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CALL OF HOLIDAY DUTY



Twin Falls firefighters from 11 companies gather at Station 1 Thursday for a combined Thanksgiving dinner that includes a 17-pound turkey, 9-pound ham, 20 pounds of mashed potatoes, and a variety of other traditional dishes prepared by the firefighters.

Firefighters keep watch on Thanksgiving Day

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Three pots of cut potatoes sit on the stove burners, and more are coming.

Two men peel and two men cut until all 20 pounds of potatoes sit ready to boil.

"I love mashed potatoes," Aaron Henrapp said.

"I do too," Mark Petruzzelli said. "I'll

probably eat two pounds, at least."

"Good. If everyone eats two pounds we'll have just about the right amount," Randy Waters said.

When they're done the 20 pounds of mashed potatoes will join a 17-pound turkey, a nine-pound ham, five pounds of corn and some concoction of celery and onions.

It's a traditional Thanksgiving meal in a not-so-traditional setting for the 11 Twin

Falls firefighters who were on duty for Turkey Day.

They're on call in case they're needed, but it's usually a kick-back day. Everyone's home and the roads are pretty clear, so, barring an emergency call, the firefighters spend the day watching football, eating turkey and relaxing.

Most of the veterans cherish a day of relaxing, but the younger firefighters want to see action.

"All the old guys don't want calls," Waters said. "All the young guys do want calls."

The firefighters are making the best of the day, bringing the three stations together to have the dinner they can't have with their families.

At least this group won't have to work Christmas or the day before. Someone

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'It doesn't get better than this'

Economist expects strong holiday sales at start of season

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Just a few months ago, few imagined shoppers would be ready to spend this holiday season.

The stock market was plunging, many questioned President Clinton's future and the global economic situation looked grim.

But things have started to brighten for the nation's retailers.

Consumer sentiment is on the rise and Wall Street is surging once again. That's good news this Thanksgiving weekend, the official start of the Christmas shopping season.

"It doesn't get much better than this," said Carl Steidmann, chief retail economist for PricewaterhouseCoopers. "We have a very robust consumer environment, with good employment growth and income growth. It should be a good Christmas."

Store owners, however, still have their doubts and won't be satisfied with such bold predictions until they see the numbers

at the end of the year. In years past, strong expectations for the holidays didn't always result in blockbuster sales.

Merchants fear that any stock market volatility or unusual weather in the next month could keep shoppers home.

And people already say they won't go overboard in their holiday gift-buying this year. A new poll of 1,018 adult Americans conducted for The Associated Press by ICR of Media, Pa., showed 58 percent planned to spend about the same for the holidays as they did a year ago and 24 percent will

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Exxon seeks to buy Mobil

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Exxon Corp. and Mobil Corp., split apart nearly 90 years ago by trustbusters, are discussing a merger that would create the world's premier energy business, the Financial Times reported Thursday.

Exxon's acquisition of Mobil, which would likely be worth at least \$49 billion and the largest industrial deal in history, could be announced as soon as next week, the London-based paper said, citing people close to both companies.

Exxon is the world's second-largest energy company after the

Royal Dutch-Shell Group of G.M. Mobil is the second-largest U.S. oil and gas group after Exxon and the fourth-largest in the world.

Neither company would confirm whether talks are ongoing.

The consolidation of the energy giants would reunite two pieces of the Standard Oil Trust empire pulled apart by the Supreme Court in 1911.

Exxon, a leading worldwide producer of petrochemicals, operates in more than 100 countries. Mobil has been diversifying its nature operations to focus on oil and gas production, and owns or operates all or part of 25 refineries globally.

Flip Wilson dies of liver cancer at age 64

Wilson will be remembered as 'breakthrough' artist for blacks

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — In 1970, the news was filled with anti-war demonstrations and black power. On the nation's TV screens, Flip Wilson put on a wig and a minidress and became Geraldine, who screamed: "What you see is what you get!"

He wasn't a spokesman for race issues, but Wilson broke racial barriers, becoming the first black host of a top television variety show.

Wilson died Wednesday of liver cancer at his Malibu home with his daughter, Michelle, by his side, said Angie Hill, the comedian's assistant. He was 64.

Wilson had undergone surgery Oct. 2 at St. John's Hospital and Health Center in Santa Monica for a malignant tumor that was close to his liver.

The man who gave the world Geraldine and the catch phrase "the devil made me do it" crossed all lines with his comedy, said the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who said he had known the comedian since the 1970s.

"Flip was a breakthrough artist for African-Americans," Jackson said Thursday in a telephone interview. "He led with a brand of comedy that was clean and decent and not vulgar. To the end, he was a man I held in high esteem — as a comedian and as a person."

Silver Saunders Friedman, owner of The Original New York Improvisation, a comedy club, said, "If you look at the history, there were no black comedians at all back then and the fact that he made it to prime time and stayed there quite a while — this is

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Comedian Flip Wilson hosts a California Lottery Show in this October 1986 file photo. Wilson, who became the first successful black host of a television variety show with his turn as Sassy Geraldine, the Rev. Larry and other characters he mined for ethnic humor, died Wednesday. He was 64.

NATION

Americans enjoy Thanksgiving

Day marked with chow, parades

The Associated Press

Ray Goff got a careful look along with a mouthful when he showed up Thursday for a turkey dinner for the homeless at Atlanta Union Mission.

A homeless man challenged the former University of Georgia head football coach about why he didn't make better use of Terrell Davis, a star running back for the Denver Broncos after an unremarkable Georgia career.

"I did get a laugh out of that," Goff said.

There were plenty of belly laughs — and later, probably belly aches — at dinner tables across the country on Thanksgiving Day, as families sat down to stuff themselves with big birds, mushy veggies and belt-tightening sweets.

For those who weren't working or cooking, the morning was a chance for many to lounge around, shop (for larger clothing) or — weather permitting — watch a parade.

A year after gusting winds thrashed the trademark giant helium balloons at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York, rain and wind conspired to keep crowds down and several of the giant balloons on the ground.

Still, thousands of people braved heavy downpours to catch the choicest viewing spots along the 2.12-mile route.

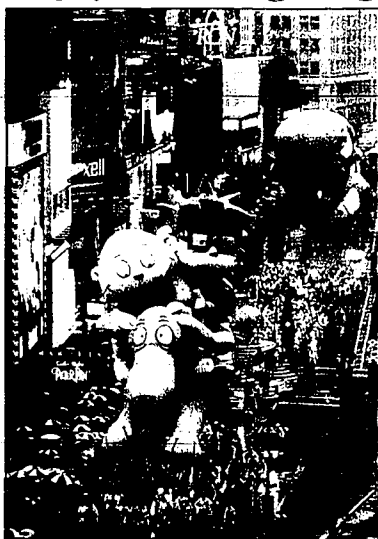
"Sure it's raining, but we've watched this on TV for so many years that we had to come," said Beverly Givens, 39, of Oak Grove, Ill., who was watching with her husband and two children. "The rain won't stop us."

The weather was better in downtown Detroit, where blue skies and temperatures pushing the upper 40s greeted tens of thousands of parade-watchers.

But it wasn't the marching bands, floats and balloon characters that captured one young spectator's attention.

"Big!" exclaimed 2-year-old Joey Dunan, riding on his father's shoulders and pointing to a cherry picker holding a television cameraman above the parade route.

"Big" might also be a way to describe the 1,000 people that showed up for a Thanksgiving dinner for the poor and homeless at the Central YMCA in Wichita, Kan., on Wednesday. By 1 p.m.,



Balloons of the 'Rugrats,' left, and 'Dexter,' right, move down New York's Broadway during Macy's 72nd Annual Thanksgiving Day Parade Thursday.

the last of the turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie had been eaten, and hurried volunteers realized a line of people were still waiting outside.

"I'm so sorry," was all YMCA spokeswoman Terri Truesdell could say to those waiting — among them, a young mother with a little boy holding her hand; two elderly ladies who said they had no family and no one else with whom to celebrate; and a family of six wearing ill-fitting clothes.

"We could have cooked more, but we had no idea this many people would show up. In the past, we had too much leftover food," Truesdell said. Organizers believed the shortage was caused more by balmy weather than an increase in hardship in the community.

The clear skies and temperatures in the 40s were perfect for the more than 4,500 runners who lined up for the 103rd Turkey Trot in Buffalo, N.Y., the nation's

oldest foot race.

In historic Plymouth, Mass., where last year's Thanksgiving was marked by the arrest of two dozen demonstrators who believe the holiday glorifies the slaughter of American Indians, police were notably absent from Thursday's protest.

"They're just keeping a low profile," said Plymouth police Lt. Kevin Falby. "It's been a very nice, quiet day."

Of course, it wasn't so quiet at the Atlanta Union Mission, where more than 1,000 homeless and poor people ate turkey dinners and hundreds began the day with ham-and-sausage breakfasts.

"Hearing the stories, hearing how people wind up here, will break your heart," said Goff, the former Georgia football coach. "I think sometimes we get so caught up in going and going and doing and doing in our everyday lives, we don't stop and realize how some people are living."

Republicans say Forest Service acted illegally

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican lawmakers who are critical of federal logging policies have asked congressional investigators to review what they say is evidence the U.S. Forest Service conducted an illegal lobbying campaign.

Sen. Frank Murkowski and Rep. Don Young of Alaska said a communications plan that Forest Service Chief Mike Dombek gave to agency officials last March encourages them to use telephone calls, speeches, meetings and the news media to gain support for legislative proposals. It also suggests using interest groups to persuade members of Congress to support initiatives, the lawmakers said.

Dombek has denied the allegations and has argued that distributing information about forest management is part of his agency's job and does not constitute lobbying. Forest Service officials have acknowledged distributing articles to media outlets, having other agency officials contact journalists and distributing material to agency officials and retirees.

"My opinion is certainly that we work within the law, that we do not lobby," Dombek told a House Resources subcommittee last spring. "Much of the challenge that we have is educating the public."

Murkowski and Young said the alleged evidence of lobbying is contained in 1,500 pages of documents the Forest Service handed over to their committees earlier this year.

The lawmakers laid out their case against the Forest Service in a letter this week to the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress. They want the GAO to submit a formal opinion on whether the Forest Service violated statutes that bar federal officials from lobbying Congress.

"The records ... demonstrate that the Forest Service used career employees and taxpayer dollars to create a propaganda campaign designed to sway public opinion in a manner expressly prohibited by law," Murkowski and Young said in the letter.

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16-year-old virtuoso pianist receives piano

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Nobody said self-taught classical pianists had it easy. But Jason Rodgers' path was especially hard — he had to search to find pianos to hone his talent, spending afternoons at one school and evenings at another.

The days of walking and carrying his cases are over. On Wednesday, a piano was delivered to his family's house, a gift from a philanthropist who once heard the 16-year-old boy play.

"My baby's got his own piano," Jason's mother, Alice Eason, teased as the dark mahogany Bellah baby grand arrived at their rowhouse.

Once it was assembled, Jason stood back and just looked at it. It was one of the few times in his life he had to be urged to play. Finally, his mother and others talked him into it and he played some Chopin.

Jason loved to play ever since he was a little boy. His mother and grandmother, who both played gospel music at church, taught him how.

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NATION

Researchers identify 142 million-year-old flowering plant fossil

WASHINGTON (AP) — Researchers believe they have discovered fossil evidence of the world's oldest flower, at 142 million years: a spindly twig with peapod-shaped fruit and a woody stem that looks nothing like a rose, an apple blossom or a daisy.

The fossil is from an early evolutionary stage when plants were just developing the flowering system that later evolved into fruit, grain, brilliantly colored and fragrant flowers and food for many animals, said David Dilcher, a University of Florida biology professor.

"It would have been a very different world if early flowering plants like this one had not been successful," said Dilcher, co-author of a study in Friday's edition of the journal *Science*.

"There would have been no apples, no Wheaties in the morning, no corn on the cob, no potatoes, no rice or other grains."

All of the common plant food sources came into existence after plants evolved the ability to make flowers that attracted insects and other pollinators and then grew into fruit.

The flowering plant fossil was found in a rock formation of limestone and volcanic ash layers in China, near the town of Beipiao, about 250 miles northeast of Beijing. The rock beds were on the bottom of a lake that periodically was showered with volcanic ash, Dilcher said.

Plants and animals that sank to the lake bottom became covered with sediment and turned into fossils. Villagers digging in the fossil beds have unearthed

dinosaurs, insects, birds and plants from millions of years ago, but this is the first time a flowering plant has been uncovered.

The discovery has been aged at 142 million years by Chinese scientists, Dilcher said. The oldest previously known flowering plant was about 130 million years old. Chinese researchers, including the researcher who found the fossil, asked Dilcher to analyze it.

The ancient plant lacks the petals and shape that most people associate with flowers.

"It doesn't have any beautiful or showy flowers, but it is a flowering plant because it has fruit that enclose seeds," said Dilcher. Botanists hailed the discovery as an important advance in understanding how plants evolved.

"To the world of botany, it's a discovery of the same scale as understanding the details of why the dinosaurs became extinct," said William L. Crepet, a Cornell University professor.

The plant specimen is about three inches long, with two parts that appear to be joined branches. Along the branches are what appear to be paired leaves. But Dilcher said the whole thing, branches and leaves, is actually a flower. That is because some of the leaves are closed, like peapods, and contain seeds. The peapods are considered the fruit of the flower, he said.

Indeed, the plant "may have been the first evolutionary experiment in enclosing seeds and trying to attract pollinators," Dilcher said.

Research sharpens evolutionary outlook

Radical evolutionary change is possible in a few generations

The Associated Press

If the world suddenly gets hotter, you might survive better with a new skin color, or you might sprout a tail to maneuver in the dense tropical forest that spreads around the globe.

And, if scientists are correct, you might already be carrying the genes for these radical traits, and more.

Scientists working with fruit flies believe they have unlocked a vault of last-ditch genetic variations that kick in to help organisms survive in a much altered form that defies the neatly predictable, incremental pace of evolution.

Researchers at the University of

Chicago and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute report in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature* that the fruit flies expressed these prefabricated variations — from weird limbs to different wings — when scientists fooled the insects into thinking that climate change was real.

The physical changes erupted in the span of a few generations in the face of supposedly new and dire living conditions. In doing so, they radically changed the appearance and behavior of a creature that had looked and lived the same for eons.

Researchers caution this cache of doomsday genes has been unlocked only in controlled experiments.

Such emergency countermeasures are kept under tight molecular wraps in normal circumstances, they said. Nor has it been determined if these genes actually work this way in nature.

"This sounds like a very bad thing, and no doubt it is for most of the individuals," said study co-author Susan Lindquist of the University of Chicago. "But for some, the changes might be beneficial for adapting to a new environment. Genetic changes exposed in this way become the fodder for evolution."

In the 19th century, Charles Darwin described evolution as a gradual, orderly march by a species towards self-improvement. In the fossil record, most evolutionary changes are seen to have unfolded over millions of years.

But not always. The theory of punctuated equilibrium championed by paleontologist Stephen Jay Gould and others suggests that evolution is a messy business driven by random disasters that force survivors to hurriedly adapt to new environmental conditions.

For example, mammals and

other life forms flourished after an asteroid or comet hit Earth 65 million years ago, but dinosaurs perished.

"Evolution is often thought of as incremental," said biologist Andrew Cossins of the University of Liverpool in England. "But the fossil record contains many examples of apparently rapid changes in body form. This mechanism provides, for the first time, a means by which changes in body form can be substantial and stepwise rather than progressive."

Other scientists said the key to determining the significance of the fruit fly study will be if researchers can demonstrate such drastic variations can quickly occur outside the laboratory.

"In real life, are there organisms that change this way? Are there examples in nature that are going begging for an explanation like this?" said Aaron Butler, a lizard geneticist at Villanova University.



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NY Post breaks wall of silence

Article exploits details of Chelsea Clinton's breakup

The Washington Post

For six years the press followed an unspoken pact to avoid coverage of Chelsea Clinton, allowing the president's daughter to grow up outside the harsh glare of journalistic scrutiny.

That wall of silence was shattered Wednesday when the New York Post ran a screaming headline — "CHELSEA'S HEART-ACHE" — saying she had broken up with her boyfriend at Stanford and visited the campus medical center for stress-related symptoms. Days earlier, the National Enquirer and the Star carried expose-style cover pieces on the 18-year-old sophomore.

"The mainstream press has been very respectful of the president and first lady's desire for privacy concerning their family and daughter," said White House spokesman Joe Lockhart. "The journalistic standards of some of the tabloids speak for them-

selves." What about the New York Post, whose story — based on a "source" and "friend," both unnamed — was quickly picked up by the Associated Press and various radio stations?

"I wouldn't consider the New York Post part of the media," Lockhart said. "The only difference between the New York Post and the supermarket tabloids is the supermarket tabloids have color pictures."

New York Post Editor Ken Chandler said Chelsea "deserves privacy up to a point," but "I don't see that this story was an invasion of privacy at all. She happens to be the daughter of the president." Chandler said Lockhart "is entitled to his opinion."

The larger question is whether the children of celebrities should be just another juicy morsel for a voracious press. Some politicians, of course, thrust their kids into the spotlight. Vice President Al Gore, for example, spoke movingly at the 1992 Democratic convention about his young son's car accident.

But the first family has always been especially protective of the girl who was born during Bill

Clinton's first term as governor of Arkansas. Until they posed for a People spread in 1992, many Americans were unaware the couple had a daughter. The president wouldn't allow cameras when he spoke at Chelsea's high school graduation. She has been photographed on foreign trips with her mother, but most people have never heard her voice.

The supermarket tabs zoomed in on the first daughter last week. The National Enquirer and the Star quoted a "campus pal," a "well-placed source" and an "insider" on how Chelsea is coping with the Monica Lewinsky affair. The Enquirer said she had a screaming match with her father and that her health is suffering. The Star said she's convinced her parents will split up after they leave the White House.

Enquirer Editor Steve Coz says he dropped his hands-off policy toward Chelsea when she adopted a high profile on Martha's Vineyard after President Clinton's Aug. 17 confession. "She was the one shaking hands with everyone in the crowd," Coz said. "She was the one to demonstrate the family was still inner. They used her for publicity."

Canada lobbies to stop Texas execution

Alberta man stabbed to death 75-year-old



Joseph Faulder

TORONTO (AP) — Using high-level diplomacy and high-emotion lobbying, Canadians are campaigning to save the life of an Alberta man who on Dec. 10 is scheduled to become the first Canadian executed in the United States since 1952.

The case of Joseph Faulder, a former mechanic convicted in the stabbing and beating death of a 75-year-old Texas woman, has captured the attention of international human rights groups, the U.N. human rights commission and the Canadian government.

Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy plans to press Canada's campaign for clemency when he meets Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in Washington on Monday.

Canada abolished the death penalty in 1976, and regularly seeks clemency for Canadians sentenced to death abroad. The Faulder case has generated especially intense feelings because many Canadians are critical of the high number of executions in the United States, particularly in Texas.

Faulder has never claimed he is innocent in the 1975 death of Inez Phillips, the matriarch of an oil family who was stabbed and bludgeoned during a botched robbery attempt at her home in Gladewater, Texas.

But those seeking clemency for Faulder have raised several issues that they say should persuade Texas Gov. George W. Bush to commute the execution.

For the Canadian government, which filed a brief Wednesday with the U.S. Supreme Court, the key argument is that Texas authorities violated an international treaty affording all foreign

suspects the right to contact their own governments for legal help. F a i d e r wasn't given the chance to speak with a Canadian consular official until 1991.

Texas authorities said they had no idea Faulder was Canadian at the time of his arrest because he was using a Texas driver's license.

Other critics of Faulder's conviction note that he was sentenced as a result of a private prosecution, funded by Mrs. Phillips' son, James Lockyer, a lawyer who helped overturn one of Canada's most notorious wrongful convictions, says private prosecutors carry a risk that the prosecutors will act in their client's interest at the expense of the public interest.

"We believe that his trial was unfair," Lockyer said at a news conference Wednesday. "There was suppression of evidence. There was the use of accomplices' evidence to convict him."

Faulder, 61, grew up in Jasper, Alberta, but left his wife and children during the winter of 1974-75 and headed to the United States. He and a girlfriend robbed Mrs. Phillips' home in the mistak-

en belief that there was a large sum of money in her safe.

He signed a confession after his arrest, and was convicted of murder in 1977. That conviction was overturned in 1979 because Faulder had no lawyers present for the confession, resulting in a second trial involving the private prosecutors.

Faulder, who is sentenced to die by lethal injection at the state prison in Huntsville, granted an interview this month to the Canadian Broadcasting Corp.

"I don't say that I shouldn't be here," Faulder said. "I say that death row should not exist."

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Officials charge mother, stripper of lewd conduct during 15-year-old girl's party

PLEASANTON, Calif. (AP) — A male stripper hired to perform for a group of teen-age girls faces lewd conduct charges for allegedly fondling at least four of them during his routine.

The mother of the girl who held the party, accused of hiring the stripper, also faces charges.

The girls apparently were willing participants in the strip act last month but Alameda County prosecutors said they were pursuing charges because the stripper touched four 15-year-olds during his 30-minute show.

"His hands were on bare breasts, under bras, down pants," said Deputy District Attorney Deborah Streicher. "If this was just stripping, I don't know if we would have charged him. But he went beyond that."

The 39-year-old mother faces a felony charge of exhibiting lewd

material to minors. Authorities withheld her name to protect her daughter, who was one of the 15-year-olds who were allegedly fondled. The stripper, Steven M. Schmitt, 29, of Walnut Creek, faces four felony charges of lewd and lascivious conduct with minors.

They have not been arrested but were expected to be arraigned next week.

The mother told police she watched as the stripper performed for the nearly 50 girls who attended the Oct. 30 party. At the end of his act he removed his G-string, encouraged by a \$20 tip from one of the girls, Streicher said.

Partners told authorities the mother helped hire and pay for the stripper, although she told police her daughter hired him without her knowledge. She said she only let him continue his act

to avoid embarrassing her daughter, Streicher said.

Angry parents who learned of the affair called school officials and police after their daughters told them of the night events, authorities said. The party, billed as "Girls Night Out" on leaflets distributed at Amador Valley High, charged \$3 to \$5 for admission.

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EDITORIAL

Let's take meaningful steps to keep first-time drivers safe

The recent death of a 15-year-old girl in a traffic accident at Minico High School reminds everyone that young drivers and motor vehicles can be a heart-breaking combination.

LyJeanne Ketterling was killed Nov. 11 when a beer truck plowed into the car she was driving. Ketterling and three young friends were returning from lunch at a local drive-in.

Since that accident, Minico students have been calling for installation of a traffic light on State Highway 25 in front of the school. A traffic light isn't a bad idea, but it won't transform inexperienced drivers into safe ones.

Though less palatable to students, a more-effective option would be to make Minico a closed campus. School should be a place to attend class, not a staging area for off-campus trips.

Another way to boost safety in teenage drivers would be to adopt a "graduated" license system, which is common in other states.

A graduated license recognizes the obvious - that 15-year-olds are not seasoned, mature drivers - and places reasonable limitations on young drivers.

Typically, the first step in a gradu-

ated system allows a youngster to drive during the day when accompanied by a licensed adult. After that comes supervised night driving, then full driving privileges.

If young drivers progress smoothly, they'll be behind the wheel of the family car soon enough. If they have an accident or a ticket, graduation to the next level is withheld.

In addition to those ideas, young drivers can improve their own safety by simply wearing a seat belt. Buckling up would do more to safeguard the lives of teenagers than any number of traffic lights.

Finally, individual school districts might want to re-evaluate the effectiveness of their driver's education programs. These programs should emphasize defensive driving and caution.

A moving automobile is subject to the laws of physics. Excessive speed or poor judgement by the driver often leads to accidents. Unfortunately, young people often are subject to both.

Our hearts go out to LyJeanne Ketterling's family and friends. We offer these suggestions in the hope that other young lives won't be cut short in traffic accidents.

Want to learn more?

The Magic Valley SAFE KIDS Coalition has three useful pamphlets for parents of young drivers.

- "Can I have the car keys?"
- "Put the brakes on teenage drinking"
- "Ease on down the road"

To get copies, stop by the SAFE KIDS office on Halsted Street, just north of the Emergency Room entrance at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. For more information, call SAFE KIDS at 737-2432.



Marlboro Man still rides high in the saddle

With 46 states, the District of Columbia and four territories agreeing to a sweetheart deal, tobacco companies appear to have fended off the greatest challenge yet to their ability to conduct carcinogenic business as usual.

Unless a few newly elected attorneys general and public health organizations can persuade judges to block or at least delay the deal, an unparalleled public health opportunity will be lost.

In a settlement to which all major tobacco companies - Philip Morris, R.J. Reynolds, Brown & Williamson and Lorillard - have agreed, the industry will pay the states just over \$200 billion over 25 years and accept some inconsequential marketing restrictions. In exchange, the states will drop their health care cost recovery limitations lawsuits against the tobacco drug marketers.

After reaching a tentative agreement running more than 100 pages and written in extremely technical and confusing language, the industry issued a postprandial demand: The states would have less than a week to accept or reject the deal. The only conceivable purpose for this demand is to prevent careful scrutiny of the terms and to ram the deal through before newly elected tougher-on-tobacco attorneys general take office in California and New York.

What does the industry want to hide? Lots. The \$200 billion figure is highly misleading. Payments are tax deductible and spread out over 25 years. The settlement will recover only about 36 cents on the dollar of the Medicaid costs resulting

from smoking-related disease. And the settling states will receive proportionally less than Minnesota, Texas, Florida and Mississippi, which previously reached individual settlements with the tobacco companies.

The marketing restrictions in the deal are laughably weak and loophole-ridden. R.J. Reynolds will be forbidden from using Joe Camel in a campaign it already canceled, while Philip Morris can continue to use the Marlboro Man.

Among the industry pledges in the deal is an agreement not to lobby against "limitations on tobacco product advertisements in or on school facilities." This will not curtail Big Tobacco's promotional onslaught or its targeting of children.

The deal bars future suits by the states against Big Tobacco for health-related claims. It also pre-empts and undermines local and county claims against the tobacco industry. For and Due care cost recovery, it may even block certain local efforts to issue fines for tobacco company violations of local restrictions. Thousands of the industry's secret documents will remain secret.

The tobacco companies do not acknowledge that smoking causes cancer or heart disease, they do not drop their challenges to Food and Drug Administration authority to regulate tobacco ingredients such as nicotine, and they do not

withdraw their legal challenge to Environmental Protection Agency findings that secondhand smoke is a dangerous pollutant.

An invidious provision establishes that industry payments will be reduced, dollar-for-dollar, if any federal tobacco tax money is transferred to the states. Congress is not going to give money to the states if it will only serve to reduce industry payments.

The deal is, in one respect, an improvement from last year's settlement proposal, which gave Big Tobacco immunity from class-action suits brought by individuals and suits by insurance companies and unions. But that does not make the agreement satisfactory.

This is not a customary litigation settlement. It is de facto public health policymaking. Before approving a settlement, state judges should allow a public comment period and review seriously the concerns voiced by the attorneys general-elect in California and New York - and by virtually every public health group.

Public health, as well as the public treasury, would be much better served by the states continuing with their cases and settling them individually or bringing them to trial.

Also, the federal government should file its own medical-care cost recovery suit.

Ralph Nader has been a leading U.S. consumer and environmental advocate since the 1960s. He wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

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Let districts repair their own items

During the last election campaign, we heard calls from many politicians regarding the need for upgrading school buildings in Idaho. Now the president of the State Board of Education, Tom Dillon, and board member Tom Boyd of Genesee are calling for the upgrading of school buildings in order to fix "safety items" - discussing the need for the Legislature to provide the financing.

Well, I have a couple of questions:

1. Why should the people of Twin Falls repair the schools in Genesee and send more money to Boise for the support of additional administration needed to allocate these funds? We have cared for our school buildings and will continue to do so by passing override levies that increase our property taxes.

2. If the "safety items" really do need to be fixed, what is wrong with all school districts fixing their own items. Usually, these "safety items" are some

new building code item that may or may not really increase the safety of school children and may or may not need to be fixed. This sounds to me like the head of the camel starting to get into the tent of the state building new buildings.

3. If Jerome taxpayers don't want their school children to have a new building, that is all right with me. I and I think most Twin Falls taxpayers, want children who graduate from our schools to have had the best learning experience we can provide and modern learning facilities help to enhance that experience.

So let's tell our legislators that we want to continue funding school buildings in the current manner. Perhaps it might be wise to reduce the percentage of votes needed to pass a bond issue for the new buildings, but I am not yet totally sold on this idea.

JOHN R. BONNETT
Twin Falls

Health plan demonstrates quality

A comprehensive report released recently by U.S. News and World Report showed the results of a survey of the nation's health maintenance organizations. That study rated IHC Health Plans above average, giving the plans three out of four stars, the highest rating of any health plan in Utah. This study can be found at the U.S. News and World Report internet site (<http://www.usnews.com/rpc/health/betoph.htm>).

The quality of IHC Health Plans has also been demonstrated by the 1997 released last year by the Utah Department of Health, where the IHC care plan ranked highest in every category when compared to other Utah HMOs.

In addition, the National Research Corp. conducted a survey last year of 165,000 households in the United States and presented IHC with its Quality Leader Award for having one of the

top HMOs in the country.

Your recent article regarding Newweek magazine's national ranking was incomplete. The article failed to note that the report was limited, including only 96 of about 1,500 health plans in the United States. IHC Health Plans was the only Utah health plan that supplied data to Newweek.

Because of the minimal representations that the Newweek magazine survey consisted of, we believe the aforementioned information more accurately reflects the quality of care provided by IHC Health Plans.

RICHARD PACKER
Administrator
Cassin Regional Medical Center
Burley

Idaho should reject exit standards

The proposed Idaho Board of Education Exiting Standards for high school graduation should be rejected and not

approved or funded by the state Legislature.

The existing standards (based on national standards) promote socialism, humanism, evolution, relativism, internationalism and ignorance.

We have many excellent public school teachers. However, if they must teach the socialist philosophies and falsehoods found in the existing standards, then graduating students will not be prepared to face the real world. They will be patty in the hands of bureaucrats who want to control their lives.

These standards will make our schools socialist indoctrination centers for global citizenship!

Please oppose the exit standards! Contact your district representatives and senators and ask them not to approve or fund the state exiting standards.

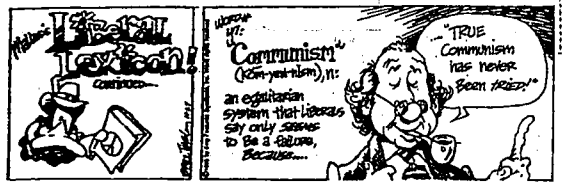
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OPINION

Slip-sliding toward Sodom, Gomorrah

Theologians call the state in which we find ourselves "contented worldliness," in which nothing matters except our own personal peace and affluence. In Dow Jones we trust.

In this condition, we can watch Jack Kevoorkian kill another human being on television and not be bothered because ratings are high and what does life matter anyway? Coming soon, sponsored killing, brought to you by a pharmaceutical company or a national chain of funeral homes. Call it a marketing strategy.

Will a televised abortion be next? Hardly. That would be more disturbing to our comfort level than the snuffing out of an adult life. Besides, the man said he wanted to die. The baby has no say. Some people might change their minds about abortion if they saw one. That would disturb another group.



Cal THOMAS

Democrats want to render a verdict on President Clinton's lying and obstruction of justice without any punishment save the "humiliation" he has already "suffered." A judgment without punishment is like a speed limit with no enforcement. It is a meaningless gesture.

The recent low voter turnout guarantees a continuation of poor leadership and a weakened government not only disrespected at home (otherwise more people would have bothered to vote) but viewed with contempt abroad. Saddam Hussein listens to another "warning" and laughs.

People are being turned off by professional sports as entertainment and spectators (except golf) are even bigger pieces of the pie with complete disregard for the public. A New York Times survey found the current day-out preference of 100 million Americans is a game of aquatic swimming suits with apparently little care of the player, over time to the come again.

That which was once a sport of entertainment was degraded as pure voyeur. The latest "entertainment magazine" tells young women how to "seduce" their men. It was not so long that "Cosmo" readers were told their lives, limited.

The old joke asks the opinion pollster who asks a woman about appearance and quality, "I don't know and I don't care." She responds, "That's us. But who cares?" Welcome to 1998, America.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.



Rick Allen

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Keep Identity straight

To avoid any further confusion, the Mike Mathews who I have written several letters to the editor in the past and most recently the Nov. 5 letter, "Christian organizations prove they are hypocrites," is not the Mike Mathews who works for U.S. Sen. Larry Craig in his Twin Falls office and is a member of the Eastside Baptist Church.

MICHAEL S. MATHEWS
 Regional Director for
 U.S. Sen. Larry Craig
 Twin Falls

State wastes needed funds

Guess what happened to drug and alcohol treatment in Magic Valley. For the low income, we now have only three in-patient beds available, two at the Walker Center (with 80 people already on the waiting list), and one in Pocatello at the Road to Recovery. For adolescents, there are 2.8 beds at Road to Recovery - so remember to bring \$ of a teen-ager.

We have had an extreme reduction in out-patient treatment funds for adults. Why?

Because the state contracted with Camp Care to do a needs assessment and evaluation. It has been in the field of alcohol, drug and mental health problems for more than 20 years and in several states, and I know Camp Care does not come cheap as there goes a chunk of our alcohol and drug funds right off the top. Then they awarded the contract to the Road to Recovery in Pocatello to serve our area, and hired a person here to oversee the contracts.

There goes more of our treatment dollars. Then Road to Recovery contracted with the Walker Center to provide adult treatment beds, and I am sure they kept more of the treatment dollars. We used to have a representative here from the state to do that, but that position moved to Boise; the funds still come out of our treatment dollars.

It would seem, as I have seen in other states, that many people get a piece of the pie and there is not a whole left left for treatment of the addict. Also, I have heard our jails have a large population of per-

ple with alcohol and drug problems. I am not against jail for alcohol and drug crimes, but could we have a combination of jail and treatment for the less severe alcohol and drug-related offenders? How about the addict who has served his time and comes out of jail? Without some treatment, where do you think they will end up again?

Some say the State of Idaho did not get a good recovery rate, which I feel is not true for the population of severe, low-income, inner-city alcohol and drug addicts. With the majority of alcohol and drug providers, the cost is very high and even the middle-class cannot afford it.

Seems we are going back and forth in dealing with a very serious problem that costs almost everyone in some way.

MICHAEL GARDNER
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SNAKE RIVER'S SEMI-ANNUAL CHECKUP

Springs give indication of health

By N.S. Nokkventved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Early in the morning, armed with notebooks, measuring tape and a device that records the speed of moving water, they set out to gauge the flow of springs that feed the Snake River.

Twice each year Mike Campbell, field office chief for the U.S. Geological Survey in Twin Falls and two of three hydrologic technicians measure 14 sites from Vinyard Lake Creek near Twin Falls to Birch Creek between Bliss and Hagerman.

It takes Campbell and his crew three or four days to measure them all. They do it once in March before the irrigation season starts, and in November after irrigation season ends.

They measure the velocity of the water and calculate the area of the stream's cross section, and together that determines the volume of water.

Campbell sends the numbers to Tom Brennan, surface water unit chief at the USGS office in Boise. Brennan uses the numbers to calculate the amount of water that flows out of the Snake River Plain Aquifer into the middle Snake River.

USGS officials have been measuring the same 14 springs twice a year since 1951. Not all the springs are measured directly - some are inaccessible. Selected springs are measured and others are extrapolated from those numbers, Brennan said.

The two annual measurements are used to generate an average annual inflow to the river, and those numbers are given to the Idaho Department of Water Resources. The department keeps a running record on river flows. The numbers also provide an indication about the Snake River Plain Aquifer.

When flood irrigation began in southern Idaho, the total outflow of the Thousand Springs was just above 4,000 cubic feet per second, according to USGS figures.

As irrigators started to spread water on the desert in eastern and southern Idaho, part of it seeped into the ground and fed the aquifer. Spring flows in the Snake



Pete Elliott and Mike Campbell, working for the U.S. Geological Survey, record the volume of water flowing from an outlet at Crystal Springs on the north side of the Snake River. The semiannual survey documents the amount of spring water flowing into the river.

River Canyon started inching upward.

The springs peaked in 1951 at 6,820 cfs, or more than 3 million gallons per minute.

In the 1950s groundwater pumping and sprinklers began replacing flood irrigation diversions from the Snake River. The sprinklers left less water to seep into the ground while taking water from the aquifer, and the springs along the Snake River Canyon decreased correspondingly.

By 1992 the springs had dropped to 5,190 cfs and started to level off. In 1994 the flow was 5,320 cfs. It dropped to 5,040 cfs in 1996, and in 1997 it was back up to 5,430 cfs - about where it was in the 1920s. The figures for 1998 haven't been calculated yet.

Spring flows also reflect the effects of dry and wet years.

Campbell and his crew spend the rest of the year tracking the 50 gauging stations that measure stream flows from Minidoka Dam to King Hill.

Times-News staff writer N.S. Nokkventved can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 237.



Pete Elliott of Hagerman counts the number of clicks a flow meter registers at the outlet of Crystal Springs Lake.

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Allred said he is putting together a plan to get the fixtures up safely for next year. One idea

is to put a support pole in the middle of the street and wrap it with lights like a candy cane so nobody runs into it.

The mayor said he, too, is a little disappointed the way things worked out with the centerpieces. But not very.

"There are just too many decorations for this to take away from the fun," he said. "Everything looks just great."

Times-News staff writer John Zebrowski can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

Giant balls prove too heavy for poles in Christmas Town

By John Zebrowski
Times-News writer

RUPERT - When the switch is thrown to ignite the lights that ring and crispens the city square this evening, Rupert once again will assume its place as Idaho's Christmas Town, U.S.A.

Santa Claus will be on hand to celebrate the event, as tens of thousands of bulbs - and quite a few children - dance on a late autumn wind. Each year brings new additions, such as the 28 lighted wreaths hung along the

park and a whole new way to hang the strands. It's a time of civic pride for Rupert.

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Alta teen makes all-star rodeo team

By Heidi Tuttle
Times-News correspondent

MALTA - Sheer determination in and out of the arena made 16-year-old Jason Sears Wrangler All-Star material.

Sears has been selected to represent student athletes across North America as a member of the 1998-99 Wrangler High School All Star Rodeo Team.

"I'm proud of Jason," said Wally Sears, Jason Sears' father. "It's an honor to be chosen for the team."

Jason Sears wants to compete in as many rodeos as possible to increase his skill and to represent the team, and he isn't wasting any time.

He will open his season Saturday in Reburg while his Raft River High School friends enjoy a quiet Thanksgiving weekend.

Jason Sears' grandmother,

Sharon Hutchison, is proud of his commitment, but watching him perform is difficult.

"Whenever I tell him to go for theimed events and forget the rough stock, he just grins," Hutchison said. "That is when I know his mind is made up. He is dedicated to bulls and broncs."

Jason Sears is aware of his grandmother's concern.

"He calls me after every rodeo just to let me know he's OK," she said.

Rodeo has always been a part of Jason's life.

He was born and raised on a small cattle ranch in Conner Creek, west of Malta.

"Wally put a rope in his hand the day he learned to walk," said Toyota Sears, Jason's mother.

When he was 2 years old, Jason Sears started riding horses by himself and helping with cattle.

Jason Sears joined the Southern Idaho Junior Rodeo Association when he was 10.

He participated in team roping with his brother, Jade, and competed in steer riding, break-away roping and goat riding.

"When Jason rode steers, the announcer called him 'Action Jason, 45 pounds of solid steel,'" his mother said.

And six years later, he hasn't changed.

"He's a tough kid that never gives up," Toyota Sears said.

Last year, Jason Sears showed his strength.

He started the season leading his three events bull riding, saddle bronc and team roping.

Then his luck began to turn.



Jason Sears practices saddle bronc riding in the family's private arena with the help of his father, Wally.

saddle bronc but was one point short from qualifying in his favorite event, bull riding.

Then in July, he was preparing for a rodeo when his roping horse was killed in an auto accident.

But even after the past season, Jason Sears' commitment

is unwavering. He is hoping for a successful Wrangler All Star year.

"I want to make it to state so I can have a shot at nationals," he said. "Only the best make it to nationals and I want to be one of the best."

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Plain dumb Cops recount worst errors drivers make

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Most people think they're the best drivers on the road, but Twin Falls police officer Dan McAtee and Twin Falls County Sheriff's Cpl. Keith Schmidt have a different take.

From their view on the beat, McAtee and Schmidt get to see the good, the bad - and the just plain dumb.

Following is a list of some of the not-so-smart things they see drivers do.

Falling to yield to emergency vehicles

Too many drivers don't know what to when they see flashing lights coming up behind them. The law says to pull to the right and stop, but people just don't do it, McAtee said.

They turn left, slow down or stop, none of which is correct.

"During one traffic stop on Blue Lakes Boulevard, the driver turned left, entering a parking lot. McAtee had to wait in the middle lane with lights flashing until it was clear to turn left.

"The gal said she didn't know what to do," McAtee said. "But the code's pretty clear - go right."

Running a stop sign in front of a cop

Happens all the time, even with a police car in plain view, Schmidt said.

While he was sitting in his car Monday doing a seat belt survey at Washington Street and Pole Line Road, at least four cars rolled through the stop sign in 20 minutes.

"I don't know if they weren't paying attention or whatever reason, they didn't stop," he said.

Whatever the reason, it's an easy way to get a ticket.

Talking on the cellular phone while driving

Drivers with one hand on the wheel and the other on a cell phone is a common sight. But the distraction of the phone while driving leads to plenty of accidents, McAtee said.

Even though he carries a cell phone to talk to his family during patrol, McAtee would put an end to the growing trend.

"I would make it illegal to use telephones while driving," he said.

Bad winter driving

Whether it's going too fast or following too closely, the glut of car crashes in winter months means people just aren't careful enough when the white stuff falls, Schmidt said.

"A speed limit is for the best conditions," he said. "When the road is completely covered with snow and ice, 55 or 60 mph just doesn't cut it."

Drivers who do whatever they want

Some drivers are determined to get to their destinations, and they won't let bothersome things like accidents or barricades get in their way, he said.

An accident at North Five Points proved just that. McAtee was directing traffic around the scene of an accident, which left wrecked cars blocking the intersection and an injured person lying in the street.

McAtee told one driver he couldn't go straight because of the accident, but as soon as McAtee turned his back the driver moved forward, weaving around the cars and the body.

"If there can be anarchy on the road, there will be," McAtee said.

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'CIVIL WAR' CASUALTIES



Two National Guard officers walk 22 miles in a downpour Wednesday in Portland, Ore., to pay off a bet on the 'Civil War' college football game that the Oregon State Beavers won Saturday over the Oregon Ducks. Capt. Michael Doyle, left, and Staff Sgt. Tim Pyett carried signs confessing their humiliation as fans passing by on Southwest Barber Boulevard honked to harass them. Next year will be the 103rd meeting between the two schools.

Middle class emerges in Mexico due to new high-tech facilities

But Asian economic crisis threatens life

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — For Felix Paredes and fiancée Irma Baminex, the financial turmoil churning through Asia seems far away and unimportant.

In a few weeks they plan to marry and start a new life together in a small, hillside shack where they will have no running water or other amenities of modern life, but an abundance of hope for the future.

He earns about \$50 per week finding-day work with local construction crews. She made \$25 a week helping assemble television tuners at Samsung, but is giving it up to become a homemaker in the small, wood dwelling that Paredes built a few miles south of the Samsung plant.

Samsung does not offer health insurance to rank-and-file workers, but gives them a variety of perks that have kept turnover at the plant at about 3 percent to 4 percent a year, about half the industry average.

From Samsung, Ms. Baminex received free transportation to and from work and a week's paid vacation. At the end of each full year of employment, she and other workers receive small gifts, such as a camera or article of clothing to encourage loyalty.

At her new home, she'll have electricity, thanks to an illegal tap Paredes placed on a nearby power line, but few appliances. To bring power to his home, Paredes uses a power cord with a bare metal hook — a "diabliño" or "little devil" — on one end. The hook is tossed up toward a high voltage line. When it catches the line, the other end is connected to the house — a crude but common technique to bring power to poor neighborhoods.

Getting clean water is more costly. A truck will deliver about 50 gallons of water, not fit to

drink but acceptable for bathing and washing clothes, to the house for about 10 pesos or \$1 at present exchange rates. The water must be boiled for drinking. Or the couple can buy purified water for between 60 cents and \$1 a gallon at local stores.

Paredes has shunned maquiladora work, preferring the independence and potential for higher wages in construction work.

"With factories like this, there's a lot of need for workers," he said. "But I feel that I can make more on my own than working for a maquiladora."

Indeed, the "help wanted" signs were out at maquiladoras near Samsung, and in the windows of restaurants and stores along nearby Insurgentes Boulevard.

Government figures place unemployment in Tijuana at 9 percent, the second lowest in the country. Ciudad Juarez, another foreign manufacturing center across the border from El Paso, Texas, is the lowest in the country at 6 percent, said John H. Christman, an economist with Cienega-Welch Inc. in Mexico City.

Life is a little easier for Carlos Guadalupe, 27, and his new girlfriend, Gabrielle Sanchez, 22, both employed by Samsung.

Ms. Sanchez, originally from Guadalajara, earns \$47 per week assembling components for televisions, and saves money on rent by living with her brother in an apartment about 20 minutes from the plant.

Auto collision in Utah kills 3 members of family

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Three members of a Logan family and a passenger were killed in a collision in Salt Lake City.

The family had just picked up a daughter at Brigham Young University for Thanksgiving and were returning home when the crash occurred about 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The victims' car was trying to turn left onto Beck Street from a side street when it was struck in the side by a Chevrolet Blazer heading south at about 50 mph, Police Lt. Phil Kirk said.

A father, Ronald Meeker, son Bryan and daughter April Marie in the sedan were killed. A female friend of the daughter, Sarah Crook, also a BYU student, also died. The two students were in their early 20s, Kirk said.

Only one passenger in the sedan, another daughter, Christy, survived. She was listed in serious but stable condition at LDS Hospital.

The driver of the Blazer, Shelby Melot, was taken to University Hospital where she was listed in serious condition, Kirk said. She was driving alone.

"It's really a sad situation," Kirk said. "It's a terrible tragedy for a family to deal with on the night before Thanksgiving."

Kirk said it appeared the driver of the sedan didn't notice or misjudged the speed of the Blazer.

Officers closed Beck Street for about three hours while dealing with the wreck.

In another accident in Salt Lake City Wednesday, a 2-year-old girl, Jecenia Cano, was killed about 3 p.m. when the vehicle she was riding in was struck from the side, causing it to roll. The girl was ejected.

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Idaho creates position to handle Year 2000 computer glitches

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has created a new position to help make sure that the state's utilities are prepared for computer problems in 2000.

Dad Schunke, utilities division deputy administrator, will take on a temporary assignment as commission coordinator for the year 2000.

"There's a lot of work that needs to be done, but we're optimistic that our power will be on and telephones will work January first of the year 2000."

— David Schunke, Idaho Public Utilities Commission

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companies, hopefully we will avoid any surprises or undue hardships as we begin the next century.

Electric, natural gas, telecommunications and large water companies already have submitted reports to the commission outlining how they will prepare for computer problems in 2000.

"Our first plan is to do everything we can to ensure the systems work; but as a parallel path, you must have some contingency planning," Schunke said.

"There's a lot of work that needs to be done, but we're optimistic that our power will be on and telephones will work January first of the year 2000," Schunke said.

Schunke will work with utility companies under the commission's jurisdiction to assure a smooth transition into 2000, commission President Dennis Hansen said.

"The year 2000 is moving

quickly upon us and is causing some concerns as to whether systems and services will function as normal," Hansen said. "In working together with different utility

Health advocates urge Kempthorne to appoint childhood immunization czar

LEWISTON (AP) — Some public health advocates want Idaho Governor-elect Dirk Kempthorne to hire a childhood immunization czar, said Carol Moehle, director of the North Central District Health Department.

The state's seven public health districts are seeking \$98,000 from the legislature to help develop a statewide computer registry to track childhood immunizations, Moehle said. The health districts and Kempthorne's task force charged with

studying childhood immunization also would like to establish a registry on the Internet, Moehle said.

The transition committee expects to hear from the immunization task force next week, according to Michael Bogert, Kempthorne's deputy transition director. There has not been a commitment to any proposal so far, Bogert said.

Idaho has the second lowest immunization rate for two-year-olds in the nation at 72 percent, Moehle said.



Dirk Kempthorne

Idaho hunts for unsafe schools

BOISE (AP) — School districts could be asked as early as next month to create a list of buildings that have unsafe fire escapes, old wiring or corridors without doors.

Educators and legislators say an inventory is necessary because some of Idaho's most dilapidated buildings are stuck in a 5-year-old logjam of how to pay for an estimated \$700 million in statewide school repairs.

One of the school's fire escapes empties onto a roof 10 feet above the ground. In the boys' dressing room, the only escape from fire besides the entrance is a 2-by-3-foot hole cut in the ceiling, which empties onto the auditorium stage.

The school's aging boiler sits in a dirt basement, just below the chemistry lab.

"If it went up, it would be a disaster," Whitepine School District Superintendent Harold Ott said.

In Orofino, a junior high, middle school and elementary school have fire-safety problems. School additions have created indirect routes to escape doors and wiring that dates to 1912 is unreliable.

"It's a moral issue," said Sen. Gary Schroeder, Senate Education Committee chairman, "and it is a political time bomb."

One well-known dangerous building is Troy Junior-Senior High School in Latah County. The 93-year-old structure serves about 100 students.

SERVICES

William W. Peterson of Hagerman, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Valley Baptist Church (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Reva M. Owsley of Hagerman, 2 p.m. Saturday the Hagerman LDS Church; friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Edward W. "Butts" Peters of Burley, 11 a.m. Monday at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday and one hour before the funeral Monday at Payne Mortuary.

DEATH NOTICES

Richard L. Allen of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the First Presbyterian Church (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Edna P. Durfee of Buhl, 90, of Rupert, died Tuesday, Nov. 26, 1998, at the Snake River Memorial Living Center in Buhl. Services are pending and will be announced by the Farmer Funeral Chapel.

Norma H. Seal of Rupert — Norma H. Seal, 87, of Rupert, died Tuesday evening at Minidoka Memorial Hospital. Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Vera Lucille Wyatt Vinlog of Jerome, 11 a.m. Saturday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Kristin Hanes of Twin Falls — Kristin Hanes, 24, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1998. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Norma Rose Wilde of Carey — Norma Rose Wilde, 75, a Carey resident, died Thursday, Nov. 26, 1998, at the Sunrise Care and Rehab in Twin Falls. Funeral services are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Shoshone Chapel.

Della Rae Danner of Albion, 11 a.m. Saturday at the Albion LDS Ward chapel; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Shannon Bray, Horace Coltrin, Caryl Hoffman and **Esperanza Silva**, all of Burley; **Teressa Gallegos, Malvina Metzner, Laila Salinas** and **Cathy Smith**, all of Rupert.

Scott and Shannon Bray and **Oscar and Kristin Saldana**, all of Burley.

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POOR

Simpson returns tobacco donations

POCATELLO (AP) — Republican congressman-elect Mike Simpson said he has returned \$3,500 in tobacco money that was contributed to his campaign this fall.

"Before we had decided whether or not to take tobacco money, the checks were deposited," Simpson said recently. "They have now been refunded."

Simpson deposited funds from the following three tobacco sources: RJR Reynolds Political Action Committee, Philip Morris Companies Inc. PAC and Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation Employee PAC.

Simpson said he and his campaign team decided to decline the money because it could have potentially become a campaign issue.



Mike Simpson



GORDON STRUTHERS/TF Times-News

Gordon Struthers, a forester for the U.S. Forest Service's Burley district, prepares signs to direct tree buyers in the Raft River Division. Buyers will cut their own trees after obtaining tags from the Burley office.

Time for pine

Forest Service will sell 250 trees for \$5

By David Lee
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Now that Thanksgiving goodies are slowly digesting, it's time to start working all that food off.

Many will expend the energy fighting off hordes of shoppers for hot Christmas items. Then there's the other tradition — finding a Christmas tree to be the home's centerpiece decoration.

For those who want to bring fresh pine smell into their homes, the U.S. Forest Service is selling 250 tags for pinyon pine trees in 400 acres of the Raft River Division south of Malta, said Gordon Struthers, a Burley Ranger District forester.

The trees "are surplus to the needs of the forest," he said. "We're not killing the trees, but just thinning the radish patch out."

If throwing a tree out after the holidays isn't appealing, live trees also are available, said Jeff Robinson, nursery manager at Kimberly Nurseries. They are a bit smaller, but after the holidays are over they can be planted in the yard as a living memory of Christmas.

Live trees, however, are small-

Surplus

The U.S. Forest Service has a surplus of pine trees in its Raft River Division and is selling 250 tags for \$5 each. To be a tree, stop by the office at 3650 Overland Ave. or call 678-0430 to buy a tag. Don't forget to bring the tools to cut down the tree.

er and last only about 10 days in a house as opposed to a month for larger, fresh-cut trees, Robinson said.

Depending on size, live tree prices range from \$19 to \$85, he said, while fresh-cut trees cost \$30 to \$35. Fresh-cut trees at the nursery are sprayed with a chemical that helps them hold moisture and making them more well-need and fire-retardant, Robinson said.

The final kind of Christmas tree, Robinson said, is the one that can last forever: the artificial tree. Actually, it lasts about 20 Christmas, but nowadays artificial trees look as real as the real ones, he said. They do cost more, starting around \$100, and their biggest disadvantage is that they

have to be stored.

A sampling of other tree prices around Magic Valley:

• Fresh-cut Norway spruce and Limbscape in Burley will offer 10 varieties of live trees and six varieties of fresh-cut trees. AKA-Pine: 2 1/2' trees will arrive Saturday morning. Live trees are available this Friday are \$17 to \$25 for the live trees and \$17 to \$25 for the fresh-cut.

• AKA's Country Gardens in Paul will offer several varieties of live and fresh-cut trees, including shorter 4' and 5' and 6' and 8' and 10' live trees and 4' and 5' and 6' and 8' and 10' fresh-cut trees and \$20 for live trees.

• Not all artificial trees decorations.

• The date all the stores that sell artificial Christmas trees is around December 15.

Experts find accused molester competent to stand trial in Utah

FARMINGTON, Utah (AP) — Despite his rambling letters about God and his melodramatic suicide attempts and hunger strikes in jail, accused child molester Alex Lopez is competent to stand trial, a 2nd District Court judge ruled Tuesday.

In the second competency hearing for Lopez, two psychiatrists reported that Lopez showed no signs of mental illness.

Lopez and his wife, Barbara Lopez, were both charged last year with numerous felonies after the Clinton couple sexually assaulted four teenage girls, police alleged.

"Police say the couple nurtured friendships with the girls, often supplying them with clothes, alcohol and drugs before sexually assaulting them."

Barbara Lopez pleaded guilty in August and was sentenced to two to five years in prison. As part of a plea agreement, she agreed to testify against her husband.

"If convicted, Alex Lopez, 40, faces multiple life sentences."

Davis County Jail staffers have reported that Alex Lopez has tried to commit suicide several times during the past several months and even went on a hunger strike.

Lopez's contention was that he was mentally ill.

Lopez was sent for a second mental evaluation in September by two psychologists, including an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Utah.

Judge Jon Memmott ruled Tuesday that there was nothing

wrong with Lopez and that he was competent to stand trial.

Lopez sent a number of rambling letters to Memmott quoting scriptures, and in one telling the judge to burn in hell. In a poorly spelled letter sent on Aug. 6, Lopez maintains his innocence — and even expresses mercy for his alleged victims.

"Not once have I cursed the alleged victims. I have prayed for them since this hole thing started. ... I believe these young ladies are filled with much pain and anger inside of them. I know that what has happened to my family is not from God but from the very father of all lies and that would be the devil himself," the letter stated.

In another letter dated Sept. 11, shortly after his wife accepted a plea bargain, Lopez wrote, "I believe they have bought my wife by offering her lesser charges than she started with... they have turned her against me. My heart is broken cause I talked again with Barbara and she has told me she thinks that we should just be friends and go are own ways."

Prosecutors said Lopez knows he is going to prison and that the letters are merely a ploy to prove mental illness.

Ray Rowlings, the attorney for Lopez, said his client truly believes that everyone is in a "conspiracy against him."

A trial date of Feb. 24 has been set. Lopez will appear in court on Jan. 19 for further court proceedings.

Trolley rolls today on streets of TF

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — No, it's not a time warp. That's a real trolley on the streets of Twin Falls today.

A 30-seat enclosed trolley is

scheduled to roll around downtown and Old Towne business districts.

The trolley is leased from Coeur d'Alene for the holidays.

Today will be the trial run for the historic-looking vehicle, according to Randy Bombardier, director of the Historic Down-

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Out-of-staters donated \$320,000 to Idaho campaigns in last 2 weeks

BOISE (AP) — Out-of-state interest poured nearly a third of a million dollars into the final two weeks of their campaign to retain term limits in Idaho.

Campaign finance disclosure reports filed with the secretary of state's office showed over \$320,000 of the \$372,400 raised during the campaigns final days came from outside the state, and another \$50,000 came from the personal funds of term limits chief Idaho advocate, Donna Weaver.

Only \$800 was contributed by Idaho residents to encourage pas-

sage of a nonbinding referendum on the 1994 state and local term limits law and an initiative to pressure Congress into passing a constitutional amendment for federal term limits.

And nearly all the money spent during the final push before the Nov. 3 election went to non-Idaho vendors. Payments to Idaho residents totaled less than \$6,700 of the \$360,000 spent.

Overall, the Weaver and her allies raised and spent about \$500,000 during the 22-month campaign cycle. Only \$7,500 of that came from Idaho residents

other than Weaver and just \$51,000 of that was paid to Idaho residents.

The biggest contributor was U.S. Term Limits and its associated organizations based in a number of states. They funneled \$367,000 into the campaign to complement the \$15,000 Weaver gave or lent to the effort.

The payoff was endorsement of the four-year-old term limits law by just under 54 percent of the 346,000 voters and slightly higher support for the initiative pressing for congressional term limits.

Mine fire dies; evacuees return home

HELPER, Utah (AP) — A mine fire that spread smoke throughout the Helper area of central Utah was contained Thursday morning.

The Carbon County Sheriff's Office said that those evacuated due to the smoke — the elderly and people with respiratory problems — had returned home by 11 a.m. Thanksgiving Day.

The sheriff's office said there were no injuries in the fire and no one was trapped in Cyprus Plateau Mining's Willow Creek Mine.

The fire started about 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The mine used chemical foam sealant to close off five portals of the mine to keep oxygen from the fire until it died out, said Mike Dmitch, with the government affairs department of the Cyprus Plateau Mine. The portals were sealed at 3 a.m.

It is not known what caused the fire or the extent of damage. About 100 workers were in the mine at the time and they safely evacuated within 20 minutes, Dmitch said.

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Plymouth hosts homesick Americans

English city holds 1st Thanksgiving festival

PLYMOUTH, England, 27 — Turkey and cranberry sauce? Ruddy game? The excitement of Christmas shopping?

The city where the Pilgrims embarked for the New World in 1620 is celebrating Thanksgiving for the first time this year, and it is a special day to add this much.

So what if the Pilgrims are a historical team, and the shopping is done at a department store? It is the thought that counts.

The Pilgrims founded Thanksgiving a year after they landed at Massachusetts' Plymouth Rock. The colony was founded by western English city on the Mayflower.

Now, Plymouth's civic leaders plan to raise the Stars and Stripes for the first time in a three-day annual Thanksgiving festival, aimed at establishing the city as the home away from home for expatriate Americans.

are there. Lots of feasting, with turkey, sweet potatoes and pumpkin pie, and U.S. style late-night Christmas shopping on the day after Thanksgiving.

"I know it's not going to be like it is at home, but I'm pretty excited about it," said Susan Schenk, a teacher from Philadelphia who is spending the Thanksgiving with her family in Plymouth.

Over the Thanksgiving weekend, the city also is launching its Great American Heritage Trail, a three-mile path retracing five centuries of trans-Atlantic exploration, colonization, emigration and other links with the United States, which has 24 towns named Plymouth.

The trail starts at a place where some of the Pilgrims are believed to have been sheltered, and led before their departure on the Mayflower. The building, dating from 1431, now England's oldest gun-dillery and displays a plaque commemorating the names of all the Pilgrim Fathers who left in search of religious freedom.

The Pilgrims Mothers and children were not similarly honored until 10 years ago, when a plaque was placed outside another building where the Pilgrims reportedly ate before the trip.



Fall TV season bombs, viewers watching cable

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS claimed victory Thursday in television's important November sweeps, but you'll forgive the network for keeping the champagne corked.

This fall's TV season is no excuse for a party.

Critics are growling, red ink is flowing, executives are bailing and viewers are fleeing. It's hard to tell whose heart has been weaker: that of "NYPD Blue" detective Bobby Simone or the broadcast networks.

"It isn't a good season, and it's being noticed by everybody," said Dorothy Swanson, founder of Viewers for Quality Television. She's so busy compiling her members' complaints, she couldn't get this month's newsletter out on time.

CBS estimated Thursday it had beaten NBC by one-10th of a ratings point in the November sweeps, earning bragging rights for the period when ratings are used to set local advertising rates. CBS' victory was a little hollow: Its November sweeps ratings, through Monday, were off 10 percent from last November.

NBC, ABC and UPN are also down from last year.

Fox is trading water. The cable success story is the WB, which continues to draw teen viewers.

Together, NBC, ABC, CBS and Fox have seen their roughly share of the audience drop from 54 to 50 percent in the past year, Nielsen Media Research said. Many people are watching basic cable, whose share has increased to 39 percent from 34 percent.

During the past month, NBC replaced top programmer Warren Littlefield with Scott Sassa, who made his name at TNT, and Fox brought in Comedy Central's Doug Herzog to replace entertainment chief Peter Roth.

"They have the toughest job in all of television," said Dick Wall, producer of NBC's "Law and Order."

"Trying to pick hits has always been difficult, but in this environment, it's hilariously difficult. They all have my sympathy."

Network television, once a license to print money, is now a risky business. NBC is generally considered the most flush network, but analysts say its profits are going down, as they are for ABC and Fox. CBS, the WB and UPN are all forecast to lose money.

California growers face new threat

Mediterranean fly arrives to U.S. shores



This is a California Department of Food and Agriculture photo of the olive fruit fly. Nine flies similar to this one have been found in the Westwood section of Los Angeles in the last two weeks. The Olive fruit fly, a brown-bodied, black-banded species long known in the Mediterranean, has made its first appearance in the United States since agriculture officials say.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A certain dead hunkler's threat came California's \$200 million industry.

The Olive fruit fly, a brown-bodied, black-banded species long known in the Mediterranean, has made its first appearance in the United States since agriculture officials say.

Growers like Cliff Craber, president of Orange-based C.C. Craber Co., say they support "anything that it takes" to prevent the fly from gaining a foothold in the California.

"The eradication would probably cost \$1 billion," said Oreste Hidalgo, spokesman for the California Department of Food and Agriculture in Sacramento.

California is the only state that grows olive oil in large commercial lots. The business represents a \$1 billion a year in the state's \$1.5 billion annual agricultural economy, but the year that amounted to just \$1 million, \$1X million the year before.

Craber says that fly larvae can cause olive to drop prematurely, diminishing the quality of the oil, and that the fly's eggs are responsible for the damage, which is where the bulk of California's olive pits are sent to California.

Oreste Shaffstall, the Fresno-based organization that handles regional marketing, says that the fly is not a pest of olives.

There are other sources for olive, including about 40 acres in Arizona and crops in Mexico that are processed in California, but they would not make up for the state's losses, he added.

As with other agricultural pests, the Olive fly by made its appearance in a number of miles from the border. Thirty adult flies and seven larvae have been found since the last one was discovered in Oct. 18. All were in Hidalgo's county.

A \$5 quarantine zone was established. Anyone who's been to the state is not to be in a trap routinely checked the pest, but it took an entomologist at a state lab to identify it, Hidalgo said.

"We've already passed up the best in California," he said.

The fly probably came from the state's Mexico through the United States.

"I don't have been made in it, it could have been brought in by an international traveler," Hidalgo said.

A \$5 quarantine zone was established. Anyone

removing homegrown olives from the area could face up to \$25,000 in fines, Hidalgo said.

There are more than 30 olive trees in the area, most used for landscaping.

Of those, 22 are at the Los

Joaquin Valley and Northern California but that wouldn't stop a determined fly, Hidalgo said.

"They probably hitchhiked from Europe to here. There's no reason to indicate that they can't hitchhike another 80 miles, 100 miles, 400 miles," Hidalgo said. "We cannot let down our guard here."

Agriculture officials stripped some Westwood trees of fruit and sprayed in and around others with two kinds of pesticide. Another spraying was set for next week.

No health problems have been reported from the spraying, Hidalgo said.

Crews had to work fast because in a couple of weeks the last of the olives will drop and the fly will become dormant and hard to find.

"It will bunker down and it will stay around for the winter. It will abandon the olive tree and basically go somewhere else, we don't know where," he said.

The fly can remain in pupal stage in the soil, re-emerging in summer, when the eradication effort will resume. In February, the CDEA will convene an advisory panel of scientists from around the globe to discuss how to proceed with eradication efforts.

building engineer at the Los Angeles Mormon Temple

—Lorric Shaffstall,

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At risk for the holidays

People with eating disorders face trials

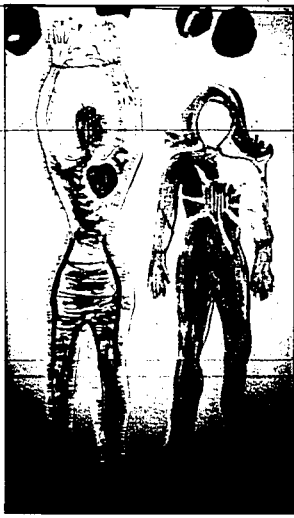
SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Along with the turkey and pumpkins are growing tangles around the nation, a stressful pattern of angst a heavy secret up this week to those with eating disorders.

Christmas and Christmas meals are stressful times for the 5 million Americans — mostly women between ages 12 and 45 — who suffer from anorexia, bulimia or compulsive overeating. "Eating disorders are linked with depression. People tend to get more depressed around the holidays, and that also can be a factor and make eating disorders become even more problematic around the holidays," said Claire Hymas, administrative director at the American Anorexia Bulimia Association in New York City.

The two holidays often are temper around food and family, and anyone with an eating disorder can be a source of tension and disharmony. In many homes, preparing food is synonymous with rejecting family and tradition.

Wendy Aunt Sue's certified "Dinner" class up your nose at the humane and lovingly baked with you in mind? People with eating disorders often associate the holidays with just such pressures.

"Having an eating disorder during the holidays can be a living hell," said Nancy Hardman, a



These are before, left, and after life-size self-portrait drawings of an eating disorder patient at the Foundation for Change in Orem, Utah, on Wednesday.

psychologist who specializes in eating disorders at the Center for Change in Orem.

"They feel so much guilt and self-contempt beyond themselves, beyond their inability to deal with food," Hardman said.

Anorexia starve themselves by dramatically restricting their food intake; about 1,000 women a year die from the disorder, according to the National Eating Disorders Screening Program.

People with bulimia stuff themselves and then, fearing a weight gain, purge the food by vomiting, taking laxatives or compulsively exercising.

Emily, 23, is receiving treatment for eating disorders she's had since age 13. She sought treatment after three years each of anorexia, compulsive overeating and bulimia.

"The hard thing about the holidays is that they're so centered on food," said Emily, who spoke on condition her last name not be used.

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Pair of early morning quakes shake Yellowstone

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The University of Utah seismograph stations reported that two small earthquakes occurred in the southeastern part of Yellowstone National Park early Thursday.

The first quake, at 1:37 a.m., had a magnitude of 3.8 and was located 8.5 miles south east of

the West Thumb

It was near the Heart Lake Geyser Basin and the southern boundary of the Yellowstone Caldera.

A second event, with a magnitude of 3.1, occurred 19 minutes later in nearly the same location. Numerous smaller aftershocks have also been recorded.

No damage was reported, but the first quake was felt at Great Falls and most of Twin Falls.

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Archaeologists dig up Tahoe history

Agency's findings paint picture of early life-in-area



U.S. Forest Service Assistant Forest Archaeologist John Maher shows some Lake Tahoe artifacts at his office recently. Each time the Forest Service embarks on a forest restoration project in the Tahoe Basin, an archeological team is dispatched to comb the area for anything of historical significance.

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif. (AP) — In his 10 years with the U.S. Forest Service, John Maher has dug up lots of dirt on people who have lived at Lake Tahoe.

No, Maher doesn't deal in gossip — his specialties are history and archeology. As the assistant forest archaeologist for the U.S. Forest Service, Maher and his colleagues have unearthed all manner of artifacts and construction that have helped paint a more complete picture of early life in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

"You'd be surprised at all the things we've found. It's quite an array," Maher says. "Everything from Native American sites to flumes and logging chutes."

Each time the Forest Service starts a forest restoration project at Tahoe, an archeological team first probes the area for anything of historical significance. The project, called the Lake Tahoe Basin Heritage Resources Program, is run in conjunction with the University of Nevada, Reno Archeological Field School.

"We have found several sites associated with the Comstock Era," says Maher, who has unearthed many relics from the region's mid-19th century mining and logging past. "But we've found all kinds of Native American sites also; milling sites, stone tools and the like."

One of the agency's most recent discoveries was a carved aspen tree bearing the names of two early-day Tahoe residents, Frank and B.C. Celio, sons of

early Meyers pioneer Carlo Giuseppe Celio.

The carvings, found on an aspen tree on the Celios' Christmas Valley ranch, date to

between 1881 and 1888.

Maher has also found carved calling cards on trees from early Basque sheep herders, who came to the West from Europe and

Argentines in the late 1860s.

The Tahoe Basin is also rich in relics from the "Resort Era," a time in the early part of this century when the upper class fro-

icked at the lake.

Other recent finds include artifacts from Chinese settlements on Lake Tahoe's east shore circa 1870 to 1890.

Water rules may stop construction

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — State officials are going forward with a policy prohibiting the transfer of "paper" water rights into the Snyderville Basin.

The action eventually could slow the Park City area's building boom.

"I don't see the blinds being pulled tomorrow, because many of those transfers have already been approved and are still being developed," said Robert Morgan, state Division of Water Rights' engineer. "But if they continue to grow houses up here, they are going to have to import water into this basin."

Morgan spoke Monday during a meeting with landowners and water users to finalize the restrictions on water-rights allocations imposed for the Park City area in September.

The crackdown followed studies that found that the area was using nearly all available water resources.

Water rights existing on paper in the Snyderville Basin are more than double the actual supply of water, and in times of drought, many Park City homeowners could have their water turned off to protect water rights of farmers using the Weber River system.

"You need to find a more dependable supply of water," said Bill Schlotthauer of the Division of Water Rights. "It doesn't do any good to build houses if they will only have water to drink during the ski season."

Morgan said residents should be prepared to "dry up lawns and gardens" during summer because the state will stop up enforcement of water rights held by downstream users.

Holidays, eating disorders don't combine well

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Along with the turkey and pumpkin pie gracing tables around the nation, a sizeable portion of angst is being served up this week to those with eating disorders.

Thanksgiving and Christmas often are traumatic times for the 5 million Americans — mostly women between ages 12 and 45 — who suffer from anorexia nervosa, bulimia or compulsive overeating.

"Eating disorders are linked with depression. People tend to get more depressed around the holidays, and that can be a factor and make eating disorders become even more problematic around the holidays," said Claire Mysko, administrative director at the American Anorexia Bulimia Association in New York City.

The two holidays often are centered around food and family, and anyone with an eating disorder can be a source of tension and disharmony. In many homes, rejecting food is tantamount to rejecting family and tradition.

For Aunt Suzy's carved turkey? Turn up your nose at the homemade pie lovingly baked with you in mind? People with eating disorders often associate the holidays with just such pressures.

"Having an eating disorder during the holidays can be a living hell," said Randy Hardman, a psychologist who specializes in eating disorders at the Center for Change in Orem.

"They feel so much guilt and self-contempt beyond themselves, beyond their inability to deal with food... The holidays just paralyze them more," Hardman said.

Anorexics starve themselves by drastically reducing their food intake; about 1,000 women a year die from the disorder, according to the National Eating Disorders Screening Program.

People with bulimia cut off themselves and then, fearing a weight gain, purge the food by vomiting, taking laxatives or compulsively exercising.

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For more information
National Eating Disorders Screening Program
www.nemss.org
American Anorexia Bulimia Association: 212-875-6200

"The hard thing about the holidays is that they're so centered on food," said Emily, who spoke on condition her last name not be used.

Emily's compulsive overeating was triggered at Thanksgiving six years ago. Before that, when she was anorexic during the holidays, she felt a sense of power at being able to resist food when everyone else could not.

Later, as a bulimic who binged and purged, she felt a similar power because "you can eat whatever you want and everyone's jealous."

But eating disorders are not really about food.

"An eating disorder is an addiction, but it's a psychological addiction; it's not a physical addiction," Hardman said. "Once you resolve the psychological pieces, then they can break out of that habit, that pattern."

People with eating disorders typically have a distorted image of their bodies, he said. This is apparent when patients are asked to draw life-size pictures of themselves.

"Early in the disorder, it's very, very negative... Some of these folks look like they're cancer victims and they're convinced they're fat. It's very ingrained," he said.

In Emily's case, she saw herself as bloated and disgusting when in fact she was so severely underweight she had ceased menstruation.

"You just worry all the time — all the food around you and how to avoid it, thinking about excuses, and when you do (eat) you feel so guilty," she said.

Those feelings are compounded during the holidays by a feeling of being in the spotlight, Emily said. "Did I eat too much? Should I get rid of this?" — such thoughts filled her mind.

Emily said she became adept at avoiding holiday meals by pleading illness or volunteering

to work.

Depending on which eating disorder held Emily in its grip, her parents would prepare low-fat dishes for her, such as turkey stuffing without butter, or they would buy whole-fat milk for her and skim milk for everyone else. But those sorts of responses send the wrong message, Hardman said.

"We put all the focus on the outside, but the issue with eating disorders is on the inside," he said.

During the holidays, he said, emphasis should be placed on the reason for the celebration, not food and the expectations surrounding it, such as: Is she going to eat? How much? Will she keep it down?

"I don't think it means we suspend the holiday and food, but take into consideration that it's a different world with a woman with an eating disorder. We're not asking parents to make it all better," he said.

Nor is sitting around the holiday table the right time to bring up someone's eating disorder, or to pressure them to eat, Mysko said, because it just adds to the shame and embarrassment already felt by the sufferer.

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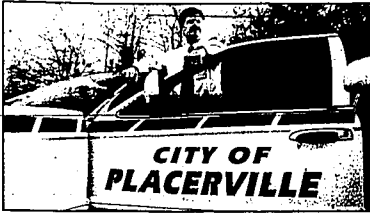
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Placerville Police Chief Steve Brown poses next to one of the department's cars in Placerville, Calif., on Nov. 19. Brown's proposal to add a noose to the side of patrol cars stirred controversy despite the town's legacy.



Cashing in on town's violent heritage

Placerville's celebration of its Gold Rush legacy triggers ruckus among residents

PLACERVILLE, Calif. (AP) — No investigations. No trials. A hangman just cinches a scratchy rope around the unfortunate's neck — usually or not — to the joers of a drunken crowd.

Vigilantes of the 1849 Gold Rush lynched so many people in this Sierra Nevada town, 110 miles east of San Francisco, that it's still informally called Hangtown.

Tourists gawk at a lifelike dummy hanging by a noose along Main Street. Nooses and "Hangtown" are on everything from signs to the Placerville city seal.

But some residents have been murmuring their discomfort over the celebration of the violent legacy of this town of 9,000, which is attracting ever more politically correct refugees from big-city life.

Last year, critics again called — unsuccessfully — for removal of the hanging dummy.

The murmurs rose to a ruckus earlier this month when the police chief of 19 years proposed putting a noose in place of the second "O" in "Old Hangtown" on the doors of new patrol cars.

"I never had any remote idea it would get to this point," says Police Chief Steve Brown. "Critics said it could be seen as a cruel symbol for vigilante justice. They brought up the mass murder of Jews during World War II and lynching of blacks in the South, Brown says.

Councilwoman Marian Washburn says she felt the noose "projected a lawless image" for the town.

Over the objections of Washburn and another council member, the board backed the chief. But new council members chosen in an election will shift the board's makeup against Brown once they take office and the chief has dropped his proposal.

"A vocal minority didn't see the historical significance of the noose. And it's not a battle I choose to fight at this time," Brown says.

But then Brown found himself in trouble with noose supporters. "I cannot believe that something this tongue-in-cheek that brings tourists to our town is such a problem with some narrow-minded people," Doug Noble wrote the local newspaper. "Every year, someone decides that the noose, hangman or something else in town is 'politically incorrect.'"

Noose supporters cite Salem, Mass., as an example of a town capitalizing on its history of burning witches at the stake with museums and tours.

About a year ago, noose supporters in the town turned back the critics' efforts to remove the dummy dangling along Main Street in worn-out cowboy boots, jeans, sus-

penders and red plaid shirt. The dummy hangs from the second story of the 147-year-old Hangman's Tree saloon, built over the stump of the original hanging tree.

Inside, where a hangman's ghost supposedly lingers, a noose dangles from a fake tree. Songs on an old juke box include "The Hanging Tree," in which Marty Robbins warbles, "They carried me to the hanging tree." "We've got too many people trying to come up here and change history. This town was built on the Gold Rush and vigilantes. It's big city people who have never lived in a small town and they want to change it," says bartender Robin Elliott.

She sets a beer in front of 90-year-old rancher Cliff Odlin. Dismissing noose critics with a wave of his hand, he says, "They'd bitch if they were getting hung by a new rope."



A historical marker sits outside the Hangman's Tree bar in downtown, Placerville, Calif., on Nov. 19. The town is famous for its Old West vigilante justice system.



Cliff Odlin, 90, a life-long resident of Placerville, Calif., has a beer Nov. 19 at the town's Hangman's Tree bar. Odlin, like many of the long-time local residents, liked a controversial plan to paint nooses on city police cars. But others thought it was going too far with the town's legacy of violence.

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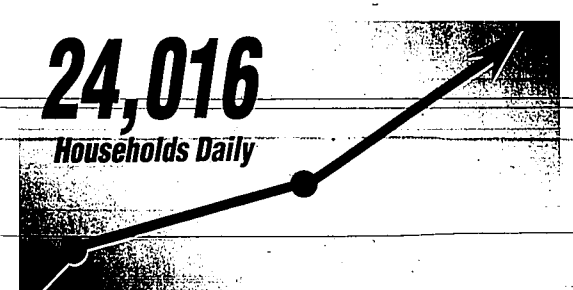
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India train collision kills 97, injures 250

Late alert, darkness contribute to worst accident in 3 years

KHANNA, India (AP) — A switchman frantically alerted the nearest rail station that the Frontier Mail had just derailed and was sprawling across the tracks of an oncoming express train. But it was too late.

The Scaldah Express had sped past the station and couldn't see the derailed coaches in the darkness and mist early Thursday morning. The express train tore into the four disabled cars, killing at least 97 people and injuring 250, police and railroad officials said. Most of the victims were asleep at the time of the crash.

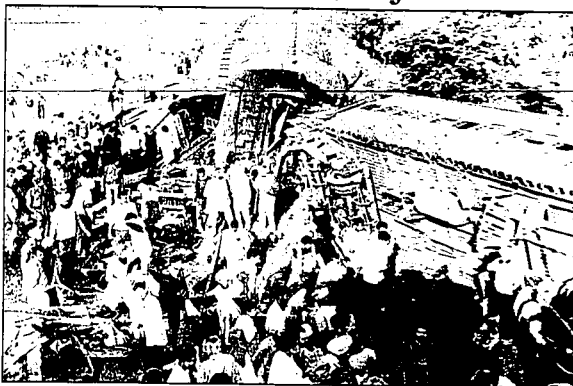
The Press Trust of India news agency said at least 108 people were killed in the accident, 150 miles northwest of the capital, New Delhi.

The sound of tearing, grinding metal woke residents of the nearby town of Khanna, sending them hurrying to the wreckage to extricate bodies of the victims and comfort the survivors.

Farmers turned on headlights of cars and tractors to illuminate the crash site as rescue workers cut open the mangled cars with acetylene torches to extricate bodies. Others offered tea, bread and blankets to the stunned survivors, said Shiv Kumar, a businessman who joined the rescue efforts.

Hours after the accident, many people were still trapped inside the cars.

"They are shrieking. Some are



Rescue workers look for survivors Thursday from the wreckage of a train crash in Khanna, India, which killed at least 97 people and injured more than 250. Seven cars of the Amritsar-bound Frontier Mail passenger train from New Delhi derailed between the towns of Khanna and Payal in Punjab. Minutes later, the Calcutta-bound Scaldah Express, traveling on a parallel track from Jammu, crashed into the derailed cars.

saying, 'Cut off my legs. Cut off my hands. Just rescue me,'" Kumar said.

The Frontier Mail was bound for Amritsar from the capital when its four rear cars jumped the tracks. The Scaldah Express, en route from Jammu to Calcutta, plowed into them less than a minute later, said Ashok Kumar, an official of the government-owned railroad company.

"I was awakened by a jolt as the train came to a screeching halt. Before I could realize what has happened, the Scaldah Express came and collided with the derailed coaches," said Usha Rani, who was on her way to attend a wedding.

A total of 1,700 passengers were aboard both trains. In all, 16 cars were damaged in the accident, the worst in three years in

India, Kumar told reporters at the crash site, 150 miles northwest of New Delhi.

Workers took 250 people to local government and private hospitals, where 36 people were in serious condition, said S.K. Mirza, an officer at the state police control room.

Pharmacies donated medicine to help the small government hospitals that were overwhelmed with victims and ran out of supplies.

Israeli troops, Palestinians clash in 3 West Bank areas

JENIN, West Bank (AP) — Violent confrontations erupted between Israelis and Palestinians on Thursday in three areas of the West Bank, the first clashes since the signing of the latest Mideast peace accord.

On the outskirts of Jenin, Israeli troops fired rubber-coated bullets and a crowd of about 100 Palestinian protesters who threw stones and marched toward the soldiers' compound. An Israeli soldier could be seen on a tower inside the army's compound alternately ducking and shooting.

Two Palestinians suffered minor injuries and were treated at a hospital.

The Palestinians were demonstrating for the release of relatives jailed by Israel. Organized by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah party, protesters walked behind a white banner

depicting prisoners' hands chained and bleeding. "No peace without release of all prisoners," it said.

More than 2,500 Palestinians are in Israeli jails, and the issue is sensitive to Palestinians, many of whom spent time in jail or have had relatives jailed.

Israel set free 250 prisoners last week and will release another 500 in two more stages as part of the peace accord signed last month in Washington. But prisoners convicted of murder or conspiracy to commit murder will not be among those included in the release.

Meanwhile, in the tensely divided city of Hebron, scuffles broke out after Jewish settlers tried to prevent Palestinian school children on their way to a field trip from walking past the settler compound.

Tens of thousands turn out for Iranian dissident's funeral

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A funeral procession for a slain dissident and his wife turned into a rally Thursday, with tens of thousands of mourners pledging to continue his struggle for freedom.

Many in the crowd carried large photos of Darius Forouhar and his wife, Parvaneh, who were stabbed to death in their Tehran home. Their bodies were discovered Sunday, police reportedly have taken several suspects into custody.

In a speech to Intelligence Ministry officials Thursday, President Mohammad Khatami said Forouhar's killers must be brought to justice.

"The murder of the late Mr. Forouhar is condemned. The government, and especially the intelligence network, have a very

important duty to confront it," Khatami said in comments reported by the state-run radio.

"If we don't deal with the crime seriously, and not identify the culprits, the episode will not only constitute a disrespect for our (Islamic) system, it will become the beginning of more problems to come," Khatami said.

Khatami, a moderate cleric elected last year, has promised more political freedoms.

But he faces strong opposition from hard-line opponents who are backed by street vigilantes who have often taken the law into their hands.

Over the past year, the vigilantes have attacked dissidents, liberal newspapers and even a reformist Cabinet minister.

Blair gives speech to Irish parliament

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — In the first speech ever by a British prime minister to an Irish parliament, Tony Blair predicted Thursday that Northern Ireland's troubled peace accord would ultimately work because of a strengthened cooperative spirit uniting Britain and Ireland.

"Like it or not, we, the British and the Irish, are irredeemably linked," Blair said, winning standing ovations that symbolized the best relations between the two once-bitterly divided countries since the Irish Republic won independence from Britain in 1922.

Blair walked into the packed chamber side by side with his increasingly close friend, Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern. The two men together negotiated around the clock in Belfast to help broker April's accord among eight Northern Ireland parties.

Blair thanks Ahern and his government for 'living up to your side of the bargain'

by dropping the Irish Republic's territorial claim to Northern Ireland, long a sore point for the north's British Protestant majority.

"It is time now for all the parties to live up to all their commitments," he said in reference to Protestant politicians' refusal to form a coalition government that includes the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, and the Irish Republican Army's own refusal to start dismantling, both goals contained in the accord.

Watching from the public gallery was Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams, who later delivered his own largely critical assessment of the peace process in a speech to Dublin business people.

Adams lauded Blair as "the British prime minister who can change Anglo-Irish relations."

UNION JACK AFLAME



Supporters of former Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet burn a British flag Thursday hanging from a bridge in Santiago, Chile. Chile is stepping up the pressure on Britain to release Pinochet, following a ruling by Britain's highest court that Pinochet cannot claim immunity from prosecution.

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Section C

What's goin' on

Rocket's red glare

• **Tonight:** Christmas in the Nighttime Sky starts at Kimberly Nurseries, 2862 Addison Avenue East, Twin Falls, with a chill-and-baked potato dinner from 5:30 to 7 p.m. (Price is admission is an unwrapped toy). Fireworks follow about 7:15 p.m.



LRB plays Cactus Petes

• **Tonight and Saturday:** Little River Band will perform two cocktail shows, at 8 and 11 p.m., at Cactus Petes Resort-Casino, Jackpot. Ticket prices are \$20, \$25 and \$35. For reservations and information, call 1-800-821-1103.

Music In City Park

• **Sunday:** Christmas in City Park starts at 5 p.m. in Twin Falls City Park, featuring the Falls Sax Quartet. Free. Other concerts are scheduled for Dec. 6, 13 and 20.

... upcoming ...

• **Wednesday through Dec. 6:** The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Festival of Trees is planned for 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday through Dec. 5 and noon to 6 p.m. Dec. 6 in the old Waremart building, 1708 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. Admission is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for children 12 and under. The opening-night gala is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday. Tickets are \$20.

• **Thursday through Dec. 5:** The College of Southern Theater Department's production of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" opens at 8 p.m. Performances are in Room 119 of the Fine Arts Center, Twin Falls. Tickets, priced at \$5 general admission and \$3 for students and senior citizens (no children under 6), can be purchased at the Fine Arts box office or by calling 733-9554, Ext. 2625. Tickets for the 8 p.m. show must be picked up by 7:30. The production continues Dec. 10-12.

• **Thursday through Dec. 5:** The Cassia Health Care Foundation/Cassia Regional Medical Center Festival of Trees is set for noon to 9 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 4-5 at the Best Western Burley Inn. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

• **Thursday through Dec. 6:** The Gooding County Memorial Hospital Foundation Festival of Trees is set for 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 4, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 5 and noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Round Building of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, 202 14th Ave. E., Gooding.

• **Dec. 4:** The Parade of Lights in downtown Twin Falls is set for 6:30 p.m.

Every Friday, What's Goin' On lists arts and entertainment events throughout south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon Wednesday.

Do the Wright thing

Christmas in the Nighttime Sky erupts for the 8th year

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Fireworks, you don't expect the night after Thanksgiving.

So what better night to have them, reasons businessman Jack Wright.

Wright, who sponsors similar holiday-season fireworks displays in Pocatello and Elko, Nev., will touch off the eighth annual pyrotechnics-for-toys event tonight at his Kimberly Nurseries on Addison Avenue East.

About 3,000 people show up annually, most of them swapping an unwrapped toy for a dinner-and-a-show. The toys go to KMYT-TV's toy drive.

"If the weather is nice, like it was in '95 through '97, we may get as many as 3,500 people," said Sherri Wright, who helps organize the event. "We just wish more people would get out of their cars so they can see it."

There are plenty of spectators who come just for the fireworks, Sherri Wright explained. Organizers would prefer they'd park in the lot down the street at Grocery Outlet and take the free shuttle bus to the nursery.

That's where the food is served, and there's seating available.

Hopping the shuttle bus eases the traffic jam and lets more folks sample the food and the fun, Sherri Wright said.

Jack Wright annually buys \$10,000 worth of fireworks and hires a Utah company to set them off in a bean field across Addison Avenue East. People who show up with an unwrapped toy get dinner — chili and baked potatoes and the trimmings.

"This year, we're encouraging people to bring toys for older children," Sherri Wright said. "We typically get a lot of toys for young kids."



People watch fireworks last year at Christmas in the Nighttime.

Photo by BRUCE SHELTON/The Times-News

If you go ...

✓ **Park in the Walmart, Grocery Outlet lot** and take the shuttle bus. Don't park along Addison Avenue East or Hawkins Road. It's a safety hazard.
✓ **Try an alternate route.** East Addition and its principal north-south thoroughfare, Eastland Drive, are already busy with one-lane and Christmas shopping traffic and cannot handle a bumper in the 30 minutes before the fireworks. If you're coming from the west, try Hawkins Road via Falls Avenue East, Ninth Avenue East or Adams Road.

✓ **Sit in the bleachers** on the Kimberly Nurseries property, not in your car. There will be fires in barrels and plenty of hot chocolate and coffee available.
✓ **Arrive early.** The 7:15 p.m. fireworks display takes about 10 minutes, and by 6:30 p.m. or so, the Kimberly Nurseries property is typically packed.
✓ **Dress warmly.** Thanksgiving weekend weather in Twin Falls is almost always chilly and windy. Tonight's forecast is for rain or snow with early evening temperatures in the low 40s.

After the toys are collected, they're sorted by volunteers and distributed to local families that wouldn't ordinarily have Christmas presents.

Dinner is served by volunteers from the Idaho Army National Guard from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The fireworks start about 7:15 p.m.

✓ **Twin Falls radio station KEZJ** provides the musical accompaniment for the fireworks.

This year's event is cosponsored by U.S. Bank, Cooper Norman and Company, McDonald Insurance, Twin Falls Coca-Cola, KEZJ and KMYT.

Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 223, or write to him at crump@magicalvalley.com.

Festival of Trees celebrates Rocky Mountain Christmas next week

By Rachel Dorsey
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation will renew its Festival of Trees tradition for the 14th time next week in the old Waremart building on Kimberly Road.

The five days of holiday trimmery, music and food starts Wednesday night with the traditional opening gala, at which trees and decorations that have been donated by merchants and organization are auctioned off.

The gala, which includes a buffet, is planned from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person.

Then Thursday through Dec. 5, the Christmas decor will be on display from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., accompanied by near-continuous music. On Sunday, Dec. 6, hours are noon to 6 p.m.

Admission is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for kids under 12.

Proceeds from the Festival of Trees this year will benefit the Magic Valley Breast Cancer Endowment and quick response units.

The goal, event coordinator Sharon Parks said, was to raise \$80,000 to complete a goal for the breast cancer endowment. That doesn't include the QRU proceeds.

"Every year the expectations are to exceed what we did the previous year," she said.

A forest of finery

Twin Falls won't be the only Festival of Trees opening next week:

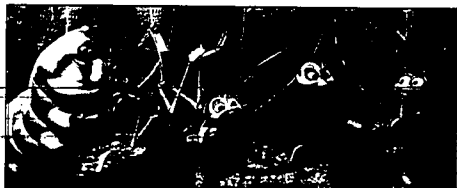
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The theme this year is "It's a Rocky Mountain Christmas."

"We're excited about it this year," she said. "We have a real natural landscape scene in the center. We're anxious to

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FLIX

2nd bug movie trumps 'Antz'

By Chris Hewitt
Knight-Ridder News Service

"A Bug's Life" is the best thing to happen to insects since rotting garbage. The second computer-animated bug movie to hit theaters this fall, "A Bug's Life" is a much better-looking film than "Antz" and, if it's not quite as funny as the earlier film, it still has plenty of kid-friendly, Borscht Belt-style jokes ("It's a bug-sar-bug world out there"). There's even some brainier, surreal humor (fly: "Hey, waiter, I'm in my soup"), directed at the species that has lived on Earth for 100 million years but has only

'A Bug's Life'

- Who's in it? Voice of Dave Foley, Julie Louis-Dreyfus, David Hyde Pierce, Kevin Spacey.
- What's it rated? G.
- Where's it playing? Twin Cinema, Jerome Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley, Sun Valley Opera House.
- Should you go? If you see just one computer-animated movie this fall, it should be this one.

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WEEKEND

Little River Band comes to Cactus Petes

The Times-News

JACKPOT — The Little River Band, an Australian rock group with record sales topping 25 million, is coming to Cactus Petes Resort Casino this weekend.

"His include 'Reinventing,' 'It's a Long Way There,' 'Help is on its Way,' 'Lonesome Loner,' 'Man on Your Mind' and 'Take it Easy on Me.'"

Since the band's formation in the early 1970s, members have come and gone, but the sound has remained the same.

Today, the group is based in Melbourne, but touring often. Current leader is guitarist Stephen Hausden.

The Little River Band will perform today and Saturday at Cactus Petes. For more information or reservations, call 1-800-821-1103. Both the 8 and 11 p.m. shows are cocktails-only, and tickets are \$20, \$25 and \$30.



The Little River Band will play at Cactus Petes this weekend.

Bobby Bare plays Jackpot next week

The Times-News

JACKPOT — Bobby Bare, one of the most successful crossover artists in popular music history, will perform Tuesday through Dec. 6 at Cactus Petes Resort Casino.

Bare, whose 1963 ballad "Detroit City" is a country music classic, was a pop star before Nashville discovered him. His "All-American Boy," a demo tape made before he was drafted into the Army in 1958, became a big hit the same year. He later toured with the Bayle Clark Five, Roy Orbison and Bobby Darin.

"Detroit City," "Shame On Me" and "Miller's Cave," all country songs, also found a pop audience, as did his 1963 folk anthem "500 Miles."

The 68-year-old Ohioan is also notable for being the first major Nashville artist to gain creative control of his recordings, which included songs by then-unknown songwriters Kris Kristofferson, Waylon Jennings and Tom T. Hall.

Bare will perform two shows a night at Cactus Petes, at 8 and 11 p.m. Dinner prices for the 8 p.m. show start at \$8.95; there's a \$5 cover charge for the cocktail show. For reservations and information, call 1-800-821-1103.



Bobby Bare

Bugs

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recently received stretch limo/publicist two-picture-deal attention from Hollywood.

"Bug's Life" has a more varied look than "Antz," mainly because the new movie uses lots of different kinds of bugs instead of only seen-one-seen-'em-all ants. Our hero is a mechanically minded arthropod named Fleck (voice of Dave Foley) who's trying to impress the ant princess (Julia Louis-Dreyfus), but who gets in trouble when he inadvertently batches the ants' annual mission to gather enough food to keep themselves and their nasty grasshopper neighbors fed for the year.

The liveliest characters are the other bugs Fleck enlists to help dig the ants out of their jam — including Denis Leary as a lady-bug (an idea that's automatically funny) and Bonnie Hunt as a genital black widow — as well as the villain of the piece. He's Hopper, a grass-kicking grasshopper, and Kevin Spacey's menacing intelligence gives him the evil majesty of a Shakespearean villain.

It's a shame the nice bugs don't have as much personality as the baddies. Unlike "Toy Story," which was created by the same team as "A Bug's Life," the new movie doesn't have easy-to-relate-to protagonists. There isn't as much heart, possibly because "Toy Story" fleshed out a bunch of characters that were already familiar to us (Mr. Potato Head, Slinky), whereas "A Bug's Life" has about a dozen leading char-

acters, and it has to start from scratch on all of them. But, when in doubt, the movie just cuts to another breathtaking image. It's particularly good at capturing the yellow beauty of early-morning light, plus there's

a gorgeous shot of a dandelion going to seed, and the features of the bugs are remarkably expressive. And be sure and stick around for the surprising closing credits — "A Bug's Life" saves its best moments for last.

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show it off."

In addition to the sight of Christmas trees and decorations, the festival will sport 1,000 performers throughout the event, a deli and candy shop, poinsettias and gift shops.

All of these things will delight kids.

"They are wonderful," Parks said. "For a number of years the benefactors were the (Magic Valley) Safe Kids coalition. There are a lot of elementary kids that come through. It's a wonderful time, it's a family tradition around here."

The festival typically attracts between 1,100 and 1,400 people, which proves the Festival truly is a tradition, Parks said.

"It just has the smells and sounds of Christmas," she said. "It kicks off the holidays."

Special events this year will a complimentary senior citizen tea Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and a reindeer raffle for kids on Dec. 5 at 10 m. (Cost is \$15).

The old Waremart building is located at 1708 Kimberly Road.

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STEPPIN' OUT

The Times-News

Dances, bands and comedy in south-central Idaho this week-end:

BURLEY - Desert Rain will play classic country, rock and roll, and blues from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave.

BURLEY - Jeff and Sue's Dynamite Entertainment (DJ and Karaoke) will play from 8 p.m. to midnight today at Cheers on old Highway 30.

KETCHUM - Bruce Innis will play folk music from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. today at the Roosevelt Tavern. Cover charge is \$2 at the door.

RUPERT - Kroklers Karaoke by Dan and Marilyn will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today at the Blue Room, 613 Fremont Ave.

TWIN FALLS - Redstone from Boise will play country and rock and roll from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. today and Saturday at Bout Scooters, 1539 Fillmore St. N. Cover charge is \$4; must be 21 and have valid ID. Bout Scooters

is 18 and up on Thursday and Sunday nights.

ALBION - Star Sound Karaoke by Frank and Lorraine Hatch will play from 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. today and 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sundays at the Albion Social Club. No charge for karaoke. Call 436-5601.

TWIN FALLS - Outlaw Blues will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today and Saturday at the Weston Plaza.

TWIN FALLS - Bob Nora Band will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today and Saturday at Sax on Second.

BURLEY - The Echoes will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday at George K's East, 425 E. Third N.

GOODING - Sweet Country Air will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday at Rowdy's Pub and Grill.

KETCHUM - The new Delta 88 Revival, with Chicago Marx and Boston "Scotch" Cuggin, will play swing and rhythm and blues from 9:45 p.m. to 1:45 a.m. Saturday at

The Roosevelt Tavern. Cover charge is \$3 at the door.

JEROME - Dusty and the Nomads will play from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday at Spanbauer's Barn. Cover charge is \$5. Call 324-7366.

TWIN FALLS - A Jim Semmes will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Monday at Sax on Second.

TWIN FALLS - The Echoes (Rick and Mary Luhn) will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday at Sax on Second.

TWIN FALLS - Bob Nora Band will play for Ladies Night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesday at Sax on Second.

BURLEY - Star Sound Karaoke by Frank and Lorraine Hatch will play from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesdays at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave. No charge for karaoke. Call 436-5601.

PAUL - Star Sound Karaoke by Frank and Lorraine Hatch will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays at the Office at Paul. No charge for karaoke. Call 436-5601.

Soroptimists celebrate 14th Christmas in City Park

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The local Soroptimist chapter would like you to come out into the cold for an hour or so Sunday.

Christmas in City Park, begun in 1985, marks Advent by bringing musical groups to the park on the four Sundays before Christmas, where they perform in the band shell.

The park is dressed up in lights and finery, and the Soroptimists offer refreshments to the several hundred spectators who gather each week.

First up this Sunday will be the Falls Sax Quartet. It will play at 5 p.m., followed by a message by the Rev. Leroy Tucker, assistant pastor at Amazing Grace Fellowship.

On Dec. 6, the Twin Falls High School Chamber Singers under the direction of Richard Smack

will perform. The Rev. Jim Summers, pastor of the Christian Center, will offer the message.

On Dec. 13, the O'Leary Junior High School Jazz Band under the direction of Dennis Berry will provide the music. The Rev. Cricket Harrison, pastor of the Valley Christian Church, plans an invocation.

On Dec. 20, the Seven Sentinels will sing, with a message by the Rev. Dale Metzner, pastor of the Rock Creek Community Church. The concerts are free.

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1: The Herrett Center for Arts & Science-Museum-Gallery Jungle exhibit is expected to be in place for a year. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays and 1 to 9 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2655.

1: "Another Place," a printmaking exhibit is on display in the Jean B. King Art Gallery at the Herrett Center for Arts & Science. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays and 1 to 9 p.m. Saturdays.

5-7: Ketchum's New Theater Company will present Stuart Ross' "Forever Field" 8 p.m., Sun Valley Resort Baller Room. For ticket information, call 726-2271. The production continues Dec. 10-13.

6: Christmas in City Park will be held at 5 p.m. today and again Dec. 13 and 20, featuring local music groups performing seasonal music in Twin Falls City Park. Refreshments are available.

12: The Music Student Honors Recital is set for 7 p.m. in the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium. A \$3 donation is requested.

14: The Eugene, Ore., Baller's production of "The Nutcracker" is set for 7:30 p.m. in the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets priced at \$15 for adults, \$5 for students and \$35 for a family, may be reserved by calling

733-9554, Ext. 2287, 2288 or 2890.

12:18: Michael McLean will perform "The Forgotten Carol" at 7:30 p.m. in the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. They are at Bell's Family Books, Crowley's Quad in the Magic Valley Mall, Books and Other Treasures in Jerome, Everybody's Business in Twin Falls and Burley and The Book Store in Rupert.

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1: Two shows are alternating during the month of December at the Faulkner Planetarium in the Herrett Center for Arts & Science. "Season of Light" will be shown Dec. 1-19 at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays and at 3 and 7 p.m. on Saturdays. "Season of Light" will also be shown at 7 and 8 p.m. Dec. 22 and 29; at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Dec. 24; at 3, 7 and 8 p.m. Dec. 25 and at 11 a.m. Dec. 30 and 31. "More than Meets the Eye" will be shown at 2 and 4 p.m. Dec. 5, 12, 19 and 26 and at 10 a.m. Dec. 30 and 31. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors 60 and over and \$2 for students. No one under 4 is admitted. Call 735-3059.

8: The CSI Wind Ensemble Concert is set for 8 p.m. in the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium. A \$3 donation is requested.

11-13: The Junior Musical Play-

1: The "Magic Mud" holiday ceramic exhibition and sale runs through Dec. 5 at the Herrett Center for Arts & Science. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays and 1 to 9 p.m. Saturdays.

1: "Looking at Photography 1845-1990" is on display until Dec. 14 at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts. Call 725-9491 for more information.

3: The College of Southern Idaho Department of Theater presents "Our Town" opens at 8 p.m. Dec. 35 and 10:12 in Theatre 119 of the Fine Arts Centre. Tickets, priced at \$5 general admission and \$3 for students and senior citizens (no children under 6), may be purchased at the Fine Arts Box Office or by calling 733-9554, Ext. 2625.

3-5: The Cassia Health Care Foundation/Cassia Regional Medical Center Festival of Trees is set for noon to 9 p.m. Dec. 3 and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 4-5 at the Best Western Burley Inn. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

3-5: The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," 8 p.m., Room 119, CSI Fine Arts Centre. Tickets, which are \$5 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and students, are available in advance by calling 733-9554, Ext. 2625. Reserved tickets must be claimed by 7:30 p.m. for 8 p.m. show. Children under 6 are not admitted. The production continues Dec. 10-12.

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4: The Parade of Lights in downtown Twin Falls is set for 6:30 p.m.

5: The Jerome Holiday Home Tour is set for 1 to 5 p.m. with refreshments served from 1 to 6 p.m. in the Jerome Library Community Room. Tickets, priced at \$6, are available in Jerome at the Chamber of Commerce, Washington Title Company, Sun Fenders, Camrynside Realty, Farmer's National Bank, D.L. Evans Bank, 3-M Realty, Jerome City Hall and Row-hubs or in Twin Falls at Country Gift Garden, Black Sheep Gallery and Little Red Hen.

5-6: The Magic Valley Chorus winter concert, "Christmas Oratorio," is set for 8 p.m. Dec. 5 and 3 p.m. Dec. 6 in the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets, priced at \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors, will be available at the door.



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Combined wire services

Movies playing in south-central Idaho this weekend. Opinions are by Los Angeles Times reviewers. Ratings by the Motion Picture Association of America are: (G) For general audiences, (PG) parental guidance urged because of material possibly unsuitable for children, (PG-13) parents are strongly cautioned to give guidance for attendance of children younger than 13; (R) restricted, younger than 17 admitted only with parent or adult guardian; (NC-17) no one younger than 17 admitted.

— "Antz" — Dreamworks SKG's first feature-length, computer-generated, animated film not only shows how far the form has evolved since "Toy Story," it also opens the door for animation that doesn't cater completely to children. Woody Allen supplies the voice of Z, a neurotic worker ant who wants more from life than digging in dirt; Sylvester Stallone, Gene Hackman and Sharon Stone are among those sharing his colony. Rated PG; some risqué dialogue.

— "Babe: Pig in the City" — When the worst happens, Babe assumes the best, and his bubbly spirit infuses this charming

What's Playing

Twin Falls

"Antz," Twin Cinema
 "Babe: Pig in the City," Reel Theater
 "Enemy of the State," Twin Cinema
 "Home Fries," Reel Theater
 "I Still Know What You Did Last Summer," Reel Theater
 "I'll Be Home for Christmas," Reel Theater
 "John Carpenter's Vampires," Twin Cinema
 "Meet Joe Black," Twin Cinema
 "A Night at the Roxbury," Twin Cinema
 "Paule," Reel Theater
 "Pleasantville," Twin Cinema
 "Practical Magic," Twin Cinema
 "Ringmaster," Twin Cinema
 "The Rugrats Movie," Twin Cinema
 "Rush Hour," Twin Cinema

Burley

"Babe: Pig in the City," Century Cinema
 "A Bug's Life," Century Cinema
 "Enemy of the State," Century Cinema
 "Meet Joe Black," Burley Theater
 "The Rugrats Movie," Century Cinema
 "The Waterboy," Century Cinema
 "Babe: Pig in the City," Jerome Cinema

Hailey, Ketchum, Sun Valley

"Antz," Liberty Theater
 "Babe: Pig in the City," Magic Lantern
 "A Bug's Life," Sun Valley Opera House
 "Enemy of the State," Magic Lantern
 "Home Fries," Magic Lantern
 "Meet Joe Black," Magic Lantern
 "A Night at the Roxbury," Liberty Theater
 "Urban Legend," Liberty Theater

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"Babe: Pig in the City," Century Cinema
 "A Bug's Life," Century Cinema
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 "Meet Joe Black," Burley Theater
 "The Rugrats Movie," Century Cinema
 "The Waterboy," Century Cinema
 "Babe: Pig in the City," Jerome Cinema

Jerome

"A Bug's Life," Jerome Cinema
 "The Rugrats Movie," Jerome Cinema
 "The Waterboy," Jerome Cinema

Gooding

"I'll Be Home for Christmas," Gooding Cinema

At the movies

sequel to the 1995 hit about the swine who would be sheeppdog. This time he visits the big city and his diplomacy makes a pussycat out of a pitbull and unifies disparate animal groups. (mildly frightening accidents to humans) — "A Bug's Life" — The "Toy Please see MOVIES, Page C6

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Movies

Continued from C5

Story" creative team proves there's plenty of room in a very small world for "Wanted" and "The Matrix" style very different takes on colonial life. Here a disident and his five circus friends save the day against predatory grashoppers. The bright animation and exuberant high spirits are aimed squarely at kids, without the grown-up jokes in "Antz." Rated G.

• "Enemy of the State" — A thriller that mounts the loss of privacy while extolling justice invading gadgets. Will Smith stars as a labor lawyer targeted both by the mob and by a rogue unit within the National Security Agency. With Gene Hackman and Regina King. Rated R (violence, language, adult situations).

• "Home Fries" — Set in a white trash world and starring Drew Barrymore as a fast-food server with Richard Gere, this gonzo romance aspires to Coen Brothers craziness, but the jokes aren't funny and the sordid elements (sniper attacks, a hostage situation) feel less surprising than contrived. Rated PG-13 (violence, sexual themes, profanity).

• "I'll Be Home For Christmas" — Justin Taylor Thomas of "Home Improvement" dons a Santa suit in this embarrassingly unfunny Disney road movie. Rated PG; mildly adult situations.

• "I Still Know What You Did Last Summer" — Jennifer Love Hewitt ("Party of Five") is still plagued by a vally dog serial killer, a sequel that's even cheaper than the original. Rated R, grisly murders, sex on the brain.

of voyeurism and the violation of the individual. The plot revolves around the world's most popular television show, a hybrid of reality-based programming that follows the every move of Truman Burbank (Jim Carrey), who made his unwitting debut via sitcom 30 years ago and has been under 24-hour scrutiny ever since. Rated PG.

• "Urban Legend" — A "Scream" clone set on a New England campus where the cute young TV stars (Jared Leto, Alicia Witt, Joshua Jackson, Rebecca Gayheart) are being stalked by a killer who's getting creative with urban myths you know, that Pop Rocks and Pepsi make your guts explode, and stuff like that. R (violence, sexual situations, profanity, gore).

• "Very Bad Things" — The

unhappy writing and directing debut of actor Peter Berg attempts, with complete lack of success, to find humor and meaning in the aftermath

of the accidental death of a promiscuous during a Las Vegas bachelor party. A career low point for all concerned. (R for strong, grisly violence, sexuality,

drug use and language.)

• "The Waterboy" — As a film-wetted waterboy with a talent for packing, Adam Sandler delivers comic-

sent laughs even after the one-liner expertise wears out its welcome. Rated PG-13, profanity, heavy drinking, but

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BACKBEAT

**Jewel's
'Spirit'
sags**

The Baltimore Sun

Lord knows, Jewel means well. Speaking about her new album, "Spirit," the 24-year-old, singer-songwriter told Billboard, "I wanted to write a record that was an antidote to all the things that made me worry in the world, so that it's comforting somehow."

There's no doubt that "Spirit" will do just that for those fans who found their way to Jewel's first album, "Pieces of Me," for solace and insight. It is chockablock with sensitive, acoustic ballads, comforting songs about love and caring, introspective and creative, and the quest to become a more spiritually aware being.

Everyone else, "Spirit" will likely "resonate" into a coma. Beautifully crafted and hopelessly shallow, "Spirit" is to folk music what greeting cards are to philosophy. Its songs sound deep and important and are sung with just enough quavering emotionality to assure us that Jewel means every word. If you didn't know enough English to understand what she was saying, you might mistake her work for songs of great importance.

Plus, it's too late to unlearn the language. So we have no choice but to listen, and listen.

Here's Jewel, in "Deep Water," trying to be poetic: "When you're standing in deep water and you're building yourself out with a straw. No, don't, you'll sink with a tucker or ladle. With a straw, you just sink."

Here's Jewel, in "Kiss the Flame," trying to be a social commentator: "There are people selling thoughtlessness/With such casualty." (Go to the dictionary. Look up "casualty." Note that it has nothing to do with the word "casual.")

Here's Jewel, in "Do You" trying to be Bob Dylan-droll: "But you've never quite clear if their going, are singers, are really you just second hand?" (It's hard to say which is worse — the "really" only, or the whole concept of second-hand singing.)

Here's Jewel, in "Elmids," trying to be uplifting: "If I could tell the world just one thing it would be that we're all O.K." (Sorry, Jewel. I'm OK, you're time.)

The pretentious banalities of the lyrics sheet wouldn't be so bad were the music more enthralling. But it's not. "Elmids" — co-written with someone Madonna collaborator Patrick LeMond — gets close to the easy-going groove of "You Were Meant for Me," but there's nothing on the album that even approaches the catchiness of "Who Will Save Your Soul."

Otherwise, it sounds like open-minded might at the coffee house. Bad as it is, though, it's unlikely "Spirit" will flop. After all, people bought her book of poetry, didn't they?

HIGH 5

The Associated Press

- 1. "Lambz," Divine Pentecostals, *Cap*
- 2. "Doo Wop (That Thing)," Lenny Hill, *Real Gone*
- 3. "Nobody's Supposed to Be Here," Deborah Cox, *Arista*, *Cap*
- 4. "Because of You," 98 Degrees, *Mercury*, *Cap*
- 5. "The First Night," Monica, *A&M*, *Parade*

- (From Billboard magazine)

- Albums**
- 1. "Proposed," Former Information Junkie, Alanis Morissette, *Maverick*
- 2. "R. Kelly, Live
- 3. "These Are Special Times," CeCe Pennington, *S&W*
- 4. "Well 2... Earl's Knock Life," Jay-Z, *Roc-A-Fella*, *Parade*
- 5. "The Best of 1980-1990/The Best of...," U2, *Island*, *Cap*

- (From Billboard magazine)

- Films**
- 1. "The Rugrats Movie," *Paramount*
- 2. "Enemy of the State," *Disney*
- 3. "The Waterboy," *Disney*
- 4. "Meet Joe Black," *Universal*
- 5. "I Still Know What You Did Last Summer," *Sony*

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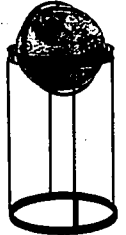
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—Hubert Mizell of the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times, on the player melee before the kickoff of Saturday's Florida-Florida State game in Tallahassee

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Men's college basketball
CSI vs. Huron (Ca.) in Salina, Kan., 4 p.m.
Women's college basketball
Lady Eagles Coca-Cola Classic at CSI

IN BRIEF

Declo boys host 6 p.m. Mini-Cassia jamboree

DECLO — The Declo Hornets will be joined by fellow Mini-Cassia schools Burley, Raft River and Oakley for a boys basketball jamboree tonight at 6 p.m. at Declo High School.

Bengals' Lucas gamers

ACADEMIC All-America honor
POCATELLO — Idaho State University's Melissa Lucas, starting setter for the Bengals this season, has been named to the 1998 GTE/CoSIDA District VIII Women's Volleyball Academic All-America second team.

LUCAS, a junior marketing major from San Diego, has a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

She also led the ISU squad in digs with 295, is fourth on the all-time career-assist list, and was second on the team with 22 service aces in 1998.

Gamer to instruct free basketball clinic Saturday

PAUL — A free basketball clinic for Heyburn-Paul Junior High School boys' League will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday at West Minico, 158 S. 600 W.

The clinic instructor is Minico's varsity coach Blair Garner.

Due to the clinic, games have been rescheduled to Blue versus Green at noon, Grey versus Red at 1 p.m. and White versus Black at 2 p.m.

Cast your vote for Sports Jerk of the Year award

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Laurell Sprewell is old news among sports fans voting for this year's Sports Jerk of the Year. It's time to pass the baton.

Universal Press sports announcer Tank McNamara (yes, the cartoon) is soliciting ballots for this year's most obnoxious sporting figure.

Last year, Sprewell won for popping and clipping his NBA coach at Golden State, P.J. Carlsissimo. Year before that, the (dis) honor went to Roberto Alomar and his flying saliva.

More than 6,000 people cast vote in Tank's contest in 1997.

Who will win this year? Jeff Millar and Bill Hinds, the comic strip's creators, have simple parameters for participation, and encourage the public to decide.

“It sweats, you can vote on it,” Millar said. “But you can vote only once. If you vote more than once, Mark McGwire will make you his 71st homer.”

CSI women return home

Coach says road-tested team is coming together

By **Damen Cole**
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Oddly enough, after a three-week wait to watch the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team on its home court, the first Lady Golden Eagles CSI fans will see won't even be from Twin Falls.

The Lady Golden Eagles Coca-Cola Classic tips off tonight at 6 p.m. when the College of Eastern Utah Golden Eagles take on Casper, Wyo. The CSI squad takes to the court at 8 p.m. to play Lower Columbia in its first home game of the year.

“The nine games on the road, I think, have been very instructive,” said CSI women's coach Joel Bate. “We've been

Lady Golden Eagles Coca-Cola Classic

□ **When:** Today and Saturday
□ **Where:** CSI gym
□ **Tonight's games:** Casper vs. Eastern Utah, 6 p.m. CSI vs. Lower Columbia, 8 p.m.



able to work out a lot of things with the freshman. I think we're coming together real well and the road allows that to happen.”

In last year's Classic — the team's second home appearance — CSI whipped Western Wyoming 82-57 and beat Lower Columbia 69-42. It was the second-lowest point total given up by the Golden Eagles

“It's really good for us to play (Casper)... it helps us rise up to where we need to be in league.”

—Joel Bate, CSI coach

squad all year. CSI brings a record of 5-4 into this year's tournament, having won one of three at the Miles City Tip-Off and two of three at both the Salt Lake Community College Invitational and Casper Pizza Hut Invitational.

The Golden Eagles have split with Casper, winning 63-44 on a neutral court Nov. 13 and losing 83-72 Nov. 21 in Casper.



Minnesota Vikings running back Leroy Hood (44) rushes for 12 yards and a touchdown against the Dallas Cowboys Thursday in Irving, Texas. The Vikings improved to 11-1 as they beat the Cowboys 46-36 in one of two annual Thanksgiving Day NFL games.

Vikes drop Dallas 46-36

Red-hot Minnesota rolls to NFC-best 11-1 record

The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Now the Dallas Cowboys know why they should have drafted Randy Moss when they had the chance.

Randall Cunningham threw four touchdown passes against a secondary lost without Deion Sanders, including three to the rookie phenom, and the Minnesota Vikings just about clinched their first place in the NFC Central with a 46-36 victory Thursday over the Cowboys.

Another Vikings victory or a Green Bay loss would wrap up the division title for Minnesota, which has an NFC-best record of 11-1. Dallas dropped to 8-4 but still has a 1 1/2-game lead over Arizona in the NFC East.

“Luckyly Deion was hurt, but injuries happen,” Moss said. “I’m 91 people wanted to see our midship. I had to make it happen anyway.”

Dallas, which lost despite a career-high 455 yards from Troy Aikman, asked defensive end Greg Ellis instead of Moss in the first round of this year's draft. Owner Jerry Jones said the inexperienced Cowboys couldn't take a chance because of his off-the-field problems.

Lions, Steelers — D3

On the field Thursday, the Cowboys were terrorized by the 6-foot-4 receiver, who towered over the small defensive backs.

Moss caught only three passes, but each went for a touchdown, two for 56 yards and another for 51. He also drew a 50-yard interference penalty that set up another score.

In addition, Cunningham also had a 54-yard TD pass to Chris Carter.

“Everytime I throw deep, I think he's going to catch it,” Cunningham said. “I throw it up there even when he's covered because he will go up and get it. I was thankful Dallas didn't take those other teams passed on him, too.”

Moss wouldn't talk to print reporters after the game, saying “you'll not TV. I have nothing to say.”

His teammates had plenty to say. “It was a tough call for the Cowboys.”

Carter said, “It's easy to say they should have taken him. They weren't the only team to pass.”

LeRoy Hood, subbing for injured Robert Smith, ran 12 and 50 yards for touchdowns as Dallas allowed the fourth-most points in franchise history, the most since Minnesota scored 54 on Oct. 18, 1970.

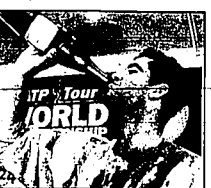
Sampras No. 1 again

The Associated Press

HANOVER, Germany — Pete Sampras has a piece of tennis history, one more milestone to strengthen the case that he just might be the game's finest player ever.

On Thursday, he became the first player to hold the No. 1 ranking for a record sixth consecutive year.

Sampras was having pasta in his hotel when he heard that Marcelo Rios pulled out of the ATP Tour World Championship because of a back injury. That assured Sampras the top ranking for 1998.



America's Pete Sampras celebrates his record at the ATP tennis championship Thursday in Hanover, Germany.

NFL banks on Turkey Day games

The Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Thanksgiving and the NFL go together like turkey and stuffing. More accurately, they go together like money and the NFL.

Thanksgiving and the NFL means Detroit and Dallas, Detroit because of radio in 1934 and Dallas because of television in 1966. It all adds up to such a nationally popular tradition that there are people who believe Fox executive John Madden's six-legged turkey is real.

“On Thanksgiving, what else is anybody going to do (besides) eat?” Dallas General Manager Tex Schramm. “You don't have presents to open. You have dinner and watch football.”

When the Lions' first owner, G.A. Richards, moved his Portsmouth, Ohio, Spartans to Detroit in 1934, he took a back seat to baseball's Tigers and couldn't draw more than 15,000 fans. Richards' scholarship fund for a football game against George Halas' defensive world champion Bears and Bronko Nagurski.

Richards convinced the NBC radio network to carry the game on 54 stations coast-to-coast. An estimated 26,000 fans jammed the University of Detroit stadium and thousands were turned away. The Bears won, 19-16, and the game has been on Detroit's sports menu every Thanksgiving since except the war years, 1939-44. The Green Bay Packers were the opponent from 1951-63. The 1962 Lions' victory over the world champion featured Alex Karras kicking Bart Starr in an NFL classic.

In 1966, television wanted then-Commissioner Pete Rozelle to add a second game. Rozelle asked Schramm if the Cowboys were interested.

“No question it played a role in the Cowboys becoming very popular all around the country.”

The problem was finding an opponent. Art Modell agreed to bring his Cleveland Browns if Rozelle would guarantee the gate. There were 80,259 in the Cotton Bowl, the biggest home crowd the Cowboys had ever drawn.

“Art and I went on the roof and the place was packed,” Schramm said. “I said, ‘I don't think you'll need your guarantee.’”

Lamar Hunt, owner of the competing AFL Dallas Texans who became the Kansas City Chiefs, complained that the Thanksgiving games provided an unfair advantage for reasons he kept mostly to himself. He said it's not right that the Lions and Cowboys never have to travel on the short week, and afterwards, they're the only ones who get a day off.

After the 1970 merger, Rozelle got the St. Louis Cardinals to host the Thanksgiving game in 1975 and in 1977.

“It was a bad deal,” Rozelle said. “I was asked if we could make a deal. I said if we got it permanently, it's something you have to build as tradition. He said, ‘It's yours forever.’”

Thomas, Idaho's record-setting running back, shares the award with New Mexico State back Dennis Manns and Nevada receiver Geoff Nisgy. The defensive award went to Utah State line-

backer Tony D'Amato.

Thomas, a senior from Pratt, Okla., Wash., earned the award after averaging 1,202 yards rushing on 227 carries in a season during which he became Idaho's all-time leading rusher. He averaged 53 yards per carry and his 16 touchdowns were a Big West best.

He also caught 18 passes for 150 yards and completed all four passes he attempted for 210 yards.

Thomas is also one of three Vandals on the all-Big West first team. Joining Thomas on the first team are sophomore tackle Rick DeShilling of Creney-Wash. and senior linebacker Ryan Skinner of Lewiston.

SPORTS

Alaska Shootout excites the state

Knight-Ridder News Service

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Thanksgiving weekend tournaments are a staple of college basketball. But nowhere is college basketball bigger at this time of year than in Anchorage, site of the Great Alaska Shootout.

Alaska Anchorage. "This and the Iditarod bring more attention to our state than anything."

A combination of community spirit and cooperation makes the 21-year-old tournament unique.

The Great Alaska Shootout began 21 years ago as the Seawolf Classic. Included in the original field were North Carolina State and Louisville, which played in the championship game. Billy Packer and Al McGuire were announcing the contest, and they

talked about the great shootout in Alaska.

A new tournament name was blessed. The Shootout has become almost as big as Alaska itself.

Dick Vitale, not surprisingly, pushed the quality of play in ESPN's first year of telecasts in 1985. ESPN has carried the tournament every year since then and recently extended its contract with the Shootout.

Smith's third touchdown run, a 4-yarder, came with 1:06 left and tied him with Marcus Allen for first place on the career rushing touchdown list with 123.

Cunningham completed 17 of 35 passes for 359 yards, and Carter caught 7 passes for 135 yards.

Michael Irvin caught 10 passes for 127 yards.

"Everyone said we were going to find out how good we were," Aikman said. "I think they are awfully good and we're pretty good, too."

NFL

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"They just made a ton of big plays," Dallas coach Chan Gailey said. "We tried to mix defenses against them and keep Randall off balance but it didn't work. You can't lose a player of Deion's quality."

Dallas got field goals of 30 and 46 yards from Richie Cunningham and a 67-yard scoring pass from Aikman to Pat Jefferson, the first of his first NFL touchdowns.

Minnesota got a 45-yard field goal from Gary Anderson just before the half ended for a 24-12 lead.

Sampras

Continued from D1

"It's an ultimate achievement," he said. "It will probably never be broken. I'm trying to stay humble through all this, but the press speaks for itself. It's a little overwhelming."

Sampras had been tied with Jimmy Connors, who was No. 1 for five straight years from 1974 to 1978.

"It feels great," Sampras said. "I put a lot of work into the game. It's tough to stay on top so long. It's very satisfying, it was well worth the sacrifice."

Rios, ranked No. 16, was the only man who could have threatened Sampras for the top ranking. Sampras entered the season-long championship with a 33-point lead over the Chilean in the computer standings.

If Sampras wins the tournament for the fifth time, he will surpass Ivan Lendl on the career list. Sampras won the elite event in 1991, 1994 and the last two years.

Having won his first two round-robin matches, Sampras was already guaranteed a semifinal berth before he played Karol Kucera on Thursday.

A relaxed Sampras then demonstrated why he is No. 1, crushing Kucera 6-2, 6-1 in 45 minutes. Kucera is No. 7 and beat Sampras once in their three previous matches this year.

Sampras received a cake in the shape of No. 6 with a tennis ball inside the number's circle. There was champagne for everybody, a lot of it poured over Sampras'

head. He, in turn, showered ATP Tour chief Mark Hines and promoter Ian Triaix.

Sampras' declared goal is to break Roy Emerson's record of 12 Grand Slam titles. Sampras already has 11 and 27 years old has a few years ahead of him on the tour.

"I'll try to stay on top for as long as possible," Sampras said.

He leads all active players with 56 career titles, but Connors' record of 109 looks safe for a long time.

By his standards, Sampras has had a relatively modest year, winning four tournaments. That included his fifth Wimbledon, but no other Grand Slams.

When the year-end rankings are released Monday, Sampras will be No. 1 for the 248th week, the third longest total behind Lend (270) and Connors (268).

Sampras could pass both of them next year.

In the first match Thursday, Tim Henman beat Alex Corretja 7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (4-7), 6-2 to become the second player to advance to the semifinals.

Corretja dropped to 1-1 but remains alive under the round-robin format. Henman is 2-0.

Sampras' alternate paid tribute to Sampras.

"It's a phenomenal achievement," he said. "It's tough for anyone else really to comprehend. I don't think it's one that's going to be broken for a long, long time, if ever."

Greg Rusedski, an alternate, played Albert Costa, the second

alternate who is ranked No. 14 in the world, and won 7-6 (5-3), 6-1.

The second Briton in the field needed 10 set points to win the first set, but breezed through the second.

Rusedski replaced Andre Agassi, who dropped out late Wednesday, also because of a back injury.

The \$3.5 million tournament brings together players with the best results over the year. But with Patrick Rafter and Richard Krajicek both pulling out before the event because of injuries and Agassi and Rios withdrawing, four of the best players are missing.

Rios had to do better than Sampras in the tournament to have a shot at dethroning him. But Sampras scored quick and impressive victories in his opening matches.

Rios had already dented his hopes of overtaking Sampras by losing his first match, to Henman.

"When I tried to practice this morning, it was really sore," Rios said. "It made no sense to go out on the court and play two games. I am disappointed but that's the way it goes."

On Friday, Yevgeny Kafelnikov will play Carlos Moya for a place in the semifinals.

Also, Rusedski faces Henman and Costa meets Corretja in matches determining the other two semifinalists. With Henman already through, Corretja and Rusedski are still in the running. Corretja will advance if Rusedski loses to Henman.

Woods cards 69, is 2 back in Japan

IBUSUKI, Japan (AP) — Tiger Woods shot a 3-under-par 69 today in the Casio World Open, leaving him two strokes behind first-round leader Naomichi "Joe" Ozaki.

Woods-hooked his opening drive into the gallery on the 10th hole, with the ball striking a spectator in the face, but managed to save par after reaching the green from the rough.

"I could not have hit my irons any worse," Woods said. "I did not create many legitimate birdie chances. I can only improve from here."

The U.S. star, coming off a victory last week in the PGA Grand Slam of Golf in Hawaii, helped attract a crowd of over 5,000 fans, five times the number in attendance during last year's opening round.

"The galleries are not as big as I'm used to in the United States," said Woods, making his first Japan PGA Tour appearance.

"They are, however, very polite and very knowledgeable."

Follow U.S. PGA Tour player Paul Stankowski, the 1996 winner, shot a 68 for a share of second place with Japan's Hidemichi Tanihara and Mamoru Otsu.

Joe and Ozaki both played great," Woods said. "I was very impressed with their games — the way they hit the ball, controlled their ball flight and holed puts. I wish I could have done like them."

American Brian Watts, the British Open runner-up, was two back along with Woods, Japan's Toshimitsu Izawa, Nobumitsu



American Tiger Woods, left, smiles as he walks with Japanese golfer Hidemichi Tanihara, right, Thursday on the green during the Casio World Open golf tournament. Woods, playing his first regular tournament in Japan, shot a 69.

Yuhara and Yoshinori Kaneko, and South Korea's Kim Jong-duk.

Japan's Masashi "Jumbo" Ozaki and U.S. players Brandt

Jobe and Todd Hamilton topped a seven-player group at 70. Fred Funk, a five-time winner on the U.S. PGA Tour, opened with a 71.

Orangemen frosh come of age

Maui Invitational preps team for tough Big East times ahead

LAHAINA, Hawaii (AP) — Preston Shumpert came of age in the Maui Invitational.

The Syracuse freshman had 19 points and seven rebounds as the No. 19 Orangemen beat No. 17 Indiana 76-63 late Wednesday night in the championship game of the eight-team tournament.

"Shumpert is one guy who can knock down 3s," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said.

"He gets in and finds open areas."

Shumpert, a 6-foot-7, 190-pound guard from Fort Walton Beach, Fla., hit three 3-pointers in an 8-for-13 shooting performance.

After a close start that included seven lead changes, Shumpert made two 3-pointers and had another field goal in an 8-0 run.

He also keyed a 14-2 second-half run with six points as the Orangemen took a 16-point lead.

Jason Hart added 17 points

and five assists for Syracuse (5-0).

"Jason's getting better all the time," Boeheim said. "Before, he used to get down. But now he gives our point guards a lot of freedom to shoot. He's also a great defensive player and his offense has picked up, too."

Ryan Blackwell had 11 points and 11 rebounds, and Tony Hamilton, another freshman guard, added 10 points on 5-of-9 shooting.

William Gladness led Indiana (6-3) with 24 points and 11 rebounds, and Luke Recker had 15 points.

A.J. Guyton, averaging 16.5 points in the Hoosiers' first six games, failed to score for the first time in his college career.

The junior guard was 0-for-6 on the field, including four 3-point attempts.

"The two kids at the top played good defense," Indiana coach Bob Knight said. "The zone took away our aggressiveness."

No. 18 Utah won the third-place game, beating Michigan 71-54. No. 22 Clemson routed Kansas State 79-45 for fifth place, and Arizona State beat host Chaminade 78-64 in the seventh-

place game.

Utah's Andre Miller scored 15 points, all in the final eight minutes, and added 12 assists.

"They keyed on him so much in the zone," Utah coach Rick Majors said. "So, Andre picked up the leadership and everybody else picked it up a notch."

Hanno Mottola led Utah (3-2) with 21 points, and Jeremy Kilian added 18, all on 3-pointers.

"Andre created for me," Kilian said. "Defenses are so in tune to Andre and Hanno, they want other guys to heat them."

Louis Bullock led Michigan (2-4) with 25 points.

Clemson's Terrell McIntyre scored eight points during a 16-0 run as the Tigers (5-1) pulled away from Kansas State (4-2).

McIntyre, who finished with 13 points, highlighted the spurt with a pair of 3-pointers. Josh Reid led Kansas State with 14 points.

Eddie House scored 26 points and Bobby Lazor added 19 as Arizona State (2-3) sent Chaminade to its 18th straight loss in the tournament. Marcus Marley led the Silverwords (0-3) with 21 points.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

Table with columns for Week, Team, and Record. Includes AFC and NFC divisions.

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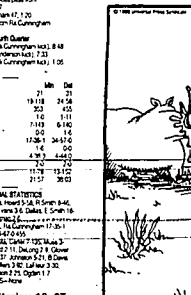
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IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



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Casio World Open

Woods (69) and Ozaki (70) were the top performers in the Casio World Open.

TRANSACTIONS

Table listing sports transactions, including player moves and trades.



Detroit Lions kicker Jason Hanson (4) kicks a 42-yard field goal in overtime to beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 19-16 Thursday in Pontiac, Mich.

NBA: Home for the holiday

Players spend Thanksgiving with families

NEW YORK (AP) — Like other NBA players around the country, Avery Conlon of the Miami Heat sat at the dinner table Thursday, explaining his unemployment predicament to his family.

On this Thanksgiving, everybody wanted to hear from the big fella at the end of the table who, through no fault of his own, naturally, hadn't done an honest day's work in months.

"Guys are home talking to their families and friends, and it's hard because the average person can't comprehend the complexities of this lockout and how bad this deal is for the players," Conlon said Thursday before leaving for his family's Long Island home.

"It's tough when you have all these people wondering, but as long as we stay informed and together, standing behind our union, we'll be OK."

A negotiating session that had been scheduled for Saturday was canceled, and it's now clear the season will not begin in January, if at all.

Like many people on the players' side of the dispute, Conlon suspects the league orchestrated a break-up-of-talks on the lockout limbo. The Blackhawks rolled into one: Thanksgiving and the Steelers and a great win," said Batch, who grew up in Homestead, Pa.

Sanders gained just 33 yards on 20 carries but still became just the second back in NFL history to rush for more than 15,000 yards.

He now has 15,003 and trails only Walter Payton, who holds the record with 16,726 yards.

The Bears' Don ask. Times are tough for sports fans in Chicago.

"The Chicago fans are somewhat spoiled because of the Bulls' success," said Bill Tziavargos, who works at the Bull Goat restaurant a few blocks from the United Center. "They want all their teams to win."

But winning is a rare thing these days. After snapping a 10-game winless streak last week, the Blackhawks lost their next three games. The Bears have lost three in a row. The White Sox, who finished 80-82, probably will lose two of their three biggest hitters, Albert Belle and Robin Ventura, to free agency.

Even the college teams are hurting. Just three years after its magical Rose Bowl season, Northwestern went winless

Day 149

A look at the NBA lockout through Thursday

- Total days missed: 24
- Games lost Thursday: 1
- Total games missed: 168
- Earliest estimated starting date: Jan. 1
- Negotiations: A session scheduled for Saturday has been canceled.
- Projected player salary losses: \$330 million

NBA

make-a-mockery-of-the-collective-bargaining process at a tragic economic cost to its members," chief NBA legal officer Jeffrey Mishkin said.

The latest breakup of talks came after the owners said the union had reneged on its acceptance of certain terms. In response, the union said the owners were now requesting unacceptable pre-conditions for a resumption of talks.

"We're obviously not going to negotiate with a gun to our head—especially after having been locked out for almost six months," union director Billy Hunter said.

Coin flip helps Lions win in OT

Sanders reaches 15,000-yard-rushing milestone

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Maybe the referee made a mistake. Maybe the Pittsburgh Steelers did.

All that's known for sure is that a game of X's and O's came down to heads and tails.

In a Thanksgiving contest marked by a bizarre coin flip to start overtime, the Detroit Lions escaped with a 19-16 victory over the Steelers on a 42-yard field goal by Jason Hanson 2:52 into the extra period Thursday.

On the midfield coin flip, Jerome Bettis of Pittsburgh called tails. But referee Phil Luckett told pool reporters after the game Bettis called "heads-tails" and Luckett went with the first thing he heard.

"I did not say 'heads-tails,'" Bettis said. "That is a lie. That's a bald-faced lie."

Detroit cornerback Robert Bailey, who was not part of the coin toss, said he heard Bettis call one thing and teammate Cornell Lake call another.

"To me, it sounded like one guy called heads and one guy called tails," Bailey said. "That way, no matter what happens, you can argue. It's an old trick."

In any event, the Steelers kicked off and never saw the ball again.

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Barry Sanders is running with an exclusive crowd.

He joined Walter Payton on Thursday in becoming the second player in NFL history to rush for more than 15,000 career yards.

The milestone came on a day when Sanders gained only 33 yards on 20 carries in the Detroit Lions' 19-16 overtime victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Sanders gained enough to finish with 15,003 career yards. He ranks second on the NFL list behind Payton's

16,726 yards. Sanders topped 15,000 with a nine-yard run to the Steelers' 24-yard line one play before Jason Hanson kicked the winning 42-yard field goal in overtime.

Sanders also caught one pass for 20 yards against the Steelers and became only the third NFL player to top 18,000 combined rushing and receiving yards.

Payton also leads that list at 21,803 yards while Herschel Walker is second with 18,168 and Sanders has 18,026.



Barry Sanders looks for running room Thursday.

"I've never seen anything as blatant as that," Lake said. "I even looked at the Lions and they were like, 'Wow.' They didn't say anything because they wanted the ball. The ref made a bad decision."

After a 21-yard runback by Terry Fair, the Lions went 41 yards in seven plays, keyed by a 28-yard pass from Charlie Batch to Herman Moore and a face-mask call against Chris Oldham. After Barry Sanders was stopped for no gain on second down,

the Lions elected to go for the field goal on third down.

"This game was everything rolled into one: Thanksgiving and the Steelers and a great win," said Batch, who grew up in Homestead, Pa.

Sanders gained just 33 yards on 20 carries but still became just the second back in NFL history to rush for more than 15,000 yards.

He now has 15,003 and trails only Walter Payton, who holds the record with 16,726 yards.

Pitt stuns No. 13 Xavier

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Pittsburgh has been hit by injuries over the last few years as hard as any team in the country. It seemed to get a little worse when sophomore forward Artus Cosby sprained his right ankle Monday.

Colleges basketball treatment over the last few days had Cosby back on the floor Thursday night, and he scored a career-high 25 points as the Panthers beat No. 13 Xavier 94-76 in the opening round of the Puerto Rico Shootout.

"I had treatment all the time and it started to feel better (Wednesday)," the 6-foot-9 Cosby said after grabbing 12 rebounds.

The Panthers (5-0) will play No. 4 Kentucky in today's semifinals.

No. 4 Kentucky 64, Colorado 52

Freshman Tayshawn Prince scored 15 points and No. 4 Kentucky overcame a slow start to beat Colorado 64-52 Thursday in the opening game of the Puerto Rico Shootout.

Wayne Turner added 10 points for the defending national champions who used defense and depth to stretch their winning streak to 17 games.



Obitana Ekize of the University of Maryland, back, fights for control of the ball with Jesus Rivera Hernandez of American University during the Puerto Rico Shootout Thursday.

No. 5 Maryland 82, American, P.R. 32

In the third game of the Shootout, reserves Juan Dixon and Danny Miller scored 14 points each as Maryland beat undermanned American University of Puerto Rico.

The host school lost 10 players from its roster after they weren't approved by the NCAA Clearinghouse when the school made the move from Division III to II.

No. 10 UCLA 69, San Francisco 62

Matt Barnes made four big free throws over the final 3:15 and UCLA held off pesky San Francisco in the final game of the night. The Bruins (2-0) will play No. 5 Maryland in today's semifinals.

Dan Gadzuric led the Bruins with 12 points.

Tulane finishes regular season perfect

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Tony Converse tied a school record by rushing for four touchdowns and Shawn King threw three touchdown passes as No. 11 Tulane won Louisiana Tech 63-30 Thursday night to finish the regular season unbeaten.

Tulane (11-0), the Conference USA champion, will play Brigham Young (9-3) in the Liberty Bowl on New Year's Eve. The Green Wave finished the regular season undefeated and invited for the first time since 1931.

On the eve of Tulane coach Tommy Bowden's interview with Clemson, the crowd chanted "Stay, Tommy Stay" during the fourth quarter.

Converse gained 181 yards on 24 carries, and King completed 19 of 26 passes for 330 yards and rushed for a touchdown. He became the first player in NCAA Division I-A history to pass for 3,000 yards and rush for 500 yards in an 11-game season.

Tim Rattay completed 37 of 57 passes for 467 yards and two touchdowns for the Bulldogs (6-6). Troy Edwards caught 15 of those passes for 167 yards.

Tulane scored touchdowns on its first five possessions to take a 35-16 halftime lead. Converse scored on a 5-yard touchdown run on the first possession of the second half for a 42-16 lead.

Tech came right back with a 21-yard touchdown pass from Rattay to Cedric Williams, but Converse scored moments later on a 6-yard run for a 49-23 lead with 7:15 left in the third quarter.

Tech's Billy Ray Tell scored on the next possession when he ran

in from 1 yard out. The Bulldogs recovered an onside kick, but Noel Ellis intercepted Rattay on the next play.

No. 25 Mississippi St. 28, Mississippi 6

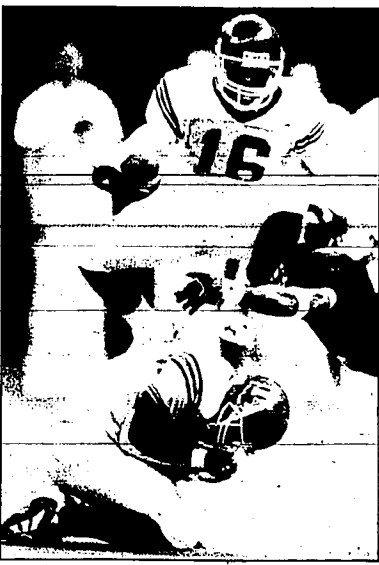
OXFORD, Miss. — Despite his obvious pain, James Johnson ran for two short touchdowns as No. 25 Mississippi State earned a spot in the Southeastern Conference championship.

Johnson, already limited and grimacing because of a groin injury, had 12 runs of 2 and 4 yards before halftime. He never returned after his second TD, when he dived over from the 11 and separated his shoulder on the play that gave State (8-3, 6-2) a 14-3 lead.

The Bulldogs, whose only SEC title was in 1941, will play top-ranked Tennessee in the league's championship on Dec. 5.

While becoming only the second Ole Miss running back to rush for 1,000 yards, sophomore Deuce McAllister was about the only effective offense against the Rebels. He had 39 yards rushing on the opening drive and accounted for 177 yards.

With starting quarterback Romond Miller sidelined by a neck collarbone, freshman walk-on David Morris was forced into his first start. Morris was 9-of-24 passing for 75 yards with three interceptions, the last returned 30 yards for a touchdown.



Louisiana Tech wide receiver Troy Edwards (16) jumps over Delwyn Daligre as Tulane's Ky Joseph, right, tries for the tackle Thursday in New Orleans.

Old QBs never die, they just get better

The top 8 quarterbacks in the complex NFL ratings system are 33 years old or older, 6 of the bottom 7 are under 26

The Associated Press

Randall Cunningham, and Bobby Brister's careers were supposedly over. Vinny Testaverde threw three interceptions and had never lived up to his Heisman hype.

Doug Flutie's 5-foot-10 height banished to Canada and Chris Chandler was considered an injury prone career backup. Donald Hollas? Never heard of him.

So who are the star quarterbacks of 1998? Most of the above, plus old standbys John Elway and Steve Young.

You have all these bright defensive coaches who keep coming up with different looks that guys fresh out of college just don't see.

—Brian Billick, Vikings offensive coordinator

Six of the bottom seven are under 26, including Peyton Manning and Ryan Leaf, the first two picks in last April's draft.

"It's just harder and harder for a young quarterback to walk right in and play," says Brian Billick, the Minnesota offensive coordinator who has overseen Cunningham's revival.

"You have all these bright defensive coaches who keep coming up with different looks that guys fresh out of college just don't see."

Cunningham is perhaps the best example, leading the league in passing at age 36 after sitting out the 1996 season running a marble and granite business in Las Vegas.

He signed last year with Minnesota and this year took over when Brad Johnson broke an ankle in the second game, leading the Vikings to a 10-1 record.

That followed 11 turbulent seasons in Philadelphia in which Cunningham made dozens of "highlight reels" he never got beyond the second round of the playoffs.

He was a run-first, throw-second quarterback with a reputation for selfishness. He and defensive linemen to look for running opportunities, even though all QBs are taught to take their cues from the safeties.

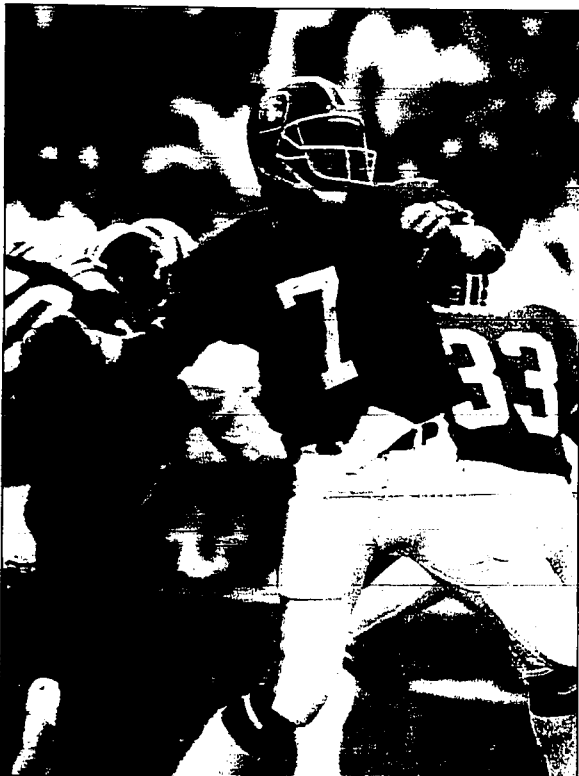
After two serious injuries, he was let go by the Eagles after the 1995 season, sat out, then re-emerged in Minnesota as a classic pocket passer whose skills mesh perfectly with the trio of Chris Carter, Jake Reed and rookie Randy Moss.

"The game is different for me now," says Cunningham, who now reads safeties like everyone else.

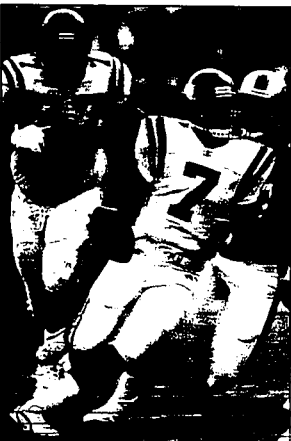
"Sitting out that year gave me the perspective to see what I had to do to become successful."

Even the old quarterbacks has a different story, although there's one common denominator—all but Chandler began the year as backups.

Flutie, whose magic at Boston College in 1984 won him the



Denver Broncos quarterback winds up to let go of a 55-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Ricky Nattiel in the first quarter of Super Bowl XXXI against the Washington Redskins. Elway just passed the 50,000-yard passing mark Nov. 22.



Heisman Trophy, drifted through the NFL in the Bears and Patriots, and finally to Carolina

Minnesota Vikings quarterback Randall Cunningham scrambles away from San Francisco 49ers tackle Bryant Young (97) Jan. 3 in San Francisco. Cunningham leads the league in passing at age 36.

um to back up Rob Johnson in Buffalo, took over when Johnson was injured and has led the Bills to six of their seven victories.

Chandler, 33, went through Indianapolis, Tampa Bay, Arizona and Houston as a marginal starter, a quarterback who could look good for a while but was better off as a backup because he couldn't stay healthy.

But he's 13-4 as a starter with the Falcons, who may be headed for their first NFC West title since 1980.

Brister, 36, started 71 games with no particular distinction for the Steelers, Eagles and Jets.

He spent 1996 without a job and landed last season in Denver as Elway's backup.

This year, he's finished two games for the unbeaten Broncos and is 4-0 as a starter, even running 38 yards for a TD two weeks ago in Kansas City.

Testaverde, the first pick by Tampa Bay in the 1987 draft, set a modern NFL record by throwing 35 interceptions in 1988, and was up-and-down in Cleveland and Baltimore.

He was released in the offseason by the Ravens, signed by the Jets as a backup to Glenn Foley and replaced Foley when he got hurt.

Football League, where he was

He was signed for the min-

pick — two spots before the Vikings — to Green Bay, which took impressive defensive line-man Ronnie Holliday.

Johnson says he would have taken Holliday at No. 19, too.

"Would that have been a mistake, not taking Moss at that spot? May have been," wrote Johnson, who has been criticized by fans for missing a chance to give Dan Marino a deep threat like Moss.

Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher won't say, either.

The Oilers were the only team ahead of the Vikings to draft a receiver. Scared off by Moss' past, which included two arrests, a probation violation that involved marijuana, and jail time, the Oilers drafted Kevin Dyson.

He's 8-1 as a starter and has 18 touchdowns to four interceptions, after entering the season with a 175-183 TD-interception ratio.

Hollas, 31, is a career third stringer who threw for 645 yards for the Bengals in 1991 and 1992 and none since. But he's 4-1 as Jeff George's replacement in Oakland — he's not pretty, but he wins.

"You learn a lot just watching tape and practicing," Billick says. "You hang around long enough and you're very aware."

John Butler, the Buffalo general manager, suggests that a good quarterback has to have some adversity — all enter the NFL as high school and college stars who need to learn humility.

"I think what's happened is that the older a player gets, the more he appreciates the opportunity," Butler says.

Doug Randall, Vinny Testaverde, who they're with, the type of system and how much they know. Maybe the game's come back to them. And with the kind of athletes you have on defense now, mobility helps — that's what we have with Flutie."

But there are also successful old guys like Dan Marino, hardly mobile but with pocket sense developed over 16 seasons that allows him to sense where the rushers are and the ability to sidestep them.

The factors helping the older quarterbacks also are helping the most promising of the youngsters — Manning and Arizona's Jake Plummer, who is in his second season.

Manning knew more than most

"An experienced quarterback is always preferable to an inexperienced one. Maybe it just takes longer these days to get experience."

—John Butler, Buffalo Bills general manager



Denver Broncos backup quarterback Bobby Brister heads downfield during the first quarter Nov. 16 against the Kansas City Chiefs in Kansas City, Mo. Brister, 36, has finished two games for the unbeaten Broncos.

rookies, because his father, Archie, spent 14 seasons as an NFL quarterback and he was exposed to big-time pressure in four seasons at Tennessee.

Plummer, whose scrambling style most closely resembles Hall of Famer Frank Kenton, has the mobility and athletic ability to make up for mental mistakes.

But old guys have always been the rule.

While the Broncos seek to become the NFL's first unbeaten team since the 1972 Dolphins, they should remember that that Miami team started 38-year-old Earl Morrall at quarterback in eight of 14 regular-season games because Bob Griese was injured.

And of the 32 Super Bowl winners, 18 have had quarterbacks 30 years or older.

"An experienced quarterback is always preferable to an inexperi-



San Francisco 49ers quarterback Steve Young aims a pass downfield during the first quarter against the San Diego Chargers Aug. 8 in San Diego.

Despite Moss' success, doubts shadow rising star

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — This is about respect. The kind the boy man enough to earn. The kind the man never will earn simply by sprinting past one helpless cornerback after another.

This is about Randy Moss, and the slow process of proving he's done his time and that this time will be different. Because six quiet months off the field and all those spectacular plays on it have only partially repaired the self-inflicted wounds on Moss' reputation.

Outside of Minnesota, his character is still an issue, the past still part of his present.

"Randy Moss has shown what everybody thought. He is an 'extremely talented player,'" Miami Dolphins coach Jimmy Johnson recently wrote in



Randy Moss

November night, Moss listens to those words. He knows Johnson is one of the coaches who passed him up in last spring's NFL draft.

"I have no reaction." Then he walks away, calmly choosing discretion over anger or frustration or retaliation.

Perhaps this is a glimpse of

what everyone with the Vikings says is true: That the troubled Moss, so many people doubted is gone, replaced by a young but maturing man determined to make the most of his new life.

Lee Hubbard, Alexander speak for them.

"There's a lot of jealousy out there in athletics," said Alexander, the Vikings' receivers coach. "Every time somebody makes a person like (Johnson) about (Moss)' success, they have to come up with some stale answer.... They kind of figure that they didn't jump at the opportunity (in the draft). He doesn't want to look like a jerk."

Even Johnson admits he and everyone else who passed on Moss might end up looking silly. The Dolphins traded their 19th

Is Kansas City cursed?

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The last time this happened to the Kansas City Chiefs, Ronald Reagan was in the White House and the Royals were World Series champions.

The last time this happened to Marty Schottenheimer, well, that was a long time ago. Not in three full seasons at Cleveland and nine in Kansas City has any Schottenheimer-coached team lost six games in a row.

Yet, the outfit that was 13-1 last year and picked by so many experts for this season's Super Bowl has not walked off the field a winner since Oct. 4. In the ensuing seven weeks, including a bye

week, they've been humiliated and humbled, disgraced and broken-hearted. They've plunged from a confident 4-1 to an unnerve 4-7.

New England and Denver blew them out. San Diego beat them by one point in the second-biggest fourth-quarter comeback in Chargers' history.

They've changed quarterbacks and running backs, suspended players and waived players.

About the only things they haven't changed are coaches and luck. Two of the losses were in Monday night showcases, including a 30-7 whipping by the Broncos in which a couple of players, most notably Pro Bowl line-backer Derrick Thomas, drew five personal fouls on Denver's last touchdown drive.

SPORTS



Brian Groce of R J Reynolds presents Bruce Quale with the 'Sportsman of the Year' award during the NASCAR Winston Racing Series Banquet recently at the Turf Club.

Magic Valley racers, family and friends celebrate season

By Lynn Baird

Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Speedway champions recently received their awards at the 1998 NASCAR Winston Racing Series Banquet held at the Turf Club.

Brian Groce from R J Reynolds presented the awards to the winners, who included Mountain Dew Modified track champion Travis Metz, who finished sixth in the Great West division of the Winston Racing Series.

Kelly Chappell took home the champion award for the Buickier Street Stocks and his Great West Region fifth place shorttrack award, while Ryan Stapleton and Alan Larson were the champions of the NAPA Auto Parts Pony Stocks and Dairy Queen Thunder Stocks.

Bruce Quale, this year's

Modified runner-up, won the "Sportsman of the Year award," voted by the NASCAR competitors.

Rookie of the Year awards went to Larson, Brett Thompson, Brian Welch and David Caldwell.

Other awards went to: Mr. Gas Racing (Best Looking Crew), Larry Morris (Most Helpful to Others), Bob Naion (Most Effort and Determination), Brett Thompson (Mountain Dew Modified Most Improved Driver), Brian Welch (Budweiser Street Stocks Most Improved Driver), Bill Miles (NAPA Auto Parts Pony Stock Most Improved Driver) and Dorothy Money (Dairy Queen Thunder Stock Most Improved Driver).

The 1998 racing season saw a lot of firsts — the first Indy Car race, the first Trailer Race of

Destruction and the first season five events were lost to rain. For the second year in a row the NAPA 150 NASCAR Northwest Tour provided some of the best short-track stock car racing seen anywhere, and Cactus Petes hosted the Tour's championship banquet.

Many local area businesses have become a vital part of bringing the very best automobile racing to Magic Valley — and Speedway promoter Steve York thanked all the businesses, fans and competitors.

The 1999 season will start in April. Individuals and teams wanting to get started in NASCAR racing are encouraged to call the Speedway at 734-3700, as affordable NASCAR racing classes are available for those with no experience and for those who want to return to racing.

Yankees retain Williams; keep championship team intact

NEW YORK (AP) — Hey, baseball. They're back.

The New York Yankees who went 114-48 during the regular season, the ones some were calling the greatest team ever, will be together again next year.

All it's taken to do that is an extra \$114.25 million.

"There is a very rare opportunity here, to have the exact same ballclub come back and defend our title. That's rare in any sport," general manager Brian Cashman said Wednesday night after Bernie Williams surprisingly returned, agreeing to an \$87.5 million, five-year contract.

Barring injury, that means Yankees fans can again look forward to an opening day lineup with Chuck Knoblauch at second, Derek Jeter at shortstop, Paul O'Neill at right field, Williams in center and Tino Martinez at first base.

Chili Davis, recovered from injuries that sidelined him for most of the '98 season, figures to be the designated hitter. Jorge Posada and Joe Girardi will split the catching again. World Series MVP Scott Brosius will be back at third. Ricky Ledes, Chad Curtis and Shane Spencer are available for left.

And the rotation will have David Wells, David Cone, Andy Pettit and Orel Hershiser. Jose Hernandez and Hideki Irabu, with Mariano Rivera to close out games.

And, oh, just maybe, there's a chance the Yankees will push for a trade from Toronto to the Yankees, too.

New York really didn't want to add injury Albert Belle to the mix, but Yankees officials thought there was little likelihood of resigning Williams and were convinced signing Belle to bat fourth and play left was the best alternative.

Cashman and owner George Steinbrenner said all along they wanted to keep Williams. But the union was set to leave until Steinbrenner, who offers \$25 million, five-year deal last winter and a \$60 million, five-year contract earlier this month, dramatically increased his proposal Wednesday to keep Williams from defecting to the archrival Boston Red Sox.

Yankee ownership through the years

Jan. 9, 1903	Frank Farrell and Bill Devoe purchase Baltimore franchise of the American League for 18,000 and move team to New York City.
Jan. 11, 1915	The Yankees are bought by Col. Jacob Ruppert and Col. Tillinghast L'Hormedieu Huston for \$460,000.
May 21, 1922	Ruppert gains sole ownership, buying out Huston for \$1.5 million. Col. Ruppert
Jan. 25, 1945	Dan Topping, Del Webb and Larry McPhail purchase the Yankees for \$2.8 million.
Nov. 2, 1964	CBS purchases 80 percent of the Yankees for \$11.2 million and later buys remaining 20 percent.
Jan. 3, 1973	A limited partnership, headed by George Steinbrenner, purchases the Yankees from CBS for \$10 million.
Nov. 23, 1998	Steinbrenner appears close to selling a major share of the Yankees to Cablevision for up to \$600 million. He would serve as managing partner and remain in charge of day-to-day operations.

Source: AP research

AP/David Gasoro

"This was the most comfortable chair we wanted to sit in and the one that worked," Cashman said. "This was the one that gave us all the answers correctly. This is the one chair that fit with everything else. We were 125 and 50 with Bernie. He fits in New York, he can play in New York. He answers all those questions that aren't answered when you bring somebody else in."

In the hours after the Yankees finished off their World Series sweep of San Diego on Oct. 21, it looked like next year's team would be very different.

But 10 days later, Torre convinced Steinbrenner to reverse his decision and exercise Girardi's \$3.4 million option, keeping a clubhouse leader whose playing time has diminished as Posada has developed. Steinbrenner had been set to pay a \$400,000 buyout.

Six days later, the Yankees agreed to a \$15.75 million, three-year contract with Boston, who hit .300 with 19 homers and 98 RBIs in a comeback season, then batted

.383 in the postseason, leading New York in hits (18), home runs (4) and RBIs (15).

Five days after, New York gave Cone an \$8 million, one-year deal rather than allow the 26-game winner to go on the free-agent market. And the Yankees and Darrel Strawberry, recovering from colon cancer surgery, essentially have agreed to a \$2.5 million, minor-league deal rather than exercise his \$2.5 million option. They must wait until after Dec. 20 to formalize it because of complicated rules involving the collective bargaining agreement and the luxury tax.

There's even a chance the Yankees could get stronger in this era when the high-revenue teams spend the small markets into oblivion.

Clemens will push to get out of Toronto unless the Blue Jays' owner, the Belgian company Interbrew, sets a budget high enough to build a contender. If he's traded, the Yankees are at the top of his list.

The 'Yankee Clipper' celebrates birthday with some happy news

The Associated Press

Joe DiMaggio, recuperating from lung cancer surgery, had special reason to celebrate his 84th birthday.

Not only had DiMaggio survived at least one brush with death, but the news from one of his doctors was upbeat.

"The prognosis for his recovery is good," said Dr. Earl Barron, the lead doctor on a team of six physicians who have been treating the Hall of Fame outfielder.

DiMaggio was expected to be out of intensive care before the week is out, but was still in the unit this morning, according to his longtime friend and attorney Morris Engelberg.

DiMaggio's birthday gathering began about 6 a.m. Wednesday when he was joined in his hospital room by his brother Dom, also a former big league outfielder; his sister-in-law, Emily; granddaughter, Paula, and her husband, Jim; Engelberg, a couple of nurses and Barron.

"Although they did not sing 'Happy Birthday' or have cake, they shared a few quiet words and a lot of smiles."

"The outlook was brighter than it had been in more than a month."

In a telephone interview with The Associated Press, Barron said the first time confirmed DiMaggio had a cancerous tumor removed from his right lung, Oct. 14, two days after entering Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood, Fla.

Because of his age, DiMaggio's progress is "guarded," Barron said, but he added that the New York Yankee great's condition was very good, compared to what it had been.

"For a while, it was tough and go, but he has been showing steady improvement," Barron said.

When asked if DiMaggio's positive prognosis referred to the cancer or the complications that followed the surgery, the cardiologist answered, "Both."

After the surgery, DiMaggio suffered severe postoperative complications, including a major



Mas Takano, 66, looks at pictures Wednesday in the Joe DiMaggio portrait gallery at the Gold Coast Restaurant in San Francisco. It was 'The Yankee Clipper's' 84th birthday and Mas, a lifelong fan, went to the restaurant to sign a birthday card for the legendary Hall-of-Famer. DiMaggio is in a Florida hospital recuperating from lung cancer surgery.

lung infection that affected his breathing.

"The worst setback came on Nov. 16, as Engelberg was making his usual early morning visit."

"It was a tremendous drop in blood pressure and it scared the hell out of me," said Engelberg, who has been acting as DiMaggio's spokesman.

Engelberg became so concerned that a Roman Catholic priest was summoned to give DiMaggio last rites.

"But I came in the next morning and there he was, shaving himself," said Engelberg.

"He's amazing."

The main problem was a buildup of fluid in DiMaggio's lungs as the result of an infection, and at one point, an opening was made in his trachea to help his breathing.

Although DiMaggio was still on a respirator, the setting was about half of what it was at the height of the crisis that nearly took his life.

Engelberg was quoted in today's editions of the Sun-Sentinel of Fort Lauderdale as saying DiMaggio could be home

by Christmas.

"They tell me three to five weeks," Engelberg said, adding that the tumor had not spread to other organs. Engelberg was unsure if it had reached the lymph nodes.

DiMaggio, who retired in 1951 after 13 seasons with the Yankees, had been a smoker for years, starting in his youth in San Francisco.

Throughout the years, DiMaggio has closely guarded his privacy, and Engelberg said the center fielder was upset about erroneous TV reports earlier this week about his condition.

"Joe was angry when he saw on television that he had had a heart attack," Engelberg said. "I asked Dr. Barron, 'Did Joe have a heart attack?' and Barron told Joe, 'No, you didn't have a heart attack.'"

Engelberg said DiMaggio had instructed him not to divulge any medical information about his condition, but because of recent erroneous TV reports, DiMaggio agreed to allow Barron to speak with the AP.

First Vaughn, now Big Unit

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — After adding a star position player in slugger Mo Vaughn, pitching could be the next priority for the Anaheim Angels.

Known for their penurious ways, the Angels signed their first marquee free agent in nine years Wednesday when they completed negotiations on an \$80 million, six-year contract with Mo Vaughn.

The deal includes an option for a seventh year.

One of the most prolific sluggers in Boston Red Sox history, Vaughn became the highest-paid player in baseball with his average salary of \$13.3 million per year. His deal tops the \$13 million Mike Piazza will average in his seven-year, \$91 contract with the New York Mets.

The Angels, who passed on a trade for Mark McGwire in the summer of 1997 because they thought they couldn't afford to resign him, appear able to afford just about anyone they want. Now, flame-throwing Randy Johnson is in their sights.

"Some might look at this and think we're done," general manager Bill Bavasi said late Wednesday when he announced the signing of Vaughn. "That's not the case. Joe [Vaughn] is a great player."

That's fine with Vaughn, who actually attempted to recruit Johnson before his deal was finalized.

"He has an aura, he's the kind of guy who can strike fear into other teams," Vaughn said. "I'm going to call him again, do what I can to get him signed."

But if he can't get him, he would make us one of the top teams in baseball, and the way the Angels go about business, they have a pretty good chance.

Until recently, the Angels routinely added high-priced talent like Don Baylor, Bobby Grich and Reggie Jackson all the time.

If the Angels can't get Johnson, there's a good chance they'll shop center fielder Jim Edmonds for pitching help.

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THAT ISN'T REALLY SANTA CLAUS. IT'S A DOG DRESSED UP LIKE SANTA CLAUS.
HE SHOULDN'T EVEN BE HERE. HE SHOULD BE OUT CHASING RABBITS.
I'LL GO TELL HIM.
HEY YOU! YOU SHOULD BE OUT CHASING RABBITS!
NEXT TIME YOU TELL HIM...

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THEN WE NEED TO PV THE DCF AND GET THE ROI TO THE EOC ASAP.
ARE YOU OUR NEW CFO OR WHO JUST HAPPENED TO WANDER BY?
WHICH ONE PAYS MORE?
THE MYSTERY DEEPENS.

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WHAT KIND OF TOWER IS THAT?
...CAN'T BE A FLOWER... HIS NOVEMBER, THE 27th!
FWOOSH! FLUMP
WHEW

Garfield
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NE-UP! SHI!
WHOOP! EEE!
WHOOP! MOWW!
GET ME A HAMMER

Hi and Lois
By Chance Browne

YOUR TEAM HAS GREAT CHEER-LEADERS!
THANKS
YOU STINK!
YOU'RE A BIT TOO OVERCAREFUL, AREN'T THEY?

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HOW DO YOU FEEL?
GREAT!
YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD
I NEVER SHOULD HAVE SIGNED THAT ORGAN DONOR CARD

Hagar the Horrible
By Chris Dreeme

THIS HOUSE HAS A FEATURE FOUND ONLY IN THE FINEST CASTLES!
Ding! Ding! Ding! Ding!
RUNNING WATER!

Beetle Bailey
By Mort Walker

I HATE TO SEE HWA SINK A PUTT
WHY?
HE ALWAYS OVERREACTS

Frank and Ernest
By Bob Thaves

COUNSELOR
I'M TRYING TO AVOID A MID-LIFE CRISIS... I WANT TO SAVE SOMETHING FOR THE SEMI-FINALS.

The Born Loser
By Art Sansom & Chip ByFol

THE GHOST OF THANKSGIVING PAST!

For Better or For Worse
By Lynn Johnston

THIS ISN'T DUFFY'S FIRST BIG BREAK! DEBANK! THIS MEANS I CAN MAKE MY LIVING AS A WRITER!
I KNOW THAT!
I'M SO HAPPY, I CAN'T SEND IT!
MICHAEL, LET'S CELEBRATE!
I AM CELEBRATING!
NO, REALLY, LET'S GET SOME PEOPLE AROUND TOGETHER!
SOME PEOPLE ARE TOGETHER!
COULD YOU BE SERIOUS FOR JUST ONE MINUTE?
SURE! LET'S PICK A TIME NEXT WEEK!

Blonde
By Dean Young & Stan Drake

WHERE ARE YOU AND COURTNEY GOING TOGETHER TOGETHER?
I'M TAKING HER OUT TO DINNER.
I KNOW THIS PLACE THAT HAS GREAT FOOD AND IT'S FREE AND IT'S INDETERMINATE.
WHAT'S THE NAME OF IT?
IT'S CALLED 'THE HOUSE OF BUMSTEAD'.

Pickles
By Brian Crane

OH, HI, NELSON.
HEY, CHAMP?
I WHY ARE YOU SITTING ON PAWS LADY MOM?
BECAUSE WE LOVE EACH OTHER.
YOU LOVE ME, DON'T YOU?
OF COURSE! WE DO!
HOW ABOUT ROSSCOE? YOU LOVE HIM, DO YOU, DON'T YOU?

Denits the Menace
By Hank Ketchum

Denits the Menace

The Family Circus
By Bil Keane

Thanksgiving was okay, but I bet we'll have a lot more to be thankful for on Christmas.

'Lucy,' 'Seinfeld' share feat

Q. Why is fake jewelry called "paste"?
A. Among early imitation makers were Venetians: They poured molten glass into molds, then shaped it at the consistency of spaghetti. Italian for spaghetti is "pasta." Whence "paste."
Q. Cheapest way to soundproof a room is stick egg cartons to the walls with rubber cement.
Q. How does the doctor reckon a pregnant woman's delivery date?
A. By adding 280 days to the first day of the last menstrual period. Only about one in 10 such calculations prove accurate, however.
Q. Can you name any other TV show, besides Seinfeld, to go off the air while still at the top of the ratings?
A. Only "I Love Lucy."
Q. "Hypocrite" comes from the Greek for "actor."
Q. Which is the more dangerous, driving under the influence of alcohol or of marijuana?

WHAT'S WHAT?
L.M. Boyd

A. Marijuana interferes with vision more than alcohol does, according to the National Institute of Mental Health. It can be particularly hazardous at night therefore. But you can't say one is more dangerous without implying the other is less so, and nobody who knows about such matters is willing to do that.
Q. Who in the world owes the most gold?
A. 1. The United States. 2. The International Monetary Fund. 3. And Germany.
In London at last report you could hire a guide for the equivalent of about \$10 to lead your group on a two-mile hike through the city, pausing here and there to point out places of interest. Quite a bargain. The job title of such a worthy "street walker."

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omar

IF NOVEMBER 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are generous, dynamic, sentimental in romance, very likely to be involved with someone from foreign lands who will play major role in your life. Mother was excellent cook, father was introspective, had periods of moodiness. Aries-Libra persona play exciting roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in name - I and R. Current cycle relates to friendship that will be transformed into bond romance. Travel in December.
ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will be guest of honor at party given by people you admire. Conversations range from food to international affairs to post-dilly-dance. Scepterian involved.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Focus on friendship that could become something more. You have good luck in matters of finance, speculation, romance. People notice your spiritual glow. Scorpio represented.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll be clipping recipes, making promise to yourself to try making them. You'll be a bird and my reputation as master chef. Virgo and another Gemini play roles.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your kind of day. Display of affection, appreciation of food, including Thanksgiving leftovers. Attention revolves around home, income, security, marital status.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Introspection for sure - you'll be asking, "Why am I here?" Emphasis on the occult, what will be revealed. Paces in picture.
SIBCO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Numerous offers received, some of which would place you in executive category. Get promises in writing. Relationship that faded will once again seize. Universal knowledge.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Universal appeal. You won't be standing still, you'll be making questions concerning how people in other lands live and love. Aries native declares, "You are an amazing creature."
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Making room for new adventure, love, creative exploration. Romance fills the air - you'll be beset by sweet whispers. Leo represented.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Scepter in figure prominently. Career process involved in making important loan. Partnership, cooperative efforts, marriage figure prominently. Career, native in picture.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Beware of men figure - was not yours to carry in first place. Personality soaks, you'll be dubbed a social lion. Be up to date where fashion is concerned. Gemini featured.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): People who attempt to thwart your progress will be casting Obstacles on you. You'll ride high despite "little people" who are envious, resentful. Taurus possessed.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Spotlight on personality, ability to win friends and influence people in high-contrast district. Written material significant, could lead your destiny. Procrastinating necessary.

ACROSS

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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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SPORTS

Geese become prime targets

Fish and Wildlife works with farmers to hunt offending birds

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — On the theory that one person's curse is another's Christmas dinner, Oregon farmers and hunters are ganging up on geese.

The two historic adversaries are uniting under a new state program designed to protect grass and wheat fields from the flocks that caused an estimated \$15 million in crop damage last year.

Beginning next month, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will give farmers a list of hunters willing to come onto their fields and shoot the offending birds, trying to steer geese off croplands and into wildlife refuges.

"Geese aren't dumb," said Chris Vandenberg, the program coordinator. "When they fly into a field and get shot at a couple of times, they are a whole lot less likely to come back."

An estimated 300,000 geese wintered in the Willamette Valley last year, six times the number two decades ago, when geese passed through along the Pacific flyway but didn't stay.

Biologists attribute the increase to several factors, including development of traditional wintering grounds and tightened hunting restrictions put in place to protect the dusky goose, a dwindling Canada goose subspecies that flies with the flocks.

Short of blowing the birds out of the sky, farmers say their options to chase them off their land are limited. Fireworks haven't worked. Cannon blasts only fool the geese for so long. Coyote skins and fake eagles have proved ineffective.

"We have tried everything," said Stephanie Glaser Hagerty, a fifth-generation Linn County farmer. "They know the rigs we drive. They've learned that when we drive into a particular area, we're going to do a cannon blast or a firecracker."

Hagerty said geese have dam-



Geese take flight from Basket Slough near Rickroail, Ore. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has teamed with local farmers in a new program to help eliminate some of the birds.

aged hundreds of acres of rye-grass on her family's farm in the past several years and the problem is only getting worse.

Some farmers have reported losing 30 percent of their crop, said Michael Borman, a rangeland resources extension specialist for Oregon State University — who is studying methods to deter the geese.

"It's a significant problem," Borman said. "It's forcing some people to change their crops."

The damage occurs when the geese yank young plants out of wet soil and trample the seedlings. Often the grazing results in a late crop, forcing farmers to do a costly reharvest in portions of the fields, Borman said. Geese-damaged land also

tends to be weed-infested, lowering the value of the crop.

Under the program, hunters will get maps of participating farms and thousands of additional acres of open hunting grounds. The state will act as go-between.

It's an offshoot of a study completed last year that called for more aggressive harvesting of geese in agricultural areas.

"It's very critical that something happen now," Hagerty said. "If the population that winters over on our farm fields continues to grow, the damage will increase exponentially."

For hunters, the increasing flocks represent a different kind of frustration.

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—Chris Vandenberg, program coordinator for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Nebraska lures hunters from coast to coast

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska's reputation as a prime spot for hunting and fishing is growing as more sportsmen from across the country make the Commonwealth state their destination.

At no time is that more apparent than during November's deer and pheasant seasons, when many more hunters comb the state's cornfields carrying permits with "Nonresident" stamped across the top.

"Eight to 10 years ago, it was rare to have a nonresident deer hunter around here," said Dewey Luckenbill, owner of Dewey's Sporting Goods in Bridgeport. "Today, about 20 percent of the deer permits we sell are for non-residents."

The out-of-state hunters are not just from nearby states. Luckenbill has checked in deer for at least 10 hunters from Florida this year and has eight or nine customers from Washington state. Other shops have regular customers from Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan and California.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently reported that more people are hunting and fishing in Nebraska but fewer of them are residents.

The report, based on Census Bureau surveys in 1991 and 1996, showed the state's hunters increased from 163,000 to 176,000. The number of resident hunters dropped from 138,000 to 137,000 in the same period, but nonresident hunters increased from 20,000 to 39,000.

Fishing showed the same trends. There were 269,000 anglers in the state in 1996, up from 252,000 five years earlier. Fewer residents fished, from 269,000 to 239,000, but the number of nonresident anglers increased from 17,000 to 30,000.

The state's hunt permit totals mirror the federal report's findings.

Nonresident hunt permits rose from 20,372 in 1991 to 27,355 last year, while resident permits fell from 71,598 to 64,636.

Fish permits, however, showed drops in all categories.

With yearly and three-day permits taken in account, resident numbers dropped from 146,829 in 1991 to 140,316 in 1997; nonresidents fell from 31,128 to 26,672 in the same time.

Combination hunt-fish permits for residents remained at about 44,500 during the same period. Outdoors magazines annually tout Nebraska's good hunting prospects in articles and carry ads for the state's commercial hunting packages, said Martin Kelsay of Hunters Headquarters in Auburn.

"The word is getting around about Nebraska hunting," Kelsay said.

"If a hunter comes up here one year and has success, they will keep coming back."

Lands set aside in the past 10 years for conservation projects have created ideal habitat for birds and big game, said Butch Isom, assistant director of the Nebraska Game and Park Commission.

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HOMEWORK

Inexpensive steps lead to energy-saving pay-offs

By Gene Austin
Knight Ridder News Service

Improving a home's energy efficiency can be expensive if some of the most widely advertised methods are followed, but there are also a number of inexpensive steps that can have significant energy-saving payoffs.

For example, if your home has drafty windows and you don't want to spend thousands of dollars on new thermal windows, you can stop the drafts for less than \$2 per window.

The cheap (but effective) way is to install indoor storm windows made of plastic film. A kit by Frost King, containing enough film and materials to treat three typical windows, costs about \$5.50 at many home centers. Frost King says the film nearly doubles the insulating ability of single-pane windows.

The window kit includes a roll of double-face tape (sticky on both sides) that is applied around the outer edges of the inside window frames. The tape can be used on metal, painted wood or vinyl surfaces, but should not be applied to wallpaper, wallboard (drywall), plaster or veneer-faced paneling. Instructions are included with the kit, but here is a summary: Where the tape ends are in place, press the sheets of plastic film against the tape. Take care to avoid wrinkling the plastic. Finally, use a gun-type hair dryer or heat gun to shrink the film until it is smooth and taut.

Plastic-film storm windows do have some liabilities. If the weather turns warm, windows can't be opened without removing the film. The plastic should not be used on windows that might be needed as emergency exits. Finally, the tape is sometimes difficult to remove and, when stripped off, can pull loose paint off with it.

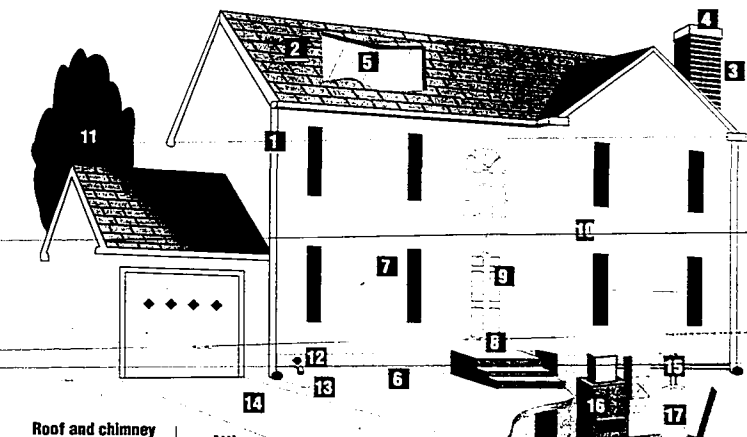
Here are some other inexpensive ways to save energy:

• **Door sweeps.** Air leaks at the bottom of exterior doors are a significant cause of drafts and heat loss, and door sweeps are designed to stop them. A typical door sweep, which costs about \$4, is simply a strip of plastic or wood with a flexible vinyl insert in one edge. The strip is cut to the door's width and screwed to the inside bottom of the door so that the vinyl insert snugly contacts the threshold when the door is closed.

• **Caulking compound.** Many doors have gaps around the edges of doors and windows that allow cold air to enter and heat to

Seasonal checklist

Now is the time to prepare for the coming season. Here are some of the most important tasks that need attention in and around the house.



Roof and chimney

- 1 Check gutters and downspouts. Clear blockage and repair leaks.
- 2 Replace any missing, loose or damaged shingles.
- 3 Make sure the chimney is sealed and there are no gaps in the pointing.
- 4 Install a cap on the chimney to keep out animals and birds. Clean the chimney and check the firebox for creosote buildup.

Attic

- 5 Make sure the attic is properly insulated and ventilated to prevent creation of ice dams on the roof.

Foundation

- 6 Make sure water drains away from the house in a rainstorm.

Inside the house

Not pictured. Check and charge fire extinguishers and replace batteries in smoke alarms; clean humidifiers.

Exterior

- 7 Look for cracked glass and broken seals on storm windows.

- 8 Look for moisture or rotting at thresholds.
- 9 Install weather stripping.

- 10 Repair deteriorated finish or paint on siding. Caulk spilling seams in wood siding. If your exterior is brick or stone, replace any missing mortar in the joints.

Around the house

- 11 Trim trees away from the house.
- 12 Shut off and drain outdoor water faucets.
- 13 Make sure storm drains are clear.

- 14 Repair cracks in the driveway and sidewalks.

Basement

- 15 Insulate all pipes that are exposed to cold surfaces.
- 16 Have the furnace serviced. Service all radiators and valves.
- 17 Check the water heater for leaks and rust. Install carbon monoxide and smoke detectors. Lubricate all pumps, fans and motors. Test the sump pump.

Philadelphia Inquirer, KRT Infographics

Winter's time for renovation, inspiration

By Karol M. Mendle
and Ron Wodine
The Baltimore Sun

Winter is a terrific time for home-improvement projects — not because you can sit warm, usually you can't, because the weather is too bad. But it's great because, without having to do anything else, you can dream about what you'd like to do.

Wishes and dreams are the foundation of most remodeling projects. During the next few months, we're going to be worried about a family that spent eight years to decide whether it was to accommodate their growing family, or whether to find some way to stay in the house they loved. They decided to stay, but it took a lot of thinking about the way they wanted to live. We'll be following their progress as it changes from blueprints and takes shape.

If you're in the thinking stage of a possible home remodeling, there's a new book out that can give you some ideas.

The book is "The New Remodeling Book," from Better Homes and Gardens Magazine (Meredith, 1998, \$24.95). There are chapters on contractors for remodeling to get more light, to maximize curb appeal, on evaluating your neighborhood and learning about your house's value.

But the main value of the book is that it offers dozens of case studies of actual projects, with lots of photographs. Each project has a before and after close-up, so you can see exactly how the space was altered. It's a great way to look at a lot of possibilities, and see what might be accomplished with your own project.

Not that there's not plenty of practical advice. For instance, the book suggests these basic criteria for deciding whether to remodel your current house:

- The neighborhood suits your needs.
- Property values are stable, other than in the neighborhood remodeler's market.
- If there are tax advantages or other financial incentives for staying put.

If remodeling will provide the space you need and enhance the comfort of the space:

To get you started on the walk-through, we've included a book, and some examples from our experience, of projects that enhanced livability, comfort and convenience in an existing home.

Opening it could be as simple as changing the windows, adding windows, or enhancing existing windows with curtains or Palladian arches. Or it could mean eliminating walls to form a series of small, cozy rooms around a flowing space. How about adding a porch, a sun room or back of the house to expand into a new space into the outdoors?

Resolve by resurfacing. Paint, wallpaper and floor coverings are among the simplest and least expensive ways to give existing spaces a new appearance. — between wood and ceramic tile, for instance, or between plain wood and painted wood on floors — can make spaces more and add richness and visual interest.

Add "creature comforts." Adding a fireplace, or enhancing an existing one, can create a focal point and define the style of a room. Built-in storage bins, central vacuum, think of bookcases and built-in desks are not only make spaces more versatile and make people feel more comfortable.

Think vertical. Cathedral ceilings, vaulted ceilings and tall ceilings make spaces more dramatic. A loft can provide space for a home office, guest bedroom, or children's retreat.

Existing home sales increase in October

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sales of existing homes increased 2.1 percent in October, rising to a near-record level after two monthly declines.

The increase reported today by the National Association of Realtors, to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.79 million from a rate of 4.69 million in September, leaves sales on track to set a record for all of 1998.

Sales were the strongest since they hit a rate of 4.91 million in July, the most since the association began tracking them in 1968.

The association is projecting 4.75 million sales for the year, up 1.6 percent from 1997.

"Overall, the housing market is on a stable, straight track," said Realtors economist John Tuccillo. "The market we are looking at right now is probably going to remain the same

through at least the early part of 1999.

Sales have been supported by plentiful jobs, large accumulated stock market gains and low mortgage rates. Fixed-rate, 30-year loans have averaged below 7 percent since mid-June.

Regionally, sales rose 6.9 percent in the South to a rate of 1.87 million, after falling 5.4 percent in September, when Hurricane Georges kept prospective buyers inside in Louisiana, Mississippi and elsewhere in the region.

Sales inched 0.8 percent higher in the Midwest to a 1.18 million rate. They fell 1.5 percent in the Northeast to a rate of 660,000 and 2.8 percent in the West to 1.09 million.

Nationally, the median price of an existing home, meaning half sold for more and half for less, was \$130,900, up 5.2 percent from a year ago.

Prepare your home now

Head off possible problems in holiday season

By Nick Harder
The Orange County Register

Getting your home ready for the holidays isn't only dressing it up with candles and lights. It's the commonsense things — especially preparing for guests and the unexpected — that are often overlooked.

For instance, do you associate the holidays with plumbing problems? Stay-over guests and party guests can be guilty of throwing a monkey wrench — make that a pipe wrench — into your home's plumbing.

So what do you do? First, make sure every drain is flowing freely before guests arrive. Use a plunger to loosen any clogs or use a drain-clearing liquid as a preventive measure.

Second, make sure there's a

plunger in every bathroom.

Third, have handy the name and phone number of an emergency plumbing service.

Plumbing problems aren't the only potential disasters that can hit a home during the holidays. Instead of reacting to a problem, why not head it off? Here's a list of things you may want to stock up on to quickly quell any emergency.

• Batteries. There may be more batteries used during the holidays than any other time of year. It isn't always because Junior's new toy needs them. Batteries are necessary for many household uses.

Some of the commonly used devices that require batteries include flashlights, dustbusters and carbon monoxide and smoke detectors.

• Carpet cleaners. Easy-to-use carpet and spot cleaners are almost always needed during the holidays. Whether it's a guest spilling a drink or a pet getting excited with all the guests, a good cleaner will come in handy. Make

sure they're capable of cleaning such holiday-oriented things as spilled eggnog, wine and other alcoholic drinks. Look at the label carefully before you buy to see whether the cleaner is appropriate.

• Dishwasher detergent. With all the large meals and the extra people visiting, this is the one household helper that you should go overboard buying.

• Sponges. More spills, more cleaning and more use to keep things spottless make sponges a highly necessary kitchen and bathroom "tool." Like the plunger, make sure there's one clean sponge — and some paper or rag towels — in every bathroom.

• Blankets and towels. Not only does it get colder during the holidays, the guests who visit will need more towels and blankets than you normally furnish. Check to make sure your guest towels and blankets aren't frayed and that there are plenty of them.

Now, sit back and relax. You're well prepared.

MONEY

Office sex almost never puts CEOs out of work

How women can deal with pressures of balancing work and family life

The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — Around the dinner table, on the talk show circuit, and in editorial board meetings, it has been a common refrain: "If President Clinton were a CEO, he'd be fired."

But is it true? A tentative answer to this question comes from a comparison between Clinton, the ultimate public figure, and top chief executives in the private sector: It is impossible.

For one thing, many CEOs are on public boards. Clinton would have spent \$40 million representing his CEO. And even if the scandal were to go public, the story likely wouldn't make it out of the business page.

That said, counselors, analysts, lawyers and Northwest business leaders make clear that even their sector's most notorious become known to the company. CEOs rarely are fired.

What are they typically doing, and why? One study prohibits work place romance are rare. Unless they are covered by laws, and are not publicly or faced with an out-of-control workplace, corporate directors are loathe to discuss it in a top executive's private life.

But in the vast majority of cases, observers say, financial performance trumps moral concerns when determining whether a CEO stays or goes.

"With conservatism, it's very hard to get fired," says Laura Brown, a psychologist who has treated numerous marital problems cases.

One of the few publicized relationships between a CEO and a subordinate involved William A. G. McGowan, a hedge fund manager based in Boca Raton, Fla. Questioned by the board about his relationship with Mary McCormack, a 29-year-old business school graduate, he said they were "very, very good friends."

After McGowan promoted McCormack to vice president, the Boca board fired her.

The two divorced their respective wives and married. A federal takeover bid for McGowan's prompted McGowan to return.

Of course, McCormack was a highly paid MBA, and McGowan's was an unusual salary.

Some people believe that Clinton, because of his age and power advantage, had a chance to protect Lewinsky and that because of those differences, her conduct was irrelevant. Others say that's ridiculous.

"I consider the relationship to be emotionally exploitative," says Brown. "But initially, it was consensual on both ends. Young women have a tendency. They can make choices."

The death of CEOs captured in sex scandals doesn't mean they're not having affairs, says Lisa Skalko, a Seattle columnist and author.

Scenes of successful men, including top executives, indicate that about 80 percent admitted to some level of infidelity during their married life, she says.

Romance on the job is so common, in fact, that Lester Mendelsohn, a law firm based in San Francisco, has drawn up a "love contract" for client

companies that attempt to build down a budding relationship among employees.

What is the stigma by prospective corporate lawyers, the "disadvantage" and "upstream" has the two lovers, namely, that their "Social Relationship" is "completely and entirely welcome, voluntary and consensual."

Employees signing the document and agreeing to forego "sexual or intimate" conduct or speech in the workplace, including "romantic or sexually suggestive speech or communications." They also agree, says Kirby Cooper Franklin, Seattle office manager for ERMurkel Mendelsohn, that they are not in a supervisory-subordinate relationship.

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The corporate world is rife with examples of "romantic," "ambitious" and "sexual" relationships. They also involve unmet demands or unrealistic expectations. But the line separating welcome consensual relationships from those that can be just a simple phone call or e-mail.

Mark Buzza, a Bellevue, Wash., lawyer who specializes in labor and employment law, has three cases in which CEOs had relationships with employees. In each case, the CEOs believed the relationships were consensual. But in two cases, the employees claimed otherwise.

"Once you have a superior-subordinate relationship," he says, "consent is ambiguous." Legally speaking, he says, any kind of affair has the potential to become "very dangerous" for the company and for the individual.

After making a pass last year at a top saleswoman during a banquet, for example, the CEO of a top Puget Sound, Wash., company was asked to leave by board members who were told by the woman of his extramarital advances.

The board members, however, were not told of his stock options and six months to find another job, Skalko says.

Most companies have established policies to deal with sexual harassment. Consensual affairs, however, present a much thornier problem.

According to a poll of 600 organizations conducted by the Society for Human Resource Management, 72 percent do not have a written policy to address workplace romance.

At Subcom, even trying to have a romantic relationship with someone whom you supervise is a violation. The firm's code of conduct could be grounds for dismissal, according to a company spokesman.

A spokesman for Westcoaster says there are no "hard rules about it," but employees who date each other should not work in the same chain of command.

McGowan has a policy that prevents managers from dating those who directly report

to them. But interoffice relationships are largely dated oversexual. Bill Gates dated and eventually married a Microsoft subordinate.

Even allegations of unwanted attention don't necessarily result in a CEO's being dismissed, observers say. But, some add, lying to your board, as Clinton did, is to the American people, might.

"If that board of directors would really be outraged by having been misled so long, so consistently, and in so many different ways," says John Lashin, a partner in the labor and employment law firm Perkins Coie. "I feel pretty comfortable that in corporate America he'd be gone."

Observers also say that long runs of negative publicity or internal morale problems linked to the top executive's behavior could result in dismissal.

"The Clinton situation is so visible," says Don Anderson, president of the Association of Washington Business. "If a CEO became that visible, he'd not know if he'd be fired or not."

On the other hand, there's Larry Ellison, Chief executive of Silicon Valley-based Oracle. Ellison prescribes a tall example of a different standard for the leader of a global company, says the leader of the free world.

As CEO, Ellison developed a reputation as a "different, intensely competitive technological leader."

He is also known to have dated women at the company, often more than one at a time. One time sued Ellison for wrongful termination, failure to prevent discrimination and negligent mental distress in a 1993 lawsuit.

Ellison eventually prevailed in court. Jack Kemp, one-time Republican presidential contender and director of the conservative advocacy group Empower America, sits on Oracle's board of directors.

Though Kemp has refrained from publicly addressing Ellison's personal affairs, he has called for Congress to investigate Clinton's conduct, calling it an "unfortunate, tragic incident."

It is unlikely the board of directors would ever seek to remove Ellison for reasons related to his private life, say analysts of the company.

The board of directors is legally bound to safeguard shareholders' investments, not enforce a moral code.

"When you remove someone and the stock goes down, what have you accomplished?" asked John Parzella, an analyst with A.G. Edwards.

So far, most Americans appear to have similar considerations when it comes to the present polls show.

Susan Webb, a nationally recognized expert on sexual harassment, says many people see two sides to the crisis.

On one hand, people say Clinton should be held to higher standards because of the nation's top executive. But, with unemployment low, stocks high, and confidence up, they also ask: "Do you want to knock the legs out of the economy by firing the CEO of the free world?"

Knight Ridder News Service

In her 19 years as a psychotherapist, Paula Leslie has seen how angry and overstressed women can get about discrimination, harassment and pay inequities in the workplace.

The pressure of balancing work and family life further compounds those frustrations, she says. Leslie, president of a Palo Alto-based consulting and training firm called Essential Life Strategies, discussed with Mercury News Staff Writer Sherri Eng, how women can deal effectively and positively with their anger. She recently wrote a book on the topic, "Anger in the Workplace: A Catalyst for Change." Here is an edited transcript of that interview.

Q. How pervasive is anger in the workplace?

A. The continual restructuring of jobs, as well as a constant frustration and anger. There is such fear in people that the company isn't going to be humane and caring. If it suits the company to save money, they're just going to roll heads. That causes incredible stress and anger in people.

Q. If you don't feel good about a situation, you're not going to be contributing freely. You're not going to have positive attitudes about work. There's a higher frequency of sickness and a tendency toward alcohol and drug use. The bottom line is that these are not happy people.

Q. How do you target your book toward women?

A. Women have unique issues to deal with in the workplace. Our society tends to diminish the emotion of anger in women. Women are more prone to depression than men. We are not encouraged to express our feelings of anger. Traditionally, it's OK for the guy to come home and kick the cat if he's frustrated.

But women don't do that. They tend to internalize any frustration. That makes us more prone to physical illness. And that, of course, feeds into the feeling of being a victim, of feeling powerless.

Women have made strides in the workplace, but we're still knocking our heads together trying to work and show that we are as good as men. Typically, women feel they have to do an even better job if their peer is a guy. They feel that they have to prove themselves. For the same amount of pay and job responsibility, they may work twice as hard.

Q. How do you know if you're angry?

A. Ask yourself these questions: Are you afraid that others will become angry if you get angry? Do you withdraw? Are you having difficulty sleeping? Do you feel tired when you get up in the morning? Are you irritable for no particular reason? Are you feeling out of control about food? These are signs that something is going on and it could very well be that you're upset about something going on at work.

Q. How does anger manifest itself in people's work lives?

A. Some of the symptoms include low energy; the feeling of resentment of going to work, not wanting to be there; the feeling of crying; changes in appetite; low self-esteem; the inability to make decisions; withdrawal from co-workers and family; hopelessness; changes in sleep patterns; and thoughts of suicide. People who withhold anger are more prone to physical illness. So, if they're frequently suffering from stomachaches, backaches,

Resolving sexual harassment cases

Results of 1997 sexual harassment cases in the U.S.:

No reasonable cause: Not enough evidence to show it happened	1,267
Administrative closure: Dropped for reasons not based on the case's merit	5,867
Merit resolution: Charging party received some type of settlement	3,253
Withdrawal: EEOC made without EEOC negotiation	1,257
Settlement: EEOC was party to settlement	1,178
Reasonable cause: EEOC investigated and believed it took place	268

SOURCE: The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

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headaches and high blood pressure, that could be associated with frustration.

Q. What are some ways people can deal with their anger?

A. The key is to stop long enough to see what is really going on. We need to recognize our behavior — whether it's overeating or being depressed or being physically ill — and figure out whether it does have to do with anger in the workplace.

I think keeping a journal is a great way to help the person understand and answer the question, "What am I really upset about?" I have people use journals a lot to help them connect with what events during the day may be triggering their anger. Identify what's going on and see what are the patterns of behaviors instead of saying, "I'm really upset about something."

Another way is to talk, talk, talk and clear away the cobwebs. Find someone you totally trust, like a family member or a friend. You need to acknowledge what is going on, to say that you are upset because of X, Y and Z. It's almost like a cathartic process. Once you do, the anger can be more focused on what to do next.

Then be very direct and set up an appointment with your supervisor if something is bothering you. The manager is not a mind reader and would more than likely want to know if the employee is upset with them.

I also suggest meditation to calm the person. Exercise is wonderful because that releases a lot of frustration in our body and then we can think clearer.

Q. What can employers do to stem anger in the workplace?

A. The employer has the responsibility to have clear policies. It's encouraging to the employee, whether woman or man, to know what the expectations are — what the company is expecting and what they can expect. They need to have clear policies about job description, performance reviews and drug and alcohol use.

Also, many employees don't know what channels are available to them if they're disgruntled. They can go to their manager, but if they feel that they haven't gotten what they need, they can go to the human resources department. But a lot of people stop too soon. They don't

know where else they can go to get help and that's up to the employer to give them that information.

Managers need to let employees vent and listen to any feelings, including feelings of anger, without getting defensive. They should provide the company and not the employee's feelings.

Q. You mention in the book several ways women fall into certain roles to mask their anger. Please describe them and tell me how these roles can be interrupted.

A. Well, there's the Grump. It could be a great day and the Grump's going to complain. She's going to convey a message that she's not happy and feels like a victim. She developed this particular style while growing up and it's the only way she knows how to express her frustration.

Meanwhile, the Sulk has the "poor-me" attitude and wants pity and attention.

Then there's the Exhausted Woman — this woman doesn't know how to say no. Many women in our society are not only wife and mother, but a career person, too. It's no wonder a woman would feel exhausted. She's put on many hats.

The Sad Mad Woman is caught in a bind. She's actually, she is feeling angry. She puts the tears over the lovers of anger.

The Bitch goes around and snags at everyone. She, too, feels like a victim. Because she learned to push down her hurt, her way of believing in the world is to create a wall around herself. She dies this by snapping at people.

Q. What are some ways these women can address their anger?

A. Let's assume that the Sad Mad Woman is walking around crying. She could tell herself to stop for a moment and ask herself, "Is there something at work about the appointment to talk to the manager if she feels she's been treated unfairly. Then be very honest when you have that opportunity and just communicate your feelings."

The Sulk needs to get in touch with her feelings of sadness and anger. Once she's aware that she does sulk, she'll realize that sulking really didn't get her what she wanted.

The Exhausted Woman needs to learn to set limits. She needs to learn to get some rest, to recharge her batteries or else she's not going to be good for herself or anyone else.

Success in investing requires understanding, overcoming emotions

By Chet Carter, The Associated Press

NEW YORK — For many investors, it's hard to make good decisions as a mutual-fund investor. Many say that about a few minutes thinking about the emotion known as regret.

The subject fascinates students of behavioral finance, a relatively new and growing field of research that seeks to shed light on how and why investors behave the way they do.

A basic precept of behavioral finance holds that people don't make financial choices on a purely rational basis, but instead act — or don't act — under the powerful influence of their emotions.

important thing about regret is that it is painful — painful enough sometimes to cause people to avoid it at almost any cost.

"There is a human tendency to deal with our pain of regret at having made errors, even small errors, not putting such errors away in a larger perspective," says Robert Shiller, a Yale University economics professor who speaks of a "regret effect" that is once represented by the Investment Company Institute, the largest mutual fund trade group.

Once you decide to put your money in a mutual fund, you may find an overwhelming preference for the safest possible choices — money-market funds — over bond or stock funds, which fluctuate in value as the

markets rise and fall. Money funds may be the least desirable choice for long-term investments. Hardly anyone ever recommends them for

retirees or for those with accounts and similar retirement savings programs. But in money funds you minimize the risk of short-term regress, which you could be exposed in a stock fund.

All right then, suppose you overcome your qualms and invest in stocks or stock funds. Fear of regret may keep you waiting patiently to try to induce you into more dubious moves.

"Regret theory may apparently help explain the fact that investors don't fear (and therefore don't buy) one down in value, and accelerate the selling of stocks that have gone up in value," Shiller notes.

Most successful investors follow the principle of "sell your losers, and let your winners run."

That way, you tend to correct your mistakes early, and give yourself more chances to work on your behalf. Plus, this approach helps you to realize tax-deductible losses quickly while deferring taxable capital gains.

But fear of regret pushes you in the other direction. When an investment you own declines in market value, your emotions take over. You not to face facts, but to hang on hoping that the investment will recover at least to the level where you bought it, so that you can get out even.

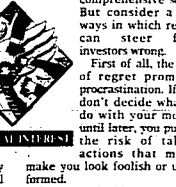
Conversely, fear of regret promotes an itch to cash in profitable investments quickly, avoiding the risk of having them fall back below your purchase price.

If you sell something that has risen in value, you can chalk it up as a success on your emotional scoreboard. It made money for you, didn't it?

But in a healthy sense, many individual investors may link little separate entities on an emotional level, their only national importance is as part of an overall investment program. They don't want to venture their savings, which willingly take many losses in quest of a few big payoffs.

Successful investors always have a healthy sense of losses. They recognize, as a primary source of discipline, a check on the greedy impulses that could lead them disastrously astray.

But at the same time, they work hard not to let emotional fears stop them from doing what makes sense under careful, rational consideration.



Want to lower your cost of auto insurance? Consider moving

WASHINGTON (AP) — Auto insurance premiums vary by \$200 or more for identical cars in different cities, a study by the insurance industry says. Drivers in cities with high auto theft rates — such as Miami, New York City or Newark, N.J. — generally pay the steepest premiums.

In the largest study of its kind, the industry's Highway Loss Data Institute examined insurance losses from theft, vandalism or forces of nature, such as floods, for late-model vehicles in hundreds of cities over a dozen years. It tracked losses on 3 million passenger vehicles.

The losses vary by as much as \$250 a year on average per registered vehicle from city to city. Insurers say that cost generally is passed on to consumers in higher premiums on the comprehensive portion of their insurance policies, which covers noncollision damage. Theft is the biggest single type of dollar loss.

Miami, a city with a large number of auto theft claims, had comprehensive losses of \$286 per vehicle in the last three years; theft was \$224 of that loss. In the New York-Newark, N.J., area, where theft losses peaked several years ago, comprehensive losses remain generally high at \$168.

The national average for comprehensive losses per insured vehicle was \$63.

Average annual losses

Average annual loss per vehicle for a comprehensive insurance claim, which covers noncollision damage. In selected cities, according to the Highway Loss Data Institute. The statistics went up to 3 years old. Figures are for 1983-85, 1989-91 and 1995-97. Cities are listed by highest losses, in the third column.

Top 10 Metropolitan areas in dollar loss	1983-1985	1989-1991	1995-1997
Grand Forks, N.D., area	47	56	315
Miami	104	115	286
Iowa City, Iowa	27	47	250
Rapid City, S.D.	79	235	197
Las Cruces, N.M.	31	128	169
NY-Newark, N.J., area	109	159	168
El Paso, Texas	72	287	165
Greene, Colo.	72	114	144
Kansas City, Mo.	46	82	142
Yuma, Ariz.	40	67	142

SELECTED OTHER CITIES:	1983-1985	1989-1991	1995-1997
Arlington, Texas	94	85	140
Detroit	149	108	133
New Orleans	70	89	132
Denver	84	251	127
Fort Worth, Texas	63	108	104
Phoenix-Mesa, Ariz.	39	79	103
Jackson, Miss.	48	202	102
Philadelphia area	52	70	98
San Diego	45	87	97
Tucson, Ariz.	167	76	97
Raleigh, N.C., area	28	56	96
Fresno, Calif.	41	100	94
Los Angeles area	88	90	89
San Francisco	36	77	82
Bridgeport, Conn.	53	94	82
Seattle area	41	58	82
Sacramento, Calif.	50	80	81
San Francisco	54	80	77
Portland, Ore. area	42	53	74
Baltimore	38	67	73
Honolulu	28	54	68
Chicago	49	75	66
Atlanta	83	59	65
Anchorage, Alaska	32	61	64
Houston	139	135	56

The theft trends have shown up in what people pay for comprehensive insurance.

In Grand Forks, a Miami resident with a good driving record could get insurance on the comprehensive section of a policy for a 1997 Ford Taurus or Honda Accord for \$733.

In comparison, Roanoke, Va., a top 10 city for the least amount of noncollision insurance losses, had an average loss of just \$39

per insured vehicle. A Roanoke resident with a good driving record could get comprehensive insurance with State Farm for a 1997 Taurus or Accord for \$52 — one-fifth the cost of the Miami resident.

"If you live in an area with a high rate of insurance claims and theft, then your premium is going to be higher," said Dave Hurst of State Farm, the nation's largest auto insurer. "There are

big variations in comprehensive insurance rates and part of that is geographical. Also, how much the car is worth has a lot to do with it."

The highest losses in the past three years belonged not to one of the nation's biggest cities but Grand Forks, N.D., which was ground zero last year's massive flooding when the Red River broke its banks. There, the comprehensive losses averaged a

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- Dave Hurst of State Farm Insurance

chart-topping \$315.

However, North Dakota's flood, something unlikely to be repeated often, probably will not be reflected in the region's auto insurance rates; insurers tend to draw up their rates based on a region's history over many years. A Grand Forks resident, for example, could get comprehensive insurance for the Taurus or Honda with State Farm for \$109.

Ranked second in losses was Miami. Over the 12-year span, the losses per vehicle skyrocketed in Miami to \$286 from \$69 in 1985, while losses in many Texas cities declined sharply, especially in Houston — from \$139 to \$56. Texas has an extensive auto-theft prevention program.

Law enforcement officers and insurers say cities with large ports, such as Miami and New York, are vulnerable to auto theft because stolen vehicles are increasingly being shipped overseas. The cars stolen for shipment are usually expensive luxury vehicles, while those going

across the Mexican border, another hot spot, are usually sport utility vehicles or pickups, officials say.

"There is a pattern of geographic theft losses associated with port cities. Shipments of stolen vehicles overseas is driving this trend," said Kim Hazelbaker, senior vice president of the Highway Loss Data Institute.

Twenty years ago, more than 90 percent of stolen autos were recovered by authorities, said Ed Sparkman at the National Insurance Crime Bureau. Now one-third — roughly 450,000 vehicles — disappear permanently and up to half are being shipped to Europe, Latin America, the Orient or elsewhere, officials said.

Only 1 percent of stolen auto-shipped overseas are caught at the port, U.S. Customs officials said. Most are confiscated at the ports of Newark, Miami, Jacksonville and Port Everglades, Fla., and Los Angeles-Long Beach.

AOL stands to gain valuable pool of talent

By Dan Gillmor
Star-Jones Mercury News

Before Marc Andreessen cofounded Netscape Communications Corp. in 1994, he'd moved from Illinois to Silicon Valley, where he knew he could soar with his exceptional technological talents. And when he and Jim Clark did start the company, there was no doubt they would do it anywhere else.

Some extraordinary programs flocked to Netscape over the next several years as it grew into the poster child for the valley's most recent economic epicenter of the Internet Age. That talent is one of the linchpins to America Online buying Netscape in a complicated deal involving Sun Microsystems Inc. It also is a reminder of what Silicon Valley is all about — and what it isn't.

This is a place where people understand how to create technological marvels. It is a place where people understand how to make prodigious amounts of money by selling that technology, or at least its prospects.

It is the nerve center of visionary technology. But it sometimes lacks vision, or the ability to sustain it.

In a fundamental and sometimes disturbing way, Silicon Valley is a navel-gazing place, a semiparadise of techno-rapture. Yes, it has created many of the tools that will build the next epoch in human history, but it hasn't always understood how people would use them, or why.

Silicon Valley has long disdained AOL as an East Coast creation. AOL was an online-for-dummies outfit, unworthy of serious attention because it wasn't the Internet and it used second-rate — or at least trailing-edge — technology.

But America Online is not a technology company. It is a media company, and an online shopping mall.

AOL did learn something from the tech crowd. It played slippery games with its finances and was generous to its customers. But ultimately it learned far better than the techies that every day consumers wanted: an easy way to go online and ease of use online that got there.

I don't know if this deal is good or bad for consumers, though I have my doubts; an oligopoly of two or three powerful companies controlling an industry is only marginally better than a monopoly.

But I do know that AOL is gaining more than the eyeballs that fall on Netscape's NetCenter

home page — a reasonably valuable asset in its own right that will have added power when dropped on top of AOL's industry-leading subscriber base.

AOL is also gaining the superb skills of the Netscape programmers who have created and improved the Navigator browser and other software people run on personal computers. AOL could profitably put Netscape's excellent programs to work on a new version of the AOL software that runs on PCs — and that software could use the help. (Sun, in its part of the deal, will get some of Netscape's higher-powered business software, used on more powerful "server" computers.)

Perhaps Netscape could have saved its investment had it not been the target of a rival with predatory instincts and bottomless pockets. Nor do I mean to put down the extraordinary talent, energy and resourcefulness that have brought the valley its well-deserved prominence.

And I especially don't want to suggest that vision has been entirely missing here. Companies like Cisco Systems Inc. have been at the forefront of the emerging networked economy. And Netscape deserves our endless thanks for its early and ongoing innovation. Knock on a door in the valley, and you'll find someone who thinks his or her company is solving a big problem — and making it.

Silicon Valley isn't entirely clueless about regular people, either, as Yahoo's well-earned success demonstrates. But look at what's happening to the other portals, the ones with market capitalizations that are merely stratospheric, not in another universe. They're being bought (or invested in) by other, bigger media companies.

Every person, and place, has limitations. It's no slam on Silicon Valley to note that its imagination has sometimes been limited to techno-whizzers.

At the Silicon Valley premiere of the new Pixar-Walt Disney animated feature Saturday, one of the speakers complimented the glittering array of technology superstars in the audience. He thanked them for making the tools that allowed the real artists to do their work. I'm sure he didn't mean to offend anyone, but I'm also sure he put more than one local nose out of joint.

Toolmaking may not be high art. It may not even be immediately useful to everyday folks in their homes or businesses. But it's honorable work.

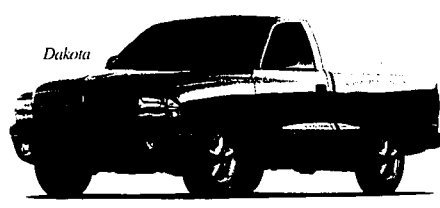
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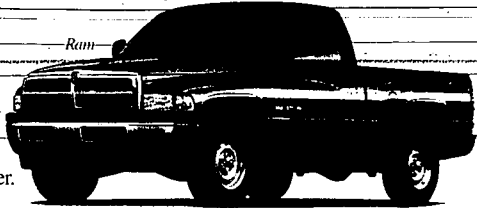
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FAMILY LIFE

For baby boomers, death of parents presents special challenges

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — Trish Mainwaring remembers being so tired and depressed that she couldn't hold her head up when she drove.

Blair remembers going home from that last day at the hospital and mowing the lawn and trimming the hedges — at 9:30 at night.

Larry Carroll remembers how he dreaded the phone ringing.

And Sheryl Stirling remembers how

her father and his cat, Murphy, were inseparable. Now she takes care of Murphy.

Four adults tied together by a ritual of life, a tragedy so common that sometimes we forget its toll. Four adults who cry a little when they talk about it.

Four adults, baby boomers all, who've lost a parent this year.

For all the social scientists studying every imaginable permutation of life, little research has been done on how adults cope with the loss of their parents.

"It is a largely unrecognized problem, probably because it is the most common form of bereavement," says Debra Umberson, a sociology professor at the University of Texas at Austin.

Umberson says that 5 percent of the population loses a parent each year and that most of the grieving sons and daughters are middle-aged, 35 to 55.

That's roughly the baby boomers, the bulge in population born between 1946 and 1964. Seventy-seven million in 1990, closer to 76 million today. Figure about

28 percent of the U.S. population.

So that is a lot of people trying to deal with the death of their parents. But how is their loss any different from the bereaved sons and daughters of 20, 40 or even 100 years ago?

"One thing that's different now," says Umberson, "is that our lifespans overlap with our parents' much more than in the past, sometimes 50 years or more. It is the relationship of longer duration for most people. That's very, very different than the past."

Maxine Soffer, formerly of Cherry Hill, N.J., died on May 19 in her home in Hallandale, Fla. She was 74.

Her daughter, Trish Mainwaring, 43, of Havertown, Pa., was there.

"She died on a Tuesday, and I was there Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. I had an illusion that death was this peaceful thing. It's not."

Mainwaring is the founder of Family Connections, a resource and education center in Bala Cynwyd, Pa., for parents and children.

Courtesy titles: Respectful or stuffy?

Knight Ridder News Service

The scene: Grocery store checkout line. You're just about to start writing a check when you hear a kid calling your name.

"Hey, Marcia!"

You swivel around, thinking maybe there's someone else named Marcia here. But no: The person who greeted you, and whose braces are twinkling at you as they and their owner head out the door, is indeed a kid. Some friend of one of your own kids, you think, though not someone whose name you recall. All of 13, maybe. Not even alive during Ronald Reagan's first term.

Your reaction to being greeted so familiarly by a child:

a. I don't like to think of myself as old and being called "Mrs." makes me feel old. I'm cool with it.

b. Well, I don't love it, but it beats being called "Ma'am."

c. Society has gone to hell in a handbasket! Whatever happened to children addressing their elders as Mr., Mrs., Miss or Ms.?

Easy there, Marcia — oops, Mrs. Thompson. Sure, some children — even little ones — use first names with some adults, like their mom's and dad's friends. Then again, plenty of kids don't.

When children don't use courtesy titles with grown-ups, does that mean they're being disrespectful? Or are they just taking their cue from an increasingly informal society?

More on that, gentle reader, momentarily.

First, a word on what the experts say.

"Yes, it's now first names for everyone: pastors, doctors, professors, even the mayor we just met yesterday," writes Donald McCullough, president of San Francisco Theological Seminary, in his new book "Say Please, Say Thank You: The Respect We Owe One Another" (Putnam).

"... But all this earnest familiarity only creates a smog of phony affection that chokes the breath out of the genuine thing; promissory friendliness leaves no room for the gift of authentic friendship."

Manners member Letitia Baldridge considers it "awkward" for children to call adult friends of their parents by first names, and everyone else — teachers, doctor, minister — by last names. In her "Complete Guide to the New Manners for the '90s," Baldridge states that only mature college-age kids should use first names with their parents' friends, and then only if asked.

Some folks, naturally, heed this advice. Others don't.

Brenda Nixon of Kansas City, Mo., has two daughters, 10 and 16. Their friends call her either "Mrs. Nixon" or "Brenda." She prefers the courtesy title.



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Enter our holiday photo contest

Categories

- Holiday:** This can include a holiday party, caroling, church activity, or just the family gathered around the Christmas tree.
- Winter wonderland:** Are you looking for a winter or holiday landscape that shows the beauty of the land or the holiday. Your neighbor putting up Christmas lights or just the South Hills dusted with their first snow would make great entries.
- Family or friends:** A really good portrait of your loved ones (the two-legged variety only, please), preferably with a holiday theme.

The rules

- No professional photographers, please. This includes anyone who makes any part of his or her living through photography.
- Limit of three entries per category.

ogy for each contestant. Yes, we know you have a dozen great pictures of Aunt Tillie; just pick your best three.

- Entries must be in the form of slides or negatives.** No Polaroids, please. If you have a print made from a negative, but have lost the negative, send it in. The judges will decide if your photo lab did a good enough job to make the print publishable.
- If you want to have your entry returned,** please include a self-addressed envelope (it doesn't need to be stamped), or you can pick them up at our Twin Falls office after Christmas.
- By entering the contest,** you give The Times-News the right to publish your picture.

Deadline

Entries must be in our hands by Friday, Dec. 11. We'll publish the winning entries in the Family Life section on

Sunday, Dec. 20. Entries will be judged by Times-News photographers Bruce Shickles and Dawn Oswald.

Prizes

The first-prize winner will receive \$50. Prizes for second- and third-place finishers will be \$25 and \$15, respectively.

How to enter

Send your entries to Holiday Photo, c/o Steve Crump, The Times-News, P.O. Box 848, Twin Falls 83303, or drop off at the hot counter at the main Times-News office, located at 132 Third St. W., Twin Falls, or at our Burley office, 325 E. Fifth N. Please make sure the envelope is marked "Photo Contest."

Questions?

Call Bruce Shickles at 733-0931 or 1-800-668-3883, Ext. 251.

Wife is disgusted with husband's rejection of all forms of underwear

DEAR ABBY: What do you think about a person who refuses to wear underwear? My husband is driving me crazy.

He hates clothing and usually runs around the house in a pair of old shorts worn well below the waistline, no shirt and no underwear. When no one but me is there, he goes completely naked. He says he would like to join a nudist colony because he hates clothing so much.

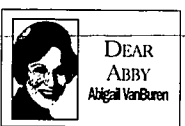
We have been married many years, and over the years I have bought him just about every brand of men's underwear to try. He hated them all.

Abby, I love my husband and am not contemplating divorce or anything like that, but I'm growing fed up by his refusal to wear underwear.

If you say I should learn to live with it (which I mostly have anyway), I will try to keep my mouth shut. I hope you think my letter is too ridiculous to print. Oh, by the way, my husband insists that there are many people out there like him.

—WIFE OF ALMOST NAKED HUSBAND IN K.C.

DEAR WIFE OF ALMOST NAKED HUSBAND: I'm sure there are many people of both



DEAR ABBY
Aligail VanBuren

sexes who find underwear too confining and opt not to wear any. To say it "bravely" is a matter of personal choice. It is the only thing about your husband that bothers you, consider yourself fortunate, and avert your gaze.

DEAR ABBY: The letter in your column about the importance of parenting is one of the children prompts my letter. It reminded me so much of my little girl who loved to sing, but could never carry a tune in a bucket. She is now the mother of three boys, and she's still singing!

Each night she would listen to their prayers and then she would always sing a lullaby to them. One night, I heard her 6-year-old say, "Mommy, you have the most beautiful voice in the world." Now doesn't that melt your heart?

Again, I quote the verse from

Write to Abby

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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- "For I had a mother who SANG to me."
- "One of my special memories is of my father rocking me and singing to me at bedtime in front of our kitchen stove, as I watched the colored gas flames dance in the oven. And that was almost 70 years ago!"

Please do not sign my name. We never told our daughter that she couldn't carry a tune. I don't want to spoil her happiness at this stage of her life.

SENTIMENTAL IN THE EASTERN U.S.A.

DEAR SENTIMENTAL: Thank you for sharing your special memories. Each one brought a smile — and I know they will touch many hearts today. I can think of no more beautiful and reassuring sound to a child than that of a mother's lullaby.

Sharing space doesn't necessarily make you friends of roommates

Upstairs, downstairs, who sweeps up the pet hairs?

The Dallas Morning News

"Laverne & Shirley" made it look like so much fun on TV. They roomed together in those thrift-store-decorated digs — hanging out and goofing off. And don't those roommates on NBC's "Friends" look like they're in perfect coffeehouse, Gen-X bliss?

Better press reviewed. These days, for many young adults, rent is high and money is scarce.

Increasingly, college graduates are finding a hard time making ends meet, says Howard Flenberg, a research analyst at the Statistical Assessment Service in Washington, D.C. More people are graduating from college with lower starting salaries. In addition, many are carrying a greater amount of debt.

Even high-paid professionals, like lawyers and business people, are interested in rooming for reasons because their student loan repayments offset their otherwise exorbitant starting salaries," he says.

After college, the luster of living with roommates tends to

Set some guidelines

- Living with roommates isn't easy.** Especially when you're on a working single trying to craft your own style of living. Fran Katanek, author of "Reality 101," offers tips on getting along with roommates.
- Establish rules:** This means everything from who scrubs the pots and brushes the groceries to bringing guests to the house.
- Define the boundaries:** Are you a neatnik? Crumbly sleeper? An early-morning jogger? A late-night party? Compromising and understanding these differences will cut down on

wear off, says Fran Katanek, author of "Reality 101" (Kaplan/Simon & Schuster, \$12). Singles in their mid-20s and early 30s have experienced more of life and have a better idea of whom they can and cannot live with.

"One is more private at that age," says Katanek, whose book focuses on surviving life after college. "They have learned the ropes and they share less about their day-to-day happenings."

The thrill may be gone, but some Dallas singles say they're discovering the joys and benefits of living with roommates. "I do everything from camaraderie and lower housing expenses to shared chores and, well, having

Conflict rules

- Put roommates on the lease:** No one wants to be left holding the financial bag in the event a roommate has to move out.
- Decide how bills will be paid:** Some roommates divide bills on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Others divide some bills and pick up their own tab on others. Figure out what works for your home.
- Respect privacy:** Understand that roommates are adults with separate lives and interests.

—Source: Dallas Morning News

someone to blame for pilfered food.

"You can blame stuff on the mysterious 'other' roommate," says Stephen Duplant.

Stephen and his roommate, George Alfonso, both 31, say a roommate is the perfect party when there's snacks or beer missing from the fridge. The two may have to keep an eye on their grub, but like many younger adults in Dallas, they've managed to get a better handle on their cash flow by rooming together.

"The rent was ridiculous," says George of the \$700 he paid monthly on his one-bedroom apartment.

Caution: Hatemongers on Internet

The Baltimore Sun

OCEAN CITY, Md. — The conference room in a hotel lobby is jammed with more than 100 people, all peering at an enlarged computer screen displaying an ominous image: a man in a white hood holding a pump shotgun.

It's one of dozens of Ku Klux Klan sites on the World Wide Web, but the people studying it aren't hatemongers. They're federal agents, state police and detectives from law enforcement agencies throughout the Mid-Atlantic.

"Just as hate groups can use these Web sites to their advantage, we can use them to ours," says Raymond A. Franklin, a police training instructor who teaches a crash course in high-tech. "It's free information. These people are going to tell us what they're doing, and we don't even have to send out an investi-

To learn more

Franklin's Web site can be found at <http://www.bcpj.net/rtrm4/html/3m.htm>. For information on the HHS/Defamation League's upcoming Web filter, surf to www.aad.org.

gator. Just click on it at your desktop."

Franklin, assistant director of Maryland's Police and Correctional Training Commission, tracks racists, anarchists, secessionists, neo-Nazis, gay bashers, religious radicals, and anyone else with a hateful ax to grind.

His "Hate Directory," one of the nation's most comprehensive listings of such organizations, lists more than 300 Web sites, news-groups, chat rooms and electronic bulletin boards that deliver electronic messages of violence or hatred.

Franklin's list of Web sites is

designed not only to help police, but also to educate Web surfers about potential dangers online. Parents should be aware, he said, that a high school student doing a term paper on the Holocaust is likely to stumble across hate group sites that claim that the mass executions didn't happen or were justified.

"A lot of times these aren't just rednecks in the basement with a personal computer," Franklin says. "We are talking about very serious technological endeavors here. The Internet has given people a very powerful weapon to use for hate."

Mainstream computer use and easy access to the World Wide Web have had an energizing effect on the racist activities. In Southern California's San Fernando Valley last month, vandals who defaced a synagogue painted on its walls the Web address of the National Alliance, a nationwide racist group.

Heart transplant pioneer keeps going strong

Retiring hasn't occurred to surgeon — he still has work to do

The Dallas Morning News

HOUSTON — They had what looked like a farewell party for Dr. Michael DeBakey at Baylor College of Medicine earlier this month.

It was just one thing. The honor he will be 90 years old, but he's not planning to leave. He still has work to do.

He went to Europe two weeks ago for the start of clinical trials on a heart-assist device, developed with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and named for him.

Retire? "Never occurred to me," chuckled the grand old man of cardiovascular surgery as he walked out of the room recently.

Actually, what they did Nov. 5 was hold a colloquium and dinner celebrating DeBakey's 50 years at Baylor, with good wishes from the likes of Boris Yeltsin, John Glenn and Jerry Lewis.

DeBakey is a physician, a heart surgeon, an astronaut and one of the world's most famous comedians. In a way, the three illustrate the scope of DeBakey's busy life.

Yeltsin and Lewis have been patients. Glenn is a longtime friend, for whom DeBakey wrote a letter recommending he be allowed to fly in space again at 77.

Its first building had just sprouted near Rice University, south of downtown.

Today, Baylor is big, independent of the university in fact and world-renowned as a major health-care complex, the Texas Medical Center, has arisen around it, and DeBakey was "the key" to it all, Feigin says.

DeBakey was the medical school's first president after helping engineer its independence in 1959.

Along the way, he has treated more than 60,000 patients and made medical history by pioneering surgical techniques and technology.

There's a lot to celebrate, and the medical school has done it in a big way. Wayne Newton performed at the dinner.

Officials also announced plans for a DeBakey Library to house his papers.

And they signed an agreement with American University in Lebanon for a new medical school building in which DeBakey is playing a role.

It is just the latest such institution he has founded or nurtured overseas.

where he works was titled "Dr. Michael DeBakey's schedule." Now, it's simply an untitled list.

When he goes to surgery, he's more often assisting members of his team, suturing, holding filament while they operate, advising.

"He doesn't do that many surgeries," Noon says. "He's doing more traveling around and consulting than he did. But ... we're still working on research."

"I would say he really hasn't given up anything because of his age. If you watch him ... he's still perfectly capable of doing the things he did previously. His hands are steady. His eyesight's good. He knows what he's doing."

—Dr. George Noon, on 90-year-old Michael DeBakey

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DeBakey travels a lot. In one recent month, he went to Brussels, London, Stockholm, Tokyo, Washington, D.C., New York City, Hays, Kan., and Aspen, Colo.

He appeared at professional meetings in Brussels, Tokyo and New York. He went to Turkey to sign an affiliation between Methodist Hospital and Istanbul's International Hospital.

In Kansas, he consulted on creating a cardiovascular center and lectured about telemedicine, using telecommunications to provide remote-control doctoring for isolated areas, a DeBakey passion.

He received an award and gave a lecture in Washington, in Stockholm, and Noon implanted the heart-assist device in a pig to demonstrate it.

When DeBakey told the Aspen organizers he couldn't be there the day they wanted, they rescheduled his appearance and arranged for a private jet to New York so he could catch a plane to Aspen.

Needless to say, jet lag is not one of his problems. His secret is napping and limiting food and drink while jetting around the globe, Feigin says.

"Good genes," Feigin adds.

"He will fly across time zones without it seeming to affect him more readily than most young people. I've never seen anything like it," Feigin says.

The walls of DeBakey's ninth-floor office in the medical center are lined with mementos of the famous people he has helped — and charmed.

There's DeBakey with presidents Reagan, Nixon, Ford and Bush, with pitcher Roger Clemens, preacher Robert Schuler, actor Hugh O'Brian, advice columnist Ann Landers.

Here's a note from President Clinton:

Marlene Dietrich sent an autographed photo after blood vessel surgery. She's wearing a fur coat, displaying a leg on which he cut. Her inscription praises him for her lack of surgery.

The walls also are full of awards and citations.

Over there is his Lasker Award, the highest given in American medicine and often a precursor to Nobel Prizes. He hasn't won a Nobel, though lots of friends think he should have.

Here is his Legion of Merit from the U.S. Army. There's his Presidential Medal of Freedom and his Presidential Service Medal.

DeBakey earned undergraduate and medical degrees at Tulane University in New Orleans, where he also played saxophone in the band and clarinet in the orchestra.

His brightness and seriousness impressed the prominent surgeon who became his mentor, Dr. Alton Ochsner. He, too, worked well past the usual retirement age.

At Ochsner's recommendation, he studied at the universities of Strasbourg and Heidelberg after graduation.

While a medical student at Tulane in 1932, DeBakey invented the roller

pump, a version of which became the key working part of the heart-lung machine.

The introduction of that device, which supports a patient whose heart is stilled for surgery, cleared the way for open-heart surgery in the 1950s.

Working at Baylor and at affiliated Methodist Hospital in the '50s, DeBakey originated the use of Dacron tubes to repair or replace failing blood vessels.

He sewed some of the first grafts himself, on his wife's sewing machine. Dacron grafts have been updated and improved, but they're still in use.

DeBakey pioneered surgery to clear blocked arteries to the brain to prevent strokes and to bypass clogged coronary arteries to prevent heart attacks.

He was a leader in repairing aneurysms of the aorta.

In 1966, he became the first to successfully implant a mechanical pump in a human chest, and he helped lead early efforts to develop a total artificial heart.

Outside the operating room, DeBakey earned accolades as an advocate for medical causes, including more investment in research.

He is credited with envisioning the mobile medical units used during the Korean War and the Veterans Administration hospital system.

He served on several national health commissions; was an early advocate of Medicare — somewhat controversial at the time; and has strongly defended the use of animals in research.

In 1968 and '69, DeBakey helped open the heart transplant era.

The fact that his formerly junior associate, Dr. Denton Cooley, also was transplanting hearts at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital across the street added drama to the period.

DeBakey plays down talk of a rivalry, but Baylor and Methodist Hospital officials did accuse Cooley of stealing DeBakey's heart. It was an official heart for implantation in 1969.

Cooley denied it all, although their relationship has been distant since then, he has called his old mentor a "brilliant man" who has made an "enormous contribution."

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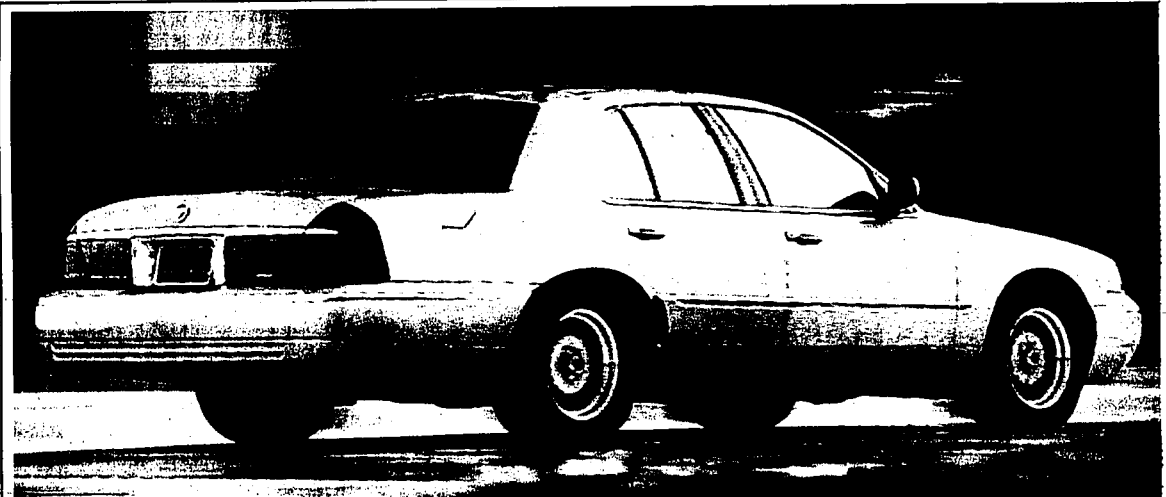
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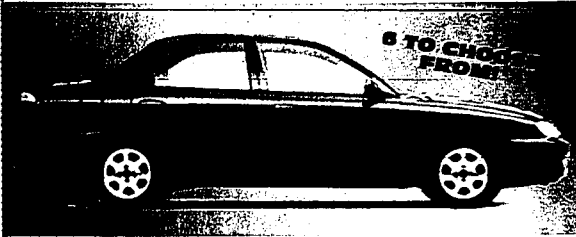
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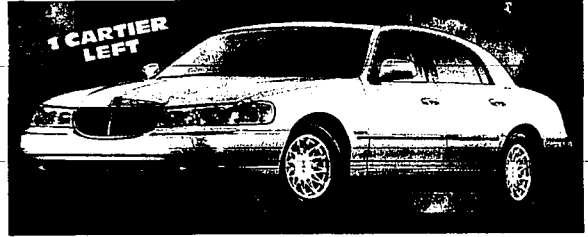


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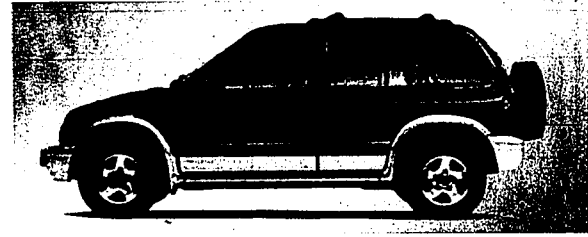
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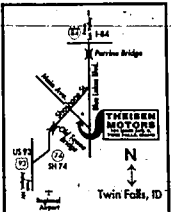
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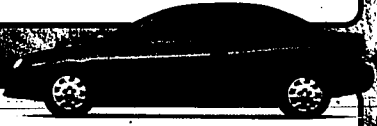
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