idaho's recent history. The state had at least 584 cases of pertussis in 1997, according to the Department of Health and Welfare. Of those, 224 were in the Panhandle.

In 1996, 175 cases were reported statewide. As with last year's outbreak in the Panhandle, the recent cases have prompted the health district to recommend an accelerated immunization schedule for children.

"If babies get it, those are the ones we worry about, and those are the ones we're trying to protect," Rau said. She also suggested that babies should not be in day care until they have been fully immunized.

Vaccination critics question the need for the vaccine, when 86 percent of the pertussis victims last spring had been immunized. The vaccine is not effective on older children and adults and does not completely prevent the disease.

Health officials believe immunizing early gives children at least some protection. "I understand the skepticism with pertussis," state epidemiologist Christine Hahn said. "There are so many trumps in public health, but pertussis is like this year that's at a standstill. It doesn't seem like it's going away."

Ed Board director says money shouldn't be cut

BOISE (AP) — The Legislature should not slash \$2.1 million in budget for Idaho's Higher Education Research Council over the handling of a controversial research grant, the state Board of Education's new executive director says.

Idaho State University professor Peter Bog said the Board of Education's decision to reject the research council's recommendation to fund his \$30,000 study of Northwest gay communities.

Greg Fitch, the board's new director, said the Legislature set aside \$5 million for the research council during the past several years and generated another \$30 million in private and federal research money.

"That's good business," he told the Senate Education Committee. "I don't want the Legislature to cut off their nose to spite their face."

The education board has modified its analysis of research grant applications, Fitch said.

"We are going to make sure these type of things don't happen again, no matter what the circumstances."

Bog is asking a federal judge to order the education board to approve a \$30,000 grant and award him unspecified compensation. He contends his proposal qualified for state funding, but the board denied it because it disagreed with his viewpoint.

Board members claimed his study did not have a commercial application when they rejected it in April.

Senate Finance Chairman Arwell-Parry, R-Melba, who was upset about Bog's suit, said there is more to the issue than one person making a mistake. The council's budget still is up for negotiation, he said.

"Some say 'Cut it completely,' and others say 'Don't be so harsh,'" Parry said. "I'm trying to get all the facts and be reasonable. If it had come up a year ago, I would have cut the whole thing."

Idaho Transportation Board approves routes for heavier trucks

BOISE (AP) — A plan to increase the truck weight limit on sections of some Idaho highways, including parts of U.S. 95 in the north, U.S. 93 in the south and U.S. 30 in the southeast, has cleared its first hurdle.

The Idaho Transportation Board on Friday adopted a resolution identifying three routes that meet engineering requirements for raising the truck weight limit from 105,500 to 129,000 pounds.

The Legislature still must approve the increased truck weight limits before they can go into effect. The routes include: • U.S. 95 between Moscow and Grangeville. • U.S. 20 from Ashton to Rexburg; Idaho 33 from Rexburg to

Arco; U.S. 93 from Arco to its junction with Idaho 25 east of Arco; Idaho 25, 50 and 74 to its junction with U.S. 95 in the north, U.S. 93 in the south and U.S. 30 in the southeast, has cleared its first hurdle.

• U.S. 30 from the Wyoming line on the east and McCammon on the west to its junction with Idaho 34 west of Soda Springs; Idaho 34 to Preston and U.S. 91 to the Utah line.

Board member Leon Smith of Twin Falls said a subcommittee of the board opted against including a section of U.S. 95 from Moscow to the Canadian border for a higher limit. Board member John McHugh of Coeur d'Alene has objected to including the stretch because of safety concerns.

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Man dies of smoke inhalation, heat

BLACKFOOT (AP) — Investigators said a local man died from smoke inhalation and heat in a fire caused by a smoldering cigarette.

Deloy Lawrence, 66, was killed by the blaze that started about 3:15 a.m. Thursday in the upstairs bedroom of his home, Blackfoot Fire Chief Kevin Gray said. Lawrence was unconscious when medics arrived and was rushed to Bingham Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival, Gray said.

Lawrence's mother, Phyllis Lawrence, was downstairs at the time and was alerted to the fire by her son. She called 911 and later was treated for smoke inhalation.

Gray said the fire caused only about \$5,000 in damages. Steve Fredrickson, a detective with the Blackfoot police and Bingham County sheriff's departments, said Lawrence was a heavy smoker.

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Most think gang activity in Idaho will worsen.

BOISE (AP) — One-fifth of Ada County residents think gang activity in their neighborhoods now, but more than half fear gangs one day will affect their families, according to a Boise State University survey.

Those findings portray a community where gangs are not regarded as serious or high-profile crimes but are an emerging presence among young people.

The survey found respondents were worried about increases in driving over the speed limit, foul language and drug and alcohol use. And nearly three-fourths of the 270 people who answered the random mail survey said they were so concerned about the time youths spend unattended, particularly after school.

John Crank, a Boise State criminal justice professor who worked on the survey, said these problems do not appear so critical as gang-related crime in larger cities, but do pose a threat that needs to be dealt with locally.

"When we see these minor public-order problems, we should look at them and see that we have the seeds of more serious problems in the future," Crank said. "So many other cities have said, 'We're only looking at these minor problems, so we don't have anything to worry about.' That was a mistake."

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Investigators seek possible links in women's deaths

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — In a serial killer preying on women here.

The question is daunting for detectives investigating the unsolved slayings of 18 women — many of whom worked as prostitutes — whose bodies have been found dumped in remote fields, alleys and the Spokane River over the past 14 years.

And it took a more urgency when four bodies were found last month, bringing the 1997 toll of slayings that seem to fit the pattern to seven.

"I think most women think it's a 'sick trick,'" said Lynn Everson, a social worker with the Spokane County Health District who maintains a list of "bad tricks" reported by prostitutes — a list that has grown to three pages with descriptions of over 100 cars driven by the women's tormentors.

"There are people out there with guns, knives, tire irons, hand saws, hammers. It runs the full gamut," said Everson, who makes weekly visits in a health district van to provide condoms and safer sex and AIDS advice to the women.

Police say there is an "extreme likelihood" that the four most recent victims, whose bodies were found at two sites outside the city, were slain by the same killer or killers.

Everson's list of "bad tricks" has been turned over to the task force of city and county homicide detectives trying to determine whether there is a link between the four most recent slayings and the others committed since 1984, and whether two missing women have also been slain.

The women who work East Sprague are afraid they, too, will end up victim list. Some have left the city, and some now use only known customers who have their names, Everson said.

"There are fewer women out there," she said. "The ones who remain 'don't have a choice.' Everson said of those who still ply their trade here despite the killings. "Many live in motels and they have to pay rent every day. They have to buy food every day. If they are addicted,



Jennifer Joseph, 16, who had been missing, was found murdered Aug. 28, 1997, in the Spokane, Wash., area. Detectives are investigating the unsolved slayings of 18 women whose bodies have been found dumped in remote fields, alleys and the Spokane River over the past 14 years.

they have to buy drugs every day.

While some fear many of the killings are linked, "We do not have anything connecting these four back to any of the other homicides since 1984," said Spokane Police Capt. Chuck Bown, a task force commander.

In fact, he said, investigators have "with some degree of certainty" ruled out any link between some of those slayings and the four latest killings, though he declined to say how many.

The task force is casting a wide net and considering 14-year-old cases to ensure no possible connection is overlooked. But the focus is on 11 slayings since 1990, that fit the profile.

The victims had high-risk lifestyles that included prostitution, illegal drug use, or both.

The victims were shot and their bodies discarded in remote areas in or near the city.

Despite the common thread of lives on the dark side, authorities have asked the media not to characterize the slayings as "prostitute murders."

"We feel very strongly that a homicide is a homicide," Spokane Sheriff's Capt. Doug Silver, audit or task force commander, said at a recent news conference. "The taking of a human life, we take very seriously."

The investigation was stepped up in August, when the bullet-riddled bodies of two women were found in vacant lots off Sprague, just east of downtown. Both had been in Spokane a short time and had worked as prostitutes.

In September, authorities reoriented the task force of homicide detectives that had been formed to investigate the deaths of three women within three months in 1990. That investigation took more than a year and failed to produce a suspect.

In October, the body of a third woman with ties to prostitution was found in the Spokane River, though Everson said many believe her death was unrelated.

From December, four more bodies were found. Silver said the task-force effort is continuing, but the lines of the investigation into the Green River killings in the Seattle area, which claimed the lives of 49 women — many of them prostitutes — from 1982 through 1984.

Florida police say charge was no mistake

SEATTLE (AP) — A Florida police chief says an investigation indicates his officers did not make a mistake in arresting the Rev. Bob Moorehead of Overlake Christian Church of Redmond on a charge of sexual misconduct.

Day in Beach Police Chief, Kenneth Small said Friday he conducted the internal investigation to determine whether officers had arrested the wrong man.

"The conclusion was the police officers conducted a proper investigation and that Mr. Moorehead was properly arrested, and there was no mistaking the man," Small told KING television.

"The prosecutor's office" in Daytona Beach last year cleared Moorehead, 61, of any wrongdoing. It said Moorehead's arrest in a public bathroom July 23, 1996, was a case of mistaken identity. The charges were dropped and the records sealed.

Also on Friday, a Daytona Beach newspaper filed legal papers seeking to unseal the records in the case. Because the prosecutor who dropped the charges served as Moorehead's lawyer in the case before taking office, the procedures were "tainted by conflict of interest," the Daytona Beach News Journal said.

John Tanner was Moorehead's defense lawyer in the case before he was elected prosecutor for a year in the county area in Central Florida in November 1996.

Tanner's office has declined to discuss the case. Overlake Christian is the state's largest church and recently moved into a \$36 million building with 250,000 square feet. As many as 6,500 people attend weekend services.

Moorehead told parishioners at a church service last year that he had stopped in a public restroom along the beach to relieve himself.

and was there for only a minute or two before he was arrested. "I was taken to the police station and charged with lewd and lascivious behavior in the presence of a minor," Moorehead said. "I was horrified. Absolutely horrified." Shooked, Charged and Ashamed, Embarrassed.

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Humane Society acts against illicit breeders

MOSCOW (AP) — The Humane Society of the Palouse is taking action to curb the covert breeding of wolf-dog hybrids.

Any animal brought into the society's local shelter that is determined to be one-fifth or more wolf will immediately be destroyed in a humane manner, general manager Bill Clark said.

The society's board of directors passed a resolution instituting the policy last week after a wolf-dog hybrid that reportedly had been terrorizing people in Bovill was captured by authorities on Christmas Eve.

Clark said he has received reports from several sources that there are at least six breeders of wolf-dog hybrids in Latah County. The animal in Bovill apparently had come from one of those breeders and was chained unattended to a mobile home with another dog.

"He growled and lunged and snapped," Clark said. "I told the sheriff's deputy that if he got me down and laid me by the throat, shoot him."

But Clark said he managed to gain the wolf-dog's confidence enough to grab its collar. When the animal tried to bite him, Clark said, he slammed it to the ground.

"From that point on, it was instant love," Clark said.

The animal was brought to the shelter, but the society's board of directors eventually agreed it should not be adopted and that euthanasia was the only option.

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Ukrainian scientist Gregory Pokarsky uses the anti-tank mine detection device he invented as he searches the desert floor for buried mines Friday at the Department of Energy's Buried Objects Detection Facility located at the Nevada Test Site, in Mercury, Nev.

Ukrainian scientist hopes device will save lives, limbs

MERCURY, Nev. (AP) — It moved silently across the desert like a metal detector, guided by Ukrainian scientist Gregory Pokarsky.

Instead of finding treasure, Pokarsky was looking for anti-tank mines. And in his hands on the desolate Nevada Test Site on Friday was Cold War technology he hopes will save thousands of lives and limbs.

An estimated 100 million land mines in 70 countries cause 26,000 casualties each year.

"This may be a solution to a small part of a large problem," said Arthur Toor, physics project leader for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California.

Toor, his Livermore colleague David Eimerl, Pokarsky and Ukrainian scientist Vitaly Bystriski are working together to evaluate the detection device, similar to one the Russian military is using, Pokarsky developed the instrument.

The scientists demonstrated

the technology at the Buried Objects Detection Facility of the Nevada Test Site, in a secure area with 296 defused mines. The test site operated by Livermore is 85 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

Current ways to detect land mines include using a magnetometer, a dog that can sniff for chemicals and hand probes, where someone crawls along the ground looking for mines.

The problem with the magnetometer is that it detects too much metal — bullets, cans and shell casings.

The new device would make detection much faster. The scientists cautioned that it wasn't necessarily better, just different.

The two-phase anti-tank mine detector works like this: Held just about an inch above the ground, the user moves it like a metal detector across a small area. When it detects a large amount of hydrogen, its gauge will rise, indicating a

land mine may be present. It is highly sensitive and could also spot something such as soup can.

After the device has picked up on the hydrogen, the spot is tested for nitrogen. If enough is found, that means a land mine is present.

Even if the mine is completely sealed, the device could still detect it, Toor said.

After tests conclude next week, Toor said he and the other scientists will decide whether or not to pursue the project. It could be two years before it is even marketed.

The device still needs fine-tuning, such as replacing Russian sensors with better American ones. The scientists would like to develop the instrument to also detect anti-personnel mines, which are small and contain almost no metal.

"We are really at the beginning of this problem," Eimerl said.

EchoHawk blasts English-only law

OREM, Utah (AP) — Larry EchoHawk has only to remember stories his father told him to speak out against a proposal to make English the official language of Utah.

"When my father was 8 years old, he was taken from his family to an Indian boarding school," said EchoHawk, a Pawnee and former Idaho attorney general. "He was beaten and whipped if he spoke the Pawnee language."

In his generation the language began to disappear. In my generation it's almost gone."

On Thursday night, EchoHawk, now a law professor at Brigham Young University, debated Hep-Tubby Rowan, K-Oregon, the sponsor of an English-only bill.

"This is not about cultural diversity," Rowan insisted, "but for national unity."

Still, EchoHawk said his propos-

al reminded him of the "intensity, disrespect and intolerance" that characterized the U.S. Indian policy of forced assimilation — a strategy that nearly destroyed many American Indian nations.

Rowan's measure, House Bill 189, would prohibit state agencies from conducting government business or printing information in any language but English.

The legislation makes several exceptions: foreign language and English as a second language classes in public schools; foreign language books in libraries; court interpreters; law-enforcement and emergency personnel who work with non-English-speaking communities; and military and economic development programs.

A similar proposal last session died in committee, but this year it has strong support — especially among majority Republicans.

EchoHawk sees the proposal as "bizarre," and contends it is "not needed since more than 90 percent of Utah residents speak English. Only a few thousand dollars of state money is needed annually to teach thousands of people not fluent in their own English."

"English is the language of our traffic outlets, international business, the Internet and the language of opportunity," he said. "We want to welcome them, but not help them learn English."

The goal, Rowan said, is economic development.

"If used to its full potential, it will help our economy," Rowan said. "Now they can only get jobs as housekeepers or bus boys... and they will not be self-sufficient. They will not be supporting themselves."

Bomber can be tried in federal court, judge rules

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A federal judge has refused to dismiss a 16-count indictment against an animal-rights activist accused in the bombing of the Fur Breeders' Agricultural Co-op milk plant in Sandy.

Senior U.S. District Judge J. Thomas Greene upheld the constitutionality of the federal explosives law prosecutors used to charge Douglas Joshua Ellerman, 19.

Ellerman, facing a minimum 30-year sentence if convicted, is free pending trial. His next hearing is Jan. 29.

Ellerman has admitted making the pipe bombs used in the attack, carrying them to the plant on March 11, 1997, placing a pipe bomb in the building and watching as others detonated the explosives, Greene's opinion said. Four additional bombs were detonated under vehicles, and damage was estimated at as much as \$750,000.

But Ellerman has refused to identify who the other participants were, the judge said.

Defense attorney Ron Yenglich has attacked the indictment, arguing the federal law used to indict Ellerman is unconstitutional. Yenglich contends Ellerman should have been charged in state court, where criminal sentences would be less severe.

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Shop owner hurt in scuffle with robber

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Salt Lake business owner was beaten and shot in the leg Friday when she refused to give a gunman the keys to her car.

Joan Morrow, 49, left Barbary Cross Drive, 706 S. 700 East, at about 1:30 p.m. to deposit cash and receipts in the bank, said Salt Lake Police Lt. Phil Kirk.

She put the bag containing the money into her car on the passenger side and then walked around the front of the car. When she got to the driver's side, a man dressed in baggy, black clothing and armed with a handgun confronted Morrow and demanded her car keys, Kirk said. Morrow refused.

A man and woman came out of the donut shop to see if they could help Morrow. The gunman then shot Morrow in the left leg and fired several shots at the man and woman, who hid behind a Dumpster in the bakery's parking lot.

Jeremy King, 16, was working at the bakery's drive-through window and saw the gunman as he approached Morrow.

King called 911 and told the others in the store what was happening.

Police immediately positioned officers throughout the area, including canine units, but were unable to locate the would-be robber.

Morrow was taken to University Hospital in serious condition.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“When we found out what CBS bid, we told the commissioner in five or 10 seconds, ‘Count us out. Don’t even send us the piece of paper to sign.’”

—NBC Sports president Dick Ebersol on CBS’ \$4 billion, eight-year deal with the NFL

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| Dech 56 | Gooding 39 |
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| Dech 90 | Glenn Perry 49 |
| Kimberly 62 | Gooding 44 |
| Cassia County 63 | Hess 37 |
| Ward River 44 | Hull 39 |
| Burley 93 | Jenae 71 |
| Wendell 71 | Shoshone 36 |
| Carey 70 | Dietrich 60 |

Two minutes left, 80 yards to go, no timeouts...not a problem Elway is the master of comebacks

The Associated Press

DENVER - No game is ever out of reach when John Elway has the ball in the fourth quarter. Forty-four times, including five in the playoffs, he has led comebacks with a swaggering presence that confounds his opponents.

Elway has been an equal-opportunity tormentor, rallying the Denver Broncos to beat 19 different teams, although he has been particularly tough on Marty Schottenheimer, who used to coach the Cleveland Browns and is now with the Kansas City Chiefs.

Elway's first comeback came late in his otherwise mistake-prone rookie year in 1983, when he threw three touchdown

passes in the fourth quarter to beat Baltimore 21-19.

“The two points on the scoreboard later that day add them up,” Broncos linebacker Tom Jackson said at the time.

“Here are the top five comebacks by Elway, who won his first NFL championship next Sunday after three Super Bowl losses:

Jan. 11, 1987: “The Drive”

The Broncos, trailing 20-13 in the AFC championship game in Cleveland, had the ball at their own 2 with 5:22 left.

Trying to relieve the tension from an almost hopeless situation, guard Keith Bishop said in the huddle: “Now we’ve got them right where we want them.”

A cool Elway went to work, leading a 15-play, 98-yard drive over a muddy field and into a stiff wind for a tying score. On third down he completed a 23-yard pass to Steve Sewell. On third-and-16, he passed 20 yards to Mark Jackson. On second-and-10 from the 14, he scrambled for 9 yards, then hit Jackson on a 5-yard TD pass with 17 seconds left.

Elway continued his magic in overtime. He directed a 60-yard drive for Rich Karlis’ 33-yard field goal for the 23-20 victory, sending Elway to his first Super Bowl and Browns coach Schottenheimer into shock.

“It was my coming-out party,” Elway said. —Please see ELWAY, Page C2



John Elway seems to be at his best when the game has the most on the line. Denver Broncos quarterback has his team back in the Super Bowl.



James Stokes of the College of Southern Idaho takes a fadeaway jumper over the head of Ricks defender Brandt Wilcox.

CSI outlasts Ricks in conference game, 66-59

By Damon Clow
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - So what if its offense hasn't quite caught up with its defense. The College of Southern Idaho men's defense ranks in the top five nationally, and it continues to get the offense off the hook.

CSI outlasted Ricks 66-59 in a Region 18 men's basketball battle on a Saturday night when the Eagles scored the majority of their points from 3-pointers and fast breaks, thus from traditional offensive invertebrates.

The Golden Eagles (18-1, 6-1 in conference), committing just six fouls in the second half, held the red-hot Ricks shooters cold in the final minutes for a two-game sweep of Idaho's other SWAC travel partners. Curtis Bobb hit five 3-pointers and along with Joe Marshall led CSI with 17 points. Adrian McCullough added 15 and the team hit 14-of-25 from the free-throw line, despite missing its final four.

“We’ve been shooting 100 free throws a day,” said CSI head coach Jim Thrash. “Sooner or later, it’s going to pay off.”

The win marked the second straight night CSI held its opponent under its nationally-ranked 62 points per game and was Thrash's first win in three tries against his new eastern Idaho rivals.

Ricks (14-5, 4-3) began the second half outscoring CSI 9-2, getting four points each in that span from Shawn Moore and Brandt Wilcox.

CSI answered with 10th and two treys, the second of which tied the game at 40. Adrian McCullough pulled up from the foul line and added a 3-pointer from well beyond the arc and CSI led 45-44 with 11 minutes left in the game.

Moments later, an eight-point run by Bobb pushed CSI's lead to 53-47, its biggest lead of the game thus far. Ricks' quickly cut it with a Moore 3-pointer and a Wilcox inside bucket and kept the game close.

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IN BRIEF

Burley baseball seeks volunteers

BURLEY - The Burley Amateur Baseball Association is looking for volunteers to fill vacancies on the board and will meet at 8 p.m. on Thursday, January 29, in the Cassia County School District conference room.

Board presidents are needed for the following leagues: Girls Little Miss and Senior Girls Slow Pitch; and Boys Rookie, Minor Boys and All Stars.

For more information or to volunteer, call Mark Peterson at 678-5976 or Cathy Morris at 677-2655.

Benefit Volleyball Tournament set for Jan. 23-24 in Burley

BURLEY - The Fourth annual Benefit Volleyball Tournament will be Jan. 23 from 6 to 10 p.m. and Jan. 24 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Racquette's Health and Fitness Center, 1150 E. 16th St.

There are openings for eight teams each in A and B divisions. Pool play will be followed by a double-elimination tournament. The cost is \$120 per team plus at least one donation per player.

The center donates use of the gym and local businesses donate items for a raffle to be held between 2 and 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Each year the tournament donates money to a different person or family. The proceeds this year will go directly to the Samuel Darrington family. Darrington is scheduled to undergo a bone marrow transplant at a nearby children's hospital in February. He was born with metachromatic leukodystrophy, the absence of an enzyme that causes the deterioration of nerve in the brain. Once the nerves are destroyed the brain can no longer tell the body what to do. Darrington's four-year-old sister, Hannah, was diagnosed with the disease too late for treatments.

For more information or to register, contact Scott Beck at 678-4464 or Trent Ferrin at 678-7507. Donations may be given to Beck or Ferrin or made to the Samuel Darrington Benefit Fund, US Bank of Idaho, 112 Main St., Burley, Idaho 83318.

Rugby football club meeting to determine sport interest

The Sawtooth Rugby Football Club will be holding its first meeting to determine interest on Thursday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. in Twin Falls.

The meeting will start at 7 p.m.

The club is inviting anyone interested to attend, whether they have played rugby before or not. There will be an overview of rugby basics given at the meeting.

For more information call 735-2320.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

By Damon Clow
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Perhaps not expecting many opportunities close to the basket against stronger Viking posts, the College of Southern Idaho women missed chances after chances in the waning minutes of Saturday's matchup and lost their first conference game, 72-62 to Ricks.

“We were a completely different team from last night,” CSI head coach Jed Bate said, comparing Friday's win over North Idaho to Saturday's 15-of-57 shooting performance. Ricks is a good team, but we beat ourselves tonight. Ricks did a nice job of making us rush some things, but we didn't execute.”

The loss did not push the Golden Eagles (15-5, 6-1) out of first place in the scenic West Athletic Conference, however, as Utah Valley, Salt Lake and Ricks all entered the night tied for second at 4-2 in conference.

“Realistically, we had played the bottom of the league until this weekend,” Bate said. “We were really hoping for two at-home, and now we've got to pick up a big one on the road. It would be nice if it was at Ricks.”

Charlotte Norman led CSI with 15 points. Stefney Layton added 12 and Sarah Nelson had 11. Ricks' Jessica Stafford had 19 and Cady Williams added 17.

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CSI's Holly Harper has a shot tipped by Ricks' Vinbeck Caroline Bus, slowing the Eagles' comeback attempt.

PGA's no-cart rule is tradition - and discrimination

ANALYSIS Jennifer Frey

To watch Casey Martin it is easy, so easy, for the hater to turn angry at the PGA, and the Nike Tour, and all the pro golfers who are trying to keep this disabled young man from competing - with a golf cart - in his sport at a professional level.

He was born with a bad leg. It's getting worse every day.

Klippel, Trenton Weber syndrome. He says it sounds more like a big law firm than the crippling circulatory disorder that it is. He doesn't blame his friend and former college teammate, Tiger Woods, for standing on the other side of this battle, in line with the PGA and the other golfers who have claimed that he will have an unfair competitive advantage if he is allowed to use the cart. He is, quite simply, an endearing

25-year-old who wants to play the game he has played all his difficult life. He is hard to ignore.

Logic, though, also dictates that the PGA and its players have a point when they argue that Martin's use of a cart will change their game. Maybe the cart helped Martin win the Lakeland Classic, his first tournament, by one stroke. Maybe it didn't. Maybe, as Woods himself said, the cart will give Martin a competitive advantage on, say, a 100-degree day in Memphis, when his fellow golfers are melting in the sun, dripping with sweat and exhaustion by the time they reach the 17th hole.

“As a friend,” Woods said recently, “I'd love to see him have a cart. But from a playing standpoint, it is an advantage.” It could be.

Martin has a counter-argument for all of this. He believes that the cart is a dis-

advantage. Not being able to walk, he argues, is a part of the rhythm of his game. He doesn't feel the greens as well as his opponents. Using a cart also makes him an oddity, the subject of awkward looks and unusual situations. In a game as mental as golf, Martin suggests, that spotlight can be both humbling and distracting.

It's a tough call and when this issue goes to federal court on Feb. 2, the PGA is going to do all kinds of legal maneuvering to try to prove that the American With Disabilities Act is being violated. It has invoked on its behalf - does not apply to their Tour, because they are a “private” entity not governed by that law. It is an argument that major professional sports leagues love, and have used in court in multiple situations. And the PGA is hoping that it will prevail on the issue again. Why? Because if it does, it does not have to address the nasty question - the real question - in a public courtroom.

What is the fair way to handle Martin's situation? What is right? It is pretty easy to see that the PGA

will cause irreparable harm to him - in if he is denied an opportunity to play. This young man has dedicated his life to reaching this level, and is hoping to rise to the next one, to the PGA Tour itself. He's earned the right to be here. It would be devastating to Martin if the Tour were to take that away.

Woods has suggested, hopefully, that he has seen Martin play as many as 36 holes a day without a cart during their days together at Stanford. It is his way of looking for an answer without shutting out his buddy or turning his back on the tour. It won't work. Three years ago, Martin's leg was stronger than it is now. Far stronger. And three years from now, in all likelihood, it will be far weaker than it is now. If he can't ride a cart, he can't compete. It's that simple.

But is Casey Martin going to cause irreparable harm to the sport of golf if he is allowed to ride in a cart? That issue is stickier. Sports are supposed to be about a level playing field. Does Martin's cart unlevel that field? Does it

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POOR COPY



Los Angeles Clippers' Grant Barry, right, grabs a rebound away from Washington Wizards' Darvin Ham in the first quarter of Saturday's game in Washington.

Ward's career night helps Knicks to win

TORONTO (AP) — Charlie Ward had the best game of his career, scoring 18 points with six assists, four rebounds, four steals and four 3-pointers as the New York Knicks defeated the Toronto Raptors 93-82 Saturday.

Nets bounced back from a disappointing loss at home to the Los Angeles Clippers.

Wizards 108, Clippers 99
WASHINGTON — Chris Webber had 31 points and Tracy Murray came off the bench to score 20 as Washington beat Los Angeles.

The Timberwolves extended the longest winning streak in franchise history to five games.

76ers 112, Warriors 84
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Nets 97, Hawks 81
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Keith Van Horn scored 23 points and New Jersey held Atlanta to a season-low 10 points in the third quarter in ending the Hawks' six-game winning streak.

Jazz 107, Magic 93
Orlando cut its deficit to 88-80 on a 3-point throw from the corner by Nick Anderson, but the Jazz then went on a 10-1 run to lead 95-81 with 5:10 remaining, and the Magic never threatened again.

Americans qualify fastest

PERTH, Australia (AP) — With Olympic champion Amy Van Dyken leading the way, American swimmers were placed to add to their 11 gold medals in the world championship pool after qualifying fastest in all three individual events today.

won three gold medals in the meet, will go after a fourth. Kim was rested in the morning qualifiers won by Matt Welsh, Phil Rogers, Geoff Huegill and Chris Fydlar.

MINICO 48, JEROME 47

JEROME — Lacy Searle drained a 3-point shot with 10 seconds left to give the Minico Spartans the 48-47 victory over the Jerome Tigers in girls' non-conference basketball action Saturday night.

3-4 from the charity stripe in the final two minutes.

Buhl Indians win 15th straight game

The Times-News
BUHL — The Buhl Indians girls' basketball team is on cruise control.

In the second quarter by forcing them into some turnovers, that was the key to the game.

Shoshone 47, Richfield 32
RICHFIELD — The Shoshone girls' basketball team was too speedy for Richfield to handle, as the Indians ran past the Tigers in the A-4 Northside Conference game.

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Keith Van Horn scored 23 points and New Jersey held Atlanta to a season-low 10 points in the third quarter in ending the Hawks' six-game winning streak.

Jazz 107, Magic 93
Orlando cut its deficit to 88-80 on a 3-point throw from the corner by Nick Anderson, but the Jazz then went on a 10-1 run to lead 95-81 with 5:10 remaining, and the Magic never threatened again.

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Girls' basketball
"They (Glenns Ferry) managed to keep it real close until the third quarter," Buhl coach Joe Shepard said. "Then we just pulled away."

Girls' basketball
"It was a hard-fought game," Valley coach Brian Hardy said. "Valley came out in the second half with great defense. It was a close game until the second quarter, they just picked up the defense."

Shoshone 47, Richfield 32
"We're big and slow, and Jim Shone's fast," Richfield coach Jim Thomas said. "They are quicker than we are, so we had to try and play catch-up all night. We had some people foul out and didn't have any energy left."

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Plew scores 30, leads Bulldogs to 62-44 win

The Times-News
KIMBERLY — Bulldog Scott Plew scored 13 of his 30 points in the first quarter and the Kimberly defense held Gooding to just two field goals in the third quarter before Kimberly rolled to the 62-44 Canyon Conference boys' basketball victory Saturday.

The Devils had other plans. They stole the inbound pass and got a shot that went in.

aggressive and they played hard. We just had to give them and we rebounded very well.

Boys' basketball

Also playing a big game for the Bulldogs was Rich Arrossa, who scored 15 points and had seven assists.

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- 10:00 AM Bishop Kelly 53, Vallouise 47

Camas Co. 63, Bliss 37

BLISS — The Mustangs beat the Bears in A-4 Northside boys' basketball action Saturday night.

Wood River 44, Buhl 39

WOOD RIVER — Wood River's defense kept Buhl at bay in boys' A-4 Northside basketball action Saturday night.

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Burley 93, Jerome 71

BURLEY — The Bobcats jumped 11-of-20 3-point goals to defeat Jerome in high school boys' basketball Saturday night.

Wendell 71, Shoshone 36

WENDELL — Wendell took an early 24-lead and went on to defeat Shoshone in a boys' non-conference basketball game Saturday night.

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SPORTS

Duke nearly falls into Tiger trap

DUKEHAM, N.C. (AP) — The unheard-of happened. The Blue Devils, with what some believe to be enough depth and talent to field two teams in the Atlantic Coast Conference...

The fact is their depth can match ours and they are experienced," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "I thought they were us in a little bit. Certainly, they are never going to give up with the coaches they have."

"They can play through being tired better than we can as a team," he added. "I admire that. In other words, they compete. They are there for 40 minutes, and you're not you're at a chance to lose. I don't think we were for 40 minutes and they put it in a position to win."

The victory by the Blue Devils (16-1, 6-0), blanked out No. 1 North Carolina's loss to Maryland earlier in the week, should give Duke the nation's top ranking for the second time this season.

The Blue Devils, off to their best overall and ACC start, winning the national title in 1992, were No. 1 for the first two weeks of December before losing at Michigan 81-73 on Dec. 13.

The Tigers (11-6, 2-3) No. 5 in the preseason poll, fell to 4-1 in College Park stadium and trailed 35-1 early in the second half and by 19 points with 9:16 left before staging their furious comeback.

"When we got the lead we missed some shots and it was not an added stress for 40 minutes and it was that's the sign of fatigue," Krzyzewski said. "The Blue Devils had beaten Virginia, Maryland and Wake Forest by 41, 32 and 36 points, but the momentum was there. They fell behind despite being upheld for 28 fouls."

No. 1 N. Carolina 96, Appalachian St. 63 (CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Ed Coia had a career-high 14 assists and the Tar Heels posted their largest rebounding edge of the season in bouncing back from their first loss of the season. ... Louisiana scored 25 points and Vince Carter added 17 for the Tar Heels (18-1), who beat a non-conference opponent at home for the 48th straight time.

No. 3 Kansas 69, Kansas St. 62 LAWRENCE, Kan. — The Jayhawks tied the school record with their 55th straight homecourt victory. ... Ryan Robinson hit a 3-pointer with 1:12 to play to give Kansas (22-2, 5-0 Big 12) a 65-58 lead. ... He made two free throws with 45 seconds left for a 67-61 lead after Aaron Swartzendruber had a 3-pointer for the Wildcats (11-4, 1-3).

No. 4 Utah 75, Wyoming 58 SALT LAKE CITY — With star center Michael Doleac in limited action, fourth-ranked Utah got 14 points from Wesley Matthews to post a victory over Wyoming. ... Utah, off to its best start since the 1912-13 team won its first 16 games, jumped to a 102 lead on Montana's rebound dunk and never trailed.

No. 6 Kentucky 80, No. 22 Arkansas 77, OT. LEXINGTON, Ky. — Heshimu Evans scored seven of his season-high 20 points in overtime for the Wildcats. ... Kentucky (16-2, 5-0 Southeastern Conference) overcame a poor 3-point shooting (24-19) and 22 turnovers to beat Arkansas (14-3, 3-1) for the fifth consecutive time and snap the Razorbacks' 50-game losing streak.

Kentucky's Naz Muhammed, who sent the game into overtime tied at 67 on a tip-in with 28 seconds left, finished with 14 points and 11 rebounds. ... He finished with 26 points and was 6-for-12 from 3-point range.

No. 7 Stanford 93, No. 12 UCLA 80 STANFORD, Calif. — Peter Sauer had 19 points and Stanford made 14 of 20 free throws in a 40-minute second-half rally to extend the nation's longest winning streak to 16 games. ... Stanford added 17 points as Stanford (16-0, 5-0 Pac-10) extended its home winning streak to 42 games and broke a four-game winning streak UCLA (11-2, 1-2).

Kris Johnson had 20 points for UCLA.

No. 10 Connecticut 86, Georgetown 72 HARTFORD, Conn. — Kevin Freeman had 21 points

Men's college basketball

19th rebounding as the Huskies took over with a 21-19 run in the second half. ... The Huskies had 25 points to lead the Huskies to a 64-58 victory. ... The Huskies had 25 points to lead the Huskies to a 64-58 victory.

Tennessee 77, No. 11 Mississippi 67 KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Brandon Whorton scored 20 points and C.J. Black added 15 as Tennessee ended the Rebel's eight-game winning streak. ... Tennessee (11-3, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) played without its leading scorer, freshman Tom Harris, and with three other players on the bench with a variety of injuries.

No. 18 Xavier 77, Virginia Tech 66 CINCINNATI — Terrence Briggs matched his career high with 24 points and Lenny Brown led a 23-4 game-opening run in the first half and overcame Rhode Island's rally late in the second to snap the Rams' six-game winning streak.

No. 19 Michigan 79, Ohio St. 61 COLUMBUS, Ohio. — Luis Bullock scored 28 points and was 5-of-7 from 3-point range and 13-for-13 from the foul line as the Wolverines won for the ninth time in 10 games. ... Robert Traylor of Michigan broke his nose in the opening minute of the game when he collided with Ohio State's Jason Singleton under the basket. He returned to play 20 minutes, finishing with 10 points and seven rebounds.

St. Bonaventure 86, No. 20 R. Island 81 ALBANY, N.Y. — Craig Cirus had 17 points and 16 rebounds led St. Bonaventure to its second upset win in two weeks. ... St. Bonaventure, which had lost three straight games, trailed only briefly in the first half and overcame Rhode Island's rally late in the second to snap the Rams' six-game winning streak.

Boston College 64, No. 23 Marquette 54 MILWAUKEE — Senior forward Antonio Granger made four 3-pointers and tied his career-high with 22 points for the Eagles. ... Mickey Carter led the Eagles (12 points for Boston College (11-8), which is 1-3 against ranked teams this season.

Baylor 97, No. 25 Oklahoma St. 95, 2 OT WASHINGTON, Texas — Patrick Hunter dribbled the length of the court and hit a running jumper with 0.4 seconds left in the second overtime to give the Bears their sixth straight win.

REGIONAL GAMES

Oregon 71, Washington St. 62 EUGENE, Ore. — Terik Brown had 20 points and Henry Madden added 18 to lead Oregon to a victory over Washington State (11-4, 1-3).

Colorado St 65, BYU 44 PROVO, Utah — Matt Brunell hit five free throws in the final minute as Colorado State pulled away to beat Brigham Young. ... The Rams (11-3 rebounding advantage, with Brett and Ryan Chiffari each pulling down eight rebounds.

Nevada 85, Cal Poly-SLO 71 SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. — Paul Cullerton had 29 points and five steals and all nine of his teammates scored as Nevada roared. ... Nevada Morgan had 13 points and 11 rebounds for the Wolf Pack.

Montana 78, E. Washington 66 MISSOULA, Mont. — All five starters scored in double figures in Montana's victory over Eastern Washington. ... Montana Morgan had 13 points and 11 rebounds for the Wolf Pack.

California 92, USC 82 OAKLAND, Calif. — California has been a different team since the resignation of Thomas Kilgore and Gene Carlisle, and Saturday's victory over USC provided the latest example. ... Kilgore and Carlisle, transfers who didn't become eligible until three weeks ago, teamed for 10 of the Golden Bears' season-best 25 assists.

Utah coach Elaine Elliott is in her 25th season as the Utes' head coach.



University of Utah basketball player Julie Krommenhoek, right, and All-Bills watch the final seconds of the Utes' win over rival Brigham Young earlier this season. Utah has played impressively this season, and is still undefeated.

Long-overdue recognition Perfect record has Elaine Elliott's Utes in the spotlight

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — For 18 years, Elaine Elliott worked in the dark.

During her first 14 seasons as the University of Utah's head coach, and four before that as an assistant — Elliott regularly coached basketball games in front of crowds that seemed smaller than her own team.

She rode buses. She recruited out of her car. She fought Title IX battles every year and tried to earn respect in a city where the media still regularly refers to her team as the Lady Utes, even though the program dropped the "L" against her self.

After 281 wins and five conference championships, it was soon clear that she was only competing against herself. She was painting masterpieces in a state full of blind people.

"That's why the breathless attention being paid to her team this season is disorienting — and a bit annoying. ... We're doing these same things almost 20 years ago," said Elliott, whose Utes are 12-0. "It took an undefeated season to get people to even knock me were I didn't deserve it."

On Jan. 5, Utah cracked The Associated Press Top 25 poll for the first time in school history, checking in at No. 22. After the Utes shellacked arch-rival Brigham Young 65-18 a week later, they shot up to No. 17, the highest ranking ever for a Western Athletic Conference team.

The irony, Elliott said, is that the team isn't better than several others she's coached — it's just luckier. "We've gotten a lot of free attention because of our perfect record," she said. "We've broken very well, but we're not breaking new ground every year. We know that if we weren't undefeated, it would be the same old story."

Utah has made slow and steady progress ever since Elliott took over in 1970. She has led the Utes to seven straight national titles, and last year they won their first NCAA Tournament game in school history. Overall, Utah has won 29 of its last 30 regular-season games.

Now the Utes are in It Team, making their way into national publications and attracting the attention of media throughout Utah. Sports information director Mike Lageschulte has been deluged by requests for interviews and personal appearances. "There have probably been more people here in the last two weeks than in the last two years combined," Lageschulte said.

One thing Elliott has had that the women's program at Utah would be forever overshadowed by Rick Majerus and his perennially powerful men's team. But the women have achieved their greatest success this season while Majerus' team is also undefeated and ranked No. 4 in the nation.

As of Jan. 14, Utah was the only Division I school in the country with two undefeated basketball programs. While this newfound fascina-



Utah coach Elaine Elliott is in her 25th season as the Utes' head coach.

tion with the Utes may benefit Elliott's recruiting in future years, right now it's more of a headache. She has grown weary of answering the same four or five questions over and over, but that's her job, and she's not going to change anything in order to get attention.

But it's clear that this year's team is special. In addition to a rapidly maturing front court and one of the best defenses in the nation, it features a senior guard tandem that is likely the best in school history.

Julie Krommenhoek is the second-leading career scorer at Utah and in the WAC. A two-time honorable mention All-American, Krommenhoek was the Mountain Division's Player of the Year last season.

All-Bills led the NCAA in assists last season and is second this year. A scoring point guard, Bills became Utah's all-time assists leader early this season despite missing the final 20 games of her sophomore year after an ACL tear.

Elliott cites her team's senior leadership as the primary reason for its success. "We have a lot of character on this team," Elliott said. "Julie and Allie do a lot of the coaching out there."

But much of Utah's success can be traced to Elliott's system, which has held the Utes opponents to just 53.5 points per game. "She outcoaches a lot of other coaches," Bills said earlier this season. "She works harder than anybody I know."

Women's college basketball

No. 12 Florida 82, South Carolina 68 GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Tonya Washington scored 21 points and Murrell Page had 19 points and a career-high 12 rebounds to lead No. 12 Florida over South Carolina. ... Florida (11-3 Southeastern Conference) never trailed and outscored the Gamecocks 50-31.

Wichita St. 87, No. 16 SW Missouri St. 82 WICHITA, Kan. — Wichita State, playing from a record home crowd, withstood 30 points by Jackie Stiles to upset No. 16 Southwest Missouri State. ... Stiles was 22-for-42 in one stretch near the end of the game. ... Wichita State snapped a three-game losing streak.

No. 18 W. Kentucky 102, SW Louisiana 48 DOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Leslie Johnson scored 5 of her 16 points during a 100-second-half run as No. 18 Western Kentucky won easily. ... The sport game winners (15-4, 4-0 Sun Belt Conference) are 67-23 lead over the Lady Cajuns (2-13, 1-4).

No. 19 Georgia 73, No. 21 Auburn 70 AUBURN, Ala. — Cee-Dee Miller scored 23 points and Pam Irwin had 20 to lead Georgia to a victory over Auburn. ... Consuelva Sparrow scored 27 points, including 11-for-11 from the free-throw line, to lead Auburn (11-5, 1-5 Southeastern Conference).

No. 20 Nebraska 78, Kansas St. 47 MANHATTAN, Kan. — Charlie Rogers scored 18 points as No. 20 Nebraska overwhelmed Kansas State. ... Nebraska (14-5, 3-2 Big 12) jumped out to an early 17-7 lead then put the game away after halftime with a 15-4 run. Rogers scored six points during the spur.

Scooby can do — dunk the ball, that is

MIAMI SHORES, Fla. (AP) — Scooby Roach stands at midcourt during basketball, kicking her hips and trying to summon the right stuff. She takes a deep breath, lowers her head, sprits toward the basket, leaps and — SLAM!

A 5-foot-7 woman who dunks? Scooby does. The Barry University junior with the cartoon name is no joke. Dunks in practice have made Roach a campus celebrity, and she promises to dunk soon in a game — something no woman in professional basketball has done, not even such stars as 6-foot-7 Kara Winters or 6-5 Lisa Leslie.

The most recent dunk in a college game was by North Carolina's Charlotte Smith in 1994. "I definitely have to do it this

she didn't try organized sports until moving from Nassau as a high school senior to live with an aunt in Miami. Scooby earned her nickname that season, chosen at random by a teammate. She also dunked for the first time, although the achievement was somewhat tainted because she jumped off a table to reach the rim.

"My high school coach was fascinated with dunking and knew I had good leaping ability, and she suggested the table," Roach said. "It was the first time I even attempted to do something so crazy, and it felt so good. I told her I wanted to keep trying."

Roach also tried track and field and finished second in the state meet in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet 6 inches. She has since improved to 6-1 1/2.

Wildcats light way past Sun Devils

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Adia Barnes isn't used to watching the start of games from the bench. But on Saturday, Arizona's senior forward found it's sometimes easier to find the flow of the game from the sidelines.

Barnes came off the bench to score 33 points and tied the ninth-ranked Wildcats past Arizona State 76-60. "There was so much more emotion for this game," said Barnes, who was held out at the start because she missed practice Friday while she had a sinus infection. "Sitting on the bench I was able to see that. When you're in the game you don't always see what's going on. But I was able to sit there and look at things."

While sitting on the bench for the first 2:36, Barnes saw an Arizona State team fronting the Wildcats' top players. That allowed Arizona (11-3, 5-1) to lob the ball over the top of the defense to Barnes, who scored most of her point on layups in the paint.

"I was effective because they were giving me the ball," Barnes said. "When you're face-guarding and there's no help, the ball's going to be open all day."

No. 4 Louisiana Tech 119, Lamar 51 RUSTON, La. — Amanda Thompson scored 29 points in 25 minutes and No. 4 Louisiana Tech extended the nation's longest winning streak to 14 games. ... Wilson made 13-of-14 shots from the field and 3-for-4 from the foul line as the Lady Techsters (14-2 overall, 5-0 Sun Belt Conference) also won their 10th straight game.

No. 5 Texas Tech 80, Colorado 40 LAMARCOCK, Texas — Alicia Thompson scored a game-high 28 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, leading Texas Tech to the victory. ... Colorado (12-1) jumped to an early 11-8 lead on a 3-pointer. La Shena Graham am 16:39 of the first half. But the Buffaloes scored only one basket in the following 15 minutes and 23 seconds.

No small showing

Craig struts stuff in Senior Bowl

The Associated Press

MOBILE, Ala. — Everywhere he goes, Danuquie Craig keeps hearing that his size and strength aren't impressive enough for the NFL. And every time he plays, he offers more proof that the experts may be mistaken.

Playing just down the highway from his old high school, the Auburn quarterback threw for two touchdowns Saturday and was named the Senior Bowl's Most Valuable Player in the South's 34th victory.

Craig shrugged off all the questions everyone has brought up. "You come out and compete with the best players in the country and to be named MVP is a great honor. MVP's have gone onto NFL careers and hopefully I can follow in their footsteps."

Craig shrugged off a nagging knee injury suffered at the Peach Bowl and a terrible practice Thursday, in which he threw three interceptions during a goal-line 37 yards for a touchdown. He finished 8-for-15 for 109 yards, playing to the cheers of many of the same fans who watched him lead nearby St. Louis High School to state titles in 1990 and 1992.

"People asked me if this was a big game because it was here," Craig said. "I kept telling them I played 24 games at Auburn and they were all big. You have to know how to control your emotions and have a level mind."

Craig led three scoring drives and capped the last two with nice play-action fakes that led to short touchdown passes. The first went to Auburn teammate Fred Beasley and the second to Louisiana Tech's Josh Bradley.

Florida's Fred Weary also impressed, returning an interception 57 yards for a touchdown to give the South a 17-0 lead before halftime.

He stepped in front of Nevada quarterback John Dutton's floating throw and went untouched down the sideline. He punctuated it by snapping his arms together like a Gator while Hugh Duncan sprang for a touchdown. A celebration Steve Spurrier would have been proud of.

"You've got to represent Florida," said Weary, who had seven interceptions. This season but failed to score. "It was sitting there thinking, 'There's no way he's going to throw this ball.' But he threw it and I got a good jump and I finally got into the end zone."

Weary's play marked the second time in the first half of the game that the South's 10-yard line, only to see the drive stopped by a Southeastern Conference cornerback.

On the first drive, Penn State's Mike McQuay tried a timing pattern to Iowa's Tim Dwight in the corner of the end zone, but it was covered perfectly by Alabama's Deshaun Townsend for an easy interception.

McQuay finished 7-for-18 for 69 yards and two interceptions, the second on an ill-advised pass to the third quarter. Rushed out of the pocket on third-and-long, he forced a throw on the sideline, but Vanderbilt's Jamie Duncan stepped in front for the pick.

Duncan, a two-time All-SEC performer, finished with seven tackles. Georgia Tech line backer Keith Brooking led the South with nine.

Dutton, who threw for more than 6,200 yards in two seasons at Nevada, finished 16-for-26 for 152 yards.



Denver's John Elway, right, and Shannon Sharpe hope to put an end to the NFL's streak of 13 consecutive Super Bowl wins, when they play Green Bay next Sunday.

Will the NFC ever lose another Super Bowl?

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — When the Oakland Raiders defeated Philadelphia Eagles 27-10 in 1981, Ronald Reagan had just been sworn in as president. American hostages in Iran had just been released and...

The AFC had won its eighth Super Bowl in nine seasons. The "pardon" some swing (number 1) to "N" and "H" returned. The NFC team has won 15 of 16 Super Bowls and 13 in a row. And, naturally, the Green Bay Packers are favored by near-NFC streak to 14 when they face the Denver Broncos next Sunday.

"When you think about it, it is amazing. You'd think somewhere along the line, some AFC team would have won one or two."

It's been close only twice: In 1983, it took one of Joe Montana's miraculous late-game drives to give San Francisco a 20-16 win over Cincinnati, and two seasons later, Levy's Bills led 20-13 to the New York Giants when Scott Norwood missed a 47-yard field goal at the final gun.

Some stats: Beginning with San Francisco's 39-16 win over Miami in 1985, NFC teams have outscored AFC teams by 271 points, an average of 20.8 points, in 13 Super Bowls. And it hasn't been that close: Many AFC teams have gotten a touchdown or two in garbage time.

Since the 1994 Super Bowl, the NFC team has been a double-digit favorite. Green Bay is favored by 13 points over Denver's 39-16 win over Miami in 1985. NFC teams have outscored AFC teams by 271 points, an average of 20.8 points, in 13 Super Bowls.

12 Giants won that 20-19 thriller and the Redskins beat the Broncos 42-10, the second of three losses by John Elway-led Denver near the end of the game.

These double-digit spreads? "In the NFL, no team should be favored by two touchdowns over any other," Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren said.

The results say otherwise. Of those double-digit spreads, the NFC team has covered twice, failed to cover once and gotten a one-point push, Green Bay's 35-21 win over New England last year, when the spread was 14.

Here are some answers: The 1981 Super Bowl, only six other teams — all from the NFC — have won the title. San Francisco (5), Washington and Dallas (3 each), the Giants (2), and Chicago and Green Bay. The Raiders won again in 1984.

All the teams were put together to cover executives, coaches and general managers: Bill Walsh, then Carmen Policy and George Seifert (49ers); Bobby Beathard and Dan Fouts (3-Washington); Jerry Jones and Jimmy Johnson (Dallas); George Young and Bill Parcells (San Francisco). Jim Finks, Bill Tobin and Eric Dittka (Chicago), and Bob Harlan, Ron Wolf and Mike Holmgren (Green Bay).

But the magic doesn't seem to be transferable. Beathard, Parcells and Johnson moved to the AFC and have yet to win an NFL title. Beathard put together a San Diego team that moved to the Super Bowl in 1995 but was blown away by the 49ers.

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— Mary Levy, who lost four Super Bowls as coach of the Buffalo Bills

and Parcells coached the Patriots to last year's Super Bowl before moving on to the Jets.

Johnson? He has yet to win a playoff game in two seasons in Miami while the Cowboys have declined under Jones without Johnson's coaching and personal acumen.

As for Wolf, he came to the Packers from the Raiders and Jets before putting together the Green Bay franchise that is on the verge of becoming the NFL's next mini-dynasty.

Then there are the quarterbacks. All six drafted in that magical first round in 1983 went to AFC teams. Among them are a combined 0-9 in Super Bowls. That includes Jim Kelly (0-4), Buffalo, Elway (0-3), Dan Marino (0-1, Miami, 1985) and Tony Stewart (0-1, New England, 1986).

Not that they've been losing to nobodies. "In 13 of their 15 wins, the NFC teams have been led by first-rate quarterbacks."

They include Joe Montana (4-0), Troy Aikman (3-0) and three who have one win: Brett Favre, Steve Young and the much underrated Phil Simms, who was 22-of-25 for 258 yards and three TDs in the Giants' 39-20 win over Denver in the 1987 Super Bowl.

But Washington won with three different quarterbacks — Joe Theismann (1982), Doug Williams (1982) and Mark Rypien (1992), none of them Hall of Fame candidates. And Jeff Hostetler, filling in for injured back for the Giants in their win over Buffalo.

Why has all this happened? One answer is clear. All the NFC winners have had outstanding offensive defenses, led by the Bears (Mike Singletary, Richard Dent and Dan Hampton) and the Giants (Lawrence Taylor).

Montana and Young have overshadowed some of the defensive stars on the 49ers, from Ronnie Lacey and Fred Dean to Dana Stubblefield and Merton Hanks. Deion Sanders played on Super Bowl winners in San Francisco and Dallas and Dan Hampton, Haley, who retired this season with a record five Super Bowl rings.

But ask anyone for a reason and they shrug. "It's cyclical," George Young, who recently left the Giants for the NFL office, said at the end of the '90s. "The AFC won all those Super Bowls in the '70s. They'll be back."

Now, in the late '90s, Young doesn't know the answer. "I don't think it's psychological now," he said. "The AFC teams go into the games knowing they're supposed to lose and they play more tentatively. "But really, I don't know. Neither does anyone else."

Super Bowl teams try not to get caught up in ... ALL THE DISTRACTIONS

Knight-Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — Whether next weekend's Super Bowl is a heart-stopper or another Super Bowl generates distractions by the score. Fans want a player's autograph at every turn. Members of players' families need tickets and hotel rooms — and so do new best friends and people the players barely knew in fourth grade. The never-ending media attention can make it feel as if a day has been cut in half.

Unfortunately for Denver coach Mike Shanahan and Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren, every Super Bowl generates distractions by the score. Fans want a player's autograph at every turn. Members of players' families need tickets and hotel rooms — and so do new best friends and people the players barely knew in fourth grade. The never-ending media attention can make it feel as if a day has been cut in half.

Every Super Bowl team is distracted. The ones that deal with it best win. The ones that don't handle it, will lose their focus and the game. And on rare occasions, a team seems mystically impervious to it all. Distracted losers. Last year's Patriots (Super Bowl XXXI), the 1992 Bills (XXVII) and the 1975 Vikings (XV) fit in this category.

The Patriots might have had a chance last January against the Packers, but their cause was hurt by the ongoing conflict between head coach Bill Parcells and team owner Robert Kraft. The shuffling of owners who should have the authority to make key decisions involving personnel and other football matters. Parcells wanted to make them, Kraft wanted Bobby Griener, his director of professional personnel, to do it.

The dispute became public when a story surfaced in the Boston Globe, saying that Parcells would leave the franchise after the Super Bowl. Parcells was the most visible and vocal of the distractions, and it had a psychological impact on his players.

Parcells might have done well to observe the Packers' system, in which a strong head coach works in harmony with a strong general manager. Green Bay, 35-21, thanks in part to the distracted state of the Pats as well as to Desmond Howard's kickoff returns.

Those well-remembered hickering Bills lost Super Bowl XXVII to Washington, 37-24, one year after coming up short in the closest Super Bowl game ever by bowing to the Giants, 20-19.

Before the Bills were hammered by the Redskins in an upset, running back Thurman Thomas got his nose out of joint when he read a comment by offensive coordinator Ted Marchibroda that quarterback Jim Kelly was the Michael Jordan of the Bills' offense. Thomas, who had been voted NFL's MVP, was so angry, he refused to attend a mandatory news conference.

On the occasion of the Vikings' Super Bowl loss in New Orleans, they had a collective fit over sparrings in their shower room and the condition of their hotel.

Distractions, indeed. But the Vikes suffered more because coach Bud Grant went duck-hunting after the AFC championship game rather than working on a game plan.

There are also distracted winners. Quarterback Len Dawson of the 1969 Chiefs might have been the most distracted Super Bowl player of all time. His attention on the game with the Vikings was shaken by a report stating that, as part of a Justice Department investigation, he soon would be subpoenaed to go to Detroit to talk about an alleged affair with NFL Films' "Ara Beynans. Just keep matriculating the ball down the field."

At one point in the week before the game, Dawson was interrogated for two hours by NFL security personnel. In Kansas City, his wife, 14-year-old daughter, and 8-year-old son were harassed by fans and photographers.

The impact on the Chiefs was barely noticeable. They won easily, 23-7. That was the game during which Kansas City coach Hank Stram was "milked" by the NFL Films' "Ara Beynans. Just keep matriculating the ball down the field."

Dawson was the game's MVP. The 1996 Cowboys in Super Bowl XXX, similarly shagged off some things, and they beat the upstart Minnesota Stealers, 27-17.

The Cowboys were criticized for riding in limos and took heat when coach Barry Switzer mistakenly equated the game with the Orange Bowl. Switzer said the most serious uproar involved quarterback Troy Aikman, who said "unnecessary internal problems"



A youngster runs through an obstacle course at the NFL experience at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego. The interactive experience offers more than 50 games, displays and attractions.

had made the season disturbing for him. Aikman returned to complaints by defensive line coach John Blake that Aikman was more likely to criticize African American players than white players — a charge Aikman's teammates, black and white alike, disputed. Switzer might have had a chance to resolve the matter, but he and Aikman were rarely talking at that point.

The 1985 Bears, in Super Bowl XX, created their own distractions. Most of the players hung out in the French Quarter of New Orleans until 2 or 3 in the morning, and quarterback Jim McMahon waged his headbanger war with NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle.

McMahon also won a fight with his own organization, getting accountant Hiroshi Yamamoto flown to New Orleans to treat his bruised posterior.

The Patriots, who opposed the Bears, tried their own distraction — a small outbreak of flu — but lost anyway, 46-10.

The Jets' victory didn't end for the Bears even after the game. Coach Mike Ditka voiced his displeasure when the media selected Richard Dent, rather than McMahon, as the Super Bowl MVP. Ditka also annoyed many fans by allowing William "Refrigerator" Perry, rather than Walter Payton, to score the last Chicago touchdown.

The 1980 Raiders similarly outdistraught the Eagles on their way to a 27-10 victory. Tight Super Bowl had shaped up as a battle between good and evil — the clean-cut, well-mannered Eagles coached by Dick Vermeil versus the rowdy Raiders.

For the week before the game, the Eagles were confined to their quarters, while the Raiders hit the French Quarter, where defensive end John Mansuk proclaimed himself the team's monitor of social behavior. When Vermeil heard that Mansuk had broken curfew by five hours or so, he remarked: "If I had been one of my guys, I'd have sent him home."

Vermeil later conceded that the comment hadn't helped. So which team is more likely to be distracted this time? Well, the Broncos are from the AFC, the conference that has lost 13 Super Bowls in succession, and are 0-4 in Super Bowl appearances.

The defending champion Packers are from the NFC, of course, and may already have a jump on the distraction advantage. Two days ago, former Packers quarterback Bart Starr welcomed a flock of Denver newsmen to the team's locker room. He set off a stink bomb.

Owning Packers' stock isn't rare

By next season, almost 40,000 will own some

The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The homey, small-town story of the Green Bay Packers being owned by 1,940 shareholders who paid \$25 in 1950 to bail out a financially struggling team is changing — dramatically.

This season, there will be 30,000 to 40,000 more stockholders who dish out \$200 a share to support a championship team that makes millions of dollars in profits but decided to tap loyal fans for more money to improve its facilities, including aging Lambeau Field.

Bill Calawerts bought seven shares of stock in the latest offering, one each for his children and one for himself. "I don't own it because of the image of the only publicly owned sports team in America being tarnished by the

team's big-business tactics to raise capital. "What this is doing is solidifying it to put the team on a financial basis," according to the Packers 1997 media guide.

Each share carries no voting rights, no chance for dividends and no chance to redeem it to get the investment back. But that doesn't mean it has no meaning to fans.

"I really is not a worthless piece of paper," said Calawerts, who has six Packers season tickets. "It is a piece of paper that pretty much assures that we will keep the Green Bay Packers in Green Bay. I kind of look at it as maybe an insurance policy."

Unlike in 1950, the Packers couldn't be more successful, on and off the field, than they are these days. The team won its first Super Bowl in 20 years last January and returns to the big game again next Sunday against the Denver Broncos in San Diego. The Packers reported profits of \$5.8 million for the year that ended March 31 after having profits totaling \$11 million for the three previous years.

Nevada quarterback John Dutton escaped the grasp of a defender during Saturday's Senior Bowl.

SPORTS



Andrew Magee follows the flight of his tee shot on the 180-yard, 12th hole Saturday during the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic at the Bermuda Dunes Country Club in Bermuda Dunes, Calif. Magee, a co-leader in the event, birdied the hole.

Lietke, Magee tied as they enter Bob Hope final round

BERMUDA DUNES, Calif. (AP) — After swapping the lead back and forth for four days and 72 holes, Bruce Lietzke and Andrew Magee go into the final round of the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic tied.

Lietzke, trying to repeat his 1996 victory of 17 years ago, nestled the Palmer Course at PGA West with a 10-under-par 62 Saturday to share of the lead with Magee, who had 68.

The pair are 25-under, and while they are the only players to lead the tournament, there are plenty of competitors within striking range.

Fred Couples, with his second straight 66, was tied with Steve Janney, who shot 65 for the second consecutive day, three strokes behind the co-leaders.

Another shot back were Mark O'Meara, David Duval and Stewart Cink. O'Meara and Cink had 68s, Duval a 67.

Magee was in front the first day, Lietzke the second, then Magee opened a four-shot lead during the third round. But Lietzke recovered from a six-shot deficit to draw even.

"I think each of us wakes up in the morning here and expects to go out and shoot 5, 6 or 7 under. Then, if you get a hot hand, like I had today, you go even lower," Lietzke said.

Lietzke's round at PGA West, considered the most difficult of the four courses used for the Hope, included a string of five consecutive birdies beginning at No. 13 his fourth hole of the day.

He lost his chance at six in a row when his third shot on the par-5 No. 18 struck the pin and bounced off the green, 22 feet from the hole. He pitched up within 5 feet and made the putt for par.

Lietzke snipped up his second 30-on-his-first-nine, 32 on his second — and by saying, "Welcome to the Bob Hope Classic. Low scores are the norm under these conditions."

"The tournament record is 35-under by Tom Kite in 1993. While he had a great round, Lietzke bettered his shot that hit the flag stick.

"I knew I had a chance for my sixth birdie in a row, and I was even thinking that the Tour record is eight in a row," he said. "But my 8-iron hit the stick, about two feet up, and ricocheted off the green."

"If it hadn't hit the stick, it would have stopped three or four feet from the hole."

Magee said his round was "on the edge."

"I felt like I was on the edge of a lot of good things," he said. "I was on the edge of the fairways, on the edge of the greens on the edge of the holes."

"Maybe I can get everything centered tomorrow."

When Lietzke, now 46, won the 1981 Hope, he finished at the same score — 25-under — he had through the first four rounds this time. He shot a closing 69 to beat Jerry Pate by two strokes.

"The year I won, this was the home course," said Lietzke, referring to the Bermuda Dunes layout that again is the home course and thus will be the site of Sunday's final 18 holes.

Among those missing this year's cut, which came at 279 and higher, were Kite (282), John Daly (283), and defending champion and two-time winner John Cook (283).

1997's nightmarish season fades for Kwan

By Nancy Armour Associated Press

Michelle Kwan used to hate the words "gold-medal favorite."

Just hearing them tied her stomach to the ground. She didn't want to be the favorite. She didn't want to be the one everyone wanted to beat. And after free-falling at the end of last season, losing three times to Tara Lipinski, she got her wish.

Now, after winning her second U.S. title in near-perfect fashion last weekend, those dreaded words are back. This time, with the Nagano Games less than a month away, the 17-year-old Kwan doesn't mind a bit.

"It used to make me shake," she said. "Now it's like, I know what I'm in for when I do it. It's just how to put it on the line when it counts."

"I've trained hard for this month and everything is going right and in my direction. You've just got to let it happen and believe I can do it."

"It's not easy," she learned the hard way. After winning the U.S. and world titles in 1996 with her sultry performance of Salome, Kwan was figure skating's latest

Morgan stays hot

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii — Gil Morgan continued his strong run in the MasterCard Championship on Saturday, showing a second round leader-par 66 for a two-day total 13-under 131 and a two-stroke lead over Gibby Gilbert.

Morgan, a winner of six tournaments on the Senior PGA Tour last year, started the day tied with Gilbert at 7-under 65 with Hugh Baneochi and Vicente Fernandez a stroke behind.

But in the second round, Morgan didn't waste any time in jumping into the lead in the \$1-million, 54-hole event on the island of Hawaii.

He birdied three of the first five holes, stumbled at the 217-yard eighth with his only bogey over 36 holes, but then birdied the next three holes to open the 8pp.

Gilbert birdied the 410-yard 18th at the Hualalai Golf Club to finish at 11-under 133 and a solo second. At 10-under 134 were Fernandez (68) and Dave Stockton (67).

Inkster on a roll

ORLANDO, Fla. — Juli Inkster led a 5-iron for eagle to cap off a remarkable four-hole stretch Saturday that took her from the middle of the pack to the lead after two rounds of the HealthSouth Inaugural.

Inkster was five strokes back when the second round began at the Cypress Resort. Despite a bogey on the 18th hole, she finished with a 6-under-par 66 for 139 and a two-stroke lead going into the final round.

"I play a lot on momentum," Inkster said. "Once I feel like I'm playing well, I keep it up."

The jumps that once came so easily now left her sprawling on the ice.

She couldn't see what was happening, but Carroll could. She was growing into a young woman, and she was just going to have to weather the changes.

"I never expected Michelle to be on top of the game," Carroll said. "If you're realistic about the sport, you're going to have the ups and downs."

Easy to do a coach to say. Those ups and downs, it's a nightmare.

"It was such a burden to skate," Kwan said, frowning at the memory. "Troublesome."

She likened herself to a stuffed animal. "It's so cute and perfect, and you want it to be able to talk and move and be alive. But it just sits there, she said, stuffed and lifeless."

Not anymore. Last year's stuffed animal is now a real tiger.

NHL goalie standout Patrick Roy has less than shining record at All-Star games

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Patrick Roy has won three Stanley Cups and three Vezina Trophies. Next month, he'll be in net as Canada tries to win its first Olympic hockey gold medal in 46 years.

He's simply the best clutch goaltender in the world — as long as he's not playing in the NHL All-Star game.

"I've been involved in high-scoring games. It's just circumstances," the Colorado Avalanche standout said. "I just happened to be there at the wrong time."

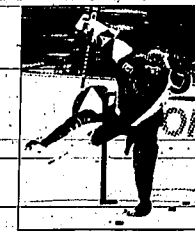
Over and over again. Sunday, Roy gets another chance at All-Star glory as well as a chance to make history as the most scored upon goalie in the event's history — when his North America team takes on the World Stars at Vancouver's GM Place.

Roy, who has a career goals-against average of 2.70 in the regular season and 2.37 in the playoffs, has a 7.41 GAA in seven All-Star games. Roy, whose 39 career shutouts rank him 22nd in NHL history, has had only one shutout period in All-Star play.

And Roy, who has authored so many memorable moments during a remarkable career that began with a Stanley Cup run as a Montreal rookie in 1989, is only one shy of Glenn Hall's record of 22 goals allowed in All-Star competition.

Hall played in six more games than Roy, but he has only one shutout in his 1970-71 season. Roy's 170-119-111 record (1955-69), however, the stars actually played some defense.

Roy's record is similar to that of the All-Star scoring explosion ushered in by Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux, a tradition that has been upheld



North America All-Star goalie Patrick Roy of the Colorado Avalanche performs a one-legged save after stopping a shot during Saturday's practice in Vancouver, Canada.

by the likes of Joe Sakic and Eric Lindros. Since 1985, the games have featured an average of 14.2 goals; since 1990, the norm is 16.7.

And Roy is not hopeful that much will change Sunday just because the format has been switched from East vs. West to North America vs. World.

"Everyone will still have the same spirit. Everyone wants to score," Roy said. "Hopefully, it won't be too wide-open in the first period."

Roy is supposed to play only the opening period. New Jersey's Martin Brodeur and Dallas' Ed Belfour also will play a period each for North America. Buffalo's Dominik Hasek will start for the World Squad, backed up by Washington's Olaf Kolzig and Nikolai Khabibulin of Phoenix.

Whaling Jim Kerr doesn't

feel sorry for Roy, his Colorado teammate, but he's counting on it.

"I'd like to get a couple by him," he said, laughing. "We have a little room to run on three (for All-Star games) and a chance to score 10 to 15 to play that way. It's definitely not the goalie's favorite game."

True enough. Belfour has a 9.00 GAA in his three All-Star appearances while Brodeur's is 6.00.

"The one in Montreal didn't go so well for me," said Belfour, who gave up six goals in one period in the '93 game. "I'm sure this one will be more competitive because of the new format. Hopefully, the guys will play better defense."

Brodeur isn't counting on it. "It's always the same thing," he said. "The only one who's got a good goals-against average is the one who didn't come here yet."

Those would be first-timers Kolzig and Khabibulin, though they have no expectations of keeping their 0.00-GAA for long.

"You don't need to make one big save, you need to make a dozen just to keep the game close," Kolzig said. "It's designed to showcase the players' talents. One way to showcase the goalie's talent is to constantly hang him out to dry."

Of the goaltenders in this year's game, Hasek has had the most All-Star success. He made 20 saves in a spectacular third-period performance a year ago.

Hasek has 12 in preserving Eastern Conference victories each time in his career-GAA is 3.00.

His secret? Not taking it too seriously. "I just try to have fun," Hasek said. "There's really no pressure. If I give up five goals, so what? It's just an All-Star game."

Sanchez Vicario eclipses Venus

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — In more breathtaking rallies, Venus Williams drilled two shots from the baseline to opposite corners, then charged to the net, volleying once with her back to the net and again with her outstretched forehead against a helpless Arantxa Sanchez Vicario.

It was a point that showed all the power, quickness and court sense that the 17-year-old Williams is certain will lead her to the top of the tennis world.

On this day, though, there were too many points that went a different way.

Groundstrokes by Sanchez Vicario — that whizzed past Williams, even as she lunged after them with her long arms and legs.

Balls that ended with Williams missing wide or long or into the net as she failed to keep up with the Spaniard's steady drumbeat.

Serves that Sanchez Vicario returned so hard that Williams was immediately on the defensive.

"Maybe this is a turning point for me," Williams said hopefully after it was all over, after Sanchez Vicario had beaten her 6-4, 6-3 to claim the Sydney International title Saturday on the eve of the Australian Open.

"I have to be more aggressive. I hit a lot of shots that put her on the defensive. I have to follow them in more and put them away."

"I didn't play anywhere near where I wanted to. She's more consistent and keeps the ball in play. I'm more of a high-risk player. Sometimes you have to change your game when you're losing a match. I didn't change enough."

Williams didn't go for big serves the way she had in earlier matches, preferring to take the pace off the ball and get more first serves in. She did connect on 73 percent of her first serves, but that didn't help. Even winning

nine points at the net to Sanchez Vicario's one didn't work.

They had met once before, in Williams' debut tournament in Oakland in 1994. On that occasion, Sanchez Vicario won the first set and half of the second, stunning the Spaniard who had won the U.S. Open a month earlier. But Sanchez Vicario, at the peak of her game then, hung on to wear down the tiring, skinny youngster.

Preparation for the year's first Grand Slam event in her first trip Down Under, Williams has coped well with the heat, rain, and a variety of surfaces from No. 2 Martina Hingis to No. 20 Ai Sugiyama.

A finalist in the U.S. Open last September, Williams will move from No. 21 to No. 15 in Sunday's WTA Tour rankings. But because the Australian Open went according to last week's rankings, when the first quarterfinals were held Thursday, she will not be seeded and could meet her No. 56-ranked sister in the second round.

Her 16-year-old sister Serena, who moved up 40 spots in the rankings as a qualifier in this tournament, has been as impressive. She slipped to victory against Lindsay Davenport in the quarterfinals, but coming back the next day to do the same against Sanchez Vicario proved too much. Sanchez Vicario won that match 6-2, 6-1.

For half her life, since the time Venus and Serena Williams were toddlers, Sanchez Vicario has played professional tennis.

At 26, the Spaniard isn't ready to slow down or yield to the younger generation.

"I think I'm in my best period as an athlete. I proved it today," she said.

"I have more experience, more maturity. I feel even stronger now than I did the last few years and I'm in better physical condition. I'm moving well."

A former No. 1 who slipped to No. 2 after a 20-month victory drought in 36 tournaments, Sanchez Vicario has resented being overlooked amid all the young players coming on. She insists she still has the skill and will to add another major to the U.S. Open and two French Open titles she won in Hamburg, Germany, in May 1996.

"My goal this year," Sanchez Vicario said, "is to get back to the top five, then after that, see if I can get slowly back to the top spot."

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Delivering customer convenience

U.S. Postal Service strives to please with new office

By Pat Marzantolo
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The likes of Georgia O'Keefe, James Dean and Bugs Bunny share one wall at a newly remodeled business downtown.

Of course, they're all on stamps. The business opening Tuesday may be called a new generation of post office. But officials say the new look is not so much spurred by more-mail computers, but reflects what customers want — convenience.

Stamps on display

These little stamps are big business. "We found 60 percent or more of our transactions are stamp-sales," said Sharon Rausch of Spokane, Wash., a U.S. Postal Service retail specialist.

On display at the new "Postal Store" will be stamps of all varieties, values and quantities, for domestic or international mailing, for sending or collecting.

Some of sets include first-day cancellations or music compact discs. If you like movie stars, there is an extended picture of Humphrey Bogart and his stamps, ready for framing.

"Our market research shows people want more variety and to get in and out," Rausch said.

You can buy stamps at a separate counter, amounting to a kind of express line. Also on sale: postcards, packaging materials and boxes and other shipping supplies. No new personnel will be added for the Postal Store "because you're getting people through a lot quicker," she said.

The post office had the material already available, but often didn't have the space to display them. Racking materials and boxes across the nation; there has been loss from thefts, but far less than the national retail average. They also discovered a 20 percent increase in revenue from the Postal Stores.

The remodeled building also includes the service counter, a self-service area, double the lobby space and



Ed Wilburn adjusts a security camera in the lobby of the newly remodeled post office on Second Avenue West in Twin Falls. The U.S. Postal Service plans to open the facility Tuesday.

400 more post boxes to rent. Also new are 54 boxes for larger parcels. Previously, if you received a parcel you'd get a slip in your post box and then pick it up at a counter. But bus holders will find a key to open a large box where they'll find their package. Once the key is inserted, only postal workers can remove it.

Local workers also added a small play area for children while parents tend to mail business. The remodeling costs were unavailable for this, the third remodeled post office in Idaho. One opens in Italy next month.

It's more retail-oriented to present a more customer-friendly atmosphere," said Postal Service spokesman

At DeSarr of Denver. Sales at the downtown Twin Falls office increased 35 percent during the last fiscal year, said Florrie Arrington, customer services supervisor.

"That proves to me we have a lot of faithful customers that support us," she said.

Customer service

Ben Agee offers a list of services: shipping, copying, postal boxes, supplies, faxing, binding, passport photos, forwarding mail and more. But he says customer service tops the list.

Agee manages the year-old Twin Stop Business Center on Pole Line Road. A former United Parcel Service driver, Agee says he wanted to put more emphasis on customer service. For example, one customer brought

in an unsorted box. Agee will sort it and fill on the needed paperwork to send it via one of the 11 carriers he uses, such as UPS, Airborne Express and Federal Express. He also uses a service specializing in shipping for insurance business.

Customers can drop off boxes and he'll make sure they get shipped or even packed. He makes his money by shipping large quantities because it costs him less. Because of that need for large volume, he is targeting business customers.

"Whatever we can do to tailor things to their needs," the said "is my goal was to sell convenience and shipping into the next century."

Walt Wilson boasts personal customer service at his new Mail Boxes Etc. on Falls Avenue.

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Chamber membership

Kickoff set for Thursday

JEROME — The Jerome Chamber of Commerce will hold a Business After Hours and Chamber Membership Kickoff from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Sawtooth Inn, 3057 S. Lincoln.

New and existing chamber members will be introduced. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Door prizes, tickets and videos for the chamber business motivational speaker in March and a Jerome chamber membership will be awarded.

The event is cosponsored by Ridley's.

United Recyclers announces

alliance with software supplier

TWIN FALLS — The United Recyclers Group has announced an alliance with Aristo International, a supplier of shipping logistics software, and recently introduced what it called a state-of-the-art recycler inventory management system for its 300-plus members, including Barger-Matson Auto Salvage Inc. in Falls.

The new system allows the flexibility to link with other modern software. URG's members have been using inventory management systems running on desktop computers with no other choices available. URG's Computer Features Committee worked more than 200 days last year designing and deploying the new system.

Aristo is a supplier of computerized shipping systems and for software capable of dealing with small parcels as well as larger motor freight shipments. Aristo's package will provide URG partners with freight quotes at the time of order and manifest the shipment and allow auditing of freight invoices, in addition to generating management reports.

Cost-cutting helps Apple

post profit of \$47 million

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Apple Computer Inc. helped by cost-cutting and demand for its high-end Macintoshes, reported a \$47 million quarterly profit, a welcome bit of black ink after nearly two years of red.

The company surprised the Mac community and industry analysts when it predicted the profit. The results of the month, but analysts said it remains to be seen if Apple can keep making money.

Apple's profit for the three months ended Dec. 26, the company's first fiscal quarter, amounted to diluted earnings of 33 cents a share. The company lost \$120 million, or 96 cents a share, during the same period a year ago.

Revenues of \$1.6 billion were sharply lower than sales of \$2.1 billion a year ago. But the revenues were roughly even with the previous quarter, analysts said.

"Returning Apple to sustainable profitability is the company's No. 1 objective for fiscal 1998, and we believe we're making great progress toward that goal," said Steve Jobs said in a statement.

Apple, based in Cupertino, Calif., reported the results after the stock market closed. The company's revenue ended the day at \$13.75 a share, up 25 cents on the Nasdaq stock market.

The expectation of profit, announced at the Macworld Expo last week, had buoyed the company's stock 20 percent.

The results were in line with revised expectations. Analysts, who earlier had predicted a loss of \$10 million, recently forecast a profit of 35 cents a share, according to First Call.

Airliners flunk test in handling hazardous cargo

WASHINGTON — Despite warnings about the threat of terrorist attacks, airlines and courier services aren't following required security procedures designed to detect dangerous cargo, a government report found.

Security is so lax that 10 suitcases loaded with 50 pounds each of pesticide slipped by customs inspectors at a Miami airport in three months ago and weren't discovered until one burst as it was being loaded onto a plane, the Federal Aviation Administration report said.

Will IMF rescue U.S. banks feeling financial hurt in Asia?

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. banks are owed some \$46 billion of some \$60 billion of troubled loans and some powerful institutions already are reporting losses, from the swoon of currencies and companies in Indonesia, Thailand, South Korea, Taiwan and others.

While the figures are staggering to average bank depositors, the U.S. loans at risk are much smaller than those held by banks in Japan, Germany or Britain. The central bank loans also represent less than 10 percent of the money all foreign owners U.S. banks and less than 1 percent of the total \$4.86 trillion in U.S. bank assets, according to the latest government figures.

Yet the shock waves from the Asian meltdown have sent bankers scurrying to the United States for negotiations, including frenetic bargaining that is to resume next week in New York on proposals for restructuring the debt of South Korea, the world's 11th-largest economy.

Economists say the biggest worry is not losses to U.S. banks from loans or securities trading, but the effect the crisis could have on the world economy.

And that has Congress poised to debate increasing contributions to the

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U.S. loans to Asia

U.S. banks had more than \$56 billion in loan exposure to eight Asian countries as of Sept. 30. Most of the money was concentrated among six big banking companies.

A country-by-country breakdown:

| In billions of U.S. dollars | U.S. banks |
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| Japan | 1,438 |
| Indonesia | 8,850 |
| Singapore | 8,804 |
| Thailand | 8,162 |
| Taiwan | 4,417 |
| Malaysia | 3,881 |
| China | 3,251 |
| Philippines | 2,782 |

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Some activists use scrambled logic over encryption

By Dan Gillmor

Knight-Ridder News Service

If they ban encryption, only criminals will have privacy. Does that sound familiar? It should. It's a restating of a long-used slogan from anti-censorship activists: If they ban guns, only criminals will have guns.

Whenever I insist that there should be no restrictions on people's right to encryption, the scrambling of information to keep it away from prying eyes and ears, I get an earful from right-to-bear-arms activists. They challenge me to use the same logic with guns.

I don't fully agree with the analogy they make between gun control, which I favor in some cases, and encryption

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control. But I don't entirely laugh it off, either. Thinking through their arguments has helped me form a deeper understanding of both sides of the encryption debate.

I take a relatively libertarian view on many technology-related topics. The debate over encryption policy — Topic A at this week's RSA Data Security Conference in San Francisco — tends to focus on two main areas: business and privacy.

U.S. technology companies argue persuasively that business is suffering because of government restrictions on the export of strong encryption —

codes that can't be broken quickly, or perhaps at all, by third parties. The government holds firmly to its 1950s, Cold War mindset, insisting that strong encryption is a weapon, and it uses antiquated laws in a futile attempt to keep the technology from spreading. This ignores the reality that smart people live elsewhere and write strong encryption programs. American technology companies lose financially.

Individual privacy is the other fundamental issue. As we move more and more of our lives onto data networks in coming years — everything from phone calls to medical and financial records, plus routine purchases and other transactions — real privacy will be absolutely essential.

Privacy is an implied right in the Constitution, however, not a specific one. Luckily, the First Amendment appears to protect encryption as a form of free speech, at least in the view of one federal judge in a potentially prescient encryption case.

U.S. District Judge Marilyn Patel found the free-speech argument compelling in a major test case last year. She ruled that David Bernstein, a mathematics professor in Illinois, had the right to distribute his software — which contained strong encryption code the government deems an ammunition — without getting a license. The government is appealing her decision, and the matter also currently will

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MONEY

The Times-News

BURLEY - Laura Andrews joined the staff at the Burley Care Center as an occupational therapy assistant in November.

Andrews, formerly from Pocatello, graduated in 1995 from the American Institute of Health Technology Inc. in Boise.

She is licensed by the state of Idaho as a certified occupational therapy assistant.

Before coming to the center, she worked in the Magic Valley for two years, where she specialized in the treatment of adult and geriatric populations in acute and subacute skilled nursing facilities and home health settings.

BURLEY - Kevin D. Banner, DDS, recently completed an advanced training course in orthodontics and TMJ treatment. TMJ syndrome involves the temporomandibular joint of the jaw.

His extensive training encompassed over two years which included two trips to London, England, where Banner studied with Dr. John Mew, who specializes in orthotropics and travel to Texas, Michigan, Minnesota and California.

Banner learned the newest techniques and theories on the way the value treatment has on a person's general health.

He practices general dentistry at 1010 E. Main St. in Burley.

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"We are saying we can pack and ship anything," he said. A franchise of a national company business also provides shipping, packing, passport photos, faxes, postal boxes, copies, custom crating and pack-

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end up in the Supreme Court. The Bill of Rights has many defenders. But not everyone who believes in individual liberties defends each of the first 10 amendments with the same degree of passion. And when the Second Amendment crowd comes calling, defenders of strong encryption may find themselves in an uncomfortable place.

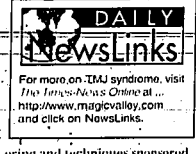
The Second Amendment, of course, is the one about the right to bear arms. Like the First Amendment, clearly doesn't include the right to falsely yell "fire" in a crowded movie theater. Bearing arms clearly doesn't include the right to build a homemade nuclear weapon.

At the moment, domestic use of encryption remains unregulated. The head of the FBI and his allies on this issue want to change that. They'd like to make it illegal for you to scramble your most private communications and data, or at least

TRADEWINDS



Laura Andrews



Kevin D. Banner

The council, an affiliate of the National Association of Realtors, is the professional organization for brokerage management. The designation is recognized throughout the industry as the highest level of professional achievement - a symbol of excellence in brokerage management, Kolthrop said.

The council awards the CRB designation to those individuals who successfully complete the requirements and demonstrate excellence in real-estate brokerage management.

Candidates must complete academic and professional courses covering such topics as finance, marketing, training, recruiting and strategic planning.

Burdick is a member of the Greater Twin Falls Board of Realtors and the Idaho Association of Realtors. He also holds the designations of Certified Real Estate Specialist and Graduate Realtor Institute. He holds a bachelor of arts degree with a major in business administration from Central Idaho State College. He has been a past president of Greater Twin Falls Board of Realtors and a past Realtor of the Year.

He currently is a board member of the College of Southern Idaho Foundation Board and the Twin Falls County Fair Board.

TWIN FALLS - Marilyn Mills of Hair and Nail Etc. attended a hands-on workshop on hair col-

ored and nitary services. It's also an excellent UPS outlet that tracks boxes that are picked up twice daily.

The store also sells boxes and shipping materials of all sizes. With a color copier and hot press, you also can buy cus-

tomized calendars, T-shirts and mugs. Wilson says they want to target to individuals and business customers, including people with home businesses.

And they also sell stamps. "A lot of people come in here

for something else than to mail a letter, and they find they can mail a letter and they say, 'Oh, it's great,'" he said.

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University of Nebraska in Lincoln; as a financial aid administrator at ITI Technical Institute in Boise; as a financial aid analyst for the California Student Commission in Sacramento; and as a self-reliance specialist for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in Twin Falls, where she was employed for the past 1 1/2 years.

Vaugh received her master of public administration degree from ISU in December 1995 and a bachelor of arts degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn.

TWIN FALLS - Gary Tetz Painting of Twin Falls is the 1997 winner of the Starr Corporation TQM Award.

Tetz has provided painting services for commercial and industrial projects since 1954 in the Magic Valley. Among this year's projects with Starr Corporation, Tetz painted the Avonmore Cheese expansion in Gooding, the College of Southern Idaho Physical Education Building addition, the Wilbur Ellis complex in Murtaugh and currently painting the Clear Shield National building in Twin Falls.

Previous recipients of the award include the Idaho Electric in Buhl; K&S Steel, Jecho Inc. and Cummins Metal Fabrications, all of Twin Falls.

The award was accepted by his sons, Gary Tetz Jr. and Calvin Tetz, at the Starr holiday party held recently in Twin Falls.

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Banks

Continued from D1. International Monetary Fund, which is orchestrating the global rescue package.

The debate once more raises the question of whether taxpayers, through government entities, should pay "corporate welfare" to rescue private banks and their shareholders.

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Critics include Greg Mastel, senior international economist at the Economic Strategy Institute in Washington.

"It does not seem to me to be good policy to allow lenders to reap the benefits when loans go well, and then step in and guarantee them if things don't go well," Mastel says.

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"The Koreans value loyalty," says Sohn, who returned last week from a trip to Southeast Asia. "If you stick with them, they will reward you with more business when good times come."

Loans in troubled Asian economies are concentrated among a few of the nation's largest banks and are likely to infect the entire banking system, analysts say.

The situation, while significant, is not as dire as it appears," said Rafael Soifer, a bank analyst at the Brown Brothers Harriman brokerage in New York.

Banks began having to explain themselves last July, when Thailand's currency, the baht, began a freefall. The currencies of Malaysia, the Philippines and Indonesia toppled like dominoes, prompting questions about U.S. banks' exposure to trading and loan losses in the region.

There already has been a price to pay. J.P. Morgan & Co., the nation's third-largest bank, said earnings in October and November were adversely affected by unsettled market conditions globally. No. 1 Chase Manhattan Corp. said its loss \$160

million in trading in October, when Asian currency and stock losses reverberated around the world. Analysts said Bankers Trust New York Corp. privately told them to expect some falling, but some downgraded bank earnings estimates.

Fearful investors pummeled bank stocks. Chase tumbled more than 13 percent from October levels to lows reached earlier this month, while No. 2 Citicorp fell almost 22 percent. J.P. Morgan dropped almost 16 percent. No. 4 and No. 7 Bankers Trust stumbled nearly 24 percent.

Problems in Hong Kong, viewed as a fortress of capitalism despite its new communist rule, sent ripples into the Midwest. While the government itself does not appear to be in trouble, Peregrine Investments Holdings Ltd., Asia's largest investment bank outside of Japan, collapsed this past top New York banks close to First Chicago NBD Corp., the nation's eighth-largest bank, said it lost about \$50 million on a one-year \$10 million loan that it helped arrange for Peregrine. First-Chicago shares, trading at more than \$85 in early December, tumbled to \$73.50 on Monday when Peregrine closed its doors.

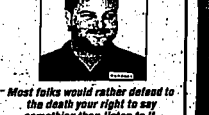
The crisis in South Korea has had bankers scrambling for help.

After the Federal Reserve Bank of New York called an emergency Christmas Eve meeting with top New Zealand banks, some shorter-term loans to Korea were extended for 30 days.

Having bought some time, international banks are now negotiating funding with Korea and its banks to extend the payment schedule on \$35 billion of short-term debt. They want to cover the debt by late February, although the Korean government is opposing a proposal floated by J.P. Morgan to have the government guarantee those obligations with the help of IMF funds.

THE LIGHT TOUCH

by Craig Smith



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If you can't remember names, a pretty safe greeting for anyone over 50 is, "I hear you've been sick."

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Taxes

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Individual Retirement Accounts as to those in the paycheck world.

Couples with one wage earner were limited to \$2,250 in tax-deferred IRA contributions. The new law permits these couples to shelter up to \$4,000, the same as couples in which both spouses work.

The savings can be tangible. For a family with \$40,000 in taxable income, a couple placing \$4,000 aside will result in \$600 in tax savings.

Deductions for a spouse's IRA Contribution are subject to income restrictions. For example, married people making less than \$40,000 qualify for the full deduction if one spouse is covered by a pension plan.

Medical savings accounts. Tax-deductible medical savings accounts, new this year, are like Individual Retirement Accounts, except these are used to cover certain doctors' bills.

They allow people with high deductible insurance policies to build a nest egg for routine health expenses not covered by their catastrophic health insurance policies.

The four-year pilot program is narrowly targeted for the self-employed or workers in small businesses. Self-employed workers with high deductible medical plans. That refers to insurance plans with deductibles of \$1,500 to \$2,250 for singles or \$3,000 to \$4,500 for couples.

The money in an MSA grows on a tax-deferred basis. Contributions are deductible, but withdrawals for qualified medical expenses are tax free. If the full amount isn't used for doctors' bills, it can be kept generally for retirement savings.

And like an IRA, contributions to MSAs can be made right up to the 15th day of the month following the end of the year. A great relief for people who can't afford good health coverage," said Burlington of H&R Block. Payments to MSAs continue up until April 15, which allows them to know what their out-of-pocket medical expenses are at the time they contribute to their medical savings account, she said.

Ed Slott, a Huntington, N.Y., accountant, said the MSAs didn't take off as predicted because the rules are so complex.

The MSA deduction appears on line 24 of form 1040.

Higher deductions of health premiums for self-employed. The deduction for health insurance of self-employed workers rises from 30 percent to 40 percent in 1997. Under last year's tax bill, the self-employed will be able to deduct the full 100 percent of their health insurance premiums by 2007.

Long-term medical care. You'll be able to deduct the cost of long-term care in home and in nursing facilities and related insurance premiums for 1997, to the extent that expenses exceed 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income.

Death benefits. AIDS patients and other terminally ill people who receive accelerated death benefits from life insurance policies stand to benefit from this tax break. It allows certain taxpayers to exclude from taxes the money received from such accelerated death benefits, sometimes known as viatical settlements. Publication 525 on taxable and nontaxable income and Publication 552 for survivors, executors and administrators have details.

Capital gains. People selling a home, stocks or mutual funds stand to reap big savings from the 1997 tax changes.

Change highlights

- Lower taxes on certain capital gains rates of a new \$500,000 exemption for home sales.
- Tax credit for expenses incurred in adopting children.
- Loosening rules for Individual Retirement Accounts, such as IRAs for non-working spouses, penalty-free withdrawals for medical expenses.
- Higher deductions of health insurance premiums for the self-employed.
- New tax-deductible medical savings accounts.
- Deduction for cost of long-term medical care at home and in nursing facilities.
- Exclusion from taxes for life insurance benefits collected by terminally ill people before they die.

The 1997 tax bill allows married couples filing jointly to exclude \$500,000 of profits from sale of their primary residence. Singles will be able to exclude up to \$250,000. You can take the tax break every two years.

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The law does away with the old "rollover" rules on home sales. The old rules permit taxpayers to defer profits from a home sale if they purchase a new home with at least an equal or greater value. Also repealed is a one-time \$125,000 exclusion on a home sale for people 55 years and older.

Investors will see the maximum 28 percent capital gains tax. The income tax rate on long-term capital gains is 20 percent. For people in the 15 percent tax bracket (up to \$24,500 for singles and \$41,200 for married couples filing jointly), the tax drops to 10 percent.

An example: you have a \$1,000 profit from Microsoft stock sold last summer to pay for some of your kid's college expenses. Since you bought the stock in 1990, you qualify for the long-term capital gains rate, allowing you to pocket \$800 after taxes, instead of the \$720 you would have kept under the old rate of 28 percent.

Lower capital gains rates generally apply to investments held 18 months or longer and sold after May 6, 1997. Beware of rules that fall to 10 percent for investments held less than 18 years.

For investments sold between May 7 and July 28, the maximum rate is 20 percent if the investment was held more than a year. After July 28, investments held more than one year and not more than 18 months are taxed at the maximum 28 percent rate.

Going forward, lower maximum rates of 18 percent will apply to investments bought after the year 2000 and held five years or more. For people in the 15 percent bracket, this longer-term rate will fall to 8 percent for all property held five years.

There are numerous exceptions. Profits from sales of collectibles—such as art, coins and stamps—don't get a break; they're taxed at a maximum 28 percent. Gains from so-called depreciation recapture, such as on rental property, will be taxed at a minimum 25 percent rate.

Schedule D has all the details.

Futures planning. If you don't plan to trade from any of the changes for this year, don't give up hope. Start planning now to cut your taxes next year.

There is a host of new tax breaks that affect the \$400-per-child tax credit, President Clinton's education tax credits, certain Individual Retirement Accounts and the new Roth

IRAs, and expanded relief from estate taxes. In addition, health insurance deductions for self-employed people will increase to 45 percent.

The child tax credit applies for each child under age 17, available in full or in part to singles making less than \$7,500 and couples making less than \$110,000. The credit rises to \$500 in 1999 and thereafter.

A child is eligible if he or she is dependent, such as a foster child or stepchild, son or daughter. Tax experts urge people who anticipate they will qualify for the credit to adjust their tax withholding to account for the credit by filing a new W-4 with their employers.

A savings education tax incentive, called "K-12" for 1998. While attractive, many of these goodies aren't available to families making more than \$100,000.

The 1997 tax bill is a major departure from previous law, which generally didn't allow taxpayers to deduct education and training expenses. There are several new options to get tax credits for your higher education expenses.

The so-called Hope scholarship provides a maximum \$1,500 tax credit to defray tuition and other higher education expenses for the first two years of college. And there's the Lifetime Learning Credit, which starts at \$1,000, after 2002, increases to \$2,000.

These credits begin to phase out for individuals with taxable income greater than \$40,000 and couples with \$80,000.

But there is a deduction for student loan interest that begins at \$1,000 a year. The tax writers threw a curveball here: the income threshold is lower than for education credits, phasing out for couples making more than \$60,000.

And an exemption for employer-paid tuition is extended through May 2000.

Beginning in 1998, parents can save to pay for their own child in education savings accounts. They're known in Congress as "education IRAs," but these accounts don't provide for retirement savings.

Contributions to these education savings accounts aren't tax deductible, but withdrawals—if including earnings—are tax-free if you go to tuition and other specified uses. Also, withdrawals from state prepaid tuition plans will be tax-free. These education savings accounts phase out for couples with taxable income above \$150,000.

If these education savings accounts don't apply for your situation, then consider other savings options through expanded rules for IRAs.

Traditional IRAs don't allow people to deduct their contributions, if they already have a retirement plan at work and have taxable income greater than \$25,000 for singles or, more than \$40,000 for couples.

But the income limits rise next year. In 1998, the limit for singles rises \$30,000 and for couples, to \$50,000.

But there is one kind of IRA account for 1998, called the Roth IRA, so named for Senate Finance Committee Chairman William V. Roth, Jr., R-Mo. With these accounts, people can invest up to \$2,000 a year, but you have to pay taxes on the contributions.

However, you won't have to pay taxes on the earnings or the withdrawals. Eligibility starts to phase out for individuals with annual income of \$95,000 and couples earning \$150,000. The money has to be held for five years.

New tax bill presents new option to fund kids' higher education

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11—The new tax bill provides yet another option to save for college expenses: the "education IRAs."

While not replacing an individual retirement account, families can contribute up to \$500 per year beginning in 1998 for each child under age 18 in these savings plans. The contributions aren't tax-deductible, but the money isn't taxed so long as it is used for specified education expenses, such as tuition and books. Students who are enrolled at least half-time can use the accounts to pay for room and board.

Both full-time and part-time students are eligible for these savings accounts.

This college savings idea has caught the imagination of many taxpayers, reports John Michel, a Merrill Lynch & Co. director who oversees retirement planning services.

Michel estimates that about 30 percent of all client questions about the new tax law concern the new education savings accounts. "We've had a lot of demand, a tremendous amount of demand," he said.

Because parents, grandparents, other family members and friends can contribute to these accounts on a child's behalf, Merrill Lynch is setting up gift certificates to permit such donations. Children also can contribute to their own education IRA. But singles making more than \$100,000 and couples making more than \$160,000 cannot contribute to an education IRA.

There's another trick to the education IRA. A student or his parents may not claim the maximum \$1,500 Hope Scholarship tax credit for college expenses or the maximum \$1,000 Lifetime Learning credit for tuition in the same year a student receives money from an education IRA.

If the balance of the education IRA isn't used by the time the student reaches age 30, it must be withdrawn, or "distributed." At this point, the funds would be taxed and subject to a 10 percent penalty. This can be avoided if the balance was rolled over to another education IRA benefiting another family member, such as a younger sister or brother.

Keep your resolutions

The Associated Press

SmartMoney magazine has a great incentive to help keep your New Year's promises: It'll be expensive to break all those resolutions. The magazine totaled up what it costs to buy cigarettes; chewing tobacco; goodies like ice cream, Oreos, Coke and pepperoni pizza; Riven, the sequel to the computer game Myst; a plane ticket to the Mall of America in Minnesota and other assorted treats, and found you'd be paying in the \$2,000 range. The total includes a cancellation fee for a gym membership, which can run as high as \$50 in New York, the magazine notes.

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Comparison of education credits

The two new education credits appear similar, but are designed to help students and parents with different financial and educational needs.

| | Hope scholarship credit | Lifetime learning credit |
|---|---|--|
| Amount of credit | \$1,000 credit against first \$1,000 of expenses; \$500 against second \$1,000 of expenses | \$1,000 against \$5,000 of expenses; \$2,000 against \$10,000 of expenses after 2002 |
| Eligible expenses | Tuition paid at an accredited college, university or vocational school leading to an undergraduate degree | Tuition paid for undergraduate graduate or professional courses, including non-credit seminars |
| Academic enrollment requirements | Must be enrolled at least on a half-time basis | None |
| How credit can be used | Credit is available on a per student basis during the first two academic years of college | Credit is available on a per taxpayer basis during his or her lifetime |
| Adjusted gross income with eligibility ends | \$80,000-\$100,000 for couples; \$40,000-\$50,000 for singles | \$80,000-\$100,000 for couples; \$40,000-\$50,000 for singles |
| Effective date | Jan. 1, 1998 | July 1, 1998 |

Education IRAs

Parents can establish education savings accounts for their children and contribute up to \$500 a year until a child is 18. Funds grow tax-deferred and can be taken out tax-free for qualified education expenses.

Assumes 10 percent annual rate of return.

| Beginning contribution age | Total contributions | Value at age 18 |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Birth | \$9,500 | \$26,137 |
| 5 | \$7,000 | \$15,386 |
| 10 | \$4,500 | \$7,468 |

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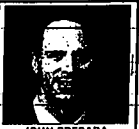
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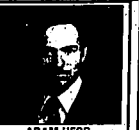
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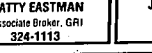
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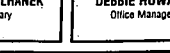
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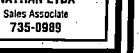
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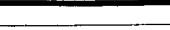
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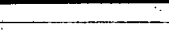
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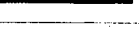
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

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Dear Mr. Wolff:
In one open club, partner bids one spade, and I jump to four spades, promising about 20 HCP and four spades, or bid one club with my ♠ 7-6-3, ♠ A-Q-8-7-6, ♠ 4, ♠ J-10-8-3?

ANSWER: Most would correct to one no-trump, unwilling to settle in the 4-3 trump fit. Either choice carries risks. Pass may leave you in an inferior contract; bidding may get you overboard.

ANSWER: Obviously, he is inviting slam. How do you know whether to continue? If he needs information about side-suit controls, he surely could have found a cue-bid somewhere. Since he didn't, he is asking about your trump quality. With two face cards or something like A-K-x-x-x, accept; otherwise, decline.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
Partner opens a strong two clubs (natural), and I bid two diamonds (negative). If he rebids two hearts, may I raise to 4H? The 10-9-7 of hearts and an outside ace ♠ had a singleton club.

Dear Mr. Wolff:
I open one no-trump and next hand overcalls two diamonds. If partner bids two hearts, should I pass or bid two spades? We play Jacoby Transfers.

ANSWER: You shouldn't. A raise of partner's second suit usually promises at least four-card support.

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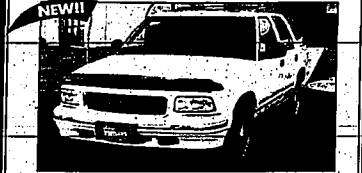
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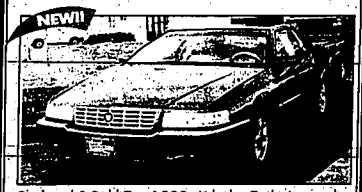
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Continuing adventures of Dr. Mom

Dr. Mom. Nothing new there. Sooner or later, all mothers earn the title. Often, they even become specialists.

When I was raising a girl, I had to be a psychiatrist first: "Are you crying because it's the wrong time of the month or because you really do think you're going to get a C in algebra?"

Just when I had gotten used to dispensing the right balance of medicine and advice, my daughter left for college and I was left with a boy to raise.

I expected to feel sufficiently experienced. Instead, I felt surprisingly inept.

My son hasn't needed any psychiatric skills nearly as much as he needs a lifetime supply of Ace bandages.



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

Now I have a new specialty. I'm a sports medicine mom: "Take three turns in the rehab room and call me in the morning."

It's amazing how quickly you can upgrade your medical skills when you have no other choice.

The journey begins early on, even before the baby is born.

You attend an ultrasound, the ultrasound images of your unborn child (the most expensive pictures of your baby you will ever have taken). Your doctor sees arms and legs on the screen. You pretend you do, too, but secretly, you pray that you aren't preparing to give birth to a giant inkblot.

Then the baby is born, and you start sterilizing everything.

I have a friend who said she stopped sterilizing everything after she found her baby playing with the water in the toilet bowl.

But there are other medical chores to replace the ones we leave behind.

When my daughter was in second grade, the principal called to say that my child had knocked two test tubes into her gums. I hadn't quite finished my dental studies yet, but I didn't panic. And, when I got to the school, I was able to assure the principal that the two teeth in question were actually new teeth just breaking through the gums.

One more gold star on my Dr. Mom medical certificate.

Another day, my daughter fell and hit her head. (The real doctor could find no signs of concussion, but he suggested I wake her every hour all night and ask her to tell me her name. I just to make sure she was still right.)

So I staged a bedside vigil, while my husband snored peacefully in the next room. (A dad isn't expected to be Dr. Dad, though I've often found out who may do the raising.)

By 2 a.m., my daughter was so frustrated with being awakened that she got mad and started giving me fake names on purpose.

Eventually, I discovered that it's impossible - without medical equipment - to tell whether or not a child has injured his brain, because kids never make any sense anyway.

I also discovered that, no matter how much time and energy you expend tending to your child's needs, that child will exhibit almost no sympathy for anyone else in the family who gets sick the day my husband woke up with a terrible backache and couldn't get out of bed. (He had done something dumb, like lift something bigger than himself.)

My second daughter was thrilled. "Now I'll have something neat to talk about at sharing time today," she announced, as she skipped merrily off to school.

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Carolee Stevens and her son Phillip walk to the car after basketball practice. With three children in school and two foster children in the house, the Stevens spend much of their time shuttling kids from 4-H to ballet to other extracurricular activities.

HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?

Kids can be too busy for their own good

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If you wonder how busy Bruce and Carolee Stevens' children are, consider this:

The Stevenses own a two-year-old Plymouth Voyager. It has 85,000 miles on it.

"Our 15-year-old high school sophomore does competitive dancing three evenings per week," explained Carolee, a teacher at Jerome Middle School "she can drive to one of the lessons, as it is right after school and she is on a daytime-only license. However, we still need to drive her the other two days. In addition, she does high school debate, which takes her to competitions at least twice a month."

"Our eighth-grade son is on the basketball team at O'Leary (Junior High School), and has basketball practice five nights per week, in addition to two games each week. He also has church youth group on Wednesday evenings. Our sixth-grade son has basketball practice two nights per week, Scouts one night per week, and a game each Saturday morning. He also has children's programs from our church on Wednesday evening."

Life in the fast lane

- Signs that your child is doing too much:
- Decrease in school grades
 - Decrease in social activities
 - Decrease in family activity involvement
 - Decrease in eating, sleeping and hygiene care
 - Increase in moody behaviors
 - Need to be perfect
 - Easily frustrated with mistakes
 - Conflicting activities because of overscheduling
- Sources: April Boykin, M.S.W., Parent Resource Center, The Orlando Sentinel

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"Our two foster children have visits from their parents three afternoons a week, and various doctor visits after that."

"Sounds tiring, doesn't it?"

The Stevenses aren't the only family tuckered out. More than half of Americans under the age of 17 participate in some kind of extracurricular activity, or hold down a part-time job — and those numbers are growing.

"The research shows that participation in activities is the best predictor of success for a child," said Del Siegle, assistant professor of education at Boise State University. "But there's such a thing as too much of a good thing."

"It is very easy to be overextended, and some children and adolescents just don't handle that as well as others," said Ann Vernon, a professor at the University of Northern Iowa and co-author of "What Growing Up is All About." "I think there is a very fine line between broadening a kid's horizons and overwhelming him."



Ballet is just one of the activities in which Ashley Stevens is involved.

Fair enough, but it's a very fine line.

"Pushing a child and encouraging him both stem from a parent wanting what's best for the child," Siegle said. "You just have to understand that when the child has had enough, he'll tell you so."

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Keeping away the winter blues

Some people who feel depressed and gloomy during the dark winter D period have a condition called Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD).

How darkness affects our mood

Winter Watch

1. Light enters your eyes

2. "Inner Watch" sends a message to your brain via the optic chiasm registers whether it is dark or light, controls day rhythm

3. Pinal body sends a concentration of serotonin to the hypothalamus, which releases melatonin hormones. Melatonin is released when it is dark and believed to influence our mood

Winter depression symptoms:

- No energy
- Increased sleep
- Weight gain
- Crying for no reason
- Increased appetite
- Depressed mood
- No sexual desire

SOURCE: Light Regulates Our Inner Watch, "Winter Depression: A Development of Winter D Depression and the Effect of Light Therapy" by Dr. Thomas Fenn, 2001, The American Psychological Association

TIES THAT STRAIN

Post-holiday winter months often stretch family bonds to breaking point

Knight-Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — It's the dead of winter — the rush and excitement of the holidays have faded, and up ahead seemingly a dreary month is beckoned at home, isolated by cold and darkness. Where would Ellen Cuffari, mother of five, be without watercolors and Walt Disney?

"The kids end up watching a lot of Disney movies and doing coloring books, painting, watercolors," says Cuffari, 41, a stay-at-home mom who lives in Levittown, Pa., with her husband, Joseph, 41, and children ranging in age from 4 months to 15 years.

"It's pretty stressful," she says. "A lot of times I wish for free time, just to be alone, or to go out with my husband to dinner. These are dreams."

Those dreams are apparently shared by untold thousands of parents who, having survived the adrenalin-infused hustle of Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, find themselves hurled into the depression-ridden wasteland of midwinter.

It's crunch time in family-land, and parents with children must either find ways to distract and amuse them or be overwhelmed by emotional desolation.

"It's one of the busiest times of the year for me," says Joseph Crumblay, a family therapist and consultant to the Philadelphia Society for Services to Children. "People are just not used to spending that much time together. Many families don't know how to have quality time with each other. They don't know how to make small talk. They aren't even comfortable being quiet with each other."

Between the winter's oppressive gloominess and the close quarters of the family home, the added hassles of traveling under snowy or icy conditions, money worries provoked by run-away holiday spending, and the ravages of cold and flu, winter is no place for the unprepared, Crumblay says.

"Families need to recognize what causes them stress and decide in advance how they will handle it," he says.

Michelle Uhl is something of an expert at planning for her family. She has to be. Uhl and her husband, Dale, both 30, have six children ranging in age from 2 months to 11 years, and

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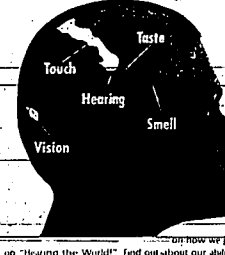
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JOIN THE GOOD TIMES AT BREMEN HIGH

Located in Middleton, Ill., Bremen High School takes pride in its top-notch halls of learning for teen students. Thanks to the school's World Wide Web site, now you can walk the halls with the kids from Bremen, chat with their teachers, and cheer on the Bremen Braves. Wear the school colors of red and gray out to <http://www.bremenhigh.com>, and enjoy such activities as learning the school fight song, taking a virtual campus tour, and meeting the high school's student of the month. Once you start to feel at home, you may want to hang with the journalists at the Echo newspaper or the Computer Club's hackers. After this visit, you'll have no doubt that Bremen High is a cool school. Go Braves!

Be a 4Kids Detective

When you know the answers to these clues, look up <http://www.4kids.org/detective/>. According to research, seat belts save how many lives? Bremen High School is a part of which school district? Are boys or girls more likely to be color blind?



Dear Amy: My teacher said I can use these four Web sites for my report, but how can I print it all out to hand it in? —Wesley, Austin, TX
 Dear Wesley: When you visit a Web page you can tell your browser to print that page. You could staple your report to the Web site pages and hand it in. I'll have a tip for you. Ask your teacher if he would be willing to tear your report out for you. Or check out <http://www.4kids.org/askamy/> and see what an "online" report can be using TrackStar. TrackStar uses three frames. It's awesome because your work appears in one frame, the Web site you are talking about appears in another frame, and the links to all of the sites are in the last frame. It's something anyone can do. To learn more, go to <http://www.4kids.org> and try it.

Dear Amy: I like to cook and help out my mom. Can the Internet help me find recipes? —Helen, Indianapolis
 Dear Helen: There is tons of stuff about food on the Web. There's even a site that will e-mail you a recipe everyday at <http://www.recipe.com>. Some high school students created an awesome nutrition site called "You Are What You Eat" at <http://www.4kids.org>. I'll be glad to help if that's too hard for you. You'll find a link at <http://www.4kids.org>.

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Personalize your child's mousepad

Now there's somewhere besides the refrigerator door for doing your online-to-showcase the art work of your gifted offspring. A new kit from a New Jersey company offers ways to personalize mousepads with children's drawings and photos.
 The Artworks by You kit, which sells for about \$20, contains one example to decorate plus art supplies and a postage-paid envelope to send the design to the company for finishing (1-800-600-8337 or <http://www.artworksbyyou.com>). According to Artworks owner Diana Patlack, there's a trend toward applying artwork to everyday items.

Is this childhood or bootcamp?

Is your child involved in too many extracurricular activities? Here are some points to ponder:
 At an early age, parents should help their children assess how much the kid can realistically handle. That number varies with the child — one activity may tax one child while three or four is comfortable for another.
 With young children, parents can research opportunities and tender suggestions. But parents should also listen to what the child has to say. Seek input from your child. Ask about his interests. What sounds cool?
 Family meetings are an excellent way for families to chart everyone's priorities. When devising a schedule keep in mind that a child must have time to study, eat and sleep.
 Older children can entertain more choices and suggest their own activities. Again, parents should discuss scheduling with their adolescents before enrolling children in activities in which they have little interest.
 Once your child is busy executing some sports in gymnastics class or breaking boards for his black belt in karate, it's up to Mom and Dad to offer support. Whenever possible, parents should fill the stands when his Little League team plays and praise his accomplishments.
 — From The Orlando Sentinel

Busy

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The Stevens kids — there are six of them, although three are away at college — haven't uttered a discouraging word yet.
 "We realize that there's a point that activities can do a child more harm than good," Carole Stevens said. "They can keep doing the activities that they're interested in until their grades suffer."
 In the Stevens household, that means the Rule of C.
 "They're allowed one," Carole said. "If their grades drop lower than that, then they know their outside activities are over."
 "The bottom line is that their business in these years is school," said Vernan, who's the coordinator of the counselor education program at Northern Iowa. "If

anything else is stressing them out and affecting school performance then priorities need to be set."
 Adding to the Stevenses' hyper-kinetic lifestyle is the presence of foster kids, who require frequent transportation and often have special medical needs.
 So Carole and Bruce, who's 48 and the pastor of the Jerome Nazarene Church, have long since mastered the art of killing two birds with one stone.
 "It's a constant juggling act," said Carole, 49. "What can you get done while you're waiting for one of the kids?"
 Still, they're careful never to turn activities into a form of babysitting.
 Parents "have so much to do that if we get kids involved in

something else it gives us a couple more hours to get our tasks done," said Jaime M. Carter, director of the Family Renewal Institute in Naples, Fla., and co-author of "He Works She Works: Successful Strategies for Working Couples."
 "Some parents will substitute activities for the attention their children need," Siegle said. "And some others will live vicariously through their kids' activities. That's the kind of pressure a child doesn't need."
 Parents should structure a kid's activities to those that the youngster truly likes and learns from. Mom and Dad should encourage children to try an activity for a set time period, and be wary for increasing resistance on the part of the child.
 "Parents need to sit down and

ask themselves: Do my children really need piano lessons, soccer lessons and dance lessons or would one activity be enough?"
 Carter said.
 Too many activities rob children of the time they need to relax. Younger children need time to play, to learn to entertain themselves without constant activity and to just be kids; teenagers need time to just hang out with peers.
 Those unstructured activities are valuable cogs in a child's social development.
 "If the child says he or she doesn't want to take dance lessons or play football anymore, you need to take them seriously," Siegle said.
 Mom and Dad should explore the reasons for the complaints. That way parents can discover if

there are issues to be resolved or whether it is time to move on to another extracurricular activity.
 Or none at all.
 "There's a need sometimes to take time out," Carole said.
 And to make sure that the kids — and the parents — really believe that conveying both family life is worth the wear-and-tear.
 "Regardless of how busy our lives are, I wouldn't change it for anything," Carole said.
 — The Orlando Sentinel contributed to this report
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BEARD-COE

KIMBERLY - Rick and Freda Beard of Kimberly announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Jo Beard to Christopher Andrew Coe, son of Andy and Teresa Coe of Kimberly.

Beard is a 1994 graduate of Kimberly High School. She is employed at Santa Ana Farms as a dispatcher.

Coe is a 1992 graduate of Kimberly High School. He attended Arizona Architect Institute in Phoenix, Ariz., receiving an associate's degree in computer-aided design. He is currently working for Kimberly Nurseries.



Christopher Coe and Amy Jo Beard as a spray technician.

The wedding is planned for Saturday at the LDS Stake Center in Kimberly.

BARLETT-HANSON

TWIN FALLS - James and JoAnn Barlett of Sandy, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Barlett to Michael Hanson, son of John and Kathleen Hanson of Twin Falls.

Barlett is a graduate of Alta High School in Sandy. She is a senior at Utah State University in Logan, Utah, studying graphic design.

Hanson is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and served a two-year LDS mission in the Brigham Young Mission.

He is a junior at USU, studying history.

The couple will reside in Logan.



Michael Hanson and Catherine Barlett.

The wedding is planned for Feb. 6 at the Salt Lake City LDS Temple.

BRIDGES-BENSON

MURTAUGH - John and Maureen Bridges of Kingman, Ariz., announce the engagement of their daughter, Colleen Lynn Bridges to Chad McCurtain Benson, son of Kent and Kathy Benson of Murtaugh.

Bridges graduated from Kingman High School and attends Mohave Community College in Kingman. She is employed at Manzanita Elementary in Kingman.

Benson is a graduate of Kingman High School and attended Mohave Community College. He is employed by the Bureau of Land Management as a firefighter in Kingman.

The wedding is planned for 1 p.m. Feb. 21 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Kingman.



Chad Benson and Colleen Bridges.

reception will follow at the Eagle's Lodge on Passy Drive in Kingman.

VAN BUREN-BURNHAM

TWIN FALLS - Jack and Maureen Van Buren of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Paige Van Buren to Emerlynn Burnham, daughter of Kevin and LaVita Burnham of Jerome.

Van Buren is a 1996 graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed at Gem State Paper and Supply in Twin Falls.

Burnham is a 1993 graduate of Jerome High School and served an LDS mission at the Spanish-speaking California Aztecida Mission.

He is currently attending the College of Southern Idaho and is employed by Blockers in Twin Falls.



Elmer Burnham and Paige Van Buren.

The wedding is planned for Feb. 14 at the Bonifield LDS Temple.

THE BATESSES

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Wayne R. Bates of Twin Falls were honored at a family dinner and open house, Jan. 17 for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Wayne and Berline Scott were married Jan. 17, 1948, in Elko, Nev.



Berline and Wayne Bates.

He worked for Stearns Knibbick & Co. in Twin Falls, Ogden and Salt Lake City, Utah, until his retirement in 1986. He continued to work part-time for the Bonifield Printing Co. for his mid-life love of fly-fishing, hunting and bowling.

They raised five children in the Twin Falls area, and were delighted when they returned from Utah to enable them to spend more time with their family.

The event was given by their children: Karen (Lynn) Baird, Radline (Dave) Prantz and John

W. (Cheri) Bates, all of Twin Falls; Young (Gale) Poulson, Wash., and Clarence of Salt Lake City.

The couple has 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

JONAS-LOYD

PAUL - The children of Colleen Ann Jonas and Ivan W. (Bud) Lloyd announce the engagement of their parents.

The marriage will take place in a private ceremony on Jan. 31 in Dingle's family and friends are invited to a reception in their honor from 3 to 5 p.m. Jan. 31 at the home of Dixie and Harvey Pulley, 573 Dingle Road in Dingle (approximately five miles south of Montpelier). They request no gifts.

The couple will reside in Paul.



Ivan Lloyd and Colleen Jonas.

WEDDING

ALEXANDER-ROBERTS

NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS - Amy Elizabeth Alexander and Matthew Adam Roberts were married Dec. 6, 1990, at the First Christian Church in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Officiating was Terry Hodge, Sandra Roe was the organist.

The bride is the daughter of Jan and Jerry Alexander of Twin Falls.

Parents of the bridegroom are Bruce and Jackie Roberts of McKinney, Texas.

Amanda Alexander, sister of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor.

Bridemaid's included Twylla Alexander of Dallas, sister-in-law of the bride, and Hanna Bybee of Boise and Karmen McCallips of Nampa, friends of the bride.

Chris Roberts, brother of the groom, served as best man.

Groomsmen included Chris English, Jeff Hardin and Gabe Harris, friends of the groom.

Ushers were Tyson Hall and Ken Cole, friends of the groom.

Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Jerry and Lois Alexander and Helen Alders, all of Nacogdoches, and grandparents of the bridegroom, Richard and Alice Edwards and Wilma Roberts, all of McKinney, Texas.



Amy Roberts.

A reception was held following the ceremony involving Mrs. Stephanie Martin and Jennifer Farmer, friends of the bride, Pam Davidson, aunt of the bride, attended the guest book.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Texas, Medical Branch, School of Nursing in Galveston, Texas. She is employed at UTMB Children's Hospital in Galveston as a registered nurse, RN.

The bridegroom is currently a his third year of medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

The newlyweds reside in Galveston.

Winter

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all of them are being schooled at home.

"Two years ago during the big snowstorm, there was too much ice to get outside, so I had planned a trip day, so what did I do besides pulling my hair out?" she asks, whimsically. "We pulled out my trunk. The kids learned to play chess at 7, and so we played that and Mancala (an ancient African game), backgammon, Uno and checkers."

When the 10 kids aren't playing games or working on their school assignments and their mom isn't correcting their papers or giving them tests, they consume their winter days at the family's Juniata Park home playing at the computer, baking and reading together. TV is pretty much off limits (too many tasteless, immoral or adult programs, concluded their parents), but the UHs do watch in Paris and educational or spiritually edifying films on videotape.

"But nothing with witches or ghosts or UH does, which is a terrible little kid - The Simpsons," says Michelle.

And if any of the UHs should happen to get bored, there's always housework.

Says Michelle: "When the coats and the hats and gloves and the boots all fall, when the kids come into the house and we don't have enough closet space, and some of them have wet clothes, or they're muddy, housework takes up more time than anything."

Not all families have two parents to bear the added burdens of winter.

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Here's a copy machine code for the workplace

The Dallas Morning News

...no matter where you stand on the corporate ladder, you've probably faced the inevitable workplace tasking machine copies.

It's easy: Press "copy" and you get a copy. For more complicated tasks such as sorting and collating, machines offer step-by-step instructions.

But nowhere do the manuals resolve the stickiest issue of all: Who gets to make their copies first?

At least, that's the answer everyone wants to hear.

That's the problem.

"Unlike the rest of the work place, where team playing is essential, the copy machine can be like a boxing match in which the strongest (woman) wins. It goes down to your nuts."

Of course, the righteous approach is first come, first served. Even Kinko's, the leading copy-store chain in the country, says so.

"Our policy is first come, first served," says Brad-Lomowski, who works at Kinko's in Lewisville, Texas. "All our orders are taken in order - but how we run them is up to the production."

Xerox etiquette

Consider these suggestions for tips - a code of conduct for how not to behave - for copy machine users everywhere:

You've got the machine ...

- Take your time, no matter how many people are waiting. Hate makes waste, the saying goes - in fact, you may want to repeat that saying about as you slowly, methodically run your 80-page project through its paces.
- Don't give in to the sob stories. The fellow who needs "just one copy" to make a crucial sale may be primed for a lesson about the folly of materialism. The dude who insists he'll lose his job if he doesn't get his copy made "right away" might actually be happier with a "No problem!"

new employee.

- When you finish, leave the machine at the special settings you alone require. Why should you fuss with paper trays, number of copies and other tedious details? Plus, what a hilarious joke on your co-workers when you get an 8-1/2 x 11 sheet and get the "8-1/2 x 11 paper" size instead. Funny, funny stuff!
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to intimidate your co-workers, it's an excellent training exercise for new employees.

- Lie about how many copies you need. They're honest in the best copy job, but then come "they" say "I've been waiting 20 minutes to make three measly copies. With your sheet of paper short, bond in-copier, all if sharing a secret: "I only have one" left hanging in the air, more a question than a statement. Then, move in and press "copy" at the machine's next pause.
- Have the Copy Hog pegged. This may seem excessive (though, if this is the case, you may need to rethink your career track), but once someone stops "hogging" the machine, there's no telling what kind of "paper jam" could occur.

Mitchell - The fine Barbara R. Mitchell, 47, was named the joint administrator at the Genesis II Montessori School in Philadelphia, her two youngest children are the granddaughters who lives with her full time have been home at least an hour.

Mitchell, who is divorced, gets afterschool help from her daughter, Courtney, 11, and son, Andrew Amber, 8; and from her son Kenneth, 16. But unlike many people, she is energized by winter and can't wait to get home to lead her children on geese-feeding expeditions in Fairmount Park or on jumps to karate classes and tree parties.

"My kids have to go out every day and do something," says Mitchell, "They need fresh air, they need to move around in a lot of spaces they need exercises."

Indoors, Mitchell turns over the family room of her Overbrook home to her children, insisting that winter is only made harsher by restrictive conditions at home.

"They have video games, books and it's not enough for them for them to bounce around and tumble, within reason," says Mitchell, who finds respite from the demands of single parenthood in long winter strolls.

"I like walking in the cold late at night," she says. "I can sit in the park in winter and just have a wonderful time."

Winter wonderful?

That's news to Nadya Shmavonian.

The creative vice president of the Pew Charitable Trusts and the mother of three young children, Shmavonian has been at winter weather almost since the day she first gave birth.

"I hate February," she groans. "I think post-holiday, the combi-

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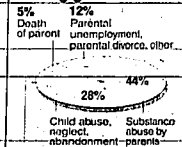
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When grandparents raise grandchildren

Problems arise as practice become more prevalent

NEW YORK (AP) — Broken families, single-cousin-mother, drug-addicted parents, parents who have died, and those who have divorced — all of these difficult circumstances help explain why the number of grandparents raising children in the United States is increasing.

Why are grandparents raising grandchildren?



11% Teen pregnancy of parent
Source: American Association of Retired Persons 1994 QRS

grandparents aren't their real parents. As they get older, they become curious about who and where their real parents are, which may lead them to feel abandoned.

In many cases, feelings may surface as anger toward their parents for dying, divorcing or being ill-equipped to care for them and resentful of the grandparents for taking their place.

If the grandparents also look and act old — which is not true of all grandparents — other complications arise. The grandchild

may resent the grandparents' physical inability to keep up with the mothers.

Depending upon their experience and education, the grandparents also may be unable to help the grandchild with homework. As a result, the grandchild could grow increasingly conscious of the age of the grandparents.

The differences between aging grandparents and real parents may also lead to grandchildren experiencing life events, such as the death or incapacity of their guardians, at younger-than-typical ages.

As we age, it is common enough that roles reverse and a child comes to take care of the parents. With grandparents parenting, that may happen when the child is not even 40. Experiencing the physical, emotional and financial stress of a grandparent may, therefore, occur when the grandchild is equipped to handle such burdens. He or she may then feel overwhelmed.

All of these "problems" are normal, understandable reactions. With patience and acknowledgment of a child's feelings, the grandchild can help the child to resolve such conflicts. In fact, that is, overwhelming what happens.

As we age, we have our own adjustments to make. As

grandparents age, the presence of children in their home can work against their loneliness and isolation — and, therefore, be deeply satisfying. But as they grow older, it may complicate their relationship with their real children.

If, for example, the grandchild visits his mother or father for a weekend or vacations with the real parents, the grandparents may feel abandoned, which can in turn lead to resentment toward their real children.

The grandparents also may feel deep satisfaction from parenting but at the same time view the grandchild as a physical, financial and emotional burden. After all, they have already raised children. Now they must raise the child their own children were incapable of raising — no matter how unavoidable or understandable that duty may be.

As the grandchild grows, the differences in generational experience may create a few other problems of which to be aware. Grandparents may not be able to discipline or advise the grandchild easily if the grandchild's actions are too foreign to their own experience as parents and children — for example, a grandchild who experiments with drugs.

Mom's legal, personal affairs end up mixed.

DEAR ABBY: Several years ago — I became romantically involved with a prominent lawyer who represented my in-laws in a bitter legal battle. We secretly began spending lots of time together. I was 24 years old. He was married with one child. He was 50, Jewish, married with three children.

Shortly after, his family learned about us through his lawyer, and took it very hard. I apologized for the pain our relationship caused them. We agreed, he ended the relationship.

After the breakup, my husband insisted on a paternity test, which clearly proved HE was not the father. I never told the lawyer that the baby is his, because I care for him and I'm afraid of jeopardizing his future. My husband agreed to raise her as his own, provided I never tell the lawyer he's the father.

Abby, I will be face-to-face with this lawyer at a trial very soon, and I will have to divulge pertinent information on him, and it's possible our relationship with our daughter may be exposed. What should I do?

"BOOB-BIE"

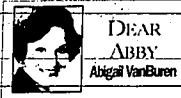
DEAR BOOB-BIE: What a messy volunteer no information, but under no circumstances should you lie under oath.

DEAR ABBY: The letter from Dr. Michael Corback with the Center for Pain Relief in Houston prompts this letter.

It is not as simple as it makes it sound. Narcotics are not dangerous merely because they cause addictive behavior or dependence. Narcotics progressively weaken the brain physically by destroying sleep quality.

Chronic pain patients are already sleep-deprived. That is why they require such large doses of narcotics to soothe. We must find ways to protect restorative healing sleep for our chronically ill.

Poor sleep habits and sleep impairment are major public health problems in our nation. Sleep deprivation causes learning disorders, disease, substance



abuse, suicide, violence, and industrial and motor vehicle accidents. We cannot casually use medications that continue to destroy sleep quality.

— EDWARD S. FRIEDRICHS, MD

BROWN DEER, WIS.

DEAR DR. FRIEDRICHS: Most chronic pain patients suffer sleep deprivation due to pain, and pain medication makes a positive impact on their lives by allowing them to sleep more comfortably. The message in Dr. Corback's letter was that narcotic pain medication, when administered properly, is restorative rather than addictive. Please read on for another letter from a fellow physician.

DEAR ABBY: I enjoyed the letter you printed by Dr. Michael Corback. You reminded that Dr. Corback's philosophy may be viewed by some as audacious; nonetheless, you thought it was sensible and logical.

Abby, 95 percent of physicians agree with Dr. Corback. His philosophy is not audacious at all. It is simply common sense and love for one's fellow human beings. The real all-star over the years has been state and federal regulatory agencies and overzealous bureaucrats.

Any person who does not understand Dr. Corback's philosophy (simple humanitarianism and logic) is frankly ignorant.

You have done a great service by publishing that letter. I applaud and admire you.

— A WISCONSIN PHYSICIAN

DEAR PHYSICIAN: Thank you for the supportive letter, and for the reassurance that the majority of physicians feel as you and Dr. Corback do. In the past I have heard horror stories from families of people who suffered and died in terrible pain because their caregivers were afraid of what the law might do to them if they "addicted" a dying patient.

Florida grandmoms swap stories at conference

MIAMI (AP) — Earth Walker has replaced four washing machines in inner cities, but it's not the life expectancy of her washers is drastically reduced because the 65-year-old single mother is raising 14 grandchildren and doing endless loads of laundry.

She, like many other grandparents in inner cities, has taken on the role of primary caregiver.

Two of Mrs. Walker's eight children were murdered in Overtown, an inner-city neighborhood in Miami. One daughter lives with her, and some of the others neglected their children, which is why she now cares for them.

"I love my grandkids," Mrs. Walker said. "I want them to go into foster homes. But I'll be glad

when they're all grown up."

She joined about 200 grandmothers last November at a conference in Miami to swap stories and learn about the resources available to help them cope with raising their children's children.

Many of them have taken responsibility for their grandchildren because their parents are either on drugs, in jail or dead.

At the conference, called Grandmothers Rising Grandchildren, they heard about legal, social and financial issues that grandparents face while raising their grandchildren.

Sandy Townsend, an associate state representative for the American Association of Retired Persons, said the conference was to identify issues

that the legislature can address when it convenes in March.

"Concepts and issues that confront grandparents are pretty universal, regardless of their financial situation," she said. "They're all out of love. This is their family."

In last year's legislative session, a bill was introduced that would allow other things, provide financial assistance to relative caregivers. It did not pass.

Barbara Sullivan, 65, adopted her two grandsons. One of them was born with drugs in his system. Sullivan, who owes Jackson Memorial Hospital \$5,000 for medical treatment of her great-grandsons, is upset that she's not receiving help from the government.

"I'm a believer," she said. "It's not fair. I'm not asking for anything for myself. Why can't they give me Medicaid for these kids?"

More than 4 million children currently live permanently with their grandparents — about 30,000 of them are in South Florida, according to the AARP.

Many of these grandparents live on fixed incomes and receive little or no help from state agencies in raising their grandchildren.

Renee Woodworth, director of AARP's Grandparent Information Center in Washington, said the problems encountered by caregiver grandparents cross societal lines. Not only inner-city grandparents end up raising their grandchildren or encounter

"It can happen anywhere," she said. "Rural America, Midwest America, everywhere."

Despite a deluge of cynicism, believers of freedom struggle on

Among the natural phenomena of California, with its earthquakes, fires and floods, is something called a "debris flow." It resembles that proverbial rolling stone, but with a difference. It gobbles in moss, but gobbles up everything else in its path.

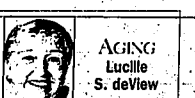
Debris flows originate in stream valleys when a modest amount of water mixes with a bit of mud. As the water continues to grow and starts to roll, it goes from amassing stones to boulders, from twigs to tree trunks, from old tires to whole cars.

And at the end of their journey, debris flows have been known to smother homes like plants from hell.

I worry that our present political discontent is gathering momentum in the same way.

And that it endangers our precious American home — the democracy we have so lovingly and jealously built.

I worry because I have been listening of late to a litany of rage from seemingly pleasant people living relatively comfortable lives. You know how it goes. You're enjoying a dinner party,



AGING
Lucille S. DeVou

when the person across the table leans over the soup course and drops the codé word, "politics," a word we should prize, but it's said with a sneer. The speaker's momentum by dropping other buzz words: taxes, crime. Anything and everything is wrong, wrong, wrong.

To every positive argument on behalf of democracy, he or she has a negative response. Vate? Waste of time. Serve on a school board? You're joking. Attend a zoning meeting? Why? They're all crooks. By the time dessert arrives, you have to excuse yourself and take an anti-acid tablet to counteract the name-calling.

Not that there isn't room for argument in this land of free. Our system of government wasn't meant to be perfect. If you seek perfection, get a dictator.

If anything, democracy encourages argument. But argument is one thing, ill-will is another.

Far along with the freedom to argue comes the responsibility to be fully informed and to serve.

I think of the good people I've known over the years who served their communities on school boards, zoning commissions, holding office, getting petitions signed, or serving on committees.

When responsible citizens see things go awry, they pitch in to find a solution. And solutions often involve compromise. No one gets 100 percent of what he wants all the time.

We should be grateful to those who serve quietly, without fanfare. They don't act like know-it-alls. They don't bad-mouth. They don't despair. They are believers. I'm a believer, too. And I don't want this country to be engulfed in a debris flow of unreasonable anger and cynicism.

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Get a grip

San Francisco woman poised to become 1st female-cable-car-operator

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — After a lot of pumping iron and 25 grueling days of training, a 52-year-old woman Friday became the first female "gripman" on San Francisco's historic cable cars.

Fannie Barnes pushed her written test and completed a final run under the watchful eye of a supervisor. Municipal Railway spokesman Alan Siegel said. An announcement will be made this week on when she will begin regular runs, he said.

Deep calluses are already forming at the base of her fingers and there's a hole in her glove. Two other women quit after a single day with injured muscles.

"Now they're going to have to change the word from gripman to grip person. Just because of me," Ms. Barnes had said earlier. "I'm so excited."

After almost a year of serious workouts, Ms. Barnes can pull more than 135 pounds, only 50 pounds less than her body weight.

And she'll need the muscle, for this is no modern, push-button technology. Every time a car starts up again after making a stop, the gripman must haul back on a lever controlling a device that grips the cable, which runs continuously at 9 mph. If the grip slips, so does the car. A second



Fannie Barnes, 52, trains in this Jan. 8 photograph for her opening day as San Francisco's first woman 'gripman' on the city's famed cable cars.

person operates the brakes. In addition to having to throw her weight, around on the job, she's got to throw out some attitude to men who were hard to convince. The city employs 76 men in the job.

"A lot of men said some mean things to me and didn't want to help train me... but I would like to thank the guys who were against me because they gave me even more inspiration to do it," she said.

Not all the men were against her. Many of her male colleagues yelled out support as she did her training runs.

One of her biggest tests was the drizzly December morning she first went down the Hyde Street hill, considered the most dangerous incline on the cable car routes.

"I had to have the will and I had to believe I could do it," she said. "It was scary, but as I started going down full grip and felt that I was in control, I knew I was

on my way.

Ms. Barnes already is a pioneer of sorts. She started working as a cable car conductor six years ago, collecting fares and assisting on the back brake. She is one of only three women to have that job. But she said she always wanted the job up front on the car.

"There was no way I was going to let 2000 come and not have a woman have this job," she said.

T-N writing contest still takes entries

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The Times-News is sponsoring a writing contest. Young people ages 11 to 17 (grades six to nine) are invited to participate by writing a 500-word story (1,000 word maximum) about family.

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Teachers are invited to use the writing contest as an assignment for their classes, but teachers who wish to send an entry must select the top three stories from each class.

A panel of judges from South Central Idaho will select the first, second and third-place winners. Prizes will be \$50, \$25 and \$15.

Thanks to creative writing instructor Bill White, who provided the idea for the story. Each story must begin with the following:

"It was not a typical January morning, as a large snowcraft landed on the White House lawn. The 12 representatives of Families From Across the Galaxy stepped out of their craft and, in single file, approached the White House door..."

Call Denise Turner at 733-0931 Ext. 243, or Steve Crump at 733-0931, Ext. 223.

Country star Lynn would rather see daughters bypass show business

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Loretta Lynn must be thrilled that her twin daughters are following in her footsteps, right?

"Not really," the country singer said in an interview to be aired Thursday on "48 Hours" on CBS. "I would rather have my daughters get an education and get a good job and stay at home with their family."

She said her biggest regret in life was a concert schedule that kept her traveling while her children were growing up.

People in the news

Peggy and Patsy Lynn plan to release their debut CD, "The Lynns," on Feb. 10. The Lynns hid their family connection at first, performing under the name The Honkabilles.

Billionaire helps university

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — John W. Kluge is spreading some of his wealth to

the University of Virginia.

The billionaire has donated more than \$5 million in Australian Aboriginal art to the university, where officials are trying to figure out where to store and exhibit the 1,570 paintings, carvings, tools and ceremonial artifacts.

The university plans a show this spring.

Kluge started collecting Australian Aboriginal art in 1988. He is chairman of Metromedia Co., which has interests in the food, media, entertainment, telecom-

munications and medical technology industries.

Last July, Forbes magazine estimated Kluge's wealth at \$7.2 billion, making him No. 25 on the list of the world's richest people.

Scorsese takes post at Cannes

PARIS — Director Martin Scorsese will preside over the jury at the 51st Cannes Film Festival.

Scorsese has long been a favorite at the annual festival on the French

Riviera, where seven of his movies have been in competition. In 1976, he won the Palme d'Or, the festival's most prestigious award, for "Taxi Driver." He also won best direction in 1986 for "After Hours."

"Cannes plays a crucial role in the defense of film as an art that is both rich and varied," he said. "It's thanks to Cannes that many films reach an international audience."

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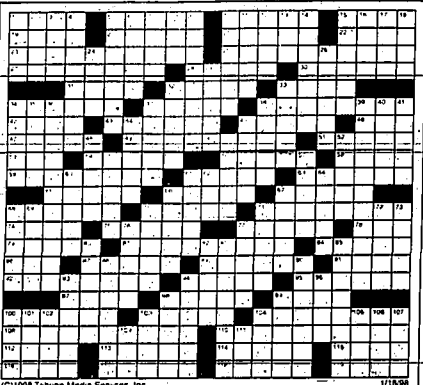
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Move toward indoor play leaves kids in the dark about nature



Your kids

Suggested reading

U "The Geography of Childhood: Why Children Need Wild Places," by Louisa Beecham and Stephen Trimble.
U "Childhood's Future," by Richard Louv.
U "The Web of Life: Weaving The Values That Sustain Us," by Richard Louv.
U "The Thunder Tree," by Robert Michael Pyle.

Kids are more likely to be carving around knowledge about the habits of voles in Idaho or whittles of Canada than the frogs in the mud behind their houses, child psychologists say.
"It's because voles and whittles were featured on the Discovery Channel this fall. Frogs in your back yard weren't."
And this generation gets more knowledge about nature from the Discovery Channel than from their own back yards, some experts in child development say.
"Kids today could tell you anything you want to know about global warming," said Richard Louv, author of *Childhood's Future*.
"We're doing a very good job of educating them about global environmental issues, particularly through video clips. But they can't tell you the last time they went into the fields and watched the clouds move overhead." The psychologists and child development specialists say they're seeing the trend worldwide. Around the globe, children are unable to name their local plants and say they rarely see wild ani-

Parents can help children conquer depression by being aware of signs

KNIGHT-RIDDER NEWS SERVICE
FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Until moving to middle school, GIGI Sullivan, 13, was her mom's model child.
"Then GIGI turned defiant and disobedient at home. She dropped her favorite sports. She struck her old friends. Then she flunked out of seventh grade. I brushed it off at first and chalked it up to a typical teenage phase," says Joelle Sullivan, 41, a Fort Lauderdale mother of two. "I never thought about kids getting depressed."
Many parents don't yet understand affects about 5 percent of children and adolescents, according to the Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. And that number could grow, thanks to better diagnoses, more awareness and — sadly — the chaotic world we live in.

- Some symptoms**
- Loss of pleasure in previously enjoyable activities
 - School-aged children
 - Frequent, unexplained physical complaints
 - Refusal or reluctance to attend school
 - Significant weight loss or gain
 - Unexplained hostility or aggression
 - Drop in grades or conduct
 - Expressions of hopelessness
 - Tearfulness
 - Anorexia
 - Drop in grades or conduct
 - Low self-esteem
 - Fatigue
 - Changes in sleep patterns
 - Self-destructive behavior
 - Irritation to appearance
 - Escalating problems
- Source: "Help Me, I'm Sad," by David Fassler, M.D., and Lynne Dumas.

Although makers of antidepressants are now targeting children as a possible market, experts urge caution.
"Though some studies show them to be effective with children, they haven't been through enough clinical trials to earn Federal Drug Administration approval. And parents who consider antidepressants for their children should take extra care that depression is the correct diagnosis."
Parents should understand, for example, that a sad child isn't necessarily depressed. Sadness is a healthy, normal response to everyday situations, ranging from a family fight to a falling grade.
In contrast, depression is a cluster of signs and symptoms that are intense and pervasive. The dark mood continues for weeks, not hours or a few days. The child no longer finds pleasure in activities once considered fun.

Doing chores can help build your child's competence, character

"Colonial children were initiated into the adult world early, but not in a hasty or harsh manner. From the age of 3 or 4, they were given chores, not as a discipline, but also to keep them from underfoot. Much of a child's day passed with little supervision; parents and older siblings were too busy to mind what they did."
So writes historian David P. Thelen in his charming sketch of "Everyday Life in Early America" (Perennial Library, \$13).
Except for the word "colonial," Thelen could have been describing the formative experience of many a child, myself included, born in the years immediately after World War II.

By age 4, I was doing such things as sweeping and mopping floors, taking out trash and even washing some of my own clothes in a galvanized tub with hand-cranked wringers bolted to the side.
Most of my playmates performed similar acts of service within their families, as evidenced by the number of times we heard "so-and-so can't come out to play until he's finished his chores."
My mother, like a colonial parent, kept me busy to teach me responsibility and keep me from pestering her.
"We have trouble getting our 4-year-old son to even pick up his toys," the mother said with a laugh.

It seems to escape today's parents that picking up 100 playthings and playing parts is, far more daunting to a preschooler than washing the kitchen floor. When I was 4, I had five or so toys, and we had one kitchen floor. Besides, neither chore was presented to me as an option. My mother didn't cajole, bribe, promise, threaten or martyr me into working. She simply said, "I need your help," and that was that.
Over the centuries, children have proved themselves competent. When they are treated competently with their abilities, they act accordingly and their abilities strengthen. Today's parents act as if children are incompetent from the shoulders down, then bestman their learned incompetence.

Pop culture has a taste for the tasteless

One wonders what Alexis de Toqueville would make of us now, with our flannulee jukes on TV and reality-surg-puzzles to body for in kids' books, our gits in '90s movies and video games, our slinky eyeballs, armpit dolls and reality tongue-outers on shelves.
Would the 19th-century historian, who once wrote nothing is "so petty, so insipid... so anti-poetic" as life in the United States, condemn our Gross-Out Culture and foretell our demise as modern-day Caligulas addicted to "South Park"?
Or would he simply respond with a Beavis-inspired "heh-heh," and squish his hands together to make strange noises?
As one man's breaking wind is another man's political statement. And in our democracy, where even Howard Stern has his place in the marketplace of ideas, the line of what's acceptable and what's not in adult and children's entertainment blurs, moves and

of omission, catapulted Jim Carrey to fame and record-breaking fees. Later, at the Academy Awards, Carrey saluted his success by pretending to misbe his buttocks speak.
A series of Grossology books, several of which have been on children's best-seller lists, ventures into the dark world of "Gross-Out Culture." Grossology (Planet Deter, \$18.95) teaches kids the science behind eye gunk, tooth tartar, zits, scabs and the like.
In publishing, music and other places...
For better or worse, there's a new presence of gross stuff in our popular culture.
To be sure, adults have long since absorbed the vulgarity of Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales," Lenny Bruce, Richard Pryor, Mel Brooks' "Blazing Saddles" and John Waters' "Pink Flamingos." Whether the source was political, artistic or idiotic, the humor was visceral, titillating, dare we say humanistic.

Parenting John Rosemond



identify all 26 letters of the alphabet by age 3 and is reading by age 4, but those things that strengthen character are sorely absent.
"As was true in colonial times, and is still true, there is no substitute for chores when it comes to learning responsibility (and keeping out from underfoot!). The longer you wait to begin these lessons, the harder it will be to get your child to cooperate in them."
For the typical child, the "critical period" seems to fall between the third and fourth birthdays. And yes, a 4-year-old can do more. Lots more, than make a bed, hang up a wet towel and pick up his toys.
With proper coaching, he can mop a floor, run a vacuum and even hand-wash certain articles of clothing.
And if you don't bribe or threaten, but simply encourage, you just might find that your child not only enjoys doing these sorts of things, but asks for more! There is, after all, nothing so intrinsically rewarding as competence.
John Rosemond is a family psychologist in North Carolina. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at P.O. Box 4124, Gastonia, N.C. 28054 and at <http://www.rosemond.com/parenting> on the Internet's World Wide Web.

Here come a lot of Michaels, Sarahs

For boys, the other top names were: Matthew, Nicholas, Jacob, Christopher, Austin, Joshua, Zachary, Andrew and Brandon. Sarah was followed by Emily, Kaitlyn, Brianna, Ashley, Jessica, Taylor, Megan, Hannah and Samantha.
If you named your new baby Michael or Sarah, he or she is going to have a lot of friends and classmates with the same name. The most popular baby names last year, reports the BabyCenter Inc. publishing company.

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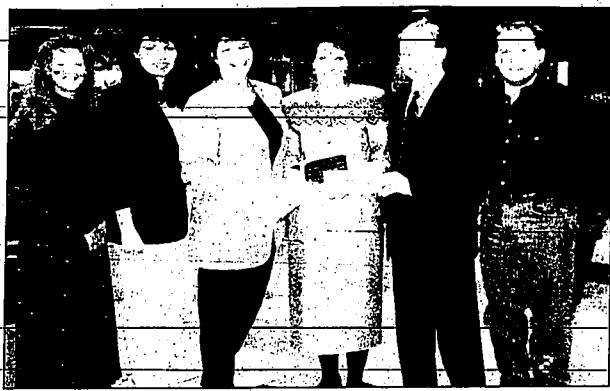
Donations help make dreams come true

SCHOOL

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Mall and MIX 103 recently presented \$4,000 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Idaho.

Money was raised during the Magic Valley Mall's holiday promotion of "Annabelle's Wish," a new Christmas feature television/direct-to-video movie produced by R.I.P.H.E. Films.

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average cost of a wish at \$4,000. "That's why contributions from individuals and sponsors are so important," said La Follette.

For more information regarding the Make-A-Wish Foundation and qualifying children, contact the local chapter at 324-8982.

Bartholomew is the author of the best-selling gardening book, "Square Foot Gardening."

The public is invited to hear Bartholomew's presentation. Admission is free.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Kimberly Art On Ice

KIMBERLY - Art On Ice will be presented from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday in the lunchroom at the Kimberly Elementary School.

Habitat for Humanity to meet Monday

TWIN FALLS - Habitat for Humanity will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the Obchain Community Room, 264 Main Ave. S.

I want your news

If it's news to you, I want to hear about it. I'm April Crichton (Sincich), the community editor at The Times-News.

NARFE schedules Tuesday meeting

TWIN FALLS - Chapter 1069 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Mandarin House on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

CSI council plans celebration

TWIN FALLS - In celebration of Idaho Human Rights Day and in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the College of Southern Idaho Student Senate Diversity Council has planned an evening with Bill Wassmuth to begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Room 276 in the Taylor Administration Building.

CHADD promotes greater education

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Chapter of Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the community room at the Health and Welfare building, 601 Pole Line Road.

Future travelers start with step one

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls School District and US West Foundation is presenting "Widening Our World" at the Oregon Trail Elementary School.

Ex-engineer shares past experiences

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls County Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Health and Welfare building on Pole Line Road.

Infant massage class scheduled

TWIN FALLS - An infant massage class is planned for 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tuesday at the College of Southern Idaho Child Care Center.

Wal-Mart offers \$1,000 scholarship

BURLEY - Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is sponsoring a \$1,000 Sam Walton scholarship for local high school seniors who demonstrates high academic achievement, participation in school, work and community activities and financial need.

Veterans memorial book goes to print

RUPERT - The Minidoka County Veterans Memorial book is going to the publisher this month.

ELSEWHERE

Gardening secrets revealed Thursday

RICHMOND - Mel Bartholomew will give a presentation on gardening secrets at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Community Library. He will show slides and demonstrate a garden. A signing hosted by Chapter One will follow in the lecture room.

LUNCH MENUS

Only main dishes are listed. All schools serve milk with meals.

BURLEY
Breakfast: Juice served everyday.
Monday: Cereal and cinnamon toast.
Tuesday: Scrambled egg patties.

WEDNESDAY
Monday: No school.
Tuesday: Sausage pizza.
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets.

ST. EDWARD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Monday: No school.
Tuesday: Turkey chow mein.
Wednesday: Ham and cheese roll.

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Breakfast served everyday.
Monday: No school.
Tuesday: Berry yogurt and toast.

CASTLEFORD
Breakfast:
Monday: Scram and cereal.
Tuesday: Scram and cereal.

BARBOLOMEW
Monday: Scram and cereal.
Tuesday: Scram and cereal.
Wednesday: Doughnut and cereal.

FLER
Monday: No school.
Tuesday: Spaghetti.
Wednesday: Chicken patty sandwich.

HANSEN
Breakfast:
Monday: Cereal and toast.
Tuesday: English muffin and scrambled.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Monday: Baked ham.
Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce.

WEDNESDAY
Monday: Ham and bean soup.
Tuesday: Chili dog or hotdog.
Friday: No lunch served.

KIMBERLY
Breakfast served everyday.
Lunch: At elementary school, main line menu is served each day. It goes with the menu in Sunday's paper, and the menu to The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or fax to 733-9538, attention: Lunch Menu. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

It includes experiences of veterans around the world and has a foreword by Rupert resident Ralph Maughan, who served in the South Pacific and Philippines with the Navy Seabees during World War II.

For more information or to order, call the Natural Resource Conservation Service office at 678-1225.

What's for lunch
School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) with the menu in Sunday's paper, send the menu to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or fax to 733-9538, attention: Lunch Menu. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

Variety of trees now on sale
BURLEY - Trees for homeowners, farmers and teachers to use as windbreaks, shelterbelts, habitat projects and landscaping are on sale at the East Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District, 1361 E. 16th St.

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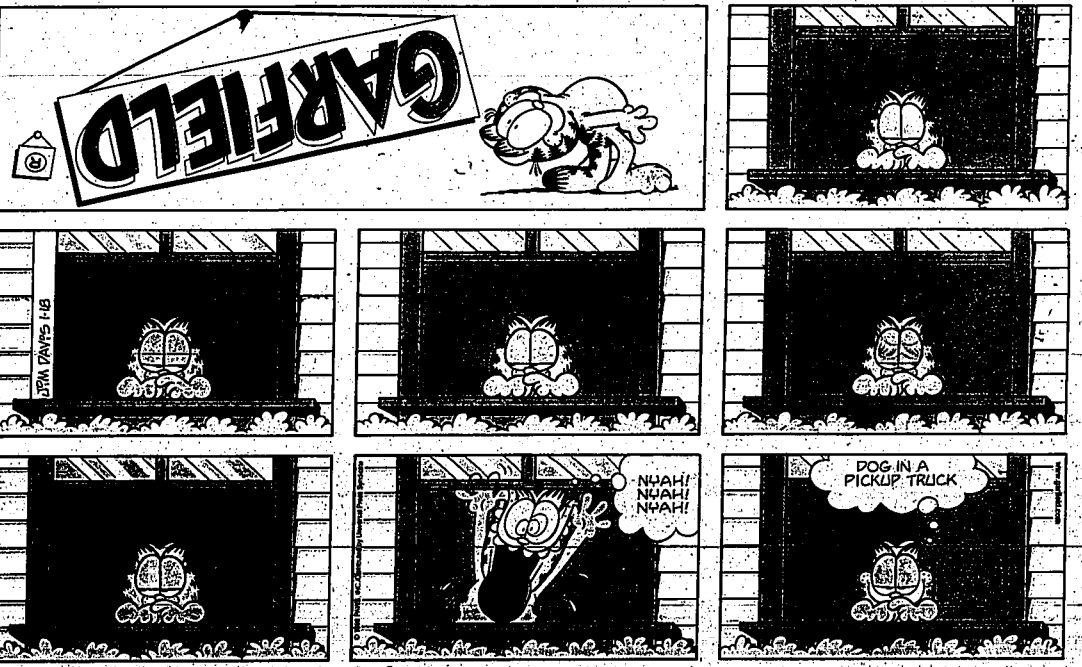
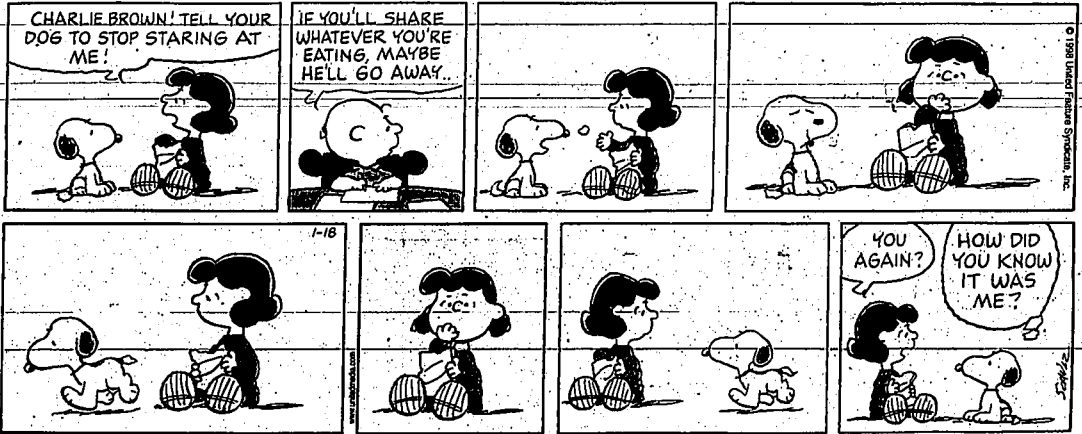
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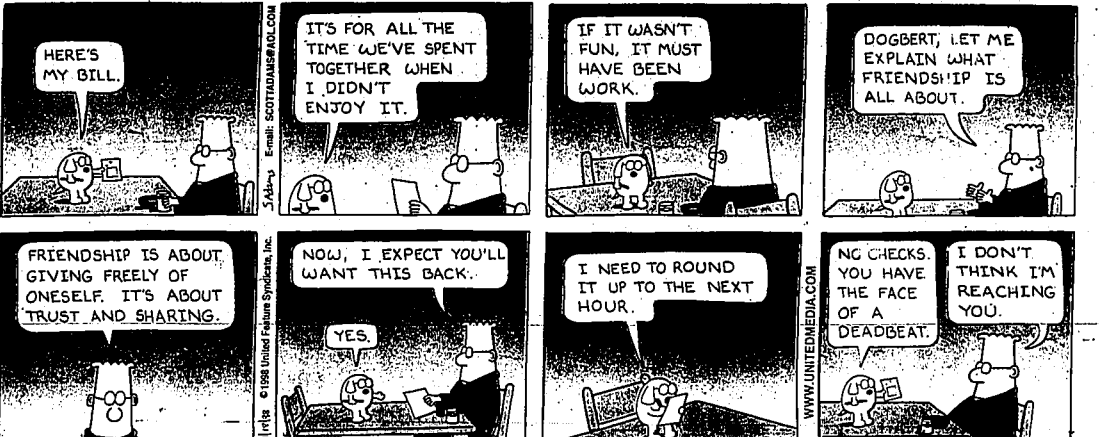
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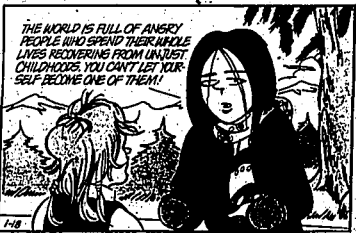
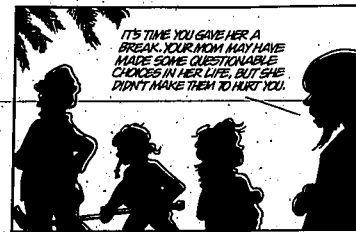
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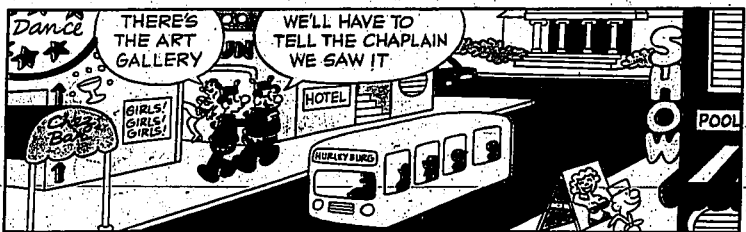
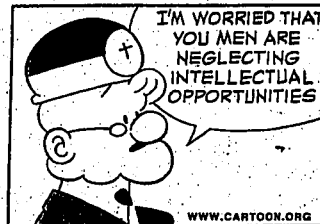
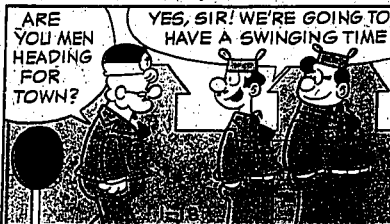


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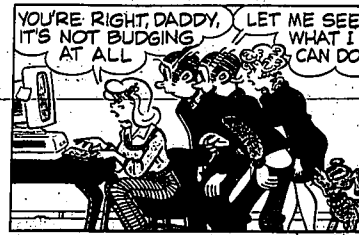
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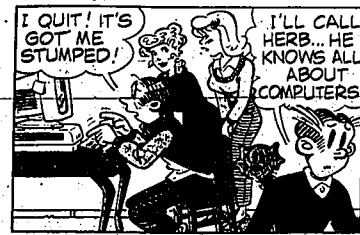
NOPE, I'VE TRIED EVERYTHING! IT'S HOPELESS! IT JUST WON'T WORK!

MAYBE I CAN HELP, DADDY



YOU'RE RIGHT, DADDY, IT'S NOT BUDGING AT ALL

LET ME SEE WHAT I CAN DO



I QUIT! IT'S GOT ME STUMPED!

I'LL CALL HERB... HE KNOWS ALL ABOUT COMPUTERS

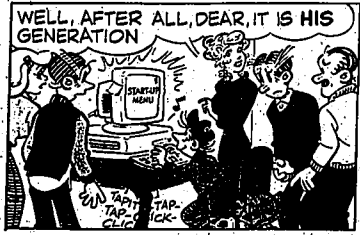


I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT



YOU'RE KIDDING! YOU MEAN HE MESSED THE COMPUTER UP AGAIN?!

I'M AFRAID SO



WELL, AFTER ALL, DEAR, IT IS HIS GENERATION

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane

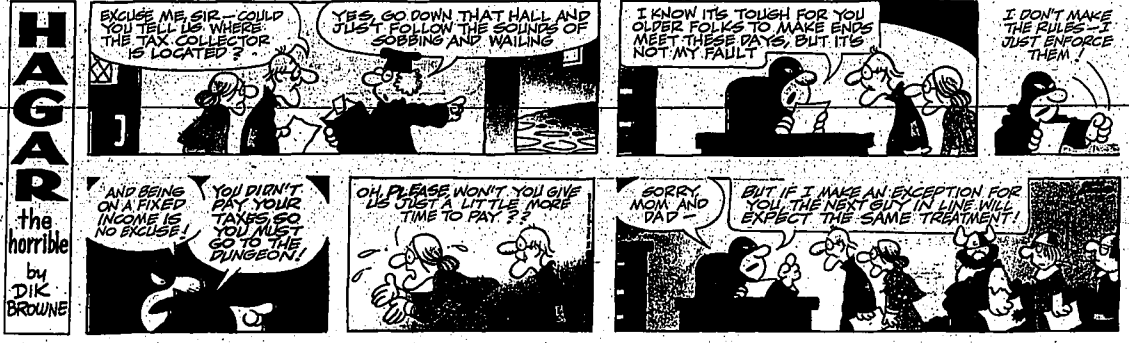


BILLY! DID YOU HANG UP YOUR CLOTHES AS I ASKED?

YES, MOMMY, I HUNG THEM ALL UP!

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HAGAR
the horrible
by DIK BROWNE

EXCUSE ME, SIR - COULD YOU TELL US WHERE THE TAX COLLECTOR IS LOGATED?

YES, GO DOWN THAT HALL AND JUST FOLLOW THE SOUNDS OF SOBBING AND WAILING

I KNOW IT'S TOUGH FOR YOU OLDER FOLKS TO MAKE ENDS MEET THESE DAYS, BUT IT'S NOT MY FAULT

I DON'T MAKE THE RULES - I JUST ENFORCE THEM!

AND BEING ON A FIXED INCOME IS NO EXCUSE!

YOU DIDN'T PAY YOUR TAXES, SO YOU MUST GO TO THE DUNGEON!

BUT IF I MAKE AN EXCEPTION FOR YOU, THE NEXT GUY IN LINE WILL EXPECT THE SAME TREATMENT!

BORRY, MOM AND DAD



WIZARD
by parson and hart

OH... IT AIN'T GONNA RAIN NO... MOO

NO...

MOO

WALTER MITTY SHOULD TRY BEING A MILKMAAN

HERE WE ARE BESSY... LAS STOP

YANK-SQUIR-YANK-SQUIR-YANK-SQUIR-YANK-SQUIR-YANK-SQUIR

GOOD MORNING, MISS PRINGLE!

IT'S NOON ALREADY, YOU BUBBLE BRAIN!

W H A N G

FRANK & ERNEST

ANGEL COMPLAINT DEPT.

ABOUT ALL THESE UNANSWERED COMPLAINTS, SIR....

WELL, MOZART DOESN'T LIKE THE WAY HIS HARP IS TUNED....

THAT FIGURES. AFTER ALL, HE WAS A MASTER MUSICIAN!

AND THE WRIGHT BROTHERS ARE COMPLAINING ABOUT ALL THESE CLOUDS....

IT FIGURES. AFTER ALL, THEY WERE AVIATORS!

WHICH ONES!

DEPT. HEAD

THAT FIGURES. AFTER ALL, IT'S ONLY TWO TO A CUSTOMER UP HERE!

COLONEL SANDERS ISN'T SATISFIED WITH HIS WINGS....

OKAY, BUT THE POINT I'M TRYING TO MAKE IS THAT THESE COMPLAINTS GO WAY BACK...SO TO 100 YEARS!

AFTER ALL, I WAS A CABLE REPAIRMAN!

THAT FIGURES, TOO....

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CATHY/ by Cathy Guisewite

IF YOU COULD DO CHRISTMAS ALL OVER AGAIN, WOULD YOU DO IT DIFFERENTLY, CATHY?

YES! WHAT WAS I THINKING, MOM?? HOW COULD I DO THIS TO MYSELF??

WOULD YOU HAVE PAID \$45 FOR A PHOTO ALBUM WHEN THEY'RE ALL OVER TOWN FOR \$10?

...WELL, YES. THE ONE I GOT FOR ANDREA WAS PERFECT. I WOULD HAVE DONE THAT.

WOULD YOU HAVE SPENT \$30 ON A COOKIE JAR FOR A CAT?

THAT WAS CHARLENE'S FAVORITE GIFT! YES! I WOULD HAVE DONE THAT!

WOULD YOU HAVE WASTED \$90 ON DESIGNER HAND LOTIONS WHEN THE SUPERMARKET SELLS THE SAME THING FOR NEXT TO NOTHING??

YES! I'M NOT GIVING MY FRIENDS A GIFT FROM THE SUPER-MARKET!

WOULD YOU HAVE DUMPED \$200 ON A HOLIDAY DRESS THAT YOU HAD NO PLACE TO WEAR??

YES! THAT FABULOUS DRESS WAS THE SELF-ESTEEM-REJUVENATING-EQUIVALENT OF A YEAR OF THERAPY!! IT WAS WORTH EVERY PENNY EVEN IF IT NEVER LEAVES MY CLOSET!!

WHAT EXACTLY WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

WOULDN'T SHOW THE BILLS TO MY MOTHER..

MISERY LOVES COMPANY AS LONG AS THE COMPANY DOESN'T PEEK AT THE RECEIPTS.

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A 'WHITE PAINT' SALESMAN

HI THERE, I AM A TALKING FLOWER.

HI THERE, I AM AN 'ARTIST'. A WINGLESS BIRD WITH HAIRY FEATHERS.

...WHO'S YOUR FRIEND?

HE'S A ROCK.

HOW COMES HE'S PAINTED WHITE.

HE'S A MIMIC.

...A MIMIC, YOU SAY.

YEP.

...RIGHT NOW HE'S DOING THE IMPRESSION OF A NON-TALKING ROCK.

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THE BORN LOSER



by Art & Chip Sansom

BRUTUS?

HOW DO YOU THINK OUR INVESTMENTS ARE DOING?

GEE, I DON'T KNOW... WHY?

THIS ARTICLE SAYS A GOOD INVESTMENT SHOULD DOUBLE YOUR MONEY IN ELEVEN YEARS!

HAS OUR INVESTMENT MONEY DOUBLED IN THE LAST ELEVEN YEARS?

ARE YOU KIDDING?

THE ONLY THING THAT'S DOUBLED IN THE PAST ELEVEN YEARS IS OUR WEIGHT!

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'He Killed My Child, But I Don't Want Him To Die'

A majority of Americans, recent surveys show, favor capital punishment. Certainly, it would seem a natural response to the murder of a loved one that the victim's family members would want the murderer to be executed. But that isn't always the case. To help us understand the dynamics of the difficult decisions people face when considering capital punishment, we asked Contributing Editor David Wallechinsky to speak to a minority of families those survivors who oppose the death penalty for the very people who killed their loved ones—and explore why they feel as they do.

BUD WELCH'S DAUGHTER WAS KILLED by Timothy McVeigh in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. Bill Pelke's grandmother, a Bible teacher in Gary, Ind., was murdered by teenage girls looking for money to play arcade games.

One might think that Welch and Pelke would be counting the days until the persons who killed their family members are executed. Instead, they are part of a growing number of murder victims' survivors who oppose the death penalty, even for the killers of their loved ones.

Welch, a service station owner in Oklahoma City, was sitting at home on April 19, 1995, when the bomb exploded

at the Alfred Murrah Federal Building, where his daughter, Julie Marie, worked. "When I saw the front of the Murrah Building," he recalls, "I gave up all hope, because I knew that Julie worked on the first floor, and I could see it was nothing but a huge pile of rubble."

"Once, after hearing a radio report of an execution in Texas," he adds, "Julie named to me and said, 'Dad, that makes me sick. All those Texans are doing is teaching all the children down there to hate. That murderer did wrong, but now the government has stooped to his level.'"

Welch himself had opposed the death penalty. "I wavered a tremendous amount

after Julie Marie was killed," he says. "The first half year after the bombing, had I known that McVeigh was guilty, I would have been for execution. I was filled with a lot of rage and hate. But after time, I was able to examine my conscience, and I realized that if he is put to death, it won't help me in the healing process. People talk about execution bringing 'closure.' To hell with 'closure.' My little girl is not coming back, and that's for the rest of my life."

Celeste Dixon was with the Navy in Puerto Rico when her mother, a nurse, was shot to death on Aug. 18, 1986, after surprising a burglar in her Texas home. The killer, Michael Richards, had been paroled only a few weeks earlier on a robbery conviction.

Dixon went to the trial every day. "I was focused on: I hate this guy, it made me sick to look at him. I thought he deserved to die."

It was alleged at the trial that Richards had been abused by his father, who also allowed his friends to sexually abuse his own children. "I started to feel sorry for Michael Richards," says Dixon, "but I pushed it out of my mind because I was still angry. When he was given the death penalty, I was ecstatic. I was standing in the hallway afterward, and I saw his mother sobbing. I went up and gave her a hug and said, 'I'm sorry.' She hugged me back and said, 'I'm sorry, too.'"

After leaving the Navy, Dixon enrolled at the University of Texas, where she was active in the pro-life movement. Gradually she came to feel that supporting the death penalty was not consistent with opposing abortion.

"There's a tendency in victims' support groups and within prosecuting attorneys' offices to make people feel that they are being disloyal to the person



Bud Welch with a photo of his daughter, Julie Marie, killed in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. Welch stands near a display bearing her name opposite the blast site.

First, he favored

death. In the six months after his daughter was killed in the Oklahoma City bombing, Bud Welch was full of rage and hate, and he would have supported the execution of Timothy McVeigh, who has been convicted and sentenced to death. But then, recollecting how his daughter

herself opposed government "stooping" to the level of a killer and reflecting over time on his own opposition to the death penalty, Welch finally recognized that the execution of McVeigh would "not help me in the healing process." He adds, "People talk about execution bringing 'closure.' To hell with 'closure.' My little girl is not coming back, and that's for the rest of my life." Welch is not a member of Murder Victims Families for Reconciliation, a group of survivors who oppose the death penalty, but he says, "I support very much what they do and stand for."

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who died if they don't want the murderer to die. They're led to expect that the murderer's death is going to help them heal. It doesn't. All it does is make them focus on anger and hatred. After the execution, the object of their hatred is gone, and they still haven't dealt with their grief."

Richards, whose appeal was rejected, is now on Death Row in Huntsville, Tex.

In 1973, the youngest of Marietta and Bill Jaeger's five children was kidnapped while the family was on a camping trip in Montana. "In the beginning, I wanted to kill the man who took her," says Marietta Jaeger, "with my bare hands and a smile on my face—if only I had known who he was."

A year later, the kidnapper called to taunt Marietta. But he was unprepared for her attitude toward him, which had changed dramatically.

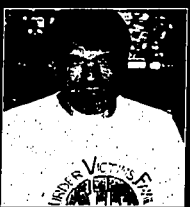
"At first I doubted there could be a loving God who would let this happen to Susie," she says. "I reminded myself that in God's eyes the kidnapper was just as precious as Susie. I worked hard to remember that he was a member of the human family, and I tried to pray for him every day. I felt like I was in a wrestling match with God. When I found myself speaking to the kidnapper on the phone, I asked him, 'What can I do to help you?'"

"There was a long silence, and then he began weeping. And he said, 'I wish this burden could be lifted from me.'"

The kidnapper, David Meirhofer, was captured. At Marietta Jaeger's request, he was offered life imprisonment without parole rather than the death penalty. "Life incarceration allows the possibility of repentance and rehabilitation," she explains, "and it disallows the execution of an innocent person."

Meirhofer accepted the proposed sentence and then confessed that he had slain 17-year-old Susie Jaeger and three other persons. Then he hugged himself.

"My concern is how best to honor Susie's life," her mother says today. "Do I honor her by becoming someone who wants to kill someone, or do I honor her better by saying life is sacred, even the lives of those who do horrible, heinous crimes? I'm not advocating forgiving violent people and then putting them



Bill Pelke. He supports life imprisonment without the possibility of parole in lieu of the death penalty.

Three teenage girls went to his grandmother's house, supposedly for Bible study. Instead they stabbed Ruth Pelke, 78, to death in order to get money to play arcade games. Their leader, Paula Cooper, 15, was sentenced to die. "If they didn't give the death penalty in my grandmother's case," Pelke says, "then they were saying my grandmother wasn't an important person. I felt my grandmother was a very important person." But then Pelke, an overhead crane operator at a steel mill, was left alone for 45 minutes at work one day and got to thinking how his grandmother would have felt about Paula Cooper—a "young, scared girl" who had been severely abused as a child. "Her parents didn't even come to the sentencing," Pelke says. "That was the day it was decided whether she would live or die, and they didn't come." The next day, Pelke wrote to Paula Cooper and offered to speak out to save her from execution. That wasn't necessary, she replied. All she wanted was forgiveness.

Celeste Dixon was standing in the hallway after her mother's killer was given the death penalty. "I saw his mother sobbing," she recalls. "I went up and gave her a hug and said, 'I'm sorry.' She hugged me back and said, 'I'm sorry,' too."

When her mother, Marguerite,

was shot to death in August 1986 after surprising a burglar named Michael Richards in her home in Hockley, Tex., Celeste Dixon very much wanted him to die.



Celeste Dixon



Michael Richards

Then, eventually, she became active in the pro-life movement and realized that supporting the death penalty at the same time that she opposed abortion was inconsistent. Dixon noted a tendency in some victims' support groups and in prosecutors' offices "to make people feel they are being disloyal to the person who died if they don't want the murderer to die." She adds, "They're led to expect that the murderer's death is going to help them heal. It doesn't. All it does is make them focus on anger and hatred. After the execution, the object of their hatred is gone, and they still haven't dealt with their grief."

back on the street again. But we don't have to kill people to protect society from them. I say, 'Don't kill in my name, and don't kill in my Susie's name.'"

On May 14, 1985, Bill Pelke's 78-year-old grandmother, Ruth, was stabbed to death by three teenage girls during a robbery at her home. The ringleader,

15-year-old Paula Cooper, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to death.

At first Bill Pelke thought Paula got what she deserved, but then at work one day he had 45 minutes to himself. "I was thinking about all the problems in my life. Until then, whenever I thought about my grandmother, I pictured her

butchered on her dining room floor. Now I pictured her with tears of compassion for Paula Cooper and her family. I thought about Paula Cooper on Death Row—a young, scared girl all alone. She had been severely abused as a child. Her parents didn't even come to the sentencing."

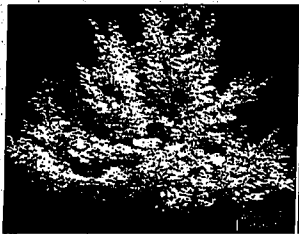
The next day Pelke wrote to Paula Cooper. "I told her who my grandmother was, and I shared some Bible verses." He said he forgave her. Paula wrote back. "I want your forgiveness, but I don't want your pity."

Since then, Pelke and Cooper have exchanged more than 400 letters, and he has visited her 10 times. In 1989, Cooper's sentence of death was changed to 60 years in prison, which could be shortened to 30 years with good behavior. Paula Cooper is now taking college correspondence courses and wants to counsel young people.

Since Bill Pelke retired last May, he has decided to devote his life to abolishing the death penalty. Like Celeste Dixon and Marietta Jaeger, he is a member of Murder Victims Families for Reconciliation. Once a year the organization and its supporters choose several sites around the country where they go to share their opposition to the death penalty.

For more information, WRITE TO: Murder Victims Families for Reconciliation, Dept. P, P.O. Box 208, Atlantic, Va. 23303-0208.

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Ask Marilyn

Say that Wile E. Coyote chases Road Runner to the edge of a cliff, which promptly breaks off beneath their feet. Road Runner flies away, but Wile E. finds himself plunging hundreds of feet toward the ground, as if he were in a falling elevator. In a desperate attempt to avoid being flattened, he begins to jump up and down on his rocky platform. If he continues to do this until the moment the platform lands at the bottom of the cliff, he stands a good chance of being only a couple of feet in the air at the time of impact. Will this have any effect on the force with which he himself then lands?

—Karin Allen, Columbia, S.C.

Mr. Coyote will not be able to jump up at all, because he will have no anchored floor to push against. Instead, it will be rushing downward as rapidly as he is. (Neither would he be able to jump up and down in a falling elevator.) But never fear. His makers could easily equip his rocky platform (which he'll be sharing anxiously with Mr. Runner, who can't fly either) with a floor-mounted air bag that would surely save a cartoon character with more lives than a whole family of cats.

In the real world, airlines could consider installing camera-mounted air bags that might help lessen the injuries sustained when unbelted passengers and crew members hit the roof during sudden temporary losses of altitude.

As people get older, they require less sleep. Also, it appears that people who exercise regularly require

less sleep. Maybe there is a connection between levels of intelligence and sleep required. What are your own requirements?

—Fred Haseloy, Sacramento, Calif.



Unless you have as many lives as Wile E. Coyote, this suggestion won't help if you take a plunge

By using the word "requirements," you imply that the sleep patterns of different individuals have no component of habit. I believe they do. In my own case, I think I require about four or five hours of sleep, but I usually sleep about six. When I'm very busy, I've noticed that I have no problem staying up late for weeks on end, always getting up at the same time in the morning. But I've also noticed that when I'm on vacation near a sandy beach—which is very seldom—I don't want to get up at all. The only time I feel too tired is when I'm in the process of changing from more sleep to less sleep. But as soon as the new habit is established, I feel fine.

And, personally, I believe that routinely getting up late on the weekends is a surefire way to feel miserable when getting up early throughout the rest of the week.

SO WHAT'S THE QUESTION?

The answer was "Shooting Stars."

Here are some of your questions:

"What activity comes to mind after watching a really bad movie?"

—Dennis Corbett, Falls Church, Va.

"What were Captain Kirk and the crew of the starship *Enterprise* caught doing after drinking too much champagne on New Year's Eve?"

—Lawrence Galtagher, St. Petersburg, Fla.

"What's the most common activity of camera-clad tourists on Hollywood Boulevard?"

—Dorrie R. Thompson, Cedar Grove, N.J.

Ready to try another one? The answer is: "The International Date Line."

If you have a question or comment for Marilyn vos Savant, who is listed in the "Guinness Book of World Records" Hall of Fame for "Highest IQ," send it to: Ask Marilyn, PARADE, 771 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017. Or you can send e-mail to marilyn@parade.com (please include name, city and state). Due to volume of mail, personal replies are not possible.

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—Kim Vendt, Marysville, Wash.



Quick Meals For A Weeknight

Sheila

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LINGUINE WITH RED AND WHITE CLAM SAUCE

Try to find littleneck clams for this dish. If they are not available, look for the smallest cherry-stone clams possible.

- 3 dozen littleneck clams
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 1/2 cup defatted chicken broth
- 1/2 cup bottled clam juice
- Salt, to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 4 cups sliced (1/2 inch) ripe plum tomatoes (about 12 tomatoes)
- 3 scallions (with 2 inches of green left on), thinly sliced on the diagonal
- 1/3 cup chopped flat-leaf parsley
- 3/4 pound cooked linguine

1. Rinse the clams well under cold water and drain in a colander.
 2. Heat the oil in a heavy pot over low heat. Add the garlic and cook for 2 to 3 minutes, stirring, to wilt.
 3. Add the broth and clam juice. Season with salt and pepper. Cover, raise the heat to medium and simmer for 5 to 8 minutes.
 4. Add the clams, cover and steam for 3 to 5 minutes, shaking the pot. Discard any clams that do not open. Transfer the clams to a large serving bowl with any juices, then carefully toss with the tomatoes and scallions. Sprinkle with parsley.
 5. Divide the cooked linguine among 4 serving bowls and top each with the clams and broth. Serve immediately.
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When placing herbs in the chicken breasts, loosen and lift the skin carefully, so that it doesn't tear. Basting keeps the chicken and vegetables moist.

- 2 cloves of garlic
- 1/4 teaspoon coarse salt
- 1 tablespoon finely grated orange zest
- Juice of 1 large orange
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon or basil leaves, or 1/2 teaspoon dried
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 4 carrots, peeled, halved lengthwise and cut into 2-inch lengths
- 1 pound white new potatoes, scrubbed and halved
- 4 large ripe plum tomatoes, halved lengthwise and seeded
- 4 small whole chicken breasts (about 3/4 pound each), with skin and bones, rinsed and patted dry
- 8 sprigs fresh tarragon or 8 small basil leaves

1. Preheat the oven to 450°F.
 2. Mince the garlic with the salt, then place the mixture in a small bowl. Add the orange zest, orange juice, olive oil, chopped tarragon or basil, and pepper. Mix well and set aside.
 3. Bring a pot of salted water to a boil; blanch the carrots and potatoes for 3 minutes. Drain and place in a bowl. Add the tomatoes to the bowl and set aside.
 4. Remove any excess fat from the chicken breasts and place a sprig of tarragon or a basil leaf under the skin on each side of the breasts. Replace the skin neatly. Brush the breasts well with the reserved orange mixture.
 5. Add any remaining orange mixture to the reserved vegetables and toss well. Place the vegetables in a 13x9x2-inch oven-to-table baking dish. Arrange the chicken breasts on top in a decorative row. Bake for 40 minutes, brushing the breasts once or twice with the pan juices. Test for doneness by cutting into the thickest part of a breast. The juices should run clear. Serve immediately, spooning some of the vegetables and a whole breast over each plate.
- Serves 4. Per serving:** 542 calories, 34g carbohydrates, 58g protein, 18g fat, 15mg cholesterol.

CHICKEN SALAD QUESADILLAS I WITH SALSA SALAD

In place of an ordinary salad, I created a "salsa" salad to serve as an appetizer. Toss with oil and vinegar just before serving for the freshest texture.

- 1 bunch watercress, rinsed and patted dry
- 3 plum tomatoes (seeded), each cut into 8 pieces
- 1/3 cup sliced (1/4 inch) red onion
- 1/2 cup dill (7 1/2-inch diameter)
- 4 ounces Monterey Jack cheese, grated (about 1 cup)
- 1/2 cup shredded cooked chicken meat
- 4 small red to mushrooms, cleaned and thinly sliced
- 2 scallions (with 3 inches of green left on), thinly sliced on the diagonal
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced fresh basil leaves (loosely packed)
- 2 tablespoons low-fat sour cream
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon red-wine vinegar
- Salt and pepper, to taste

1. Remove 1 cup of leaves from the watercress and place in a bowl with the tomatoes and onion; set salad aside.

2. Place 2 tortillas on a work surface and sprinkle them evenly with half of the Monterey Jack cheese. Scatter the chicken, mushrooms, scallions and basil evenly over the cheese. Dot each quesadilla with 1 tablespoon sour cream. Sprinkle with the remaining cheese.

3. Place a second tortilla over each; press down on it with the palm of your hand.

4. Heat a dry, nonstick skillet over medium heat until very hot. Using a large spatula, place a quesadilla in the skillet and cook, pressing down with the spatula and turning it once, until the cheese melts and the tortillas brown slightly, 3 to 4 minutes per side. Transfer the quesadilla to a low oven (250°F) to keep warm. Repeat with the remaining quesadilla.

5. Just before serving, add the olive oil, vinegar, salt and pepper to reserved salad; toss well. Cut quesadillas into quarters and place on two dinner plates. Top with the salad and serve. Serves 2. Per serving: 674 calories, 59g carbohydrates, 32g protein, 35g fat, 65mg cholesterol.

LEMON DROP ORZO

If fresh chives are not available, substitute chopped parsley.

- 5 cups defatted chicken broth
- 2 cups dried orzo pasta
- 2 to 3 tablespoons stripped fresh chives
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon zest
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice

1. Bring the broth to a boil in a saucepan. Add the orzo, reduce the heat and simmer, uncovered, until just tender. Drain and return the orzo to the pan.

2. Add the remaining ingredients and toss well. Serve hot.

Serves 6. Per serving: 225 calories, 34g carbohydrates, 8g protein, 2g fat, 0 cholesterol.

SAVORY LAMB CHOPS

For a succulent combination, serve these chops with my Lemon Drop Orzo and Winter Salad. To make your work easier, marinate the lamb in the refrigerator overnight.

- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon minced, peeled fresh ginger
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- juice and finely grated zest of 1 lime
- 6 loin or rib lamb chops (1 1/2 inches thick)

1. To prepare the marinade, combine the first five ingredients in a large bowl.

2. Add the lamb chops and toss them to coat well in the marinade. Set aside to marinate for 20 minutes.

3. Preheat the broiler.

4. Broil the chops 3 inches from the heat source for 4 to 5 minutes per side for medium-rare meat. Cook longer for well-done meat.

Serves 6. Per serving: 232 calories, 1g carbohydrate, 27g protein, 8g fat, 83mg cholesterol.

TWICE THE RICE

While I love the flavor of kielbasa sausage, if you are not a meat eater, substitute one of the many poultry sausages available in most markets.

- 1 kielbasa sausage (1 pound), cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 cup sliced (1/4 inch) onions
- 1/4 cup sliced (1/4 inch) celery
- 1/4 cup sliced (1/4 inch) red bell peppers
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1/4 cup uncooked long-grain rice
- 1 can (28 ounces) Italian tomato, chopped with juices
- 2 cups defatted chicken broth
- 1 bay leaf
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1/4 cup chopped flat-leaf parsley

1. Cook sausage in the oil in a large, heavy pot over medium heat for 5 to 8 minutes or until browned, turning often. Remove to a bowl with a slotted spoon and set aside.

2. Discard all but 2 tablespoons of fat in the pot. Add the onions, celery and bell peppers; cook over medium-low heat for 10 minutes to wilt, stirring often. Add the garlic and cook for 5 minutes longer.

3. Add rice to the pot and cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Add the reserved sausage, the tomatoes, broth and bay leaf. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to a simmer, cover and cook, stirring occasionally, for 20 minutes or until the rice is tender. Season with salt and pepper and stir in the chopped parsley; remove bay leaf. Serve immediately.

Serves 6. Per serving: 459 calories, 54g carbohydrates, 14g protein, 21g fat, 59mg cholesterol.

WINTER SALAD

Remove all of the bitter white pith when peeling oranges.

- 1 small clove of garlic, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon coarse salt
- Pinch of black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 1/2 cup pure olive oil
- 2 bunches spinach (about 8 ounces each)
- 3 large navel oranges
- 1 medium-sized red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon whipped chives

1. Mix together the garlic, coarse salt, pepper, mustard, honey and orange juice in a bowl. Slowly drizzle in the olive oil, whisking constantly until thickened. Set aside.

2. Rinse spinach well, remove any tough stems and pat dry.

3. With a sharp knife, peel rind from the oranges, then slice 1/4 inch thick. Add orange slices to the spinach along with the onion. Just before serving, toss well with the reserved dressing and sprinkle with the chives.

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Michelle: A group of us had been, like, best friends—we were the closest you could ever be—and we sat at the same lunch table every day.



Michelle

"They say you should accept apologies, but it was kind of hard to."

Michelle: They'd make comments about my face, my figure, stuff like that. And they talked behind my back. It's not really a big deal. But when they do it to you every day, then everybody starts to look at you differently because of what these people say. So it's hard to face people. I didn't even want to go to school.

In the end, everyone apologized. I guess they realized how much it was hurting me. They say you should accept apologies, but it was kind of hard to still, you can't just let the hard feelings go on forever. There has to be someone to stop it and not let it go on anymore. I figured I'd be that person. Except for one girl, those girls and I are not nearly as close as we used to be. But if I see them and they talk to me, I talk to them.

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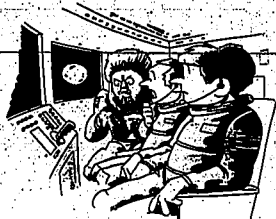


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Curry has tremendous field awareness, says his coach, Michael Smith. While playing with a dislocated left shoulder, Ron passed for 26 touchdowns in 26 completions, 119 of 226 pass attempts for a 53% average and a total of 2577 yards. He scored an additional 22 touchdowns while rushing for 866 yards. Now a senior, Ron also was a PARADE all-American in basketball as a sophomore. He has a 3.6 grade-point average and is expected to attend the University of Virginia.

Justin Fargas of Sherman Oaks, Calif., is fast, strong, and he can run through tackles, says his coach, Kevin Rooney. Justin is our top running back, with 35 touchdowns and 2818 yards this season.

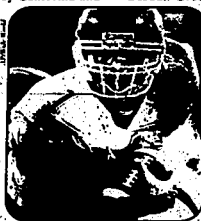
Marquise Walker of Syracuse, N.Y., is the No. 1 receiver on our roster—made 80 catches for 1191 yards this season.

"Marquise is big, strong, fast and has great hands," says his coach, Bob Campese. Dennis Johnson of Harrodsburg, Ky., leads our linemen. Dennis had 19 quarterback sacks, 27 solo tackles and 7 fumble recoveries this season.

Our top linebacker, Robert Thomas of Imperial, Calif., "has great closing speed," says his coach, Mike Swearingin. This season Robert had 93 solo tackles, 121 assists, and 10 quarterback sacks.

DeJuan Groce of Lakewood, Ohio, "has exceptional strength and speed," says his coach, Jim McQuaide. DeJuan—PARADE's top defensive back—had 15 solo tackles, 7 interceptions, and he blocked 3 kicks this year.

Hayden Epstein of San Diego heads our kickers. He made 9 field goals in 16 tries and connected on 49 of 52 extra-point attempts this season.



PARADE's Player of the Year, Ron Curry, was a threat passing—and rushing.

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| QUARTERBACKS (7) | | | | |
|------------------|-------------|--------------------|------|-----|
| Ronald Curry | Hampton | Hampton, Va. | 6'3" | 198 |
| Arnaz Battle | Syde | Drewpoint, La. | 6'3" | 190 |
| James Newby | Walla Walla | Walla Walla, Wash. | 6'3" | 205 |
| Drew Henson | Brighton | Brighton, Mich. | 6'5" | 215 |
| Tyler Watts | Felham | Pelham, Ala. | 6'5" | 200 |
| Max Hilliday | Billwater | Billwater, Calif. | 6'5" | 215 |
| Jason Thomas | Dominguez | Compton, Calif. | 6'5" | 233 |

| RUNNING BACKS (18) | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------|-----|
| Justin Fargas | Notre Dame | Sherman Oaks, Calif. | 6'1" | 185 |
| Ed Drummond | Linsly | Wheeling, W.Va. | 5'11" | 175 |
| Terrance Howard | Ranocosa Valley Regional | Mount Holly, N.J. | 6'2" | 185 |
| Arion Newby | Dowlingtown | Dowlingtown, Pa. | 6'2" | 195 |
| Leo Mills | Humble | Humble, Tex. | 6'2" | 210 |
| Earnest Graham | Mariner | Copa Coral, Fla. | 6'2" | 200 |
| Jonas Adams | Ocoosa | Ocoosa, Ariz. | 6'0" | 200 |
| Tom Lopienski | Wash Jesuit | Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio | 6'3" | 244 |

| RECEIVERS (7) | | | | |
|------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------|-----|
| Marquise Walker | Hannigan | Syracuse, N.Y. | 6'4" | 200 |
| Montrell Flowers | Skyline | Dallas, Tex. | 5'10" | 175 |
| David Terrell | Huguenot | Richmond, Va. | 6'4" | 197 |
| Talman Gardner | McShugh SS | New Orleans, La. | 6'4" | 185 |
| R.J. Luka | Waubesa Valley | Aurora, Ill. | 6'3" | 228 |
| John Casal | Hernando | Brockville, Ill. | 6'0" | 175 |
| A.T. Simpson | Cathedral | Indianapolis, Ind. | 6'5" | 202 |

| LINEMEN (18) | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------|-----|
| Dennis Johnson | Harrodsburg | Harrodsburg, Ky. | 6'7" | 258 |
| Mike Peterson | Shiloh-Andrew | Batesville, Ind. | 6'8" | 285 |
| John Henderson | Pearl-Gohn | Nashville, Tenn. | 6'8" | 285 |
| Hindal Moorehead | Metro | Murphy, Tenn. | 6'4" | 275 |
| Craig Albrecht | El Dorado | El Dorado, Mo. | 6'4" | 285 |
| Brett Williams | Ocoosa | Ocoosa, Ariz. | 6'5" | 315 |
| Ben Phillips | John Roster-Duiles | Liberty, Ga. | 6'5" | 270 |
| Jon Stinchcomb | Parkeview | Liberty, Ga. | 6'7" | 255 |
| Mike Saffer | Sabine | Tucson, Ariz. | 6'5" | 285 |
| Kendrick Allen | Dockers | Bedford, La. | 6'5" | 275 |
| Jon Felder | Berwick | Berwick, Pa. | 6'5" | 290 |
| Manny Patterson | Carlisle Hotchley | Carlisle, Ohio | 6'4" | 290 |
| Ryan Pickett | Zephyrhills | Zephyrhills, Fla. | 6'4" | 290 |
| Mike Bellia | Marshfield | Cocoa Bay, Ors. | 6'6" | 305 |
| Antwan Kirk-highus | Wasatchia | Wasatchia, Tex. | 6'4" | 308 |

| LINEBACKERS (8) | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------|-----|
| Robert Thomas | Imperial | Imperial, Calif. | 6'3" | 230 |
| Shemar Finney | Crest | Shelby, N.C. | 6'3" | 245 |
| Edie Strong | South Panola | Batesville, Miss. | 6'2" | 245 |
| Howard Clark | Panamaian | Panamaian, N.C. | 6'2" | 215 |
| Tommy Grant | Missouri Kenty | Coleton, Mo. | 6'4" | 257 |
| Josh-Thornhill | Battersea | Warrington, W. York. | 6'4" | 240 |
| Carlton Pierre-Antoine | O'Dea | Seattle, Wash. | 6'3" | 230 |
| Aaron Hampton | Arlington-Parkersburg | Parkersburg, Iowa | 6'5" | 258 |
| Bernard Jackson | St. Xavier | Louisville, Ky. | 6'4" | 240 |

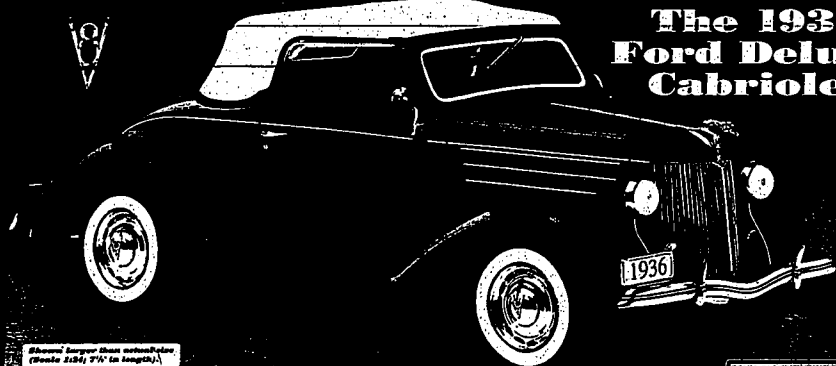
| DEFENSIVE BACKS (4) | | | | |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------|-----|
| DeJuan Groce | SL Edward | Lakewood, Ohio | 5'10" | 160 |
| Chris Hixon | Rock Hill, S.C. | Rock Hill, S.C. | 6'1" | 200 |
| Calo June | Anacostia-Benlar | Washington, D.C. | 6'0" | 205 |
| Justin Houston | Thomas Jefferson | Hempstead, Calif. | 6'2" | 180 |

| KICKERS (2) | | | | |
|------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------|-----|
| Hayden Epstein | Torrey Pines | San Diego, Calif. | 6'1" | 155 |
| Preston Grauning | D.C. Everest | Schlofield, Wis. | 5'10" | 170 |

| ALL-PURPOSE PLAYERS (4) | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------|-----|
| Julius Hunter | Detroit Country Day | Beverly Hills, Mich. | 6'1" | 160 |
| James Pappas | South Horn | South Horn, N.Y. | 6'1" | 200 |
| Randy Stalls | Benson | Omaha, Neb. | 6'1" | 195 |
| Dave Armstrong | Central Bucks West | Doylstown, Pa. | 6'4" | 255 |

BY MICHAEL O'SHEA

The 1936 Ford Deluxe Cabriolet



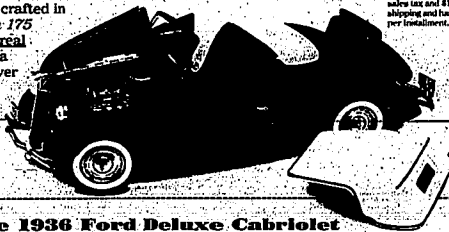
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Aboard the Ironclad

The battle between the *Monitor* and the *Merrimack* on March 9, 1862, wasn't the most exciting naval encounter in history. Neither ship was damaged, nobody was killed, and the combatants returned to base immediately afterward. Yet it had a significant effect on the Civil War, and it served to introduce the age of iron ships into warfare. James Tertius deKay recounts both the background and the battle absorbingly in *Monitor: The Story of the Legendary Civil War Ironclad and the Man Whose Invention Changed the Course of History* (Walker & Co., \$21). The *Monitor's* inventor, John Ericsson, a Swedish immigrant, had a hard time convincing the authorities that his strange-looking ship could even float, let alone fight, and indeed it almost foundered en route to the battle with the South's *Merrimack*.



mac. Actually, that familiar "cheesebox on a raft" description hardly seems applicable, for the *Monitor* carried a crew of 58, and so much of it lay beneath the waterline that it was more a submarine than a surface ship.

Some of the men who built it and manned it—no need to mention the Union politicians who didn't know quite what to do with it—were as peculiar as the vessel itself.

The *Monitor* lies today on the ocean floor, 16 miles off Cape Hatteras, N.C. (16 men died when it went down in a storm), and there is talk of trying to raise it. This tense and suspenseful history makes one hope that such a project someday succeeds.

The *Monitor*, of course, has a place in *Ships of the World: An Historical Encyclopedia*, by Lincoln P. Paine (Houghton Mifflin, \$50). This amply illustrated, 680-page volume—which covers warships, ocean liners, commercial vessels and even fictional craft like *The African Queen* and *H.M.S. Plover*—will gladden the heart and enhance the knowledge of all true-maritime enthusiasts.

The Leadership Challenge

Robert J. Datzig's *The Leader Within You* (Lifetime Books, \$21.95) is a combination autobiography, contemporary history and set of inspirational values. Datzig, the senior executive of the Hearst Newspaper Group, has compiled a series of success stories (not least of all his own) that encompasses not only business executives like GE's John F. Welch Jr. and CNN's (and the *Atlanta Braves*) Ted Turner but also such cultural icons as the violinist Itzhak Perlman and soprano Beverly Sills. However different their life directions, says Datzig, they share nine "powers of leadership" that can be cultivated by all. You'll have to read the book to check them out, but here's one passing thought: "Management is a series of learned attributes; leadership relies on inherent capabilities."

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In Step
With

MARIEL HEMINGWAY

BY
JAMES BRADY

ERNEST HEMINGWAY'S actress-granddaughter Mariel had flown to Los Angeles for the premiere of Woody Allen's latest movie and had

Personal:
Born Nov. 21, 1961, in Mill Valley, Calif.
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—Dree, 10, and Langley, 8.

Films:

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1976: *Lipstick*,
1976: *Manhattan*,
1979: *Personal Best*,
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1985: *Superman II*,
1987: *Sunset*,
1988: *The Suicide Club*,
1988: *Delirious*,
1991: *Falling From Grace*,
1992: *Deconstructing Harry*,
1991: *Little Men*,
1993: *Road Ends*,
1993: *Drop Dead*,
1993: *American Road*,
1993.

Television:

Includes
1977: *I Want To Keep My Baby*,
1977: *America*,
1981: *Into the Bad Lands*,
1991: *Civil Wars*,
1991-93: *Desperate*

Repeats—*The Cat in the Hat*,
1993: *Central Park*,
1993: *Wildlife Adventures*,
1993.

Theater:

Includes
1985: *The Palace of Amateurs*,
1985: *California Dog Fight*,
1985.

just gotten back to her home in Ketchum, Idaho. At nearby Sun Valley, she told me, it had begun to snow. "It was raining so hard in L.A.," added Mariel. "I knew it was coming."

Mariel knows a little about climate, having done a documentary about the endangered rain forest of Panama in conjunction with the Audubon Society. Titled *WildLife Adventures*, it airs Feb. 22 on TBS. "You see these millions of trees," she said, "and think 'no big deal.' But having the canal still being run by us protected the environment. Lots of developers are chomping at the bit, and lots of poor people are living meal-to-meal and want the jobs that development might bring. Panama's taking over the canal is not a benefit for them."

For this show Mariel, her husband and daughters, Dree and Langley, spent last June in Panama. "I thought the heat was going to be unbearable," she said. "It wasn't that bad." And how about the jungle's creepy, crawly things? "Dree is an animal freak. She loves spiders, loves snakes; Langley is not a big spider fan."

When Mariel was little more than a child herself, she broke into acting with a bravura performance in *Lipstick*, playing the kid sister of her own sister, Margaux. "I was a very shy kid, but I loved the camera," she said. Three years later, Woody Allen cast her as his schoolgirl lover in *Manhattan*, a role that earned her an Oscar nomination. Now, 18 years after, she was in another Woody flick, *Deconstructing Harry*. Had he changed?

"Woody is still the same," she



Mariel with daughters, Dree (1) and Langley (2).

said—and does he still pore over the script only a page or two at a time? "Well, for *Manhattan*, I was in so much of the film, I had a full script. This time I have a small role with only two pages."

Only two pages in that one but starring roles in four other films coming out this year: in a new version of Louisa May Alcott's *Little Men*; with Dennis Hopper in a road movie called *Road Ends*; as David Carmine's daughter in a whodunit called

Not the last of the Hemingways but maybe the most solid, Mariel Hemingway talks about the rain forest, Woody Allen and her two kids.

Drop Dead; and as Carmine's assistant in *American Rebel*.

When I last saw Mariel, she and her husband were operating Sam's Restaurant (Sam being her nickname) in Manhattan and a couple of branches. "We sold them," she said. "My husband makes documentaries now. And I have a yoga studio called The Sacred Cow that opened here [in Idaho] last summer and is going great. I want to open in L.A. and maybe in other cities." **IK**

Mariel is very aware of her family's history, the literary legends spun by her grandfather and the family's tragedies—from Ernest's suicide in 1961.

To Margaux's death in 1996. Had Mariel been close to her sister during Margaux's troubled final years of illness and pills? "Closer than we ever had been," she said. "It's so bizarre."

Despite all the bad times, Mariel doesn't shy away from the subject of her family or retreat into the comment, "Her husband, Steve, is doing a documentary for the A&E cable network about Ernest."

Hemingway's life. And this spring Mariel herself is off to France to direct a film based on *A Moveable Feast*, Hemingway's memoir about Paris in the '20s.

"It's really the love story of my grandfather and of Hadley, my grandmother [the first of Hemingway's four wives]," she said. Meanwhile, after years in

Manhattan, Mariel and Steve now consider Ketchum, Idaho, their home. "It felt for now."

"In that place we have," said Mariel. She likes to swim, hike, makes movies, has married only once and raises the kids. Mariel may be the Hemingway who not only survives but also endures.

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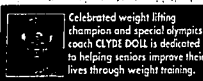
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Older Works Fine For Kris Kristofferson

It's wonderful being an old man," said Kris Kristofferson, 61. The former hard-drinking bad boy is a family man now, with eight children and a grandchild. He's also busier than ever, with five films and a new album in the works. "I feel better at 61 than at 41," says the former hard-drinking bad boy.

And he's living clean. "I don't even go out at night," he told us. "I feel better than at 51 or 41." As for occasional memory lapses, he laughed and said, "That's one of God's blessings. If I could remember everything, I'd be a mess."



Kristofferson — busier (and happier) than ever

Bob Dole's Picks for President

Bob Dole told us he had his eye on a number of strong governors to top the GOP ticket in 2000: Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania, George Bush Jr. of Texas, George Pataki of New York, John Engler of Michigan, Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin. "A couple of women in our party could make the race," he added. "One is Christie Whitman. The other one I know quite well."



Speaking of Mrs. Dole, does she share her dislike of the nickname "Liddy"? "She's been trying to get people to call her Elizabeth," said the retired Senator. "When she goes home to North Carolina, she's 'Liddy Liddy Liddy.' I think 'Liddy' is great."

CYBILL'S KID IS MISS GOLDEN GLOBE

Cybill Shepherd's oldest daughter, Clementine Ford, 18—a college freshman with no showbiz experience—makes her TV debut tonight on NBC as Miss Golden Globe. Her duties: handing the statues to the award-presenters, looking good and being pleasant. (Wonder if she'll wear tennis shoes like Mom did when she won a Golden Globe in 1996 for her sitcom *Cybill*.) Clementine was chosen because she is a second-generation aspiring actress. She hopes to follow in the footsteps of the Miss Golden Globes who went on to stardom: Melanie Griffith (1975), Laura Dern (1982) and Joey Fisher (1992).

Cybill, who turns 48 next month, wasn't eager for her daughter to follow her into showbiz, but it seems Clementine has her own thoughts on the subject.



Shepherd (l.) and daughter, Clementine, who's trying to follow in her footsteps

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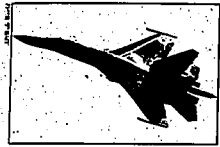
New Arms Race?

Is there a new arms race in the making? Russia's defense industry is now being kept afloat by cash from China, which is rapidly upgrading its military. Should we be worried? Yes, says Richard D. Fisher of the Heritage Foundation: "We're facing a new military challenge in Asia. If we fail to make the

investment to keep our lead, we could face a Chinese capability for which we have no response."

By 2000, Fisher's research indicates, Russia will have helped

"We don't have anything comparable in these missiles, even on the drawing board."



A new Russian Sukhoi Su-27 is this fighter jet headed for China.

China to produce modern, mobile ICBMs. It also will supply 21 upgraded Sukhoi Su-27 fighters (in some ways superior to our F-15 fighter jet) and two state-of-the-art missile destroyers with supersonic anti-ship missiles. The U.S. Navy may be able to stand up to such attacks, Fisher says, "but we don't have anything comparable to these missiles, even on the drawing board."

The High Cost Of Driving Luxury Cars

Five 1998 cars cost more than \$12,000 a year to own and operate—counting the cost of gas, oil, maintenance, insurance, tires, depreciation, financing, taxes and licensing. That's almost twice as much as it costs to operate a Chevy Metro LSI (\$6793), the least expensive of the 16 cars surveyed. The five are:

- Mercedes 320S—\$17,325
- Lincoln Town Car Executive—\$14,838
- Cadillac DeVille—\$14,701
- Buick Riviera—\$12,632
- Oldsmobile Aurora—\$12,411

Source: Runzheimer International



The 1998 Lincoln Town Car—not for folks on a tight budget



Clinton Clinton greets students; Education is top priority for Americans

Mr. Clinton, Take Note...

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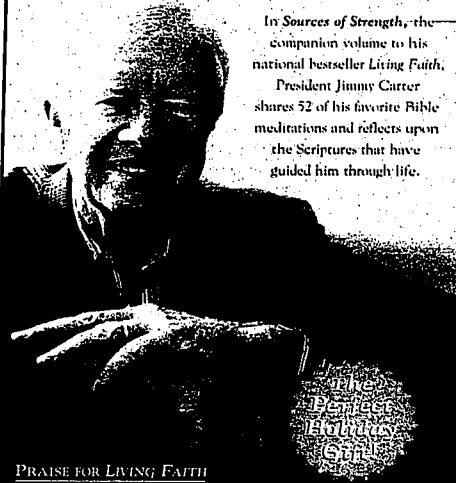
Here are the top choices based on a recent poll of 800 Americans conducted for the Henry L. Stimson Center in Washington, D.C.:

- Reform/improve education—34%
- Reduce the threat of nuclear war—24%
- Write/pass a federal budget—23%
- Reduce the number of nuclear weapons worldwide—22%
- Improve race relations—19%

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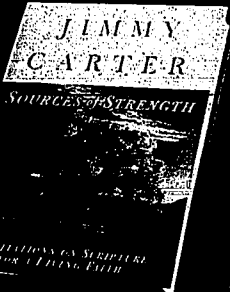
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