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FEELING WHOLE AGAIN



Joy Barnes of Twin Falls had her first breast cancer surgery, a mastectomy, in 1983 but didn't want an implant to replace her right breast. Barnes recently underwent a surgery that used her own tissue to reconstruct the breast.

Breast reconstruction undergoes evolution

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - When Joy Barnes was considering surgery to reconstruct her right breast, her husband, Vern, told her, "You don't need to do this for me, because I love you."

For 14 years, the 61-year-old Twin Falls woman had lived without a breast after she lost it to cancer. During that time, however, she always had considered breast reconstruction.

That is, until about five weeks ago. That's when Barnes had a new boss made of her own muscle and tissue.

"It just kind of makes you a total woman again," she said. "I was very pleased with it."

Breast reconstruction might become more of an option to women thanks to a new federal law mandating insurance companies to cover the procedure for women who have had mastectomies.

To Barnes, the surgery was the right medicine.

"You feel better if you look better," she said.

Part of her

At the time of her mastectomy, or breast removal, Barnes thought about reconstruction. But other health problems got in the way, including removal of her gall bladder within six weeks. She also had 15 months of chemotherapy.

Life also got in the way. She and her husband have six children.

"Then, you always have that fear of what if (the cancer) returns," Barnes said.



Dr. Janet Mackenzie goes through the routine of scrubbing for surgery at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital. Mackenzie performs reconstructive breast surgery, giving women who have lost breasts to cancer another option.

But at a time when she had four children at home - the youngest 9 years old - she decided she didn't want an implant.

"I didn't want anything foreign in my body," she said.

For years, she wore an prosthesis, a pillow of silicone she fit in her bra, and was content with her victory over cancer.

Then in September 1998, she heard Dr. Janet Mackenzie, a new Twin Falls surgeon, speak about breast reconstruction at a cancer support meeting.

"That night I just had the best feeling that now is the time, and she's the one," Barnes said.

Barnes asked her doctor if she was too old for such a procedure. He made an appointment for her with Mackenzie.

With the support of her family, which includes 13 grandchildren, Barnes had the operation. Stomach muscle, skin and tissue were used to form a new breast. The surgery lasted about seven

hours, and she was in the hospital for five days. But she hasn't experienced more pain or discomfort since.

"I have got by so well with this," she said.

She won't be left with much of the hospital bill because insurance will pay. She has scars on her stomach and new breast, but the breast looks natural - and more important, it comes from her own body.

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An evolution

"I tell patients only God can make a breast," Mackenzie said.

Breast reconstruction has gone through an evolution, medical and otherwise, she said. Twenty years ago, the patient needed a blood transfusion, had to remain hospitalized longer and might have to mortgage a house to pay for surgery. These days, the pro-

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Lillith Staley, 78, second from right, socializes with friends less than a year before she was brutally beaten in 1981. Staley was beaten so severely, she spent the last three years of her life in a nursing home.

Officials map out deposition

Lewinsky may support Clinton obstruction charge

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Impeachment prosecutors expect Michael Lewinsky to support an obstruction of justice charge against President Clinton with "almost total recall" of her conversations with him and her interpretation of what he said. House officials familiar with the strategy contend.

The prosecution team believes that Lewinsky "has a lot of information if you ask the right questions," said a top official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Prosecutors persist - A9

Rep. Ed Bryant, R-Tenn., a self-proclaimed former federal prosecutor and small-town lawyer, was assigned to question Ms. Lewinsky. He must skillfully use the former president's interpretation of events to overcome Ms. Lewinsky's statement that "no one ever asked me to lie, and I was never promised a job for my silence."

Bryant is expected to ask Ms. Lewinsky about her false affidavit in the Paula Jones case, an attorney to see her a job after she appeared on the Paula Jones case witness list and Oval Office secretary Betty Currie's retrieval of presidential gifts from the former intern.

The House team has promised to stay away from intimate details of her sexual relationship with the president, and any questions even at the edge of the subject would be approached gingerly.

Bryant will use impressions received a week ago when he and two other managers informally interviewed Ms. Lewinsky. House sources said.

The officials said the managers left Washington's Mayflower Hotel after the interview with the impression that Ms. Lewinsky was "very cooperative" with Bryant, who demonstrated his concern by asking her about the difficulties she has encountered since the affair with Clinton became public.

U.S. says 'no' to troop plan

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Welcoming NATO's move to force peace talks on Yugoslavia, the Clinton administration said Saturday it was not ready to commit U.S. troops to any international peacekeeping force in the region.

"We have to look at what the mission is, what the circumstances are, what others are prepared to do, the violence and come intensively with the Congress. We've made no decision. The president's made no decisions," said National Security Adviser Sandy Berger.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, issued a statement expressing strong support for the NATO decision to threaten airstrikes.

"Our strategy of diplomacy backed by the threat of force is the only way to ensure that both sides back the violence and come immediately to the negotiating table," she said.

"The people of Kosovo and indeed of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia) as a whole now have a window of opportunity - if only their leaders will seize this opportunity. The choice is truly up to the leadership on both sides, especially the authorities in Belgrade. Either they cease fighting and agree upon a peaceful interim settlement, or they will face the consequences NATO has spelled out today."

Living in fear

Meaningless crime torments family

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It was a bitter cold February night.

Two figures smoked and walked the quiet streets of the South Park area.

Minutes earlier they had been drinking beer at a party when 27-year-old David Rossi got up to leave. Bart Livingston, 17, followed.

As they walked, the conversation switched to burglary, and they found themselves at 119 Sidney St. Livingston knew the

house. He had mowed the lawn before.

He watched from the street as Rossi opened the door and disappeared inside. He could have walked away, but he didn't. He followed Rossi inside.

It was a decision Livingston wishes he had never made.

How could somebody do this to a 78-year-old woman? Martha Webb-Daniels still asks that question - 18 years after the night her mother, Lillith Staley,

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U.S. targets 6 air defense sites in Iraq

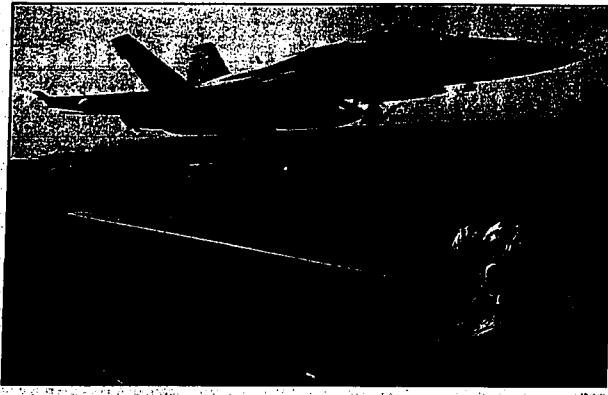
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — U.S. warplanes launched the largest assault against Iraq since Operation Desert Fox Saturday, hurling a dozen missiles against six air defense sites as part of a low-level, sustained air campaign that has become a pillar of U.S. strategy against President Saddam Hussein.

The attack, by six Air Force F-15Es and a Marine EA-6B, hit missile and anti-aircraft artillery near the northern Iraqi city of Mosul after a U.S. plane was illuminated by Iraqi radar, the Pentagon reported. It fit into a U.S. military plan to batter Iraq's air defense and military communication systems with incremental but repeated strikes considered more acceptable to Arab and European allies than a broader bombing campaign, national security officials explained.

"It's a way of pursuing an objective in a way that everyone's comfortable with," said a senior administration official involved in the effort. "You get things done without rocking any boats. If we started a broad bombing campaign people would say, 'what provoked this?'"

The low-intensity, high-tech attacks of recent weeks so far



A U.S. warplane launches Saturday from the USS Carl Vinson in the Persian Gulf on a mission to the no-fly zone in southern Iraq.

have been aimed only at air defense and related targets, whose destruction lowers the risk for U.S. pilots enforcing the no-fly zones in northern and southern Iraq. At the same time, the officials said, the strikes also are a tool the Clinton administration is using in hopes of advancing toward its goals of containing Iraq and provoking Saddam Hussein's removal from power.

States ponder feds' role in school plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's education proposals sound awfully familiar to California lawmaker Kerry Mazzoni. Since last year, no school in her state can simply promote a failing student, a restraint Clinton would like to see nationwide. And this year, California lawmakers will seek millions for teacher training and state power to close failing schools — also on Clinton's latest national wish list.

"We're doing much of the work," said Mazzoni, a Democratic assemblyman who chairs the education committee. "The degree to which they can all get to operate without strings will reflect the degree to which we will be successful."

As states and districts push forward with plans to ensure that tax dollars give children a good education, educators are divided over whether Clinton's proposals will help or hinder them.

"States are pretty much driving this vehicle, not the federal government," said Chris Pippo, a spokesman for the Education Commission of the States, a bipartisan alliance that Clinton chaired when he was governor of Arkansas.

the federal education budget to those goals, Clinton said.

But the Education Department so far has no specifics about how it would work. And some states are crying foul, said James A. Watts, of the Atlanta-based Southern Regional Education Board research group.

"There should not be a common prescription for all 50 states any more than a state should have a common prescription for all its districts," said Watts. "Federal support can make a difference. But states can do the diagnoses and decide for themselves how to use those resources."

At least 48 states and nearly 40 large city districts already have so-called accountability systems. But they vary. Thirty-six states issue school report cards, which grade performance like a student report card. But only 15 states give themselves the authority to shut down or takeover a failing school.

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NATION IN BRIEF

GOP pushes welfare credit

WASHINGTON — In the first weekly GOP floor vote since the election, House members agreed to share the microphone with the party's state chief executives, Gov. Frank Keating of Oklahoma credited his fellow Republicans with reducing welfare rolls.

"More Americans who were once trapped in a failed welfare system are achieving independence," Keating said Saturday. "It is almost entirely the result of reforms crafted by the states under the leadership of visionary Republican governors," that have moved welfare recipients into schools and jobs.

Keating gave as examples Wisconsin, where Gov. Tommy Thompson launched a welfare-overhaul movement in 1987 that reduced its welfare rolls by 90 percent, and Michigan, where he said Gov. John Engler has moved 100,000 families from welfare rolls to payrolls.

President Clinton announced last week that the number of people on welfare has fallen

to the lowest level in 30 years. Nationally, just under 8 million people remained on welfare at the end of September, down 44 percent from 14.3 million in 1974.

Clinton signed welfare overhaul legislation in 1996.

Clinton takes on gender gap

WASHINGTON — President Clinton said Saturday he wants to spend \$14 million to help close the gap between men's and women's wages, and he pressed Congress to toughen enforcement of equal pay laws.

"When a woman is denied equal pay, it doesn't just hurt her," Clinton said in his weekly radio address. "It hurts her family, and that hurts America."

Last summer, the president's Council of Economic Advisors reported that women earn about 73 cents for every dollar a man earns — an improvement from the 58 cents on the dollar that women earned when President Kennedy signed the 1963 Equal Pay Act.

Tax-credit reprieve sought

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration is proposing a two-year reprieve for millions of middle-class people who might otherwise face unexpectedly higher tax bills simply because they took advantage of new education or child tax credits.

The proposal would ensure that people of modest incomes who use such credits are not unwittingly subject to the alternative minimum tax — a complex tax created to prevent the wealthy from sheltering too much income.

Since many tax credits now benefit middle class taxpayers, they can conceivably lower tax bills to nothing, which could in turn trigger the alternative minimum tax.

A senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the measure excluding such credits from the minimum tax will be included in the fiscal 2000 budget. President Clinton will unveil Monday.

(Compiled from wire reports)

Man detained at White House draws concern

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Park Police officers detained a man near the White House Saturday after police said the Secret Service described him as a possible terrorist. Secret Service officials swiftly announced there was no terrorist connection.

"This is a person we have made our own list with before," Secret Service spokesman Tim Mackinnon said. He described the man's "agitation and questioning as routine and voluntary."

Police did not arrest him. There is nothing linking him to any terrorist organization. He had no weapons, made no threats," Mackinnon said.

Park Police detained the man at midmorning near the Ellipse, a grassy area outside the White House's south gate, and took him to the Secret Service's Washington field office for questioning, said Lt. Cheryl Braun.

Officials were alerted at midday to look for a man spotted "acting suspiciously" in the White House tour line. Park Police Sgt. Michael Keenan said the Secret Service fingered the man as a possible terrorist and ordered him detained.

A community forum

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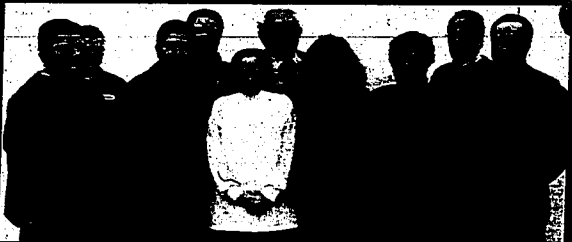
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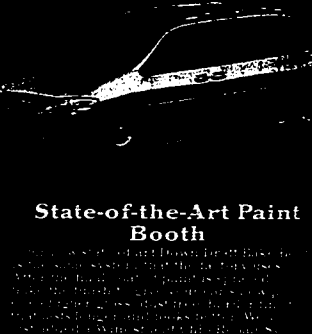
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NATION

On the run

1 year later, bomb suspect Rudolph still eludes capture

MURPHY, N.C. (AP) — It's been almost a year since Billy Stiles got the phone call he will never forget. The sheriff asked him to bring a tractor up the mountain, and there he found a gray, 1985 Nissan pickup stuck in the mud and surrounded by federal agents.

The pickup belonged to Eric Robert Rudolph, wanted in the bombing of a Birmingham, Ala. abortion clinic.

Rudolph is still a fugitive, despite a \$1 million reward and one of the most intensive, expensive manhunts in U.S. history. FBI agent Woody Anderson says the federal and state law enforcement agencies hunting for Rudolph believe he still is hiding somewhere in the 50,000-acre Nantahala National Forest, a rugged, remote area at North Carolina's western tip. "We think he's alone and he's been alone," said Anderson, leader of the Southeast Bomb Task Force.

But he concedes the experienced outdoorsman has cost an advantage over his pursuers. "He's been up here 16 or 17 years and we don't know all the routes he has traveled and the places he's been," he said. "But now we can say we do know some of them."

Task force leaders refuse to say what the manhunt has cost, but it easily has run into the millions of dollars. Several helicopters used in the search are parked outside the agency's large command post in nearby Andrews.

On Jan. 29, 1998, an explosion killed a woman and injured a nurse at the New Woman All Women Health Care in Birmingham.

That night, Rudolph rented a van in Murphy, bought a large cache of food and supplies, and vanished.

Totally sought as a material witness in the bombing, Rudolph quickly became the prime suspect. Charges were filed after his name and other evidence were found in his home in Murphy. His pickup truck and a rented mini-warehouse.

Later, he was charged in three Atlanta-area bombings including the 1996 Olympic park bombing in Atlanta, in which a woman died.

That night, Feb. 9, 1998, the day Stiles towed away Rudolph's pickup, there has been just one reported sighting of Rudolph.

That was July 31, when health food-store owner George Nordmann told authorities Rudolph had come to his home in nearby Nantahala and spent the morning, the worth of food and supplies, along with his pickup.

Missile-tracking center tours end

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Fears about increased terrorism worldwide are bringing an end to regular tours of the nation's missile-tracking headquarters, a 4.5-acre granite bunker buried 1,700 feet beneath a peak in the Rocky Mountains.

The North American Aerospace Defense Command, known as NORAD, will continue tours of its underground base for certain groups, but only after visitors pass background checks. Scheduled tour reservations will be honored through early April.

No specific incident prompted the change in security at the center beneath Cheyenne Mountain, but terrorist bombings like the attacks on embassies in Africa last year raised new fears, said Navy Cmdr. Dave Knox, a base spokesman. "People are able to bring small, man-portable objects in that can do a lot of damage. That is a concern," Knox said.

The base, which opened in 1966, features 2.6 million sq ft of tunnels, 340 thick concrete walls and buildings set atop mammoth metal coils that serve as shock absorbers.

Hussein awaits marrow transplant

ROCHESTER, Minn. (AP) — King Hussein ended chemotherapy Saturday at the Mayo Clinic for his recurring cancer and will undergo a second bone marrow transplant, his personal physician said.

Hussein, 63, was in stable condition, Gen. Dr. Samir Faraj said in a statement released by the clinic. Hussein returned to Rochester abruptly from Jordan on Tuesday for treatment of what Mayo termed a relapse of his non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Hussein spent six months at Mayo last year

on treatment, including his first bone marrow transplant in late November.

He was home only a week before flying back to Rochester, where physicians began a 10-day treatment program intended to achieve a more successful remission. His bone marrow transplant is to take place Tuesday or Wednesday.

Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma has a survival rate of 50 percent or less if initial treatments fail. In Amman, Jordan, Crown Prince Abdullah met Saturday

with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, his first meeting with an Arab leader since being named heir to the throne earlier this week.

Abdullah, King Hussein's eldest son, was also expected to receive senior envoys from ruling families of the Arab Gulf region, where many of the young emirs are good friends of his.

He greeted Arafat at Amman airport and they inspected a guard of honor before driving off in a motorcade to the capital's hill-top Raghadan Palace.

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Women have options in breast reconstruction

The Times-Herald

TWIN FALLS — Women have four basic types of breast reconstructive surgery available to them.

Each procedure has pros and cons, said Dr. Janet Mackenzie, a plastic and reconstructive surgeon at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital.

Virtually all women who lose breasts to cancer can be candidates for reconstruction. The most appropriate option will depend on a woman's age, health, anatomy, tissues and goals.

Implants

This procedure, the most popular choice for patients, is the implanting of an internal prosthesis, a silicone-plastic balloon filled with saltwater. The silicone-gel-filled implant was pulled by the Food and Drug Administration after women reported health problems.

Often, the skin has to be stretched first with a balloon expander that's inserted and gradually filled with saltwater.

Pros: Minimal recovery time. In some cases, the procedure can be performed during the mastectomy so women can wake with a breast mound in place. This adds little to the operation time or convalescence and adds up additional scars or deformity.

Cons: A less natural contour in many cases — and the artificial implant itself.

There are a lot of unknowns when you put something unknown in the body," Mackenzie said.

Capular contracture is another risk. That's when the body's scar tissue around the implant, which may cause the skin to harden, resulting in pain and perhaps requiring corrective surgery.

Flap reconstruction

Muscle, skin and fat tissue from the back is shifted to form

a flap for an implant. Usually, the muscle tissue remains attached to its original site, retaining its blood supply.

Pros: A more natural shape to the new breast, and less risk of capsular contracture.

Cons: Patients will have a large scarred area on the back, have loss of muscle and may still need an implant.

Tram flap

This type of flap procedure — the next popular after implants — uses stomach muscle, skin and fat to form a new breast.

Pros: The new breast has good contour and there's no need for an implant. Plus patients get a bonus "tummy tuck."

Cons: Surgery and recovery take longer, and the patient loses stomach muscle. "Afterwards you're belly and chest hurt and it takes a while to bounce back," Mackenzie said.

Microsurgery

In this uncommon procedure, tissue is taken from elsewhere in the body.

Using a microscope, the surgeon connects blood vessels in the reconstruction.

What to expect

All these options will leave scars that may fade, but will be permanent, Mackenzie said.

The new breast won't have a nipple or an areola, the darker area around the nipple. A nipple can be added later in same-day surgery using skin from the new breast. The areola made by recreated from other skin on the body. This is covered by insurance.

Either a breast lift or reduction may be required on the other breast to make it resemble the new one. This can be performed during reconstruction. This leaves scars on a normal breast, but the procedure is covered by insurance.

Depending on the procedure, prices run from \$5,000 to \$11,000.

Officials report U.S. teenager missing in Africa

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Two days after she arrived in the West African nation of Ghana for a college study program, a Chevy Chase, Md. teenager has been reported missing and calls have been placed to her parents demanding money for her safe return.

State Department officials are investigating the apparent disappearance of Magda Donaldson, 19, a student at Goucher College. She arrived in the capital city of Accra on Wednesday, officials said, several days ahead of her classmates, and left a happy-sounding message on her parents' answering machine about 8 a.m. Thursday.

Shortly afterward, she sent her parents an e-mail saying that she had already been exploring the streets of the capital on a new pair of in-line skates.

But the next day, her parents, Gerald and Molla Donaldson, were awakened just before 5 a.m. by a caller who said Magda had been robbed. She was safe, the caller said, but she demanded money in exchange for her return.

"It started with a figure of \$800 that very quickly inflated to \$1,000," Gerald Donaldson said.

The Donaldsons received eight to 10 collect calls urging that money be wired to Ghana. Finally, Molla Donaldson said she insisted, "I want to talk to her. I want to hear from her that she's okay."

The caller promised a call from Magda within two hours, the Donaldsons said. More than a day later, no call had come, they said.

U.S. Embassy officials in Ghana are working with police and a network of resident Americans to find Magda, said Brooks Robinson, an embassy spokeswoman in Accra.

"We've pulled out all the stops to try to locate her and get the word out," Robinson said.

Magda was to meet with her school group in Accra on Sunday, about 2 p.m. Eastern time, according to her parents.

MOUNTAINTOP MARKER



As part of a rally against mountaintop removal mining, Matt Tassley helps install 460 cardboard tombstones Saturday on the west side of the Capitol building in Charleston, W. Va. Each marker represents a stream, mountain or town affected by mountaintop removal.

Report says Starr may indict Clinton

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The White House reacted angrily Saturday night to a report that independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr is considering whether to indict President Clinton before the president leaves office, charging that Starr, in disclosing his plans, is interfering with the ongoing Senate impeachment trial against Clinton.

"Besides reinforcing his own stereotype, Kenneth Starr is tampering with the Senate trial," said Jim Kennedy, a spokesman for the White House counsel's office.

He was responding to a report, appearing in Sunday's New York Times that Starr has concluded he has the constitutional authority to seek a grand jury indictment of Clinton for perjury and obstruction of justice in the Monica S. Lewinsky scandal — if not a trial — before the president leaves office.

"Somebody ought to tell



Kenneth Starr

(Starr) he's not the 101st senator."

Charles G. Bakaly 3rd, Starr's spokesman, did not return repeated phone calls from the Los Angeles

official, speaking on the condition of anonymity. But, he added: "Maybe not from his interests."

Whether a president can be indicted while he is in office has been a subject of intense debate among constitutional scholars, because the Constitution appears to provide impeachment as the sanctioned course for dealing with misdeeds by incumbents.

On the other hand, there is some thought that while the Constitution provides for impeachment for "high crimes and misdemeanors," more conventional remedies — such as indictment by a grand jury — are available for offenses for which removal from office would be considered too extreme.

Ronald D. Rotunda, a professor of constitutional law at the University of Illinois who has served as a consultant to Starr, has written that indictment is indeed an option.

Surgery

Procedure can be completed mostly without additional blood, hospital time has been reduced and now its coverage is mandated.

But a new breast is not for everyone, she added. She has met women who can live without a breast after a mastectomy. A new breast does not mean a woman will grieve any less over the loss of her original breast to cancer, Mackenzie said. The new breast also might feel or look a little different than the other breast and might be less sensitive.

But the psychological benefit is significant. "Self-confidence goes along with it," Mackenzie said.

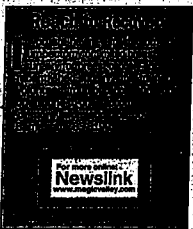
"It's a wonderful therapy for women."

She expects federally mandated coverage will encourage more women to consider reconstructive surgery.

"Before the federal mandate I think people thought it was vain," Mackenzie said. "It's not vanity. It's reconstruction."

A blessing

Since her mastectomy, Barnes has helped other women deal with breast cancer through the American Cancer Society's Reach to Recovery program. She considers her own cancer a blessing because it has led to meeting other women who faced death.



"I have met so many wonderful women, and our paths would never have crossed," she said, her voice husky with emotion, "and they are some of my dearest friends."

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PERSISTENT PROSECUTORS

Purpose for push: 'We believe in something'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The more the Senate balks, and the less likely conviction seems, the harder the 13 House prosecutors dig in and push. They are an unapologetic, self-proclaimed "annoyance" to the senators deciding President Clinton's fate.

Rep. Henry Hyde and his band of congressmen-lawyers charge all day despite criticism among fellow Republicans and polls showing most Americans oppose ousting Clinton.

Hyde says their motivation is simple: "We believe in something." But former Democratic Sen. Dale Bumpers, speaking in defense of the president, accused the House impeachment managers of "wanting to win too badly."

What makes them so implacable? "They believe deeply in their case. There also may be more personal reasons. Many are former prosecutors, used to going all out to convict. Most share the luxury of conservative districts solidly behind them. The impeachment trial has turned congressional members into national names — even conservative heroes."

"They see themselves as defenders of the honor of the House of Representatives, more importantly the Constitution itself. They're playing to history. 'Everyone wants to be remembered as having done the right thing,' said

Rep. Elton Gallegly, R-Calif., one of only six Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee not serving as prosecutors.

It's telling that the prosecutors come from Judiciary, the law-dominated committee that wrote the articles of impeachment.

The House generally is brasher and more partisan than the courtly Senate, and that goes double for the Judiciary Committee. That panel attracts some of the most conservative and most liberal lawmakers for passionate debates over hot-button issues like abortion.

"It's got to be somebody who's not afraid of that," said political science professor John Hibbing of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. "It takes a special kind of person."

Usually that means lawmakers firmly entrenched in their seats. Hyde, who has served his Illinois district for 24 years, declared on the Senate floor that he is "willing to lose my seat any day of the week" over an issue of conscience.

"That's easy for him to say; he's from a fairly safe district," noted political science professor Ross K. Baker of Rutgers.

"He's talking to senators whose political mortality is much greater."

Most House managers represent conservative areas — six in Southern states — where voters are disgusted with Clinton.

"They are authentic products of their districts, reflecting it in their public opinion that they don't need letters and e-mails to detect."

Baker said. (An exception is Rep. James Rogan, whose suburban Los Angeles district, once solidly Republican, is growing increasingly Democratic.)

One, Bob Barr of Georgia, is a firebrand who demanded Clinton's impeachment a year before the world heard of Monica Lewinsky. Asa Hutchinson of Arkansas helped prosecute Clinton's brother, Roger, on drug charges a decade ago. The late Bryant of Tennessee, soft-spoken and restrained; Lindsey Graham, the folksy South Carolinian who plays so well on Florida's Bill McCollum, stern and unyielding.

As they pushed for rebuttal witness statements and their style sometimes exacerbated

the traditional tension between House and Senate.

At one point, a defensive Hyde told senators: "I know what an annoyance we are in the boom of this great body. But we are a constitutional annoyance, and I remind you of that fact."

In a less guarded moment, when asked about some Republican senators' search for a graceful end to the trial, Hyde told a Washington Post reporter: "I'm glad those people weren't at Valley Forge or the Alamo."

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, a Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, said the House managers should remember those who disagree with them also are guided by their consciences.

"I was somewhat offended by comments about the intrepid warriors, marching into political death, as if their courage in pursuing this was greater than the courage of the men and women sitting in judgment," she said.

Indeed, the managers may be rewarded for their dedication, even if their cause proves to be a lost one.

They are earning national name recognition that can supercharge their fund raising or lead to higher office.

"A Lindsey Graham or an Asa Hutchinson can go to almost any conservative audience in the country and get support," Rutgers' Baker said. "They're high visibility guys now."



House Judiciary Committee Chairman Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., meets reporters on Capitol Hill Jan. 21 after adjournment for the day of the Senate impeachment trial. Hyde, the lead prosecutor, and his 12 colleagues are a proclaimed 'annoyance' to the senators deciding President Clinton's fate.

We may have to wait 50 more years before trial's impact becomes clear

By David Von Drehle and Helen Dewar

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The impeachment trial of President Clinton, now entering its final phase, can be divided into three distinct struggles.

There is the obvious fight to oust Clinton, which his battle appears to be over, now that 44 Senate Democrats are on record as wanting to dismiss the case. It takes just 34 votes to save Clinton's presidency.

There is a fierce competition for advantage in the 2000 elections.

There is the struggle to look good in the long view of history. This quieter, less overt combat could add an interesting twist to the story. The first two struggles have polarized the political parties at Clinton's ratings have soared. The bid for history, on the other hand, might pull them together, if only for a moment — Clinton's expense.

Clinton's interest in his legacy is legendary. But he isn't the only one concerned about the judgment of history. Many Republicans are going into this next phase of the drama hoping to prove to posterity that the impeachment was fully justified, not mere partisan venom.

The label that the White House is trying to pin on the Republicans is that we are on a witch hunt, that we have no agenda and that we try to win elections through intimidation and sneer," said Sen. Robert F. Bennett, R-Utah, who has delved deeply into the history of impeachments. Obviously, he rejects this characterization. However, he allowed, "that is the label we risk taking on if we don't handle this well."

Many Democrats, who have closed ranks to protect the president, still want a chance to censure Clinton. Why? Because otherwise they risk being seen as

Analysis

The more Republicans succeed in showing that the impeachment is a serious matter, the worse Democrats look for protecting Clinton.

accepting unacceptable behavior, as the party that doesn't know the difference between right and wrong," said Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman, D-Conn.

Bennett puts the question more pointedly: Will the towering figures on the Democratic side of the aisle — men like Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York and Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia — be "willing to wink at serious crimes?"

Senators from both parties, meanwhile, share a desire to look better — and more dignified, less partisan — than the House of Representatives, where the chamber rang with shouts and jeers the day Articles of Impeachment were passed on virtual party-line votes.

The interests of the Republicans and the interests of the Democrats are opposite ends of a seesaw. The more Republicans succeed in showing that the impeachment is a serious matter, the worse Democrats look for protecting Clinton. On the other hand, the more Democrats succeed in persuading Americans that the case is "the most blatant vindictive political act toward a president that we've ever had," in the words of Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa) the more noble Clinton's defenders will look.

But the third, shared, interest — the desire to make the Senate, and each senator, look good for

history — pulls them away from the tetter-tetter, and toward a compromise in which Clinton receives some official rebuke even as he hangs on to his office. Bennett sketched it this way: A bipartisan censure could address each party's political needs. The Democrats could distance themselves from Clinton's behavior, and Republicans could conclude the long, bitter combat on a note of placid satisfaction.

Let's say ... there are 30 to 40 Democrats who are seriously troubled at the idea of letting this president off scot-free" Bennett said. Their votes, added to a majority of the Republicans, would send a strong signal to future historians. "A motion to express their dismay, no matter how it is worded, is a significant historical document."

According to Lieberman, an early public critic of Clinton's behavior, this vision of a shared interest is the force that kept leaders of both parties talking last week, even as one vote after another left them starkly divided.

Who loses in this scenario? Clinton. Obviously, he would prefer to enter the history books as a man acquitted of charges brought by a partisan House, rather than as a man, rebuked by a unified Senate.

But history belongs to the future. "One thing about history," said David McCullough, prize-winning biographer of Harry S. Truman, "What seems to be important at the time is not always the big story."

For the next generation at least, several historians advised, readers can expect to see the impeachment war fought again and again, in books, essays and letters to the editor.

"You have to let the dust settle," said McCullough. "Truman used to say it takes 50 years to understand what really happened."

Poll: Anti-Hyde rumblings in his district

Chicago Tribune

Congressional Republicans who believe they are appealing to their constituencies by continuing the impeachment trial of President Clinton should take pause at the results of a new Tribune Poll.

In DuPage County, one of the nation's most staunchly Republican regions, voters have been turned off by U.S. Rep. Henry Hyde's performance as head of the House prosecution team and more than a third of them say they now have a lower

opinion of the veteran congressman as a result.

Just three months after the DuPage Republican won re-election with 67 percent of the vote, only 53 percent of the poll respondents in Hyde's district said they had a favorable opinion of him, while just 52 percent of all DuPage voters say they approved of the way he has handled the impeachment process.

Meanwhile, nearly 60 percent of the voters in DuPage, which traditionally produces one of the nation's largest pluralities for Republican candidates, approve

of the job Clinton has done as president, and more than half believe he should stay in office.

Given the option, nearly 6 in 10 DuPage voters said that they would be satisfied if Clinton were merely reprimanded or censured. And a resounding 89 percent said that Republicans in Washington should work with Democrats to resolve the impeachment issue, the poll found.

DuPage County is an affluent, mostly white GOP stronghold where more than 7 in 10 voters pull Republican ballots during primary elections.

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Prison system cuts costs of aging inmates

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — They're called the "easy keepers" in Washington's prison system, and women who go largely unnoticed because they're old or disabled.

But these inmates are also among the most costly, often riding up expensive hospital or infirmary space at big conventional facilities.

Looking for a way to both serve the needs of elderly and disabled prisoners and save money on bed space, the state Department of Corrections opened the Altatum View Assisted Living Facility in July 1997.

"It's a unique correctional experiment," says Superintendent Joop DeJonge.

The minimum-security setting can house just 120 inmates, so the corrections staff has been able to tailor programs to the needs of the inmates, some of whom have lost the ability to do such basic tasks as balance a checkbook.

"We have expectations," DeJonge says. "These guys in wheelchairs can do just as much as you and I."

At 53, Rosemary "Bonnie" Perez is considered elderly in prison parlance. She's serving nearly two years on a drug conviction out of King County and has been at Altatum View since the fall.

Perez likes the safer, more



Chaplain Jan Charney, right, looks back at inmate Sid Smith, 59, after talking with him in the Altatum View Assisted Living Facility, which houses elderly, medically-challenged and disabled prisoners in a minimum security facility. The facility was opened in July 1997 as a way of saving money and providing needed care to the aging part of the prison population.

relaxed atmosphere here, where two dogs and two cats wander around as house plants decorate table tops and the corrections officers wear street clothes.

"It's not like being incarcerated, other than not being able to go home at night," Perez says.

The assisted living center, adjacent to a 60-bed work release

facility, is housed in the old Yakima County tuberculosis sanitarium. Before completely remodeling the building, the Department of Corrections had used it for storage.

Sid Smith, 59, has been in prison for three years and is looking forward to getting out of Altatum View in 15 months.

A convicted child molester with a merry face and a Santa Claus beard, he plans to return home to Indiana, where he wants to open a leather shop and buy, sell and trade horses.

As he speaks, one of Altatum View's resident dogs — Justice, a black Lab mix — comes over to be petted. Smith thinks "pet therapy" is a good idea for some inmates, but not for him.

"I don't mess with them in here," he says. "I don't want any rumors to get started."

View is a tidy, rather sterile place, more like a military barracks or hospital ward than a prison. It costs nearly \$50 a day to keep an inmate at Altatum View, about half the cost of an infirmary, DeJonge said.

Today, the co-ed Altatum View has two sets of elderly, DeJonge says: those who have grown old in prison and those who were locked up later in life, often male sex offenders.

"Age is not a deterrent to crime," DeJonge says.

Bill seeks money to seal dangerous, deserted mines

BOISE (AP) — Of the 8,000 abandoned mines across Idaho, at least two-thirds pose a danger to the public.

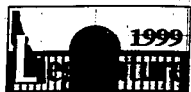
"The good news is there's only a handful, probably 30 to 50, that have major environmental problems," said Earl Bennett, dean of the College of Mines at the University of Idaho.

Bennett testified last week before state legislators who have been asked to approve closing mines that are dangerous to the environment or would be explorers.

They could have unstable ground, cave-ins, hidden shafts, rotting timbers and deadly carbon monoxide.

The U.S. Geological Survey is working to catalog all the mines on Forest Service land in Idaho, so the agency can continue sealing off the worst ones.

He admits it may be a challenge to get the Legislature to free up any money. But he has written his bill to tie the funding to the license tax that mining companies pay.



The tax, which totals 2 percent of net profits of all mines, has been in effect since 1935. The money goes into the state general fund. Lyman's bill would divert one-third of that into an abandoned mine reclamation account the state set up in 1994, but has never build any money.

The program targets only mines for which no owner can be found. Current operators are required to take care of their own problems themselves.

Lyman's estimated next year's total tax proceeds at \$600,000. The Legislature last year gave the department \$40,000 to begin inventorying the old mines.

The agency also hopes to use information from the Geological Survey. The initial findings show more than 50 mine openings in one drainage in the Silver Valley; alone.

HOW THEY VOTED

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The following chart shows how senators and representatives voted on key bills and amendments within the last week. A "Y" means the member voted for the measure; an "N" means the member voted against the measure; a "?" means the member did not vote; and a "P" means the member voted "present."

Senate

1) Bill number: OPENI
The Senate on Monday rejected, 43-57, a Democratic proposal to conduct debate in open session in President Clinton's impeachment trial. Supporters said the public has a right to know what their senators are considering. Opponents said keeping the Senate open could delay the trial because senators may feel inclined to use the full 30 minutes allotted to each senator if they know the public is watching. A "yes" favors the measure.

CRAIG (R-ID) N
CRAPO (R-ID) N

2) Bill number: OPENC
The Senate on Tuesday rejected, 41-58, the same proposal as Open I.

CRAIG (R-ID) N
CRAPO (R-ID) N

3) Bill number: DISMISS
The Senate on Wednesday rejected, 44-56, a Democratic motion to dismiss the impeachment charges against President Clinton. The motion would have ended the trial. Supporters said it was useless to continue the trial when it was obvious the prosecution would never get the two-thirds votes needed to remove Clinton from office. Opponents said the trial should not be short-circuited until both sides have had the opportunity to present their case. A "yes" vote favors the motion.

CRAIG (R-ID) N
CRAPO (R-ID) N

4) Bill number: WITNESSES
The Senate on Wednesday approved, 56-44, a prosecution subpoena that would call former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, presidential friend Vernon Jordan and White House aide Sidney Blumenthal to be witnesses in the impeachment trial. Supporters said the depositions are a fair process that should not be overlooked. Opponents said witnesses will unnecessarily delay the trial. A "yes" vote favors the motion.

CRAIG (R-ID) Y
CRAPO (R-ID) Y

5) Bill number: CLOSE
The Senate on Thursday rejected, 43-55, a Democratic proposal to immediately close debate and vote on the impeachment charges against President Clinton. Supporters said the trial needs to end because it is clear that the prosecution will never get the two-thirds votes needed to remove Clinton from office. Opponents said the trial should not be short-circuited. A "yes" vote favors the plan.

CRAIG (R-ID) N
CRAPO (R-ID) N

6) Bill number: GOP PLAN
The Senate on Thursday approved, 55-44, a Republican plan that includes videotaped depositions by Monica Lewinsky, Vernon Jordan and Sidney Blumenthal. Unless more witnesses are called, the plan also calls for the impeachment trial to end by Feb. 12 with a vote on the perjury and obstruction-of-justice charges. Supporters said the depositions need to be videotaped so that senators can watch the testimony if a majority agree. Opponents said public viewing of witnesses, such as the possibility of Lewinsky talking about sex on the Senate floor, would turn the impeachment process

into a spectacle. A "yes" vote favors the plan.

CRAIG (R-ID) Y
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House
There are no House votes this week.

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Racy subjects heat up mountain film festival

Sundance features sex as a dominate theme this year

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — To the mountains they went, the pimp and the porn actress, to promote two of the hottest movies at the snowy Sundance Film Festival: "American Pimp" and "Sex: The Annabel Chung Story." The spectacle was surreal. Here's the pimp, street name Rosebud, at a question-and-answer session after a screening of "American Pimp," telling the L.L. Bean crowd that he didn't necessarily have to beat his prostitutes to punish them. He found a much harsher method. "I find my girls loved me so much, I forced them."



Grace Quirk, an adult film star from Singapore, is the star and director of a documentary.

And here's Annabel Chung (a.k.a. name Grace Quirk), who reached adult film stardom by having sex with 251 men in 10 hours, telling a Q&A session why she believes she'll succeed as a porn director and producer: "I have a great work ethic."

As the premiere showcase for independent films, Sundance is probably better known for its bottom-budget, character-driven movies about Really Deep Ideas, than as a place, on the surface at least, would seem to appeal to the trenchcoat crowd.

But both "Pimp" and "Sex" give the audience more than their fair share of sex. One of the strongest documentary lineups in festival history, these movies explore lesser-known aspects of the commercial side of sex through their articulate — and not always sympathetic — subjects.

"American Pimp" is from the Hughes brothers — Allen and Albert — of "Menace II Society" fame. With blaring soul music, and MTV-like quick cutting, "Pimp" is a stylish look at the black men who recruit, train, supervise, protect and exploit streetwalkers.

How well these movies will do outside the festival remains a big question. Studios are leery of documentaries because they're traditionally box office poison. If the moviemakers are lucky, they'll get their work on cable or public television, which usually pays much less than the studios.

One cautionary tale for "Pimp" and "Sex" can be traced back to last year's festival, when the sexually provocative "Some Nudity Required" about the B-movie industry played to sold-out audiences, only to get a modest distribution deal.

So far, the documentary has played for only two weeks in Los Angeles. Producer-director Olinger Springer had to stand in front of theaters for 10 hours a day handing out advertising flyers.

The ski resort-based festival ends today after Saturday night's award presentation. And despite the popularity of "Pimp" and "Sex," it hasn't all been sex in the snow.

But there's another unusual trend, it was that the movies were not that, well, unusual.

Films like the rambunctious comedy "Happy Texas" and the heartwarming mother-daughter road story "Tumbleweeds" could easily have come from one of the major studios if some of the lesser-known actors were replaced with stars.

And several other films, in fact, do feature Hollywood names: "Sugartown," a look at Hollywood with Rosanna Arquette, Beverly D'Angelo and Ally Sheedy; "Cookie's Fortune," a Robert Altman-directed ensemble drama with Glenn Close and Liv Ullmann; and "The 24 Hour Woman" with Rosie Perez.

But clearly sex is a major theme here, and not just in the documentary category.

There's the sexual-awakening drama "The Loss of Sexual Innocence," the gay sex comedy "Trick" and the emotionally gripping "Guinevere," about a middle-aged photographer who seduces very young women.

Yet it was two documentaries that tended to stand out. People lined up for hours to get into "Pimp" and "Sex," creating an odd scene in this conservative state, where a video store attracted national attention for editing out the nude scene in "Titanic."

Miss Quirk said she has received two kinds of reactions from festival-goers.

"Many, she said, want to discuss and debate issues raised in the film. Then there are the men who ask if they can be part of her movie. 'It's pretty hilarious.'"

Randy Spencer, asks 4th District Judge Steven Hansen to rule the warrant invalid and throw out the evidence seized in the Oct. 25, 1996, raids.

Peterman, the former general manager of the now-bankrupt video chain, faces 15 misdemeanor counts of distributing pornography.

'Indies' still shine at Sundance

Redford works to keep film festival showcase for independent works

By Chris Vognar
The Dallas Morning News

PARK CITY, Utah — Most of the winter, it's an idyllically snowy resort town. For 11 days in mid-January, it becomes a high-stakes indie film mart and media event. The press flocks to the Sundance Film Festival to report on what's been bought, sold and ignored, who's pulling out the checkbook and who's going home happy. Last year, "Slam," "Gods and Monsters" and "Next Stop, Wonderland" were among the little guys picked up for distribution; this time, "Happy, Texas" (filmed in California, thank you) and "Trick" have already been scooped up, soon to be found at a theater near you.

But to most moviegoers here, the wheezing and dealing don't amount to a hill of beans, not even the ubiquitous, freshly brewed variety supplied by corporate sponsor Starbucks. Sure, everyone is a bit curious to check out something that might make it to movie theaters, if only to say they saw it before you did. Yet, mostly here to romp through the snow to see smallish, quirky films such as "Chillicothe," "La Ciudad" and "Life Takes Good."

Shuttles jaunt from venue to venue abuzz not with sales figures and agent contacts, but with what you saw last night, how you got turned away from this screening or that, whom you scooped eating breakfast this morning.

Buoyed by dozens of mega-sponsors, inundated with celluloid-phone-toting agents, publicists, executives — and journalists, Sundance, which ends today, has somehow stayed close to its original mission. It gives hungry filmmakers a chance to show their stuff to film-loving audiences. In turn, it provides film-loving audiences a chance to see what hungry filmmakers have to offer. Pretty simple formula.

Sure, the festival has seen an increase in glorified premieres over the years. Sundance has become an ideal spot for studios to trot out upcoming releases before an excited audience often just happy to be there, or reporters happy to take part in a mini-junket the following day. Twentieth Century Fox used the occasion to sneak-peek "Ravenous," a cannibalism comedy/morality tale due to hit multiplexes in March. Gramercy took the same route with the charming British crime caper "Lock Stock and Two Smoking Barrels," an admittedly smaller project that is nonetheless already ensured a wide-release opening.

There's no palpable sense of risk felt with either film. Ditto Robert Altman's disappointing "Cookie's Fortune," the October Films opening-night gala in Salt Lake City followed by the crowd-

ed, obligatory party. That's all fun, and all good for the fest's pomp-and-circumstance element. But Sundance director Robert Redford took pains this year to emphasize the festival's significance to the artists and regular viewers.



Robert Redford

Redford seemed eager to place the festival in its original grass-roots context. He reminded guests time and again that Sundance is about the artists. He removed his annual press conference from this year's slate, opting instead for a Meet the Filmmakers luncheon.

It sure felt like a director's festival. For all the cynicism decreed at Sundance's increasing corporate profile, it's tough not to be impressed by its commitment to the unsung and unknown — and the fact that much of the cash flow pumped in by AT&T, Blockbuster and other bigwigs is funneled to the Sundance Institute's search for and promotion of future auteurs.

blues. Edwards wrote and directed "Chillicothe," and he heads a solid ensemble cast with his older brother, Cory (they also play brothers in the film).

You want independent? "Chillicothe's" characters struggle to make ends meet by selling hockey tickets, working telemarketing gigs and editing TV commercials — just as the filmmakers did at various times to finance the film.

"Everybody challenged each other to keep it going, everybody down to the last grip carrying a sandbag," says Edwards.

"We spent several hours building a rig on a car mount for one shot that lasts about eight seconds," adds producer/coractor Rob Yanovitch. "We wondered if we should just do it or just compromise, but Todd said, 'It's really important to me,' so we did it."

The kicker comes with the film's quality. Witty, emotionally honest and far less cynical than the average 20-something indie, "Chillicothe" doesn't play like the work of a neophyte. It was made by a close-knit group with a fresh perspective, a group you'll be hearing from in the future, whether or not "Chillicothe" gets picked up for distribution. (Inquiries have been made at the festival, and Edwards has already met with MTV about developing a series.) It's a case that represents what Sundance does best: recognize promising material and help it find an audience.

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WEST

Yeltsin at 68: Silent, but still in control

Russian president still on the mend

MOSCOW (AP) — Two years ago, the satirical Kukly television program marked Boris Yeltsin's birthday with an episode showing the ailing president far from the centers of power, dressed in pajamas and absentmindedly playing with pill bottles.

This year, the Yeltsin figure isn't even putting in an appearance on the weekly puppet show that has lampooned the president consistently since its November 1994 premiere.

Once a central character, the Yeltsin puppet has been conspicuously missing.

In his absence, Boris Nikolayevich Yeltsin is like a figure of silence in the theater, said Grigory Lubomirov, the program's producer.

"The person isn't there, but everyone's constantly talking about him."

Yeltsin, who turns 68 on Monday, has become almost an invisible player in Russian politics.

He has suffered several heart ailments and underwent quinine bypass surgery shortly after winning reelection in 1996.

Most recently, he's suffered repeated respiratory illnesses and a bleeding ulcer, which have kept him out of public sight for increasingly long periods.

Many Russians find Yeltsin, with his unpredictable and sometimes clownish behavior, an embarrassment.

And they note that the man who so dramatically championed Russia at the beginning of his first term has practically no achievements to show for his second.

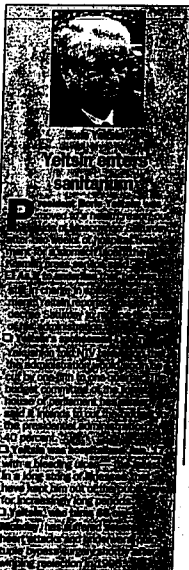
"He considers himself a sort of father of the nation, though I think he's much more a father of the power pyramid, because the nation does not want Boris Yeltsin any more, as numerous ratings show," political commentator Alexei Pushkov said.

Yeltsin has conferred the responsibilities of daily government on Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov and confined himself mostly to formal, written statements on protecting Russia's constitutional freedoms.

But every so often, he dramatically demonstrates the powers he still holds — by firing prime ministers or simply shooting down political initiatives through aides. And by all accounts, he's determined to hold onto those powers.

"When it comes to Russian politics — to the Russian economy, to the social dimension, to foreign policy — Yeltsin is almost absent," Pushkov said. "So this is the paradox: He is still an important part of the power game, (yet) he's almost not a part of either Russian politics or economic life."

Many argue that Yeltsin's continued grip on power is blocking any chance of change; and that in his weakened state he is incapable of leading Russia out of its deepest economic crisis since the 1991 Soviet collapse.



"A sick president means a sick country and a sick economy," the Itogi weekly said last week.

Still, Russians seem to have grown accustomed to Yeltsin's absences, and his illnesses no longer spark a frenzy of speculation over whether or not he'll step aside.

Just as in the old story about the little boy who cried wolf, it's gotten to the point that no one's rushing to strike the president off the page — no often, such a hurry has turned out to be premature, the Kommersant daily wrote.

This month, Yeltsin had a chance to prove the point again when Primakov floated a compromise proposal to stabilize Russia's political situation ahead of parliamentary elections in December and next year's presidential ballot.

Some media interpreted the proposal as an attempt by Primakov to protect himself and further sideline the president. The proposal called for lawmakers to halt their impeachment attempts and offer Yeltsin immunity from prosecution after his term ends in mid-2000, and for Yeltsin to promise not to dissolve the Duma or dismiss the Cabinet.

Yeltsin rejected it. Lubomirov, the Kukly producer, said Russians could forgive Yeltsin his "purely human weaknesses."

"But some things can't be forgiven, especially when they affect the national dignity of the country," he said.

Quake-ravaged Colombia seeks relief

ARMENIA, Colombia (AP) — Thousands of people made homeless by a powerful earthquake boarded buses, pickup trucks and horse-drawn carriages Saturday in a scramble to get out of this unrelentingly pestilent city.

Many were frustrated with the government's disorganized effort to restore order and deliver relief supplies to areas devastated by Monday's magnitude-6 quake, which killed at least 940 people across Colombia's western coffee-growing region.

A magnitude-4.3 aftershock rattled the area early Saturday, causing alarm but no reports of damage or injury.

Despite a combined police and military presence approaching 6,000, looters sacked several more Armenia markets on Saturday, taking furniture, mirrors, fans, mattresses, stoves, computers and other goods. Thirty-seven people were arrested.

At a few stores, vastly outnumbered police were unable to stop the looting by hungry survivors and instead tried to maintain order to prevent a repeat of Friday's violence, in which angry looters clashed with police.

Colombian and foreign rescuers continued sifting through dozens of disaster sites, looking for the hundreds of missing. Passerby wore surgical masks and handkerchiefs to ward off the unbearable stench of trapped bodies decaying as well as feces and urine in the streets.

Doctors are watching the situation carefully, fearful of a health crisis. So far, there have been only small outbreaks of stomach and breathing problems.

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Liz Dary Campos, a survivor of last week's earthquake in Colombia, checks breakfast for her family Saturday in front of her destroyed home in the western Colombian neighborhood of Armenia. The tremor has killed at least 940 people and injured 3,690 across the country's western coffee-growing region while many more are still missing.

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Rupert takes a look at moving police

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

RUPERT — In the next year or so, though probably no time soon, the city of Rupert will likely move its police force out of a building it has shared for two decades with colleagues in the Minidoka County Sheriff's Department.

Plans to move — discussed for more than three years — are on hold until other city matters are dealt with, Rupert Mayor Twinnelle Allred said.

"But a move will likely come in the next year or two, Minidoka County Sheriff Paul Fries said.

A hazy future

The police department and the city have begun looking for a new home, Rupert Police Chief James Jackson said. It has looked at several buildings and considered buying one before letting the American Red Cross purchase it.

The city has considered all options, including a facility large enough to hold the police and sheriff's departments, the county prosecutor and the Department of Motor Vehicles. However, that would cost a lot of money and require a bond issue election, Fries said.

"A move also could pose communication problems, Jackson said.

The city and county use a computer records system. The move would entail putting in a new system for the police department.

"The ideal situation is to keep the departments in the same building," Fries said. "There is a better line of communication if both departments are in the same building."

If the city moves out, the sheriff's department will fill the

space. Interrogation, evidence, processing rooms or maybe even the city's license testing areas will be used, Fries said.

"Before the city moves out they have to find somewhere to move and it would take at least a few months to prepare the building," Fries said. "It's just a matter of time before something has to be done."

Separate worlds

The police department has 13 staffers, including two detectives and a chief. The county has 25 staffers, including a bailiff, dispatchers and three part-time employees. The law enforcement building provides limited space.

"The city is in a really cramped position in this building," Jackson said. "The building isn't big enough for both of us. When we walk through the halls, we sometimes have to put our heads against the walls to let people by. There's just not enough space."

The county told the city it would be the center for both departments if the city moved out.

The city pays rent to the county along with 20 percent of the heating and electrical costs and 41 percent of the telephone system costs, among other expenses, Jackson said.

The history

The law enforcement building was erected on county property in the early 1970s with federal grant money. The sheriff's department and police moved in, Fries said.

The sheriff's department had only two deputies and a sheriff when it moved in. Six more deputies came over the years. The police apparatus has increased its staffing as well, Fries said.

The city held public hearings

Merging of Minidoka forces presents another option

The Times-News

RUPERT — These days, the Rupert Police Department is looking at moving out of quarters it now shares with Minidoka County Sheriff's Department.

But Rupert proposed joining forces with the sheriff's department several years ago. The plan was opposed, then dismissed.

Elsewhere, police forces have merged.

Cassia County sheriff's officials and Burley police began serious talks about merging in 1985.

Their plan was approved. The merger was set in October 1986.

Here are some questions and answers about merging.

Why merge?

• Burley and Cassia County thought they could get better, more efficient law enforcement through a joint effort, Cassia County Capt. Jim Filgens said.

Has it worked?

So far it has, in Cassia County. One key advantage is a lack of boundaries and territorial problems, Filgens said.

"There's no more invisible and magic lines drawn," Filgens said. "The line of communication is better with a joint force too."

How does it work?

There is one patrol division, one detective division and one dispatch division, working together. Eliminating bureaucracy improves communication, and it's cheaper for city and county taxpayers, Filgens said.

When does it fall?

The city of Jerome proposed consolidating its deputy force with Jerome County sheriff's detectives. Discussions were held in November 1997.

The plans fell by the wayside, most likely for political reasons. A lot of people in different positions would have to give up authority, and the plan was unpopular, Jerome Police Chief Bill Reid said.

In Jerome, consolidation would not necessarily be cheaper for the city or the county, but would help the departments run more efficiently. Communication is good now, though consolidation could improve it, Reid said.

Who decides on a merger?

"It should be up to the citizens to decide what they want done in their city and county," Reid said.

on whether to combine forces with the sheriff's department more than four years ago, and citizens opposed consolidation, Fries said.

"The city kept its own force, and

that's when talks began about a move."

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Initiative

Doesn't view term limits as a mandate from her constituents.

"There's so many extenuating circumstances in this deal," she said.

Fries contacted with folk he knew. Gould said she thought the would suffer more politically if she didn't vote to repeal the initiative.

But, the chance that the Legislature simply will overturn the term-limits initiative has crumbled across the spectrum of voters.

"It doesn't cause people to jump up and shout, 'Are you our representatives or are you our masters? I don't know what will said Dennis Mansfield, head of the conservative Idaho Family Forum."

"I think we all recognize what's at stake here," said Fries. "The Legislature is not the Legislature in this state," said Boise resident Ann Fritzman. "And it's not the average citizen."

Fries' opponents, Dr. Peter Rickards and Boise lobbyist Laird Maxwell have similar views on the Legislature's actions.

"And about the compelling of your men and women to sign a bear-baiting ordinance, a critic of radioactive waste handling and a free-market proponent," have included in that they have all been involved in initiatives. And they all see what they consider an essential part of the state's democracy starting to crumble.

state's rules. By that time, the industry, surrounding paid signature gatherers had swelled to earn more than \$200 million a year nationwide and held conventions in places like Reno, Nev.

"Though the state can't ban petitioners for hire, many of the 24 states that allow initiatives have other ways to keep the measures homegrown."

In Idaho, petition circulators have to identify themselves as paid or volunteer. A provision that they must also be registered voters was thrown out this month by the Supreme Court, ruling on a Colorado case.

Groups also have to get the signatures of more than 6 percent of the population in half of the counties in the state. A requirement the Legislature hoped would keep the big cities — such as Boise — from single-handedly pushing measures on the ballot.

Unfortunately, initiative supporters say, the rules only managed to put the process out of the reach of any real grass-roots effort.

"It is a splendid example of unintended consequences," said Fritzman. "Who's not getting involved in an initiative push under the new rules."

"It's becoming real obvious to me," Rickards said. "Who it's folks with money who can get an initiative on the ballot."

Maxwell said he thought it would take \$60,000 just to begin the process.

If Idaho wants to take a meaningful step to prevent outside and big-money interests from control-

ling the initiative process, many think it has to be through finance reform, not further restrictions.

"The solution is to level the playing field financially," Fritzman said. "and God, I don't know how to get that done."

In Idaho, the only campaign finance laws that existed before 1996 came from an initiative.

Disclosure

But Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, is floating a proposal that would be a step in this direction. Still in preliminary form, Noh's measure would require all money donated to initiative causes be traced all the way back to its source.

If the "Utahns for Term Limits" group donates \$10,000 to an Idaho group, for example, it would have to disclose where that money came from. Noh's plan would give Idaho voters one more tool to use when deciding which box to check at the polls.

The initiative law, though, runs much deeper, and is underscored by the controversy term limits has sparked in the state.

Fritzman calls the ballot initiatives a slap in the face of legislators because citizens feel the need to literally take the law into their own hands. Legislators restrict the process because they hate it, he said.

Another parallel among the four activities is that they all represent the fringe — if not of public sentiment, then of public policy.

"Citizens push initiatives on issues that stall in the Statehouse

Auction

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lege scholarships for Castelford students, recreational activities, a quick response unit and other activities, he said.

Without the auction and its community support, a lot of the city's programs would be gone, he said.

The community support goes beyond just showing up and looking for a deal. Often people buy an item for more than it would have cost in the store.

Take the basketball, for instance. Another bidder bought \$225 worth of savings bonds for \$300. But the people know the money they spend is for a good cause, Heidelberg said.

"They come because they know every penny goes back to the community," he said.

A lot of the auction's success also depends on the donations, which came from dozens of businesses and citizens. Donations included frozen potatoes, a cow-shaped snack bowl that moos, a stereo and many other things. Auctioneers went nonstop from 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

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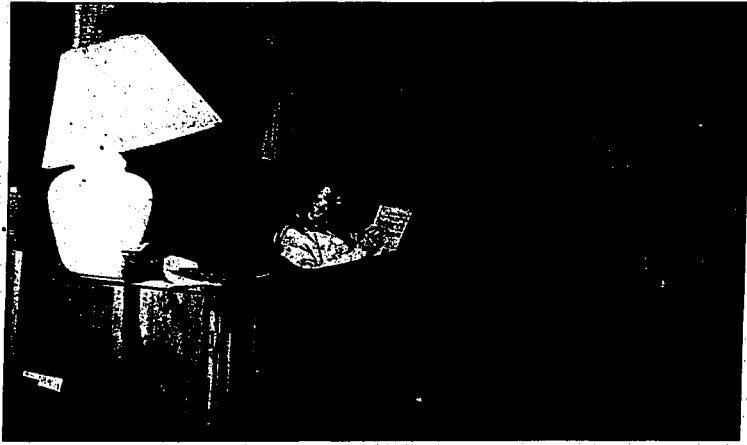
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Katie Santini, 13, of Elba enjoys reading her favorite childhood story, 'Little House in the Big Woods.' Santini said she likes to curl up in her father's easy chair with a blanket and a good book when the weather's cold.

Cold winter days are made for reading

By Heidi Tuttle
Times-News correspondent

ELBA — Some people find winter satisfaction on the ski slopes, but cold and snow aren't a good time for reading.
A surprising number of people check out reading material when the weather turns arctic, said Peggy Fisher, an aide at the Burley Public Library.
"A lot of people are reading because they can't get out or that it's just too cold," she said.
Officials at Rupert's DeMarey

Library agreed, saying stormy weather gives people more time to read.
At Lost But Found Books in Burley, co-owner Alice Long said more people stop in when the temperature drops, increasing book sales. Among the top sellers now, she added, are gardening books.
"They are planning ahead for spring," Long said.
Rift River Elementary librarian Colleen Boden said when it gets cold, more students come in to check out books. Once the weather warms up, the kids spend

more time outside and more books stay on the shelf.
Kids aren't the only ones curling up with books.
Retired teacher and avid reader Bessie Nye of Elba said she enjoys winter because it justifies her time with book in hand.
"I could read anytime, hot or cold," Nye said. "It's just easier to excuse myself when the weather's bad."
Thirteen-year-old Katie Santini shares Nye's fascination of stories.
Santini, of Elba, attributes her love of books to her parents. She recalled the times Mike and Dina

Santini read to her when she was younger. Now she reads every day.
"We used to go to the Burley library, but now I've started buying the books to start my own collection," she said.
"I like to curl up by the (woodstove) on snowy, cold days with a good book," Santini said.
"Reading is a good way to meet interesting people, visit other places and travel without leaving home."
Correspondent Heidi Tuttle can be reached through The Times-News Miss-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042.

Bellevue hopes to avoid merging with Hailey

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

BELLEVUE — A property owner in Blaine County is expressing opposition by Hailey that would place the city limits of Hailey and Bellevue close to each other. Residents of Bellevue want to ensure the continuing separation of the two cities.
At a recent Bellevue City Council meeting, Bellevue's zone of impact between the cities was a topic of discussion.
"We're hoping for some open space," Bellevue Mayor Monte Brothwell said. "The general tone from different parties has been pretty good about trying to come up with a good open space, use and how we can achieve that."
Bellevue, Hailey and Blaine

County all need to come to an agreement in order for Hailey to annex the land, Hailey Mayor Brad Siemer said.
"It's a long process," he said.
Bellevue residents "are concerned that there will be no county land or open space between Hailey and Bellevue — I think quite a few people are concerned with that. I think there are some that are concerned that visually someday you will not be able to tell where one city ends and the other begins."
One option for Bellevue is to purchase land itself and have both Hailey and Bellevue agree not to develop on a specific buffer zone between them, Brothwell said.
"We want to keep Hailey and Bellevue from interlocking and

becoming a city," Brothwell said.
Whatever is done, the property in the annexation request inevitably will be developed, Siemer said.
The council discussed the development (need) to get involved and in a harmonious way guide the development," he said.
That property's current status would allow only residential development, Siemer said.
In other Bellevue business:
The council discussed the possibility of building a new City Hall and library, and perhaps asking for a bond issue to complete the project.
"It's been something that's been in the back of our minds," Brothwell said. "We're trying to get some ideas of what to do with the existing City Hall, maybe turn

it into the firehouse and do City Hall somewhere else."
The proposal is still in discussion, and the City Council is working on finding out how residents feel about it.
The council worked on the parking and dumpster ordinances.
Controlling Dumpsters within the city limits has been a problem for Bellevue. The council is proposing an ordinance that would keep Dumpsters off city property and would require them to be emptied regularly and covered so they don't smell and aren't eyesores, Brothwell said.
Times-News correspondent Rachel Denny can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3780.

Dumping of restaurant grease clogs sewer lines

MERIDIAN (AP) — The threat of losing a license is not keeping restaurant grease haulers from flushing thousands of gallons into the city's sewer system, causing back-up drains and costing the public thousands of dollars.
Officials always have had problems with grease disposal, but the city's growth has made it worse.
Celeste Violet of the Meridian Wastewater Department suspects many of the dumpers find a manhole in an isolated place and pour the grease in.
"There are a lot of subdivisions with streets and sewers, but no homes, and there are a lot of businesses areas that are vacant at night," Violet said.
Meridian requires restaurants to have a thousand-gallon grease trap between their kitchen and the sewer. Grease floats to the top, food particles sink to the bottom, and water passes through. The traps must be cleaned, sometimes as often as once every two months, depending on the restaurant. The city sends inspectors out to make sure they are being cleaned.
A truck sucks the grease and

sediment out of the trap and is supposed to take the waste to one of two landfills that are authorized to accept it. Those are in Payette and Burley.
The landfills charge 17 cents a gallon to accept grease. That comes out to nearly \$200 for a truckload, said Butch Burnette with Roto-Rooter, which hauls grease in Meridian.
Instead of taking the grease to landfills, some haulers are finding a manhole in a remote location. Some also may be cleaning the trap, then sucking the hose into the city sewer line at the same night as emptying the tank, which makes it harder to catch.
"These things have always

Sexual assaults rise in Salt Lake

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Salt Lake Rape Recovery Center says sexual assaults in the Salt Lake Valley rose 23 percent in 1998.
Officials said 1,846 sex assaults were reported. Justice Department figures show Utah has more rapes per capita than New York or California.
In 1995, there were 85 rapes per 100,000 females in Utah, the 13th highest rate in the nation. The national average is 72.5 rapes per 100,000 females.
Worse, the FBI estimates victims report only one in 10 sexual assaults. But Salt Lake police Sgt. Don Bell, a 27-year veteran, said he believes Utah's numbers are increasing because more victims are coming forward.
"These things have always

been there, but with education we are seeing more reporting," said Bell; the department's supervisor of sex crimes enforcement.
"Once we started actually talking about these subjects, we started hearing about it from victims."
Bell also noted a surge in the reporting of sexual assaults when there is media coverage of a high-profile case.
"Anytime there is more publicity shown in these cases — whether it be negative or positive — we see more victims come forward," he said.

Accident victim remains in hospital

The Times-News

BOISE — A Jerome man remained in critical condition Saturday after being injured in a two-vehicle accident Friday night.
Jason William Vinyard, 26, was at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, where

he was airlifted after the accident.
Vinyard was driving south on North Road when his vehicle slid on ice and drifted into the center lane. The truck hit an oncoming vehicle driven by William Jeffrey Wilson of Buhl, and Vinyard was ejected.
Wilson was unhurt.

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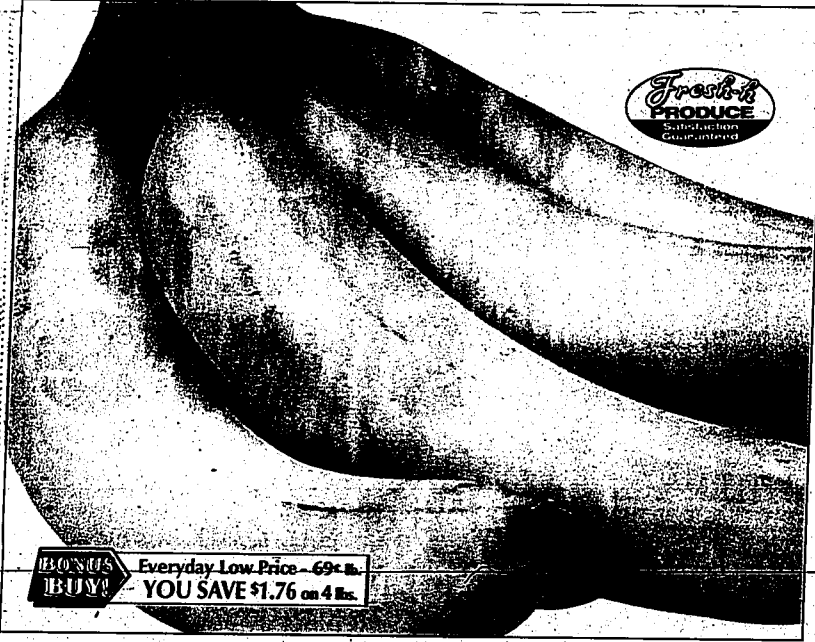
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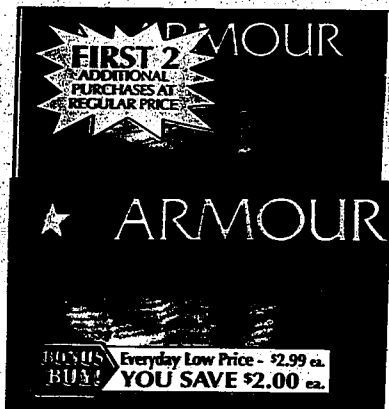
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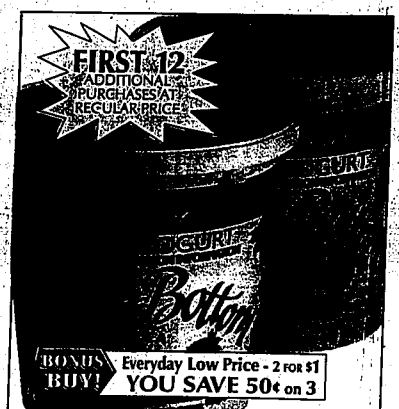
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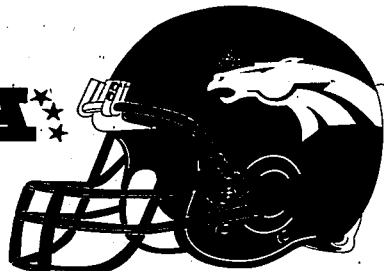
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Atlanta, Denver to battle in Super Bowl

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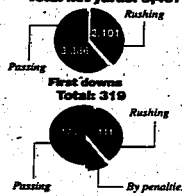
Dan Reeves
Named Falcons 8th head coach Jan. 23, 1997.
Former Broncos head coach from 1987-92, leading them to three Super Bowl berths, NFL's winningest active coach, ranking seventh on all-time list.



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Career record	172	124	1	.576

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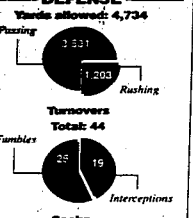
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Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Anderson	410	1,548	4.5	14
Quinn	18	50	2.8	0
Christian	8	21	2.6	2
Daylight	8	19	2.4	0
Williams	2	-2	-1.0	0
Dellberg	8	-10	-1.3	0

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Burke	65	1,181	17.9	6
Anderson	27	319	11.8	2
Christian	19	214	11.3	1
Kirkwood	10	103	10.3	1
Daylight	4	94	23.5	1
Chandler	1	22	22.0	0
Quinn	1	11	11.0	0

DEFENSE



Player	Sacks
Falcons	38
Opp.	52

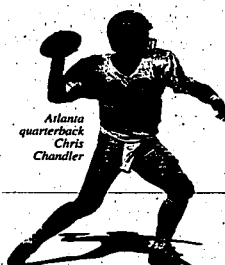
SPECIALISTS

Player	Punting (avg. yards)	Kickoff return (avg. yards)	Kicking (field goals)
Falcons	25.2	25.2	20-29
Opp.	23.4	23.4	20-29
M. Anderson			8-9
Opp.			6-9

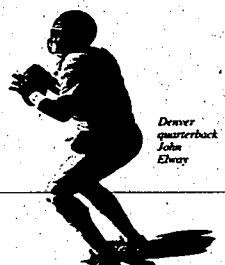
FIELD GENERALS

The quarterbacks leading their teams on offense are both seasoned veterans of the NFL. Atlanta's Chris Chandler is with his sixth NFL team and will make his first Super Bowl appearance. Denver's John Elway has been with Denver his entire career and will make a record fifth start in the Super Bowl with a record of 1-3.

Player	Regular-season statistics	Elway
Chandler	327	356
	190	210
	58.1	59.0
	3,154	2,806
	25	22
	12	10
	100.9	93.0



Atlanta quarterback Chris Chandler



Denver quarterback John Elway

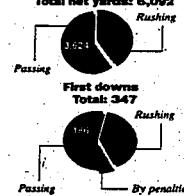
HEAD COACH

Mike Shanahan
Named Broncos 11th head coach Jan. 31, 1995.
Led the Broncos to their first World Championship last year, becoming just the second coach ever to win four post-season games in a single season.

W	L	T	Pct.	
Career record	61	30	0	.670

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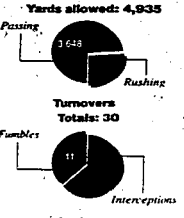
Total net yards: 6,092



Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Davis	392	2,008	5.1	21
Brisler	19	102	5.4	1
R. Smith	6	63	10.5	0
Griffin	4	13	3.3	0
Griss	4	-4	-1.0	0

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
R. Smith	86	1,222	14.2	6
Sharpe	64	768	12.0	10
Green	16	194	12.1	1
Cartwell	4	51	12.8	0
Chamberlain	3	35	11.7	0
Hebron	2	5	2.5	0
Armour	1	23	23.0	0

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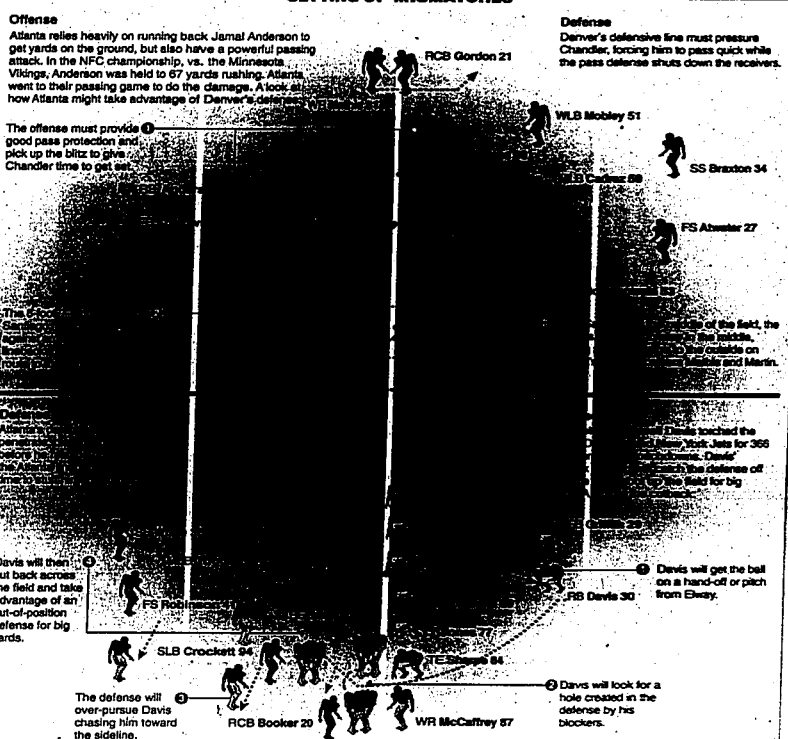


Player	Sacks
Broncos	47
Opp.	25

SPECIALISTS

Player	Punting (avg. yards)	Kickoff return (avg. yards)	Kicking (field goals)
Broncos	24.2	24.2	20-29
Opp.	22.5	22.5	20-29
Elam			3-9
Opp.			4-6

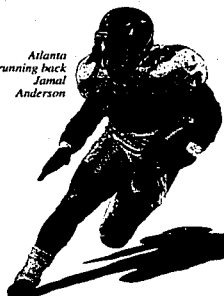
SETTING UP MISMATCHES



THE CAVALRY

For the first time in Super Bowl history the top two rushers in the NFL square off. Jamal Anderson set a regular-season record with 410 rushing attempts while leading the NFC with more than 1,800 yards rushing. Terrell Davis led the AFC in rushing for the third straight year and became only the fourth player in NFL history to gain over 2,000 yards rushing in a single season.

Player	Regular-season statistics	Davis
Anderson	410	392
	4.5	5.1
	1,846	2,008
	14	21
	27	25
	319	217



Atlanta running back Jamal Anderson



Denver running back Terrell Davis



Atlanta Falcons head coach Dan Reeves delivers instructions to his team Saturday during a walk-through of Miami's Pro Player Stadium in preparation for today's Super Bowl.

Reeves reveals human side during extraordinary season

MIAMI (AP) - The fiery temper is still there. When Dan Reeves is angry, the veins in his neck bulge to their limits, his forehead and cheeks assuming the rosy complexion of a barely cooked piece of meat.

But this season, after a doctor cut open his chest and fixed his ailing heart, Reeves could no longer conceal the side of him that few people ever saw.

He cried. He danced. He showed he was human.

"It doesn't embarrass me at all," the Atlanta Falcons coach said Friday at his final news conference before today's Super Bowl against the Broncos. "I'm not ashamed that my emotions come out."

Reeves - who was "hell" as his players called him - according to John Elway, has gained the unwavering admiration of his team and city in only two years with the Falcons.

head coach. Three times, he took the Broncos to the title game; three times, they were routed, the scores going worse at each time.

"You would like to be the best," said Reeves, the winningest active coach in the NFL, eighth overall with a 192-174 record.

"It would certainly make me feel a heck of a lot better, but as far as my coaching career goes - my record speaks for itself. If I didn't get a Super Bowl win, it won't be because I didn't try."

"I am a proud son," Reeves said. "I don't know that I've ever been around anybody that was more organized or got their football team more prepared than coach Landry."

At 43, Reeves had a chance to return to his home-state team as a head coach. He interviewed with the Atlanta Falcons in 1977, but wasn't impressed by the part-time practice facility at a city park and the weight room with a dirt floor. He decided to remain in Dallas.

"From the football players to everybody involved... you can see how (Reeves) won all the games he has. He has a special way with all the people around him."

—Falcons President Taylor Smith, on coach Dan Reeves' influence on the team

At Americas (Ga.) High School, Reeves was a skinny option quarterback who garnered little interest from colleges. After agreeing to play for South Carolina, he was MVP of the state's high school all-star game in Atlanta. He later set 10 school records for the Gamecocks and revealed as a teenager that he was a coach-in-the-making.

Reeves wasn't drafted by the pros, but Gil Brandt recognized something special. Aware of the loyalty shown to South Carolina and impressed by Reeves' all-around skills, Brandt signed him to a free-agent contract and found a place for him in the Dallas backfield.

Reeves spent 16 years in Dallas - first as a player, then as a player-coach, finally as an assistant coach.

His competitive battles with roommate Mike Ditka were legendary, spilling off the field to everything from darts to backgammon. Though Reeves was raised in the segregated South, he developed a unique bond with black players - a bias-eyed soul brother, Brandt quipped. Most important, Reeves learned at the knee of Dallas' icy coach, Tom Landry.

Each of these facets is either an outright falsity or darn close to it.

It is true that a water main broke in Salt Lake City in 1984 on Super Bowl Sunday. News stories on the Super Bowl toilet-factor routinely list that incident as proof positive of the phenomenon.

Alas, Leroy Hooton, director of public utilities for Salt Lake City, says no link between the Super Bowl toilets and the Leitch-main break was ever established.

"It's a very good story," Hooton said. "There just doesn't seem to be any truth behind it."

Which brings us to Super Bowl week 1993, when women's advocacy groups released a study done at Old Dominion University. It purportedly showed that more women are abused by men on Super Sunday than on any other day of the year and that women's shelters receive an onslaught of calls.

Soon, however, one of the

study's authors said its conclusion had been distorted and, although abuse statistics seem to indicate a link between football and abusive behavior, a good deal more study is needed. The avocado story has such currency that even some folk at the Santa Ana, Calif.-based California Avocado Commission believe it. A marketing specialist at the commission said, when queried, the figure "sounds about right to me."

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Fan fights trademark flap over 'Dirty Bird' slogan

NFL claims it owns the trademark

ATLANTA (AP) - Alan Weiss insists he was Dirty Bird when the Dirty Birds weren't cool.

Since 1995, Weiss says he has been hanging a black banner proclaiming the Georgia Dome end zone, where he has front-row season tickets, the "Dirty Bird Zone."

He got a trademark from the state and started selling T-shirts with the slogan on the back in 1995, when the Falcons were not-so-lovable losers.

Not surprisingly, the shirts were only a modest success.

However, now that the Falcons have popularized the dance during their improbable march to the Super Bowl, half of Atlanta seems to be wearing Dirty Bird apparel.

And the NFL has told Weiss to bury his Dirty Bird merchandise.

The league claims it owns the trademark.

"Our view is that as soon as a slogan is created that is associated with the team, it is our property," says Gary Gertog, NFL vice-president of business affairs and general counsel for the NFL.

Weiss' merchandise is available in more than 800 Atlanta locations, and he sold almost \$600,000 in Dirty Bird products.

Now, however, Weiss' manufacturers have stopped making the Dirty Bird T-shirts because they are afraid of legal action by the NFL, so Weiss is considering a lawsuit.

"I'm going to try to defend my mark," Weiss says.



Alan Weiss, who says he introduced the Atlanta Falcons nickname Dirty Bird, shows his original banner and some of the merchandise he has been selling Friday.

Celebrating Falcons-style

The Atlanta Falcons do this dance every time they score a touchdown. Here's how you can do it, too:

1 Hop to left with elbows upraised.
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3 Hop to left, jerk right elbow away from the body.
4 Hop to right, jerk left elbow down, as if pulling on something.
5 Hop to left, jerk left elbow away from the body.
6 Flap arms like a bird, while continuing to hop back and forth.

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Tuggle: Team confidence 'sky high'

Atlanta linebacker is overwhelmed by 1st Super Bowl appearance

MIAMI (AP) - Remembering some of his former teammates, "This is for the city of Atlanta - they've been waiting for this for so long. This is for the Smith family (who own the team) and the whole organization. This is large. This is something we've all dreamed about and talked about and this is something that we really want."

There's been a lot of great guys here on Atlanta's Super Bowl linebacker said. "Brett Favre, Delon Sanders, Andre Rison, Michael Haynes, the list goes on and on."

Maybe it's a sense of history that makes Tuggle so passionate about today's game against the Denver Broncos.

Every word harbors a torrent of emotions - excitement and urgency, redemption and desperation, responsibility and honor.

Tuggle makes it clear this Super Bowl is not just for him and it's not just for his teammates.

It's for the old-timers who maintained a sense of dignity in the face of defeat. It's for an entire city that endured three decades of miserable NFL football.

"This week is so much bigger than me," he said. "This is about all the former players that played here in Atlanta... like Mike Kenn and Jeff Van Note and Joel Williams and Buddy Curry, the guys who never had the opportunity to experience what I'm experiencing through-

out their time in Atlanta."

That's not all.

"This is for the city of Atlanta - they've been waiting for this for so long. This is for the Smith family (who own the team) and the whole organization. This is large. This is something we've all dreamed about and talked about and this is something that we really want."

There's a fury in his eyes, but no chance he'll burn himself out before the game. Not after all the losses, all the ridicule, all the agony of the past 13 seasons.

"I'll tell you what, our confidence is sky high right now," he said.

"We truly feel when we hit the football field that we can't be beat. And it takes that type of confidence - it's not a cockiness.

it's a confidence you feel - and even when adversity strikes, and you're behind in the fourth quarter, you don't give up, you fight to the end."

A gentle, family-oriented man away from the field, Tuggle transforms himself on Sundays. He's the relic of a bygone era when rugged, angry men like Dick Butkus and Jack Lambar paraded the middle linebacker position.

"There's no doubt that Jessie had a special place in my heart," said defensive end Chuck Smith, who's been with the Falcons since 1992.

"It's the one guy here who always laid it on the line, and I knew I wanted to do that in my career. He still works as hard as anybody on the team."

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Super Tales from the Super Bowl

The Los Angeles Times

MIAMI - It happens every year: Super Bowl Sunday approacheth and super-sized things are said about the whopping impact on America wrought by the football spectacular.

The water systems of major cities are in peril of collapse as we to a "thousand streams of simultaneous toilet flushing at halftime. Hey, it happened in Salt Lake City."

More than 100 million women beat up more women on this Sunday than any other day of the year.

Two-thirds of all avocados are sold within days of the Super Bowl as Americans prepare their guacamole for watching and munching.

All interesting and culturally relevant stuff - interesting and relevant enough to launch many a feature story during the days of hype that precede the Roman numerals contest, but there's a problem.

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SPORTS

Barkley: Rockets are hot, but wedding can wait

HOUSTON (AP) - With the recent acquisition of Scottie Pippen, more than a few basketball prognosticators are picking the Houston Rockets as the team to beat in the Western Conference of the NBA this season.

While the move certainly puts Charles Barkley in position to win his first championship, he knows better than to get too excited about what people are predicting.

"You don't go out with a woman on the first date and say you're going to marry her, do you?" Barkley said. "I'm not going to do that with this team. Let me say this - we've got a good team, but the game has still got to be played."

The Rockets have a lot to overcome, starting with its talented - but aging - frontcourt. Pippen, 32, had back surgery during the off season. Barkley, who turns 36 in three weeks, had a lot of nagging injuries last season, when he finished with his lowest scoring average (15.2 points) since his rookie season.

And 36-year-old Hakeem Olajuwon, once the most dominating center in the league, looked rather ordinary at times last season when he finished with the lowest scoring average of his career (16.4).

Around the NBA

Washington's Gray released from hospital

PHILADELPHIA - Washington Wizards forward Eric Gray was discharged from a Philadelphia hospital Saturday after he was injured during an exhibition game Friday night against the 76ers.

Spree seems worth the wait for Knicks' fans

NEW YORK - Now fans understand why there was such a rush to acquire Latrell Sprewell after the lockout ended.

After 14 months away from the game, Sprewell was the best player on the court, scoring 27 points during the New-York Knicks' win over New Jersey - netting a standing ovation in exhibition play last week.

Kemp's offseason workout: Twinkle curls

CLEVELAND - No one is working harder to get back into playing shape. The rumor in Cleveland is that Shawn Kemp weighed in at 303 pounds. As one journalist wrote, Kemp exceeded "the calorie cap."

Will play for food

In the mad rush to sign players after implementation of the new labor agreement, some players apparently have fallen between the cracks, most notably former Ohio State star Jim Jackson, who is without a deal.

Kevin Johnson is also unassigned; he's said to be pushing for Houston, but Detroit wants him. LaPhonso Ellis chose Atlanta over Utah. Others still unemployed? Sherman Douglas, Scott Burrell, Grant Long and Dominique Wilkins, who wants to return to the Hawks.

St. John's Labor

Postell (25) drives against Connecticut's Jake Voskuhl in a Big East matchup Saturday in New York. Postell was the game's high scorer with 23 points, while Voskuhl clipped in six in UConn's 78-74 victory.



UConn stays unbeaten

NEW YORK (AP) - Top-ranked Connecticut was trailing at halftime for the fourth straight game. Just 2-8 later, the Huskies were down by 12 points to No. 9 St. John's and it looked like the nation's last unbeaten team was headed for defeat.

Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun called a rare timeout, not the 20-second variety, a full timeout.

"I didn't say much and didn't have to because they hadn't been in that situation before," he said.

"That was as competitive a game as I've seen," Calhoun said. "We earned it. If we lost today, we wouldn't have lost, we would have been beaten."

For St. John's (17-5, 8-2), it was a second great effort against one of the nation's best teams in six days. Last Sunday, the Red Storm lost to No. 2 Duke 92-88 in overtime.

The Huskies, however, who won their 16th straight conference game, taught St. John's that their defense can be awesome, even on the road in front of a sellout crowd of 19,528 at Madison Square Garden.

The deciding run in the game of runs was an 11-0 burst over three minutes that gave the Huskies a 72-65 lead with 3:11 to play.

"We know that when we play defense good things are going to happen," said Richard Hamilton, who had 22 points and eight rebounds for the Huskies. "We couldn't talk about it anymore, we had to be about it."

No. 2 Duke bedevils Wolfpack; Bearcats win

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - William Avery and Elton Brand provided enough offensive punch in the second half as No. 2 Duke mustered enough energy to defeat North Carolina State 80-61.

The Blue Devils (21-1, 9-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), coming off emotional wins over highly-ranked St. John's and North Carolina and playing for the third time in six days, were led by Brand's 15 points.

No. 5 Cincinnati 73, Alabama-Birmingham 60

CINCINNATI - Pete Mickeski scored 18 points and Kenyon Martin added 14 points and 15 rebounds as Cincinnati recorded its eighth straight 20-win season.

The Bearcats (20-1, 7-1 Conference USA) overcame a slow start against the Blazers and reached the 20-win mark faster than any team in school history.

No. 6 Kentucky 86, LSU 62

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Wayne Turner scored 14 points and broke the 1,000-point mark as No. 6 Kentucky coasted past LSU.

Marnal Magliore scored 10 points and pulled down 11 rebounds to record his second double-double of the season for Kentucky (13-4, 8-1 SEC).

No. 7 Auburn 85, Georgia 74

ATHENS, Ga. - Freshman Mack McQuinn scored 17 points filling in for leading scorer Chris Porter to lead Auburn.

Doc Robinson added 16 points and Bryant Smith had 15 as Auburn (20-1, 8-1 Southeastern Conference) won without Porter, who was suspended for three games for violating team rules.

No. 12 Wisconsin 61, No. 13 Minnesota 50

MADISON, Wis. - Ty Calderwood scored eight of Wisconsin's final 10 points to lead the Badgers to their best Big Ten start in more than 35 years.

More college scores - C2

Caldorwood finished with 18 points, including four free throws that put the game away in the final seconds, and Sean Mason added 16 for Wisconsin (19-3, 7-2 Big Ten).

No. 16 Iowa 81, Michigan 68

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - Jacob Jaeks had a career-high 15 points and Iowa outbounded Michigan 37-17.

It was the second straight Big Ten win for the Hawkeyes (15-4, 6-3), who had snapped a three-game losing streak with a victory over Penn State on Wednesday. Michigan has lost four in a row.

Mississippi 89, No. 23 Arkansas 81

OXFORD, Miss. - Keith Carter equaled a career-high with 33 points as Mississippi completed a regular-season sweep of Arkansas.

No. 22 Kansas 77, Colorado 74

LAWRENCE, Kan. - Freshman Jeff Boschee sank a long 3-pointer with 8 seconds left, as Kansas avoided its first three-game losing skid since 1994.

Ryan Robertson scored 18 points to lead Kansas (14-6, 6-2), which is in danger of falling out of The Associated Press rankings for the first time since 1991.

Mississippi St. 66, No. 25 Florida 63

STARKVILLE, Miss. - Todd Myles' 3-pointer with 23 seconds capped off a second-half comeback as Mississippi State beat Florida.

Tang Hamilton led the Bulldogs (14-4, 4 Southeastern Conference), who had a streak of nine straight losses against Top 25 opponents, with 16 points.

Congratulations to the 2 coaches whose teams are playing in the big game. As for the other 28, may we make a suggestion?

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Seniors bolster health club numbers

Older members work out more often than counterparts

The Washington Post

Health clubs may be designed with blaring rock music and sleek, high-tech equipment, but they are attracting a good many senior citizens.

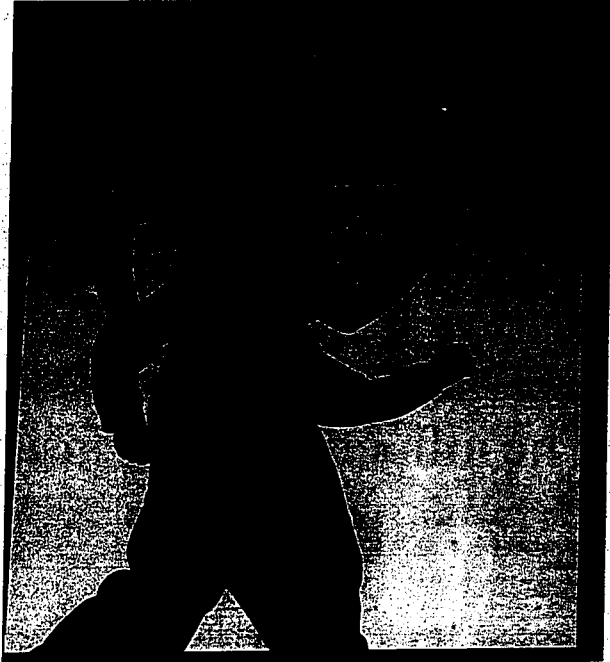
The number of people over the age of 55 with health-club memberships more than doubled between 1987 and 1997, according to a survey by the International Health, Racquet & Sportsclub Association that was reported this month in American Demographics magazine. These health clubs, which include commercial clubs, tax-exempt facilities and corporate fitness centers, reported a total of 22.5 million members, up 27 million of them were born before 1943.

The older members are also likely to work out more often than their younger colleagues, according to the survey. Those over the age of 55 average 93.6 days per year at the gym, compared with 88 days for people between the ages of 45 to 55 and 85 days for those 35 to 44.

Men tend to use a health club more often than women in most age groups, but not among the very oldest members. Women 65 and older who are members of health clubs on average go there about 100 days a year. Their male counterparts get in 95 days.

A spokesman for the health clubs acknowledged that seniors have more time to spend at the gym, but said the real motivator for this age group is studies showing a link between exercise and health benefits.

Membership at all types of health clubs has grown by 64 percent in the past decade, the report found. This "increased interest in exercise is being fueled by the aging of America."



Those seniors who are physically active tend to work out regularly.

Couple feels stranded by Medicare HMO

Q. My husband and I joined a "Medicare HMO" several years ago based on promises of better care, more benefits, and lower cost. In the process, we dropped our Medicare Supplement policy. Last November, we received notice from the administrator of our HMO that as of Jan. 1, 1999, they would no longer be offering their service to its members in our area. They sent us what we considered to be very complicated instructions about finding other coverage. We have now learned that we can just get back our Medicare Supplement policy. We feel that we have been taken advantage of and are now left stranded. Why does the government create these options only to allow them to be taken away and how can we protect ourselves?

A. We agree. Unfortunately, you and nearly a half million Medicare recipients are in the same boat. Due to reduced governmental reimbursements and rising medical costs, the same HMOs that scrambled for you and other over 65 members several years ago are finding out that they can't make the money they made several years ago. For that reason, they are getting out of this business in certain parts of the United States.

The complicated instructions you received from your HMO is their way of fulfilling their legal obligation to inform you of your options which, are basically as follows: (1) Either join another HMO where you go to their doctor and pay no deductibles or co-payments or (2) go back to "traditional Medicare" which means you go to the doctor of your choice, pay deductibles, and pay the 20 percent co-payment where



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applicable. If you don't want or can't find another suitable HMO, you will be covered under traditional Medicare; however, your Medicare Supplement or "Medigap" is quite another story: If you did not stay enrolled with your HMO through Dec. 31, 1998, then you will be considered to have voluntarily withdrawn and your ability to get Medigap will be jeopardized. On the other hand, if you were enrolled through Dec. 31, you will have access to Medigap plans A, B, C, and F. Of all Medicare recipients, nearly 40 percent don't have a Medigap policy which, in our view, is a mistake because these policies pay some of the co-insurance and deductibles that Medicare doesn't.

Bottom Line: While Medicare HMOs may have seemed to have been heaven sent several years ago, the adage "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is" rings true today.

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Live long and prosper

The Washington Post

Now here's some good news: You are probably going to live longer than you think you will, even if you're not a particularly pessimistic person, according to the Mayo Clinic's monthly Health Letter.

Life expectancy at birth is more than 50 percent greater than it was a century ago (76 years today, up from 47 years in 1900); and the January issue of the Health Letter reports that half of all humans who have ever lived to age 65 are alive today.

Further, it is now estimated that one of every 26 baby boomers will live to be 100 years old.

The prospect of a longer life is bound to be more pleasant for those who can also expect to remain relatively healthy.

The Mayo Clinic offers these suggestions for maintaining health:

- Exercise daily for 30 minutes.
- Don't smoke or use other tobacco products.
- Drink in moderation, if at all.
- Eat a balanced diet.
- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Make your health a priority.
- Challenge your mind.
- Invest time in your relationships.
- Keep a "can-do" attitude.

Exercise tones all age groups

The Washington Post

Many older adults don't exercise because they worry it may harm them or because they believe that exercise equipment and fitness centers are expensive and youth-oriented.

In fact, exercise is good for people of any age, and it doesn't have to be costly or even public. To help older adults get motivated about physical activity and develop

an exercise regimen, the National Institute of Aging has published a free 100-page exercise guide. The guide discusses the benefits of exercise and gives concrete examples of exercises that improve endurance, strength, balance and flexibility.

It also provides activity and progress charts as well as nutrition information. For a copy, call 1-800-222-2222.

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Q. I lost my Social Security card. Can I use my driver's license as identification to get a

replacement. A. Yes, a driver's license is an acceptable document to show your identity. Other acceptable evidence is listed on the application form for a replacement number.

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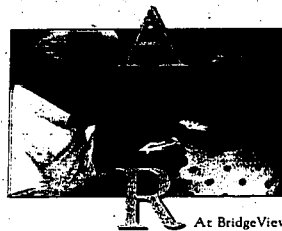
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We who are about to dye salute you

A couple of weeks ago, my 13-year-old son came home from school with something inside a Ziplock bag. The "thing" was wadded up in a newspaper...



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method of dyeing designs on cloth by tying bunches of it so that the dye affects only exposed parts.

What if this is a new trend? What if tie-dyed shirts are making a comeback?

According to a consumer study titled "Tastes and Trends for 1999," by Jamie Kaglegray, 1970s clothing is among the hottest of today's collectibles...

That sounds way too much like "bell-bottom" to me. I may have grown up in the hippie era, but it never really suited me.

I didn't like sleeping in a heated cabin at summer camp either, so I wasn't about to go somewhere called Woodstock to sleep on the ground.

I mean, I was in college taking classes in fashion merchandising and dating a boy studying agriculture while the cool kids were marching around my dorm carrying signs.

According to the shirt instructions, we were supposed to let the concoction sit for at least 24 hours and then rinse it out and wash it in joy.

We rinsed and rinsed until the whole sink was full of multi-colored dye. Before long, my hands looked like my son's, which were already covered with dye of many colors as a result of whatever he did to the shirt at school.

"If he wears this thing, he is going to be as multi-colored as it is," I told my husband, who isn't nearly as disturbed by tie-dyed people as I am, especially when he has a good football game to watch on TV.

"Oh well, maybe someone will need a tie-dyed singer for the Village People of the New Millennium or something."

I didn't even own a tie-dyed shirt.

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The influence of the insignificant

"I believe it is the nature of people to be heroes, given a chance." —James A. Claxton

By Dr. Robert H. Schuller

Salvation may come from the source we least expect, and we ourselves may play a role. Dr. Robert H. Schuller is the founder and senior pastor of the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, Calif.

Once there was a dear lady named Hazel who loved to sing simple, common gospel songs. She decided to try out for the church choir. She told the choir director that she couldn't read music, so he said, "Well let you sing, but just stay on tune. But she couldn't stay on tune, so she had to drop out of the choir.

Nothing really seemed to have any meaning in Hazel's life. Her mother had recently died.

When Hazel was young, she had spent most of her time caring for her mother, instead of going out on dates and enjoying her adolescence.

Consequently, she had never married.

Chicken Soup for the Soul

At the age of 60, she felt as though she had failed in her attempt to find happiness in life. Alone, with no spouse or children, she couldn't even fulfill her life goal of singing.

With her mother gone, she lived alone in an old, run-down apartment building where only old people on Social Security usually lived.

One day, as Hazel was on her way out, she saw a young hippie-looking guy moving into one of

the small apartments. He had a full beard and long hair. When she returned, all of her friends were talking about the new tenant. "We're in real trouble now," said one lady.

This went on for several weeks. Then one night Hazel came in later than usual. She entered the lobby very quietly, so she wouldn't disturb any of the other tenants.

She began to sing! In her own off-key way, she sang the first words that came to her.

She could remember and she wasn't even sure if the words were right. She sang on "... hold

your head up high and you'll never walk alone. Walk on, walk on, with hope in your heart and you'll never walk alone."

The next morning she saw a torn, crumpled piece of paper under her door. It was from the rough-looking young man that everyone feared.

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6-year-old boy who plays with dolls isn't the 1 who has the problem

Q. Much to our chagrin, our 6-year-old son Robbie has always preferred to play with dolls and other "girly" things. He also prefers playing with girls because boys, he says, "play 'too tough'."

We recently went to a therapist who wanted Robbie to be present at the first appointment.

I felt this was unnecessary, even humiliating, so we went by ourselves. The therapist accused us of not only being "resistant," but also "enabling" Robbie by, among other things, letting him play with dolls.

How serious is this sort of problem, and do you think we're enabling?

A. Let me answer the first thing on your question by asking if Robbie was a little girl named Roberta who preferred playing with boys and doing boy things, would you be worried? I'll just bet your answer is, "Of course not!"

My point is, your anxiety over Robbie's play preference reflects a knee-jerk cultural bias.

Unfortunately for boys, it's generally regarded as OK, even admirable, for females to do traditionally masculine things, but a male who prefers stereotypical feminine things is generally looked upon with suspicion, to say the least.

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things" presages adult homosexuality.

The fact is, masculine play preferences for boys do not guarantee, heterosexuality any more than feminine play preferences foreshadow homosexuality, and that's equally, but oppositely, true for girls.

I can't guarantee that Robbie won't, as a young adult, announce that he's gay, but I can assure you that whether he plays with dolls or toy guns at this age will have nothing to do with his later choice of sexual partners.

Are you enabling Robbie's preference for "girly" things? My dictionary defines enable as "to make possible," so in the strictest sense of the term, the answer is yes, you are definitely enabling, but so what?

If Robbie was my son, and he wanted to play with dolls, I too would make it possible for him (i.e., enable him) to play with dolls.

If, however, the therapist was using enable in the pejorative, psychological sense, to mean you are aiding and abetting improper behavior, then my answer is "hogwash."

In the first place, Robbie's

play preferences are not improper, much less pathological. In the second, it would be highly improper of you to force Robbie to play with things he doesn't enjoy.

In answer to "How serious is Robbie's problem?" I don't see that he has any problem at all, outside of the fact that his parents think he might have a problem.

If he hasn't already, Robbie will eventually pick up on your anxiety, which will cause him to feel self-conscious about something that is really quite innocent. (In this regard, I approve of your decision to leave Robbie out of the appointment with the therapist.) Which is why it's so important that you stop worrying and enjoy parenthood. You'll only get one shot at it, you know.

When all is said and done, this is a matter of Robbie's personality. You didn't cause Robbie's personality and you can't change it.

You can, however, make him feel as if there's something wrong with who he is, in which case Robbie may never become the person God intended for him to become. And I suspect God doesn't like us messing with his creations.

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Drivers must keep focused on the road

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading a letter in your column from Tom Lynch of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Tom said that if we make a law against using cell phones while driving, then other laws might be enacted such as, "No tuning the radio while driving," "No looking at your passenger during conversation while driving," "No adjusting the temperature while driving," and "No driving without eight hours of sleep."

DEAR ABBY Abigail VanBuren

He also said, "We'll always have tragic accidents ... the potential loss of freedom is much more tragic." I'm outraged! I'm 13. My mother was killed in a car accident a year ago, along with my stepbrother. If not listening to the car radio, not having my dad look at me while driving, being cold or hot in the car, or having my dad say he can't drive me to the mall, because he hasn't had eight hours of sleep could bring my mom back. I'd forfeit my freedom in a heartbeat. These things are a small price to pay compared to living without my mother and stepbrother because of someone's carelessness.

Tom - get a life!

CHRISTY GRIFFITH, PALM HARBOR, FLA.

DEAR CHRISTY: For one so young, you have written a powerful letter. Please accept my deepest sympathy on the tragic loss of your beloved mother and stepbrother. Although nothing will bring them back, perhaps your letter will remind motorists that their cars are powerful machines, capable of inflicting the most severe damage if they are not used with care and consideration for others.

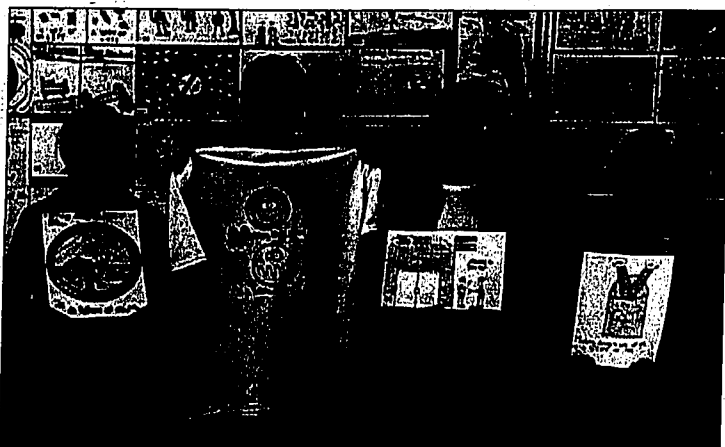
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STUDENTS FIGHT WAR AGAINST DRUGS



"Making Drugs a Way of Life is a Waste of Life" is the theme for the Murtaugh School District's Red Ribbon Week held Jan. 25-30. A poster contest was held and the winning design was printed on T-shirts. Students in grades kindergarten-7 received the shirts. Pictured above are the winners of the shirt-design contest. Amber Pendergrast received 2nd place, Whitney Bridges holds a shirt with her 1st-place design, Jani Parkins placed 3rd and Chelsea Capps received an honorable mention. 'The Standard's' gave a concert, and a program focusing on a discussion with D.A.R.E. Officer Ron Kirland and Health Teachers Jennifer Crystal and Heather Stanger was held at parent night. The high school drama class presented a program for elementary school students.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Only main dishes are listed. All schools serve milk with meals.

- BUHL**
 Breakfast: Monday: Cereal and cinnamon toast
 Tuesday: Donuts
 Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
 Thursday: Bagels and cream cheese
 Friday: Cereal and toast
 Lunch
 Monday: Ham and beans
 Tuesday: Beef tacos
 Wednesday: Cheese burgers
 Thursday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich
 Friday: Chili mac
- CASTLEFORD**
 Breakfast: Orange juice, applesauce and milk every day.
 Monday: Donuts
 Tuesday: Scones
 Wednesday: Sweet rolls
 Thursday: Scones
 Friday: Donuts
 Lunch: Self-serve salad bar every day.
 Monday: Ham and cheese hoagie
 Tuesday: Spaghetti
 Wednesday: Burgers
 Thursday: Baja chicken
 Friday: Chicken enchiladas
- FILER**
 Monday: Cavatini
 Tuesday: Corn dogs
 Wednesday: Pizza
 Thursday: Chicken nuggets
 Friday: Idaho haystacks
- HANSEN**
 Breakfast: Cold juice and milk every day.
 Monday: Cereal
 Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy
 Wednesday: Cinnamon and sugar rice
 Thursday: Yogurt and juice
 Friday: Long Johns
 Lunch: Milk served with all meals.
 Monday: Chicken nuggets
 Tuesday: French toast
 Wednesday: Sloppy Joe's
 Thursday: Baked chicken
 Friday: Burritos

- MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**
 Monday: Chicken nuggets
 Tuesday: Hot dogs
 Wednesday: Chicken fried steak
 Thursday: Ham and cheese sandwich
 Friday: Chili crispito
- MURTAUGH**
 Monday: Taco
 Tuesday: Soup n' sandwich
 Wednesday: Sragnoh
 Thursday: Pizza
 Friday: Chili dogs
- SHOSHONE**
 Monday: Burritos
 Tuesday: Deli sandwich
 Wednesday: Country fried steak
 Thursday: Grilled cheese sandwich
 Friday: BBQ chicken
- ST. EDWARD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL**
 Monday: Spaghetti
 Tuesday: Ham hoagie
 Wednesday: Tacos
 Thursday: Tacos
 Friday: Hamburgers
- TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS**
 Breakfast served every day.
 Monday: Cereal and toast
 Tuesday: Pancakes
 Wednesday: Cereal
 Thursday: Scrambled eggs
 Friday: Cereal
 Lunch: Junior high has a choice of main line or second line menu. Salad bar, soup and sandwich bar, taco bar and potato bar available on alternate days.
 Monday: Chicken nuggets
 Tuesday: Pigs-in-blanket
 Wednesday: Chicken fried steak
 Thursday: Ham and cheese sandwich
 Friday: Chili crispitos
- TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL**
 Breakfast served every day.
 Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies everyday.

- IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL**
 Monday: Vegetable beef soup
 Tuesday: Spaghetti
 Wednesday: Dippy day
 Thursday: Roast beef
 Friday: Pizza
- KIMBERLY**
 Breakfast served every day.
 Lunch: At elementary school, main line menu is served each day; fifth grade will be offered salad bar on Tuesdays; fourth grade will be offered salad bar on Thursdays. At middle school and high school, choice of main line menu or chef salad each day.
 Monday: Banachetta
 Tuesday: Ham and cheese pocket
 Wednesday: Tacos
 Thursday: BBQ chicken
 Friday: French dip

VALLEY
 Breakfast served every day.
 Lunch: Milk served with all meals.
 Monday: Corn dog
 Tuesday: Chicken nuggets
 Wednesday: Spaghetti
 Thursday: Hamburger
 Friday: Vegetable soup

School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed with the menus in Sunday's paper, send the menu to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or fax it to 734-5538, attention: Lunch Menus. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication Sunday.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Walters will enjoy 90th birthday planned by her children

TWIN FALLS - An open house to help Coreta Walters celebrate her 90th birthday is planned from 2 to 4 p.m. Feb. 7 at the First Baptist Church, 9th and Shoshone St., Twin Falls.
 Coreta was born on Feb. 7, 1909, in Hartsville, Mo. She married Stanley Walters on Nov. 24, 1927. She has been a long-time resident of the Magic Valley and is still active as a member of First Baptist Church, Filer and Pomona, Grange and Eastern Star. She is an excellent seamstress, cook, mother and grandmother, who still tends an extremely large garden.
 The event is being given by her two children, Betty Corak (Jim) of Twin Falls and Ann Kasey (Walter) of Buhl. She has six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.
 No gifts, please.

Harley riders will gather for dinner at the Airport Grill

TWIN FALLS - The Harley Davidson Riders' monthly dinner is planned for 7 p.m. Monday at the Airport Grill.
 For more information, call Roger or Brenda at 733-0151.

Interfaith caregivers are moving to new office

TWIN FALLS - The office of the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers (IVC) of the Magic Valley is moving to 324 2nd St. E., near downtown Twin Falls, located in the old public health building.
 IVC is a volunteer organization which helps the frail elderly, the disabled and the chronically ill live independently in their own homes with dignity.
 The IVC can be reached at 733-NEED, or visit us on the web at our pages at www.norhirm.net/ivc.

Foundation invites those with diabetes to join in free ski day

TWIN FALLS - The Diabetes Center Foundation and IDEAL Youth group invite all children and teens with diabetes to join them for a free ski day on Feb. 27 at Soldier Mountain. It will be held in conjunction with our Downhill for Diabetes Ski Day. Funds raised will provide the capital needed for diabetes programs in the Magic Valley.
 If you would like to form a team to compete in the event, call Brad Newberry at 733-5038 or Ann Bybee at 733-3700, Ext. 174. Registration must be completed by Feb. 8, to reserve your free ski pass.

Learn how to judge debate, speech with training clinic

TWIN FALLS - Training clinics for prospective high school speech and debate judges will be held on Wednesday at Twin Falls High School. Anyone interested in judging high school speech and debate this season is encouraged to attend.
 The speech clinic will begin at 6 p.m. and the debate clinic at 7:30 p.m. Judi Fredericksen of Jerome High School will conduct the speech clinic and Earl Squires of Twin Falls High School will conduct the debate clinic.

For further information, call the Idaho High School Activities Association at 375-7027.

Thousands of dollars are available for AmeriCorps grants

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Commission for National and Community Service is pleased to announce the availability of \$500,000 to fund 1999 - 2000 AmeriCorps grant programs.
 Kelly Houston, executive director of the commission, will be available from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Obenchain Insurance Building, 264 Main Ave. S. in Twin Falls to meet with agency representatives who are interested in learning more about AmeriCorps and opportunities to apply for program funding.
 For a grant application, or more information, call (800) 888-3334, Ext. 2063 (within Idaho) or (208) 658-2000, Ext. 2063.

Noted watercolor artist will teach 7-week course for CSI

WENDELL - Award-winning Magic Valley Watercolor Artist Roy Mason will teach a watercolor course for the College of Southern Idaho's North Side Center in February and March.
 The 7-week course is open to beginning and intermediate-level students. Participants will learn how watercolor works and how shapes, line movement and color composition work together in a painting. The class, entitled "Painting with Watercolor," will be held Thursday evenings, from 6 to 9 p.m., beginning Feb. 11 at the Wendell High School.
 The cost of the course is \$65 plus supplies.
 For more information or to register, call the CSI North Side Center at 934-8678.

Hemingway and modernism will be subject of institute

BOISE - The Idaho Humanities Council invites secondary English teachers to apply for the 1999 Institute, Ernest Hemingway and the Birth of Modernism. The one-week institute will be held in Sun Valley from July 21 to July 27.
 Applications are available from the Idaho Humanities Council, 217-W, State St., Boise, ID, 83702, or call toll free (888) 345-5346. The council can be reached by fax at (208) 345-5347 or by email at Terrific@micon.net. Applications are due March 15, 1999.

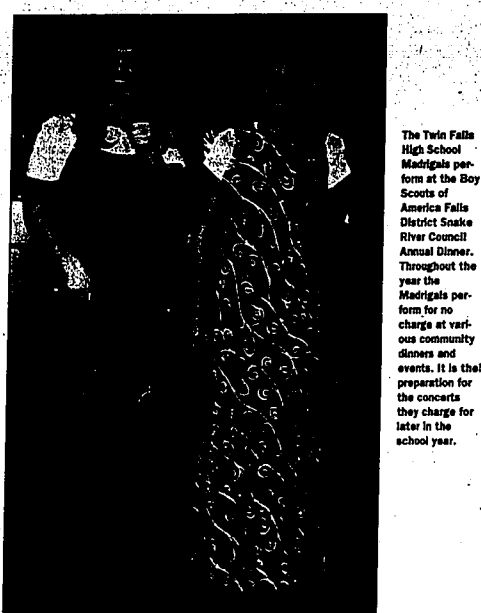
EVENTS ELSEWHERE

Coalition will meet to discuss youth pregnancy prevention

BURLEY - The next meeting of the Mini-Cassia Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coalition will be held at 3:30

p.m. on Feb. 18 at the Burley Health Department conference room, 2311 Parke Ave.

MADRIGALS JAM FOR SCOUTS



The Twin Falls High School Madrigals Jam for the Boy Scouts of America Falls District Snake River Council Annual Dinner. Throughout the year the Madrigals perform for no charge at various community dinners and events. It is their preparation for the concerts they charge for later in the school year.



WEST

Western bards ride into Nevada for poetry festival

Even an estate planning workshop draws a full house

ELKO, Nev. (AP) — Every January for the past 15 years, cowboys and warms have converged on this high desert country to recite poetry and listen to the verse of fellow buckaroos at the annual Cowboy Poetry Gathering.

This year is no different, as an estimated 9,000 visitors — most in high-brimmed hats and well-worn or fancy go-to-work boots — have taken over the local convention center, hotels, casinos and bars.

But for Paul Bliss of Salem, Ore. County, the gathering that started last weekend and continues through Saturday is anything but usual, beginning with his entrance into town.

He arrived opening day on horseback, having covered 330 miles of desert and snowy mountain passes with hopes of reciting some of his poems during "anything goes" open-mike sessions.

Two tired horses from his string of eight were left in Callao, at the foot of the Deep Creek Mountains in Utah, as the rest of the party, including Bliss' friend and travel mate Tom Farris, continued on.



Ed Blais, left, and Wallace McRae, right, are unable to contain their laughter while listening to Rod McQueney of Revere, Wyo., during a performance Thursday at the Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nev. Poets and musicians from as far away as Scotland came to the event in its 15th year to share music, prose and western cheer.

on his back, said Bliss. The animal's antics scattered the cowboys' gear, so they packed up

again with the same result. "We started a fight we had to finish," and though it put them

three hours behind on a tight schedule, Bliss said he won. The horse "was a perfect gentleman

the rest of the way to Elko, but he'd already earned his new name."

Paul Bliss' poem, "Old Doug," about a 20-year-old horse and best friend lost in a tragic accident, evoked moist eyes for many who attended readings at the Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nev. He wrote the poem to explain to his young son how his horse had died. An excerpt:

He'd never quiet for a minute — He was forever right up to the end He was quick, he was strong, he was gallant He was more than just a close friend. Son, he fell with me up in those mountains He rolled down the steep, rocky side He came to rest next to a pine tree With a tree limb sack deep in his side.

Once Bliss had been greeted at the steps of the Western Folklore Center, sponsor of the annual cowboy gathering, he was invited to appear on-stage at a climactic event with singer Michael Martin Murphy.

Though he never had performed before such a large audience, Bliss' nervousness passed as soon as the spotlight lit his hair, he said with a smile because his busy handkerchief wadded.

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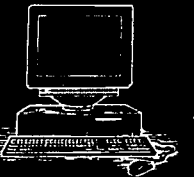
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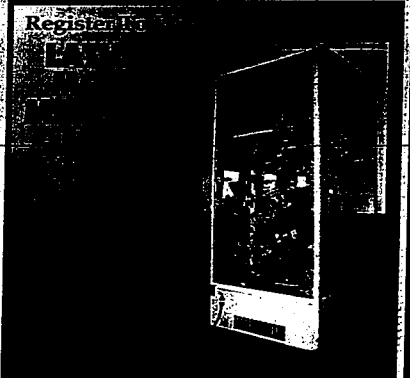
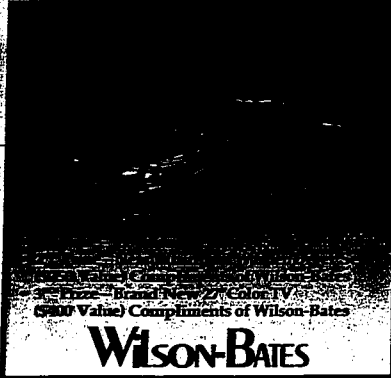
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BRIDES '99

Whole new world

An Rx for same-old, same-old wedding ceremonies

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — There's more than one way to tie the knot.

"Tie the knot." Ever wonder where that came from? Probably from your ancestors. Most of our bridal traditions come from Northern European cultures, which are fine as far as they go. But there's a whole other world of nuptial customs out there that can lend character to your wedding.

In Italy, for example, ribbons signify the tying together of two lives. There, ribbons are still tied across the front doors of the church to symbolize the wedding bond.

In a typical Greek wedding the best man, *Kumbach*, puts crowns on the bride and groom. The crowns are attached to each other with a ribbon.

Old Spanish traditions have been blended into Philippine and Mexican weddings.

In the Philippines, a white silk cord is draped around the couple's shoulders, to "tie" them together. It's called a *Yugal*, which means a nuptial tie.

It can be made of silk or a garland of flowers, or coins, or even diamonds. This long cord is gently draped around the necks of both bride and groom in a big figure-eight. The *yugal* symbolizes the infinity of the bond of marriage, a union that lasts a lifetime.

After the exchange of rings in a Mexican wedding, the *lazo* is used. In the same way, said Denise Cardoso of Twin Falls.

"Our godparents are on either side of us, holding the *lazo*," she explained. "They put it over us in a figure-eight, and it symbolizes we two are united together. No one can ever separate this *lazo*. Then the father tells the godparents to take it off, and we take communion," she said.

Although there are 30 states in Mexico, all with different traditions, the *lazo* and several other symbols are used before, during and after the wedding ceremony.

"Before the wedding, we plan with family members to sponsor the cake, invitations who pays for the church decorations, the reception, champagne, the rings, the *lazo*, everything except for the dress," Cardoso said.

The Mexican wedding ceremony is rich with traditions. As in Northern European weddings, the bride is "given away" by her father, all the parents are present, the vows taken, the rings are exchanged, and that's when the godparents step in with the *lazo*. At that point, the similarities with English weddings wane.



Denise Cardoso was married in a traditional Hispanic ceremony in October.

After the couple is united by the *lazo*, they take communion kneeling on specially embroidered pillows, which they keep in their home after the ceremony. There is usually a sponsor to buy the pillows, too.

After the ceremony, which usually starts in the early afternoon, there are lots of pictures taken in church, so the reception might not start for a couple of hours. Guests entertain themselves visiting with one another while waiting for the festivities to begin.

Once the food is served, typically around 5 or 6 in the evening, unaware guests might leave. "The dance starts around 8," Cardoso said. That's when the *Vals*, a traditional dance to say "thanks to all the sponsors, takes place. Each sponsor, or patron, dances with the bride and groom. In some states, the money *Vals* is also danced. That's when guests pin money onto the bride and groom.

At some point during the evening, friends will gather round the couple, who climb up on a chair for the *la cadera*. She throws her bouquet and he throws his boutonniere. The couple who catches the flowers then dance together, possibly igniting another romance, according to legend. Ever hear of "jumping the broom"?

In the times of slavery in this country, African-American couples were not allowed to marry. Obviously, that wasn't going to work, so to make a public declaration of their love and commitment, the bride and groom jumped over a broom into matrimony.

The broom was already an African symbol for the start of homemaking. In Southern Africa, the prospective bride helped the other women in the family sweep the courtyard, indicating her dutiful willingness to help her new in-laws with the housework until the newlyweds could move into their new home, according to "The Bride's All New Book of Etiquette" (Berkeley Publishing, 1994).

Rings are exchanged all over the world during wedding ceremonies. In Germany, when a couple becomes engaged, they give each other gold bands, which they wear on their left hands. Throughout their engagement, they are referred to as "bride and groom."

During the ceremony, when the German couple kneels, the groom might kneel on the hem of the bride's dress to show that he'll keep her in line. The bride, however, may step on his foot when she rises, to reassert herself.

The tradition of flower girls in this country comes directly from

England. There, the village bride and her wedding party walks together to the church. Leading the procession is a small girl, strewing blossoms along the road. This is to insure that the bride's path through life will always be happy and laden with flowers.

Korean couples include ducks in the wedding procession because ducks mate for life.

After a typical American wedding, guests throw rice. Few know, however, that the original tradition came about as an act to ward off evil spirits. The rice was supposed to be thrown behind the bride and groom, so that any evil spirits that might be lurking about would be distracted by the rice, and stop to eat it.

In India, the groom's brother sprinkles flower petals on the couple to ward off evil at the end of the ceremony.

Here's a tradition that is sure to catch on with American brides: After the couple are crowned in a Russian Orthodox ceremony, they give a race to stand on a white rug. It is believed that whoever steps on it first will be the master of the household.

Poland: For village weddings, friends weave a crown of rye-earrings, symbolizing remembrance, for the bride.



Greece: The best man, *Kumbach*, puts crowns on the bride and groom. The crowns are attached to each other with a ribbon.



Philippines: A white silk cord is draped around the couple's shoulders, to "tie" them together. It's called a *Yugal*, which means a nuptial tie.

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China: Because the color of both love and joy in China is red, during the ceremony the couple drinks wine and honey from goblets tied together with red string.



France: The couple often drinks the reception toast from an engraved two-handed cup — the *coupe de mariage*.



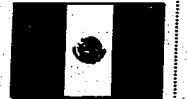
Germany: The bride carries salt and bread in her pocket to ensure bounty; the groom carries grain, for wealth and good fortune.



India: The groom's brother sprinkles flower petals over the couple at the end of the ceremony to ward off evil.



Japan: The couple takes nine sips of sake, becoming husband and wife after the first sip.



Mexico: A traditional pinata is fun reception entertainment — especially for kids. A sweet addition: Guests often form a heart-shaped ring around the couple before the first newlywed dance.

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How much should you spend on a wedding gift?

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The lovely announcement says that Dick and Jane are getting married. That gives you a month to figure out what to take as a wedding gift.

Oh, look here: A little slip of paper fell out of the inside of the invitation, and it says, "We are registered at the following stores, and we would like ..."

Not in these parts. Local girls don't send "invitations."

A lot of girls hesitate to register in the bridal registry. They think it's old-fashioned," said Donna Okarma, who works at Price True Value Hardware Bridal Registry and reception in Twin Falls. "But it is helpful for other people to know what the couple wants and needs."

"Most times, they're college kids just out of a dorm who don't even know about all the accessories, appliances and tools available today," Okarma said.

Apparently, things are different on other parts of the country. Some couples are looking to "break even" on their wedding gifts. Hoping that the caliber of their gifts at least equals the cost of the wedding and reception. Hoping that a good many of the gifts can be cashed in.

For cash.

One young woman posted this message to her friends and family on the Internet.

"Remember in planning your trip do not be too extravagant, as you will need to have money left over for our gift. We are registered at ..."

Some couples are even registering with lending institutions to get the down payment on their house squared away.

Throughout history many cultures have incorporated the custom of somehow or another giving money to the bride and groom. Traditionally, a young couple starting out was at the bottom of the economic ladder and needed all the help they could get, so friends and relatives devised ways to give what they could.

Receptions cost a bundle, even in China. There, each guest brings money gifts averaging around \$50 to \$100, we regard the going rate in Hong Kong; the price differs from one region to another. These gifts are intended to cover the cost of the banquet.

History and faraway cultures aside, American couples are often young working people with good incomes. And we regard the giving of money as gauche. So how much do we spend on a wedding gift?

Hereabouts, Okarma said, we tend to spend from \$25 to \$50 on a wedding gift, depending on how well you know the couple.

"A close family member might

go \$50, while most people like to go together to buy a larger gift," she said.

At The Bon Marche bridal registry in Twin Falls' Magic Valley Mall, bridal consultant Trish Tipton tries to keep brides' selections to under \$50.

"There are some people on a budget," Tipton said. "People can't afford everything they want. We help wedding guests with the casual china first — it can be a little bit cheaper for them. We tell people that frames are a good, affordable gift. They always need one for their wedding picture."

"We help with the necessities. A person can do without a pop-corn popper before they can do without towels."

"Whatever your price range, ask for help. "We ask you for your price range and we can narrow it right down to what you want. We don't have prices on the registries because often items are on sale when you come in," Tipton said.

And it's not just the couple who didn't want their guests to feel like they were being hit up for a gift. That's why they wrote, "We do not bring presents. The honor of your presence is all we ask on this happy occasion."

A wedding, after all, is an occasion to celebrate.

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A man takes a photograph close to the lens of the USS Missouri at anchor Wednesday in the most famous pearl of all — Pearl Harbor. Fifty-five years to the day after it was launched by Harry S. Truman's daughter, the 'Mighty Mo' re-entered public life Friday as the newest member of Battleship Row.

Pearls of all varieties shape world history

The Gazette

Pearls are like people. They may be cultured, or not. They may be various shades of black, gray, white, ivory or pink. They may be fake. They may be real. They may be jewels or trash, beads or buttons.

And, like people, they've left their mark on the world in some unusual ways, lending their name to people, songs, book titles, aphorisms and places — including the most infamous pearl of them all, the Hawaiian harbor that provided the stage for one of the darkest days in U.S. history.

Where do real pearls come from? No, not from Tiffany's. Pearls start out as a grain of sand or some other teeny particle of stuff that gets inside some lucky oyster's shell. Since bivalves don't have hands, they can't remove the irritant, so it just sits inside the shell for years. The oyster does, however, cover the particle with many thin layers of a substance called nacre (pronounced NAY-ker). Eventually, this produces a smooth pearl that shares the same luster and color as its host mollusk. Sometimes, the pearl is black, just like the entire cast of a 1960 "Hello, Dolly!" production that starred...

Penri Bailey, who won a Tony for her performance. Bailey enjoyed a successful show-biz career, and along the way she issued this pearl of wisdom: "Honey, I've been rich and I've been poor, and rich is better." Her autobiography, "The Raw Pearl," sounds like it could have something to do with...

Pearl onions, marble-sized veg-

gies usually served as a creamed side dish or as garnishes in Gibson cocktails. A Gibson is made just like a traditional martini — gin and dry vermouth — except you use a pearl onion instead of an olive.

The drink was named for American illustrator Charles Dana Gibson, creator of the class "Gibson Girls" drawings. The antithesis of the well-coiffed "Gibson Girls" might have been...

Janis Joplin, an angst-ridden blues/rock singer who was nicknamed "Pearl." Joplin's first solo album — "I Got Dem Ol' Kozmic Blues Again Mama!" — was also the last one issued in her lifetime. Her second album, "Pearl," was released in 1971, after Joplin's death from a heroin overdose at age 27.

Earl "The Pearl" Monroe, an acrobatic basketball player who starred for the Baltimore Bullets and New York Knicks in the late '60s and early '70s. Monroe was famous for his shake-and-bake moves, developed when he was a kid on Philadelphia's asphalt playgrounds. "I had to develop flukey-duke shots, what we call

la-la, hesitating in the air as long as possible ... before shooting," Monroe said. Flukey-duke?

Imitation pearl, a glass bead coated with a substance known as pearl essence, a creamy liquid extracted from fish scales. Particles of dried, baking pearl essence are often a telltale sign that a pearl is faux. If it's a small pearl, you might need to use a magnifying glass to check the gem.

Etiquette at LDS receptions, weddings: Wear 'Sunday best'

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — In the eight counties of south-central Idaho, more than one-third of the weddings are in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. And many nuptials that aren't in the Mormon Church involve Mormons.

So if you're not LDS, what's the etiquette for attending a Mormon wedding?

"You're not allowed inside the temple" if you're not a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and don't have a "recommend" to the temple, said Fitch Hester, judge Monte Carlson, a former LDS stake president in Twin Falls.

Mormons have one of two kinds of wedding in the temple, and just about anywhere else, Carlson said. They encourage church members to be married in a temple. (The nearest ones are in Boise, Idaho Falls and Logan, Utah) but the couple must be recommended by their home church.

"To get that recommendation, they go to their church leaders, who certify that the couple are worthy to attend the temple. LDS friends and relatives usually will not get an invitation to a temple wedding, Carlson said.

"You will be allowed on the temple grounds, as will other friends and relatives," Carlson explained. Some temples have waiting rooms, others let guests wait outside.

That's also where the pictures will be taken.

"No pictures in the temple," he said. "You have to click your cameras at the door in order to

preserve the sacredness of the temple."

If a Mormon wedding is planned at a home stake or ward or backyard or a YMCA, anybody can come. The LDS media relations coordinator in south-central Idaho. That means suit and tie for men, dresses for women.

"The Relief Society's rooms are nice and large," Carlson said.

"I've done weddings in homes, restaurants, outside — it depends on where the couple wants to get married. We are cautioned not to do bizarre weddings, though," Carlson said.

No skydiving, no scuba gear. "The church wants it dignified." Although everyone is invited to the non-temple wedding and

all receptions, you've gotta dress up.

"People are encouraged to wear their Sunday best to the wedding," said Brad Hobbs, a Twin Falls optician/linguist who's the LDS media relations coordinator in south-central Idaho. That means suit and tie for men, dresses for women.

"The wedding itself will be fairly simple, Hobbs said: the basic ceremony, exchange of vows.

"Not a lot of fanfare." "It's a time for the couple to exchange their vows and have their loved ones show their support as they begin their new family," he said.

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The ring

It takes some looking to find right diamond

By Steve Crump
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TWIN FALLS — It's a lot of scratch for a piece of carbon.

Compounded by the fact that not one person in 10,000 knows anything about wedding rings.

"So often people say, 'I never buy jewelry for myself or as a gift because I don't know what I'm buying,'" says Renee Newman, author of "The Diamond Ring Buying Guide" (International Jewelry Publications, \$12.95). "Those people are smart."

"There's no substitute for doing your homework." That said, buying a wedding ring shouldn't be as Herculean as, say, melting one.

"Couples spend on average \$1,000 for wedding bands," write Denise and Alan Fields in their "Bridal Bargains" (Publisher's Group West, \$13.95). "The good news is that you can buy a beautiful ring in almost any price range."

"We suggest trying on many different rings before you buy anything," says Mary Ann and Laura Fisher Kaiser in "Weddings for Dummies" (IDG Books, \$19.95).

Antoinette Matlins, co-author with Antonio Bonnano and Jane Crystal of "Engagements and Wedding Rings" (Gemstone Press, \$14.95), contends that a jeweler ought to be able to answer six basic questions about a diamond:

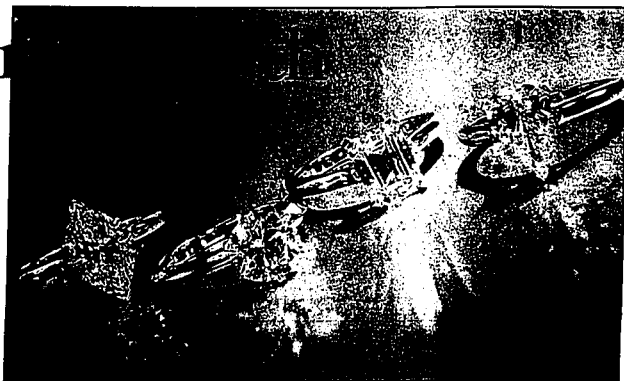
6 basic questions

- What is the exact carat weight? Simply stated, a carat refers to size. All other things being equal, the heavier the diamond, the more expensive it is (and be sure you find out its weight, not its grams).
- What is its color grade? This subject is so general that quantum mechanics is to physics. Jewelers have complex charts that evaluate color ratios, and at least five different systems for classifying them. Make sure you know what grading system was used (the Gemological Institute of America's standard is widely recognized in the United States).

- According to Michael Perry, author of "The Groom's Survival Manual" (Pocket Books, \$12), the best diamonds are "D" color; you can't afford one of those. The farther down the alphabet, at a rate, the cheaper the stone.
- What is its clarity grade? This simply tells you how many and what kind of flaws are in the stone, beginning with FL (Flawless Diamonds) and continuing down to an I diamond, which is obviously marred.

- What shape is it? For you guys who don't watch *The Home Shopping Network*, it could be, say, a marquise, or a brilliant or an emerald cut.
- What are the exact millimeter dimensions of the stone?
- Is this diamond accompanied by a grading report or certificate? It should be. Fine diamonds leave a paper, and that you're entitled to see.

If a retailer can't answer these questions or can't find out for



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you, be prepared to look elsewhere.

But be aware that most jewelers don't take the time to grade small stones, although 50 and 75 carat stones are now beginning to appear with information on color and flaw grades.

"Armed with all this information, it's now possible to shop for a good price on a diamond," Perry said. "Let's say one jeweler shows you a 45 carat, K color, VS2 clarity, brilliant cut diamond that you like. You can now shop for similar diamonds at other retailers, and be assured that you are comparing apples to apples, until you find a price you feel is fair."

After picking the stone, you choose the setting — the actual ring — in various configurations and various grades of yellow or white gold.

The only way you know you're getting straight information is by the reputation of the person selling it to you. For that reason, price alone is an unreliable measure of the value of a diamond wedding set.

"Jewelers do not all use the same retail markup," Matlins, Bonnano and Crystal write. "Markup depends upon operating costs and credit risks, among other things. The best way to select wisely is by shopping around."

How long as the store been in business? What are the gemological credentials of the jeweler? How would you describe the store window? What about the overall atmosphere? What's the policy on returns? Do they guarantee their merchandise?

"A trustworthy jeweler will have no problem giving you the information you request," Matlins, Bonnano and Crystal said. "In writing."

That done, it's time to ask some other questions:

More in-depth questions

- Does this stone have a good make? What are the proportions of the stone, and how do they compare with the ideal stone? Remember that a diamond doesn't have to be perfect to be beautiful.
- Does the stone show any fluorescence? If a diamond fluoresces blue when viewed in daylight or under daylight-type fluorescent light, it will

appear to have better color than it actually has. That's OK. But a diamond may also fluoresce yellow, which means that in a certain light its color could appear worse than it actually is. If the stone is accompanied by a grading report from a respected lab, the fluorescence should be listed on it. If it has no report, the jeweler probably doesn't know its true color.

- Will the jeweler let you view the stone against a dead white background? White blotter paper or a white business card will work. Look at the stone against the white background so that you are observing it through the side, not down through a table. Tilt the stone toward a good light source. If the stone shows any yellow body tint when viewed through the girdle and if it's not colorless as on the cube, it's not "white" or "colorless."
- Will the jeweler clean the stone before you examine it? Cleaning will remove dirt, grease or indelible purple ink. With diamonds, cleaning is best done by steaming or in an ultrasonic cleaner.
- Will the jeweler patiently go over it with you again, this time in English? A good jeweler should explain through demonstration the traits of a particular stone; if he won't, there are plenty of other jewelers who will.

Alternatives to diamond

So does a wedding ring have to be a diamond?

"Your fiancée will love any

ring you choose," Perry said. "However, she will love a diamond more."

And how much should you spend? Modern Bride magazines reports the average per couple is \$2,909 for an engagement ring, \$768 for the bride's wedding ring and \$391 for the groom's.

"If you really love her, the jewelry industry says, spending the equivalent of two months' salary is quite reasonable," Blum and Kaiser write.

"While that doesn't seem outrageous to us, it does seem rather arbitrary. You surely have your own priorities and can figure out for yourself what is appropriate."

The Fields suggest that you have access to the Internet, you should check out Jim Kozenski's "Frequently Asked Questions About Diamonds." It includes sections on finding a jeweler, a basic guide to diamonds and how not to get ripped off when buying diamonds. Go to <http://www.wam.umd.edu/~seki/wedding.html> or use your search engine to find the soc.couples.wedding home page on the Web.

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14-carat rings have less gold but also last longer

The following tips may help those looking to save money on their wedding jewelry:

- Go for 14 carats. Yes, it has less gold in it than 18K or 24K rings, but this is also an advantage. 14K gold is harder and wears better than higher-karat rings. And best of all, it's much less expensive.
- Check out pawn shops. Divorces and other financial mishaps often lead folks to pawn their wedding rings. As a result, pawn shops have a good selection of jewelry at very good prices. Another good bet: estate sales (usually advertised in newspapers) often feature rings and other jewelry.
- Comparison shop: Which

place has the best deals on wedding rings — mall stores or independent jewelers? Well, there is no one answer. Sales, special deals and other events may make one jeweler temporarily less expensive than another. Make sure you're comparing "apples to apples" with rings (same width, gold purity etc.).

• If you shop by mail, remember that you're buying sight unseen. Make sure there's a money-back guarantee (that's why buying by credit card is a good idea with these purchases) — and don't hesitate to take the ring to another jeweler to be appraised.

—Source: "Bridal Bargains," by Denise and Alma Fields (Publisher's Group West, \$13.95)

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Rescuing the custom of bridal shower

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

Traditional party has evolved into dreaded social obligation for many — but it doesn't have to be a dud

TWIN FALLS — Face it: There are few things more foreign to the male imagination than a wedding shower.

"The bridal shower has evolved into a dreaded social obligation," write Marcy Blum and Laura Fisher Kaiser in their "Weddings for Dummies" (IDG Books, \$19.99). "Shower invitations bring to mind not an exhilarating time of female bonding but rather an afternoon or evening spent bored to tears."

In short, it's sort of a counter-bachelor party.

More's the pity. Blum and Fisher argue:

"Your shower doesn't have to be a dud," they write. "Assuming that you can be perfectly honest with your maid of honor."

Traditional showers have had a fairly strict set of rules of engagement: given by the maid or matron of honor, showers are always held three to six weeks before the wedding, were always a surprise — and men were always banned.

In this century, they have served as a dress rehearsal for the bride opening all those wedding presents, and as such, showers are never given by relatives.

As a relative to host this party is way uncool," Blum and Kaiser write. "It looks as if your family is conspiring with you to snub a relative."

But all of those rules have become a lot more flexible lately.

"A shower should be fun as a party, not just a way to give gifts," says Ginny Hopkins, author of "The Bride's Book of Showers" (Grosser & Dunlap, \$5.95).

The key to that seems to mak-

ing the occasion more like a bash and less like a ritual.

"You can turn any showers into sunshine if you're willing to do something a bit different," write Sharon Dlugosch and Florence Nelson, authors of "Bridal Showers: 50 Great Ideas for a Perfect Shower" (Putnam, \$6.95).

Dlugosch and Nelson counsel less attention on structure and more on spontaneity. And they offer a few ideas:

- **Show-me showers:** Pick (well in advance) a guest with a special talent that can easily be shared with strangers — cake-decorating, crafts, gourmet cooking — and ask her to hold a short how-to session.

- **Shower-on-a-showering.** A potluck dinner after which the bride-to-be gets to keep the pot. After the food is served, everyone joins in to wash and dry the food containers, which then go to the bride along with the recipe that was used to prepare whatever the dish contained.

- **Wine-and-cheese tasting shower.** Brie-and-merlot and chat. The format involves each guest bringing two bottles of the same wine. One is gift-wrapped, with a card attached; the other is used in the wine-tasting. And yes, there's snacking, sipping, cleaning the palate and toasting involved.

- **Sunday-go-to-meeting shower.** Essentially, a shower, held at the church, after Sunday services, with men invited. In different variations, the guests collectively affirm, or sing, to the couple, all followed by a buffet lunch.

- **Founding party shower.** A variation on the old custom of greeting a new preacher to town

with a pound of sugar and a pound of nuts. The contemporary idea is to give the bride-to-be a pound of something with a tool that can be used with — for example, a pound of semolina flour with a pasta maker, a pound of mixed nuts with a nutcracker and a dish, or a pound of note paper and a set of pens.

The gift is always accompanied by a short, fun-filled verse that explains how the gift is to be used ("Think pasta-tively and have a happy marriage")

- **Home-from-the-honeymoon shower.** Given as a surprise party immediately after the honeymoon, it's appeal is a home-coming meal and a chance to see great friends and family. The couple brings their wedding photo proofs, the bride's parents bring their kid pictures, friends bring snapshot albums and high school yearbooks.

Blum and Kaiser offer two more contemporary ideas:

- **Interactive shower.** Put together balanced, co-ed teams for a volleyball, softball or touch football game. Or have a modern bar-raising by chipping in for some funky furniture for the couple — a couple of end tables, a coffee table for example — and spend an afternoon sanding, staining and stenciling as a collective gift. Accompany with finger foods, beer and wine.

- **Progressive dinner shower.** The hostess — or rents — a mini- van to take everyone to a different restaurant for each course. Gifts are sent ahead of time to the last stop, where they are opened.

"Invitations should go only to people who are invited to the wedding," Blum and Kaiser say.

rules to follow:

- Don't lobby for gifts. This isn't intended to be a free-lance bridal registry.

- If you don't want it to be a surprise party, tell your maid or matron of honor. It's your party.

- If she asks, provide your hosts with a typed guest list with correct names, addresses and phone numbers. And if you're going to be "showered" more than once, cross-check the lists so the same people are not invited and consequently overburdened with buying too many gifts.

- Limit that list to close friends and relatives that you really want to be around. There's nobody more miserable than a cousin whom you haven't seen in 15 years who feels obligated to buy a gift and sit through a wedding shower with a bunch of strangers.

- If you're uncomfortable with the idea of gifts, say so. There's no law that says a shower can't be turned into a no-gifts pre-nup party.

- If you receive presents, write your thank-you notes before the wedding — don't lump it in with your thank-yous for your wedding gifts.

- Be gracious and appreciative, no matter how many toasters you end up.

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Modern bachelor parties no longer mandate gin-soaked debauchery

"Foutcher me, and tar me
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— Alfred Doolittle in "My Fair Lady," by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe

The Times-News

The bachelor (or bachelorette) party as gin-soaked debauchery is slowly fading along with society's tolerance for public drunkenness.

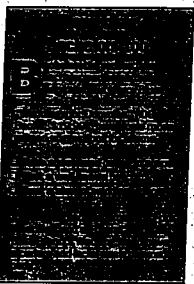
But letting down your hair — if not covering it with a lamp shade — is still very much in order before a wedding.

"The creation of a wild bachelorette party is a closely guarded male tradition, and the entire genre is dependent on each new groom to carry his own weight by maintaining the myth," says Michael Perry, author of "The Groom's Survival Manual" (Doubt Books, \$9.95).

"The original bachelor parties were thrown by a group of unmarried friends to give the poor soul about to be incarcerated a spend of drinking money for the future, when his new wife would make him account for every cent," write Marcy Blum and Laura Fisher Kaiser in "Weddings for Dummies" (IDG Books, \$19.99).

"Perhaps because women have made good on their threats to have equally raucous bachelorette soirees or because many men today have reached a higher state of consciousness, this kind of public exhibition has become less popular."

That's not to say that there are no blunders jumping out of cakes or no guys playing air guitar in their sleeves at bachelor parties anymore, but the occasions have



evolved into something other than applied bacchanalia.

"The bachelor party is a time to be crude and rude," Perry argues.

"Going bar-hopping or having a party in your best man's home are possibilities, but what makes an occasion memorable is doing something mildly macho and excessive and that's fairly original."

A weekend of hunting, an all-night drive to Las Vegas or Atlantic City, a camping excursion

into the mountains, or a trip to the race track or drug strip are excellent options.

Higher-than-normal-stakes poker, a wicked game of mud football, a sled trip, or a jaunt to every down-and-dirty rock 'n' roll bar in the city also make good bachelor parties.

"About the only option not worth considering is anything that could be considered elegant or in good taste."

Bachelor parties (by revered tradition, they're men-only) have traditionally included only the groom's friends, but it's appropriate to invite your prospective father-in-law and your brothers-in-law-to-be.

The event should be held in the wedding (but not the night) before the wedding.

"Your wedding day will be stressful enough without balancing a cold compress on your head," Perry says.

Bachelor parties are typically held in homes or bars or restaurants, and are presided over by the best man. It's important to have a grown-up in charge.

"It's a good thing to be extremely foolish and irresponsible during your bachelor party, but not on the highway," Perry says. "Have someone else do the driving."

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The Associated Press and The Times-News

Everything new is old again. So it goes in the ephemeral world of wedding flowers.

Minimalism is out and the opulent look of late 18th century formal rooms is in, according to New York party planner and florist Valerie Hart.

"Clients now ask for gardenia bouquets for the men in the wedding party," she reports.

For wedding bouquets, most of Hart's clients prefer full arrangements.

Traditional roses and seasonal flowers with traditionally romantic associations such as peonies and lilies in the spring, mums in the summer, hydrangeas in the fall — and roses again.

The monochromatic bouquet is another stylish idea. In this type of arrangement, many blooms of a single flower type are used.

Another preferred look for the bride is the classic white bouquet. For a cascading bridal bouquet that looks sensual, Hart often uses ivy, which doesn't require wiring.

"Oversly contemporary and exotic centers for formal decoration for a wedding and bridal bouquets," she says.

This doesn't surprise Maria McClure, whose floral business is among the most long-standing traditions associated with weddings, says Michelle Mellinger, author of "Wedding Flowers" (Little Brown).

Flowers at the wedding once served a dual purpose — warding off evil and ensuring fertility — that were taken very seriously. Though an expendable item for some people today, for many others flowers "make" the wedding. They create a naturally festive atmosphere and mark the occasion as a special one.

But floral styles do change from year to year.

"We are seeing a lot of larger bouquets but they are often looser and less structured in feeling," Michelle Mellinger says.

More imaginative uses of flowers as a decorative element is a trend. Some examples include a centerpiece of dried flowers as a centerpiece or flowers placed in the table or on a music. Handmade paper cones are filled with flower petals, which can be tossed instead of rice when the bride and groom depart.

Unconventional combinations are also popular. An example: white

roses, miniature white pom-pom chrysanthemums and lemon leaves, which are shiny and dark green. Another idea: miniature variegated carnations (dianthus) in mixed colors or blossoms of shrubs such as viburnum.

For flowers that remain attractive through the ceremony and party, select those that are more durable. Lilies that quickly and easily bruise are easily. Roses, lilies, carnations, gladiolus flowers, freesia (which are fragrant) and orchids are harder.

For decorating tables, consider picking and pressing flowers in the summertime and then using them in decor. For example, sprinkle pressed flowers on a table, cover it with glass and then set the wedding cake on top of the glass.

Sometimes people economize by doing their own flowers. There may be a better way.

Flowers need to be conditioned and arranged on the day before the day of the wedding — especially when time is shortest. A better idea may be to find a professional who has imagination and will work within your budget.

"They say you can't fool all of the people all of the time," says Diane Warner, author of "How to Have a Big Wedding on a Small Budget" (Books, \$12.95).

"Not true. You can — especially when it comes to flowers."

Work with the seasons. In the winter, consider forced bulbs such as pots of daffodils for the table. Pots of ivy are easy to find and look nice on tables. A single element may be all you need — a wreath on the door instead of decorating each pew in a church. Eases of worship often do need flowers. They are beautiful enough on their own.

Other money-saving possibilities include using paper flowers (craft shops and specialty stores stock them) and artificial flowers in table arrangements. It's also feasible to rent some arrangement or to rent large potted plants to fill out the display, using a smaller number of purchased flowers.

Private gardens are full of flowers, shrubs, evergreens, ferns and flowering bushes, and most gardeners are more than willing to share, Warner says.

"All the flowers and greenery you can use are waiting to be donated or loaned," she writes.

"There are people out there who can hardly wait to provide you with everything you need — for free."

Another way of getting the most for your money is to prioritize, selecting one area to emphasize — whether it's the bridal party flowers, those for the ceremony or those for the reception. For example, instead of having a major bouquet that is costly not only

because of the flowers but because of the time it takes to construct, opt for less labor-intensive ideas, such as a bouquet containing only a few large flowers (hydrangeas or peonies, for example) or a bouquet of baby's breath of sweet peas.

Warner offers some other advice:

• If the bride is tall, she should carry a cascading bouquet; if she's short, she needs a smaller one.

• The bride can carry a Bible or prayer book in place of a bouquet. Just place a flower on top with some white satin ribbon streamers.

• Attendants' bouquets should

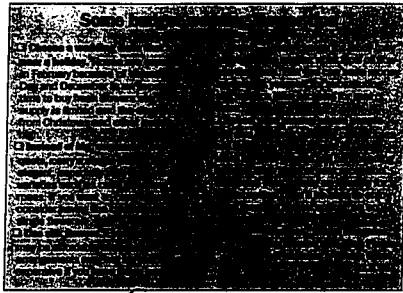
be smaller and more colorful than the bride's and the maid or matron of honor's bouquet should be a little larger than the others attending.

• If the church has a high ceiling, use tall altar flowers; if it has a low ceiling, use a low arrangement.

• If a wedding is at night, use white flowers. Dark colors get lost in the shadows and soft lighting.

• Both mothers' corsages should be the same to avoid any yard feelings.

• Pick the flowers slightly closed so they won't be too fully on the wedding day; be especially careful to select "tight" rosebuds.



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BRIDES '99

ABBY ON LOVE AND MARRIAGE

Bride-to-be should send brief notes after postponing ceremony

DEAR ABBY: What is the protocol for a young woman who has a wedding shower and two weeks later postpones her wedding? How does she go about notifying the people who attended the shower? And what should be done with the gifts?

—MR. WONDERING

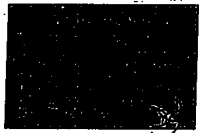
DEAR MR. WONDERING: A brief note from the bride-to-be, explaining to the shower guests that the wedding has been postponed, should be sent.

There are no hard-and-fast rules about the rest of the scenario. Courtesy and common sense should prevail. If a wedding is canceled, unused gifts should be returned with a brief note. Since a postponement is not a cancellation, only a delay, the gifts need not be returned. However, if the postponement is expected to be a matter of many months, with little realistic expectation that the wedding will ever take place, the gifts should be returned.

DEAR ABBY: Eight years ago, I came out of the closet. I had been married for 18 years and had two children—a son, 15, and a daughter, 17. At the time, I decided that for 40 years I had lived my life for everyone else, and it was time to live my life for myself.

I have had a lover for seven years. I have had a loving and compassionate relationship. At the time I "came out," my family disowned me, and we have not talked since. My son, on the other hand, kept in touch. He and his fiancée have visited my lover and me several times, and we have enjoyed a good relationship over the years. During that time, my lover and I have been very generous to my son with birthday and Christmas gifts, and even bought him a new car. When he and his fiancée visited us on several occasions, we all got along well. They met our gay friends and socialized with us.

Last week, my son called to say they were sending out wedding



More Abby - D2

certainly bear repeating.

1. Look not for perfection in your mate. You will not find it, and it's just as well. Living with a saint could be very tiresome.

2. Let your love be stronger than your hate or anger.

3. Learn the wisdom of compromise, for it is better to bend a little than to break.

4. Be the best rather than the worst. People have a way of living up or down to your opinion of them.

5. Remember that true friendship is the basis of any lasting relationship. The person you choose to marry is deserving of the courtesies and kindnesses you bestow upon your friends.

6. Practice forgiveness, for who among us hasn't needed to be forgiven?

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I recently got back together after a year's separation. I made a lot of mistakes and have been trying hard to make it up to her. We are now getting along better than ever.

There is, however, a terrible, nagging doubt in my mind. In the year that we were separated, my wife became good friends with a lesbian. I would never have suspected anything more than a good friendship existed, except for two reasons: First of all, things between us are great everywhere except in bed. I'm not the most sensitive guy, but her lack of enthusiasm in this department is obvious.

Second, one day last week I supposed to meet her at her office for lunch. When I arrived, there was a note for me to wait in her office until she returned from a meeting. Being curious about her various projects, I looked through her files. I came across a file with the gay woman's name on it. I couldn't resist. I read through it and was shocked. In the file was a collection of beautiful love letters and poems written

by this woman to my wife. Some of the poems were very erotic.

Abby, I can't stop thinking about the possibility that my wife was — or still is — lovers with this woman. It's torturing me. Should I confront her with my suspicions or should I keep my mouth shut?

—TORTURED IN OREGON

DEAR TORTURED: Whether you should confront her depends upon how much you want to know. Think the matter through carefully. How will it affect your reconciliation if you confirm that your wife did have a lesbian relationship during your separation, that she is still having one, or that she's bisexual? You will then have to decide if you can accept her as she is, or whether it's back to square one in your marriage — again facing a split.

Of course, only you can make the decision, but I advise you to proceed with extreme caution.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been dating for almost a year, but I recently moved 2,000 miles away. We decided to stay together because we really love each other. I know he is the one I want to marry.

The problem is that she says he's going to move here to be with me, but he doesn't know when he will be able to let go of our old hometown. His mother died almost four years ago and is buried in the town cemetery, and he doesn't know if he can leave her.

What should I do? Should I move back to be with him, or wait it out and see how long it will take him to come here? I am very confused. Please help.

—LOST IN ARIZONA

DEAR LOST: Your boyfriend's roots in that town go deeper than his mother. He may be having second thoughts about continuing your relationship. You must decide if he's worth waiting for, or whether you should return home to join him in his graveside vigil.

Never too early to make guest list

Knights Rider News Service

It's never too early to make a preliminary guest list in writing. Thinking about whom to invite and whom will actually show up has a tremendous impact on the way your wedding planning evolves.

The number in your head may not correspond to the number in reality, and seeing the names on paper helps check your natural propensity to invite anyone who's anywhere near you.

While certain costs such as space rental, officiant fees, music

and the wedding dress are usually fixed (once you've decided on them, that is), items such as centerpieces, food and beverages change in proportion to the number of guests attending.

The difference between 100 and 125 guests may mean three more tables and everything that entails at the reception. Only you can decide whether those people make the day more special — or simply blow your budget.

—Source: "Weddings for Dummies" by Marcy Blum and Laura Fisher Kalsner (IDG Books, \$19.99)



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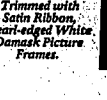
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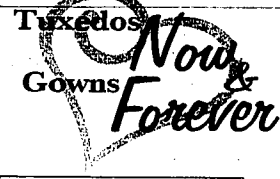


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The remarrying kind

Once more, with feeling

Ideas, tips for the second time around

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Most people who fail at marriage the first time try, try again.

And with the national divorce rate near 50 percent, that's an awful lot of perseverance.

"(Couples who remarry) have already accumulated many of the puzzle pieces of life," says Marjorie Engle, author of "Weddings for Complicated Families" (Mc. Irv Press, \$14.95). "You may wish you could ignore the past, but the past never stays put where you might think it belongs."

More than 600,000 Americans got married again in 1996, the last year for which statistics are available, and the trend toward retrace romance is accelerating along with the median age of the population.

At least half of all remarriages involved both a man and a woman who have been divorced from their previous mates, according to George W. Knight, author of "The Second Marriage Guidebook" (J.M. Publications, \$9.95). They're older, wiser, probably wealthier and have some practical experience in handling relationships.

"Trouble is, there's not much difference in the divorce rate of first and second marriages. That's largely because — good intentions aside — there are complications."

"Two divorced people are more likely to have children from each of their previous unions," Knight said. "If each has custody of their children, this could cause overcrowding of their household, as well as extra financial burden. Even if they don't have all their children together under the same roof, the husband may be making child-support payments to his ex-wife."

"Couples tell me that they were unprepared for the complexities of remarried life," Engle writes. "There are brand new issues to think about this time. Formerly married people develop ideas about marriage that are based on first-time experiences."

So how to plan a wedding in that kind of minifield?

"If you are one of those people who speak of your first wedding as if it were a dream directed by your parents, now's your chance to create a ceremony and reception that is truly yours," write Marcy Blum and Laura Fisher Kaiser in "Weddings for Dummies" (IDS Books, \$19.99). "That may mean you approach the altar in full wedding regalia — lace, tulle, white tie, tails — or skip the traditional wedding hoopla in favor of an understand luncheon. Do what is meaningful for you."

Starting with the kids. "When parents announce that they plan to remarry, many children say it feels more like losing one parent instead of gaining another one," Engle says.

So do more than make them part of the process; make them integral to it.

"It is not essential that children of divorce give their consent (they probably won't)," says Nat Segalhoff, author of "The Everything Etiquette Book," (Adams Media, \$12). "But compassion should be used."

And don't let the stresses of blending families destroy your new marriage.

"Step-parents are not replacements, they are additions and go into an entirely new slot," Engle says. "Step-parents are often a first time you got married," he wrote. "Let your second wedding reflect the new reality of your lifestyle."

But lose the long white dress, he suggests.

"Many second-time brides opt for less elaborate white dresses," he says. "If you do opt for white, though, tone it down with a dash of color — in a purse or jacket, for example."

The Times-News

Following are some ideas, tips and etiquette for a second marriage:

Attire

Brides: Be yourself. Let your personality shine through. Traditional gals is probably what you wore when you married someone else — this time go for what you like.

This also means that if you always wanted to wear the big white dress, but for some reason didn't get to the first time around, do it now.

Grooms: Take that money you would have used on a tux and buy an Armani suit (or something else that makes you feel suave.) Be as individualistic as the woman you are marrying.

Choose your attendants' attire with the same philosophy. They don't all have to wear the same thing. Incorporate your personalities into the proceedings.

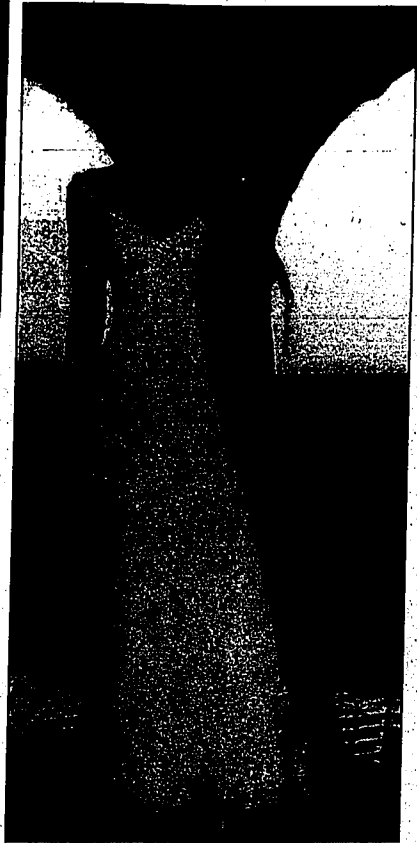
Engagement

The very first people to be told of the upcoming wedding should be the children either or you have from previous marriages. This is very important: Even if you are lucky enough to have children who adore your new spouse-to-be, if they are not the first to be told it can be very alienating to them. Your kids are going to have a brand-new stepparent, and they should get that news from you: Often, in a second marriage where there are children, the kids will walk down the aisle ahead of the couple, making a strong statement that this marriage is an important step for all involved.

Showers

Because the couple probably has most necessary household items, go for interesting theme showers: Self-improvement, wine cellar, great outdoors, for example.

—Source: The Knot



Carmela Setera's ivory re-embroidered tulle dress — sheer sleeves and overlay gown — gives an antique lace effect. The trim on the shoulders is of mother-of-pearl floral buds.

Remarriage Q&A: Is it tacky to register for gifts?

Q. Is it appropriate to register for gifts?

A. You may already have all the home stuff you'll ever need between the two of you, especially if you're in your 30s or older. Or, maybe you don't. Either way, it's OK to register for gifts. Many remarried couples skip the fine china, silver and crystal, but if you never had them in your first marriage and would like to register for them, go ahead.

Q. What's the etiquette for announcing the engagement?

A. After your kids, your parents and immediate family should be

next to know. Ex-spouses should hear the news if you have children together. Then fill in your friends and other relatives. If you are recently widowed or divorced, you may not want to do a newspaper announcement right away — instead, wait and announce the marriage yourself.

Q. Who should escort the bride?

A. If the bride's father escorted her in the first wedding, one or both of them may feel uncomfortable repeating it. But it's not inappropriate for Dad to walk her down the aisle once again. Or, the bride may decide to walk

alone down the aisle, symbolizing the fact that she's walking into this marriage as an independent woman. Some remarrying couples decide to walk down the aisle together.

Q. How are the invitations worded?

Your parents were the hosts of your first wedding; that's why their names were on the invitations. This time around you and your spouse are the hosts, so you may want to host your own invitations, especially since you're paying for it.

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ENGAGEMENTS

QUICK-RAMSEY

RUPERT - Gerald and Lori Bair of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, NataLee Quick (Bair), to Mike Ramsey, son of Tim and Karen Ramsey of Burley.

Quick is a 1997 graduate of Minico High School and is attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, where she is a member of the International Folk Dance Team. She is employed at the Flower Patch in Burley.

Ramsey graduated from Burley High School in 1994 and served a two-year LDS mission in the Minnesota area in Provo, Utah. In the spring, he will graduate from Salt Lake Community College and plans to continue his education at BYU. He is employed by Life Styles 2000 Health Club in Orem, Utah.



NataLee Quick (Bair) and Mike Ramsey

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Salt Lake LDS Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah. A reception to honor the newlyweds will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Burley Inn, 801 N. Overland Ave. The couple will reside in Orem, Utah.

CHILD-RYDALCH

RUPERT - Micheal and Christa Child of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Sue Child, to Jeremy Rydalch, son of Marland and Donna Rydalch of Meridian. Child graduated from Minico High School.

Rydalch graduated from Meridian High School. He is employed as an electrician in Meridian.

The wedding is planned for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the



Jeremy Rydalch and Amanda Child
Rupert West Stake Center, 36 S. 100 W.

JAROLNEK-STOLLER

RUPERT - Kent and Mary Ann Spaulding of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Jarolnek, to Mike Stoller, son of Steve and Jean Stoller of Fortuna, Calif., and Robert and Billene Budrow of Pasco, Ore.

Jarolnek is a 1997 graduate of Minico High School and is majoring in graphic design at the Colorado Institute of Art in Denver, Colo. She is employed at Media Play in Denver.

Stoller is a 1994 graduate of Fortuna High School in Fortuna, Calif. He graduated from Denver Institute of Technology with a degree in



Mike Stoller and Kelly Jarolnek
graphic design. He is employed at Zascor Corp. in Denver. The wedding is planned for Saturday in Las Vegas, Nev. The couple will reside in Denver.

SHANK-VANACKERN

FILER - Kathy Shank of Filer and Ed Shank of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Tami Jo Shank, to Gary VanAckern, son of Louis and Lois VanAckern of Mission, Texas.

Shank is a graduate of Filer High School and Boise State University. She is employed by BSU at the Velma V. Morrison Center for the Performing Arts in Boise.

VanAckern is a graduate of Fort Collins High School in Fort Collins, Colo. He is currently serving on active duty as a staff



Tami Jo Shank and Gary VanAckern
sergeant in the United States Air Force in Mountain Home. The wedding is planned for March 13.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE DAYLEYS

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dayley of Twin Falls will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Tuesday with family and friends at their home, 122 Avenida in Twin Falls.

Dayley and Gladys Hansen were married Feb. 2, 1939, in Twin Falls. They moved to California in 1941 and had to return when he was called to enter the service for two years.

He worked at the Twin Falls Highway District for 37 years, 17 years as supervisor, until his retirement in 1986. She worked at various stores and election boards for many years as well as being a housewife.

They have five children, Jeanne (Dunn) Molesworth, Boyd



Floyd and Gladys Dayley
Dayley (deceased), Larry A. Dayley, Sheryl (Aaron) Harris and James Clyde Dayley (deceased). The couple has seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

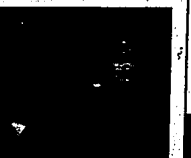
THE BAKERS

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Eudora Baker of Twin Falls were honored for their 50th wedding anniversary at a family dinner on Dec. 21, 1998, at the Adams Ranch in Boise.

Baker and Vera Morgan were married Dec. 31, 1948, in Anthony, Kan. They have resided in Twin Falls since 1958, where they have raised their three children.

He retired from Valley Vista Village in July of 1992. She retired from Idaho Frozen Foods in 1982.

The event was given by their children, Anita (Jim) Leichter, Joyce (Jim) Soran and Dwight (Cheryl) Baker. The couple has eight grandchild-



Eudora and Vera Baker
ren and two great-grandchildren.

WEDDING

JOY-LAUZIER

LAKEVIEW, Wash. - Theresa Ann Joy and Ronald Wayne Lauzier were married Dec. 5, 1998, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Building in Lakeview, Wash.

Officiating was the Honorable Richard C. Fitterer. Harriett West was the organist. Theresa Ann Joy was the soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Steven and Margaret Joy of Moses Lake, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls.

Parents of the bridegroom are Wayne and Rose Lauzier of Ephrata, Wash.

Stephanie Goodwin, friend of the bride, served as the bride's maid of honor.

Bridesmaids included Andrea Lyons, cousin of the bride, and Rachel Cranston, friend of the bride.

Rachel Rodman, second cousin of the bride, was the flower girl. Jeremy Bohnet, friend of the groom, served as best man.

Groomsmen included Ric Lauzier and Randy Lauzier, brothers of the groom.

Ushers were Steven Joy II, brother of the bride.

Cody Hansen, second cousin of the bride, was the ringbearer.

Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Don and Helen Joy of West Linn, Ore., and Melvin Graul of Visalia, Calif.



Theresa Ann Joy and Ronald Wayne Lauzier

and grandparents of the bridegroom, John and Ardie Millage of Bellingham, Wash.

A reception was held following the ceremony. Serving was Roxanne Storm, Tanya Gasman and Tracie Hinz, friends of the bride's parents.

Tracie Hinz attended the guest book. Gift attendants was Tanya Gasman.

The bride is a graduate of Moses Lake Christian School and attended Big Bend Community College. She is employed at Kmart in Moses Lake.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Ephrata High School in Ephrata. He is employed at Les Schwab in Ephrata.

The newlyweds reside in Ephrata.



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MASINO-HAYMORE

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Timothy J. Masino of Seneca Falls, N.Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Veronica Frances Masino, to Jonathan Grant Haymore, son of Dr. and Mrs. Daniel H. Haymore of Twin Falls.

Masino is a 1995 graduate of Myrtlewood Academy in New York and will graduate in August from Brigham Young University with a teaching degree in mathematics.

Haymore is a 1995 graduate of Twin Falls High School. He served an LDS mission in the Italy Catania Mission. He is majoring in zoology at BYU.



Veronica Masino and Jonathan Haymore
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If there's more money to spend once you're in Europe, you can always take a cruise. Holland America Lines offers a cruise from Istanbul to Rome in November for \$3,420 per person. Remember, cruises are your best bargain food included.

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The invitation is meant to convey the necessary facts about your upcoming ceremony and the celebration following. As such, it's the most stylized part of the wedding ritual and the subject of endless controversy.

In a formal sense, the invitation is an announcement by your parents and your spouse-to-be's parents that you're getting married, even if the folks have nothing to do with planning or paying for the wedding. An invitation is not the same thing as an announcement; one is a summons, the other is news.

Invitations are very formal in form and content, although their design allows for considerable variation. It always includes an RSVP — responder *à l'honneur*, in French — which asks the invitee whether or not he or she will be there.

They go in the mail no sooner than eight weeks and no later than six weeks before the wedding. That's a fairly rigid time schedule, so make sure you order them at least a few months in advance.

An invitation to the wedding doesn't mean you're necessarily invited to all the other nuptial-related events. Some require separate invitations.

The photographer

Any Bozo can open a shutter at a

You're forgetting something, but what is it?

reception; photography — and its modern cousin, videography — is an art form. As such, take your time and do your homework when you're hiring a photographer. Tell him or her very specifically what kinds of pictures you want. Formal? Informal? Candid? Do you want him or her to show up at the rehearsal dinner? The bachelor party? The bridal shower?

And understand what you're buying. Photographers generally work on a flat-fee, no-frills basis, which involves paying him or her for their time, film and expenses. Or they charge you a flat fee, including the cost of albums — usually one large and two smaller books.

Alternatively, they may work by an hourly fee or a flat fee and include contact sheets and proofs in the price. Under this arrangement, you usually contract for a specific number of hours and pay extra for overtime.

It's important to know whether your photographer will charge you for cropping and retouching photos, what the fee is for additional prints, and whether he or she retains ownership of the proofs — which means that you must return them to the photographer after you choose the images you want.

For that reason, it's hard to overemphasize the importance to starting to look for a photographer early in the process — no later than nine months before the wedding. He or she will need

to have some brainstorming sessions with you and your intended, and scout out the site of the wedding.

The best source for finding photographers is recently married couples. They can also give you a critical opinion on how the shooter did.

The music

Only your checkbook is the limit. The range of options extends from a CD boom box to a deejay to a full-blown band.

Start by deciding how much you can afford to spend, where your wedding and reception are going to be held, and how many guests are invited.

And remember, you're buying two kinds of music.

The first, for the ceremony itself, is solemn and meaningful. The second, for the reception, is fun.

"Music controls the timing of the reception," says Carroll Stoner, author of "Weddings for Grown-ups" (Chronicle Books, \$14.95). "More than any other component, music sets the emotional tone and the energy level for both the ceremony and the celebration. Whether you envision an intimate, elegant occasion or one where guests dance the night away, the style of music and type of musicians are key to how your wedding works."

Typically, the folks who provide the

music for wedding ceremonies already know the couple — they attend the same church, or they're acquainted with the parents, or they've performed at other weddings that either the couple or their families have attended.

So if you're in the market for a wedding singer or an organ player, listen to word-of-mouth. In small communities especially, these musicians tend to be well known.

But if you're looking for a band or a deejay, start with hotels, nightclubs, wedding chapels and the newspaper — musicians who play wedding receptions often advertise that fact.

Don't be shy about asking for an audition, and once you've chosen your musician, settle on a price for services. Most perform for a flat fee, but a few charge by the hour.

Food and drink

There are vast differences in the types of catering available for weddings — many couples' families cater the events themselves — so again you must, early in the process, decide what you can afford, where the reception will be held and how many guests will be there.

Decide too, whether you're going to serve alcohol and in what form (it's banned from many church buildings). Of all the elements of a wedding, the cost range is greatest for food — there's

literally thousands of dollars' difference between a sit-down dinner and hors d'oeuvres.

If you're doing the full-blown feast, considering eliciting volunteer help — from relatives or members of your church — in cooking and serving.

The cake

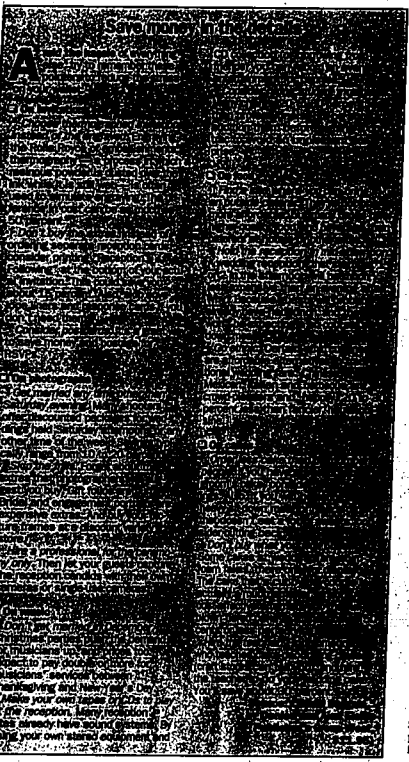
Unless Aunt Martha is a world-class pastry chef and has offered to bake her award-winning *gâteau de marriage* for your wedding, you need to rev up your tassets to go cake shopping.

Or, more precisely, bakery shopping. Finding a baker is like finding a caterer — talk to folks who work weddings with them, including florists and photographers.

But choose carefully — changing a three-tiered cake on no notice is a little tougher than rearranging the flowers. Be equally careful of friends or relatives who volunteer to bake your cake, but can provide no evidence that they've ever done so successfully before.

The choice you make about the cake will have a big impact on the final tab for your wedding. Wedding cakes cost about \$2 per serving, that's about \$400 for 150 guests (assuming some of them eat more than one slice).

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On this occasion ... Relax and enjoy fine art of toasting

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On this occasion — How complicated can raising a glass to the happy couple be?

Plenty, it turns out. Relaxed and enjoying the wedding reception, many a designated toaster — usually the best man, followed by the groom, who toasts the bride — begins to sweat as he is caught unaware by the signal that it's time to stand and deliver.

A little preparation and forethought can make the difference between an embarrassing, stumbling attempt and a memorable moment for the happy couple of which the orator can be proud.

For anyone attempting to speak at a reception, the hardest part is the beginning. Humor is a great icebreaker, but not everybody can pull it off in a noisy reception hall full of chatty, milling people.

"Watch out for toasts that are too funny," says Michael R. Perry, author of "The Groom's Survival Manual" (Pocket Books, \$12). "Living as we are amid the great irony epidemic, every guy across the nation thinks he can be David Letterman. Self-deprecating humor may be appropriate for late-night television, but when you're making a toast, you should be expressing a genuine, heartfelt emotion, not telling stupid jokes."

Sweet sentimentality always draws the appreciate murmurs, but dewy thanks can sound phony. KISS — Keep It Short and Simple — is a reliable method, plus you can always lift some famous lines from notable ora-

tors and writers. "Just happens to be appropriate for this couple" creates a nice platform or wrap-up for the speech.

A quick trip to the public library and a short conversation with the librarian will point you in the right direction.

If you're the groom, you sit the first round of toasts out, and then you propose a toast to the bride. "Gush," said Michael R. Perry, author of "The Groom's Survival Manual" (Pocket Books, \$12). "In most other situations in your life, you're expected to speak modestly, in careful, hedged terms. But this is your new wife, so you'll appear sweet, sensitive and loving if you fill your toast with superlatives."

And don't forget the guests. "You can appear as eloquent as John F. Kennedy by simply remembering a use-car salesman's trick," Perry said. "The word most pleasing to just about anyone is his or her name. It doesn't matter what you say, as long as you get the names in."

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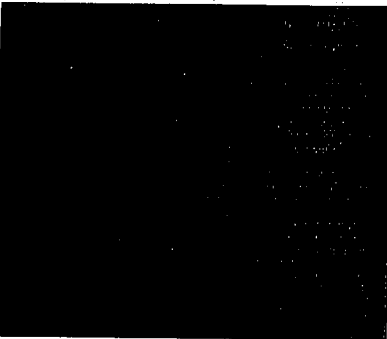
Express yourself

Exchange of vows forms foundation of entire ceremony

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer



Angela and Bruce Thiele exchange pieces of wedding cake Jan. 23 in Janelville, Wis. The Learning Channel will feature the Thiele's wedding film Jan. on an episode of "Wedding Story."



and Lao Tai.

Or, ask a friend to write something.

"The subjects most often reflected on are the nature of love, friendship, family, joy and happiness, and community and continuity, and the importance of every marriage," she writes. "On a more psychological level, the importance of forgiveness, understanding and a willingness to compromise are good topics."

Good enough, maybe, to tackle yourself?

"Even if the words are already out there, they haven't been said by you," Blum and Kaiser allow.

"Fact is, more than half of married couples now depart at least somewhat from the script of the familiar "Dearly Beloved ..." ceremony that passed down from the Church of England into civil and religious usage in the United States.

If you're up for authorship, Blum and Kaiser advise starting by making a list of all the words that describe your intended, why you fell in love with this person, and what your hopes are for the future.

Keep a notebook or journal for jotting down bits of poetry, song lyrics or movie scenes that strike a chord in you or that have been floating around for ages.

"Think about the people around you," they say. "Include your children. Incorporate a ritual or poem from your ethnic heritage."

"After you start putting together your thoughts, keep your vows upbeat and positive. Avoid anything maudlin.

Bingo.

"Original poetry is fraught with the peril of sounding hopelessly amateur or overly sentimental," Stoner observes.

Fair enough, but what do you say? It's your call, but it's impor-

tant to remember that when you're writing vows, you're also setting the tone of wedding. And the ceremony should contain three elements, says Daphne Rose Kingma, author of "Weddings from the Heart" (Conari Press, \$9.95):

- Something about your relationship. Who are you and your spouse-to-be? What do you think? How do you feel?
- Something about marriage. What does it mean to the two of you?
- Something about your style, your view of the world and your place in it. "A theatrical performance, an intimate conversation, a religious ritual, a carnival or festival, a gathering of clans, a formal social event?"

And remember, this isn't a speech contest.

"Remember that you want to create a dialogue," Blum and Kaiser say. "Not two monologues."

Whatever you do, resist the temptation to preach, Kingma advises.

"I will promise never to be unfaithful to you," for example, implies that you might someday have reason to be.

From a legal standpoint, whether your declaim at length or say nothing at all, you're married when you and the officiant sign the marriage certificate.

"You can stand in total silence if you choose to and you'll end up just as married," Kehrer said.

"Or relent and let Bruce Springsteen do the talking for you." "One friend said that if she had to do it all over again, she'd have a friend read the lyrics ... of 'If I Should Fall Behind,'" Stoner says.

"She admitted that she once would have found this highly unorthodox."

Some poetic thoughts on relationships from Kahlil Gibran, love's wordsmith

On love ...

From "The Prophet," Chapter 2

When love beckons to you follow him,
Though his ways are hard and steep.

And when his wings enfold you yield to him,
And like the sword hidden among his plinths may wound you.

And when he speaks to you believe in him,
Though his voice may shatter your dreams as the north wind lays waste the garden.

For even as love crowns you so shall he crucify you. Even as he is for your growth so is he for your pruning.

Even as he ascends to your height and caresses your tenderest branches that quiver in the sun,

So shall he descend to your roots and shake them in their clinging to the earth.

Like sheaves of corn he gathers you into himself.

He threshes you to make you naked.

He sifts you to free you from your husks.

He grinds you to whiteness. He kneads you until you are pliant.

And then he assigns you to his sacred fire, that you may become sacred bread for God's sacred feast.

All these things shall love do unto you that you may know the secrets of your heart, and in that knowledge become a fragment of Life's heart.

But if in your fear you would seek only love's peace and love's pleasure,

Then it is better for you that you cover your nakedness and pass out of love's threshing-floor, into the seasonless world where you shall laugh, but not all of your laughter, and weep, but not all of your tears.

Love gives naught but itself and takes naught but from itself.

Love possesses not nor would it possess; it is a power that adds itself.

be possessed;
For love is sufficient unto love.

When you love you should not say, "God is in my heart," but rather, I am in the heart of God."

And think not you can direct the course of love, if it finds you worthy, directs your course.

Love has no other desire but to fulfill itself.

But if you love and must needs have desires, let these be your desires:

To melt and be like a running brook that sings its melody to the night.

To know the pain of too much tenderness.

To be wounded by your own understanding of love;

And to bleed willingly and joyfully.

To wake at dawn with a winged heart and give thanks for another day of loving;

To test at the noon hour and meditate love's ecstasy;

To return home at eventide with gratitude;

And then to sleep with a prayer for the beloved in your heart and a song of praise upon your lips.

On marriage ...

From "The Prophet," Chapter 3

You were born together, and together you shall be forevermore.

You shall be together when the white wings of death scatter your days.

Ay, you shall be together even in the silent memory of God.

But let there be spaces in your togetherness,

And let the winds of the heaven dance between you.

Love one another, but make not a bond of love.

Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your souls.

Fill each other's cup but drink not from one cup.

Give one another of your bread but eat not from the same loaf.

Sing and dance together and be joyous, but let each one of you be alone.

Even as the strings of a lute are alone though they quiver with the same music.

Give your hearts, but not into each other's keeping.

—Source: Mountain Man Graphics, Australia

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It's not your mother's gown

There's more than one way to dress for a wedding — just ask the experts

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It's not your mother's wedding gown. As brides age (average age for first-come: 26 for brides, 28-33 for groom), and weddings go from being a once-in-a-lifetime event to an every-couple-of-years happening, the customary beaded and laced princess gown, voluminous veil and miles-long cathedral train are going the way of the dowry.

Well, almost. There will always be those who prefer their nuptial attire on the conventional side.

Still, says Elena Karafotis, who manages the Ultimate Bride in Chicago, "older" brides these days "want a dress that's manageable, that they can walk around in. They don't want to be the screaming bride. They don't want to look like a bride."

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gown to look elegant," Hewitt says. "The simpler it is, the nicer it looks."

Of course, if you're looking to save even more money, you can make your own dress.

About 40 percent of brides have their gowns sewn at home or by dressmakers, according to the Sewing Fashion Council. Cost is a factor, but getting custom fit, style, fabric and color also are strong reasons, says Caryll Swendsen Deichers, the council's spokeswoman.

Some brides, family members or local dressmakers can design and execute original gowns from scratch. Others can individualize commercial patterns: home sewers can often find bridal designs by Allyn Wright (McCall's and by Jessica McClintock from Simplicity, for example).

A defined silhouette is currently popular with brides, says Susan Kline, a bridal couturier. "Simpler styles call for sophisticated material. Rich fabrics such as silk, silk peau de soie and satin are ideal when creating a gown," she said. "Complemented with a French lace. These fabrics offer simple elegance."

If you're going to sew your own, pick a style that's within your range, the council advises. Otherwise, turn the job over to an experienced dressmaker; a fabric store or tailor is a good source for referrals to those who specialize in bridal wear.

Other advice
Other advice from the council: Ask to see samples of the dressmaker's work. Get an estimate based on the pattern and fabric you've selected. The number of fittings or the amount of handwork involved will affect the price.

Get the best fabric and findings you can locate, whether from a local fabric shop or by mail order. The local shops usually stock veiling, lace and accessories, and their sales staff can give you ongoing support. If you plan to use lace, it's a good idea to shop for the lace first, then match the fabric to it.

Store your gown-in-process in a bridal bag — available at the fabric shop to protect it from dirt and dust between sewing sessions. Keep your hands and the sewing area clean while you work.

For a copy of "Wedding Belles," a brochure about making your own wedding gown, send \$1 to The Sewing Fashion Council, P.O., Box 629, Madison Square Garden, New York, N.Y. 10159.

If you're shopping for a dress, start by leafing through magazines to get an idea of what's available at what strikes your fancy, suggests New York fashion designer Caroline Semizinsky.

Narrow down the type of dress based on the type of wedding planned: a ballgown is inappropriate for an informal wedding, for example.

Try on many dresses to see how you look in different styles. The process of trying on dresses on also helps accustom a young woman used to casual clothes to moving about in a formal wedding dress.

A large bridal shop with a big selection is a good place to shop, even if you end up buying at a smaller store.

Choose a dress that emphasizes your best features such as a small waist, long neck or nice shoulder, and that dispenses those parts of your figure that do not please you. If you have a small waist and large hips, a dress with a waistline and bouffant skirt emphasizes the former and hides the latter.

Shop wisely
Denise and Alan Fields, co-authors of "Bridal Gown Guide" (Publisher's Group West, \$11.95), offer the following tips:

Buy a sample gown. Bridal shops are often stocked with last year's fashion experiments, and when they get rid of them, it's at a 20 to 75 percent discount.

Bridal shops do have sales from time to time, but just about any sample you see displayed is for sale. While some shops claim they can't sell samples because they need them to take future orders, most are more than happy to unload them.

Consider a bridesmaid's dress as your wedding gown. Take away the train and beading from a bridesmaid gown, and what do you have? A bridesmaid's dress, in white.

An alternative is to look for an "informal" gown (that is, a wedding dress with less detailing and no trains). They're the little-known secret of the bridal business: many manufacturers have informal lines, yet rarely advertise them. And that's the catch — shopping for an informal gown may be hard since most designers don't send out catalogs to con-



A classic sleeveless gown from Ansaale has a deep V neckline, fitted bodice with beading and pleated skirt with chapel train.

Learn to recognize quality

The Times-News

Look for the following qualities in a wedding gown before you pay top dollar:

- Finished seams. Check out the inside of the gown. Are the edge of the seams unraveling? High-quality gowns always have finished seams. Another quality clue: Look at the hem. Quality gowns have an interlocking heringbone stitch. Lower quality gowns have simple straight stitch hems.

- Lining/built-in petticoats. Is the dress lined? Is there built-in crinoline? Once the province of the most expensive gowns, they've begun to show up on mid-priced dresses. Dresses that are lined have more body and may let you skip the purchase of an additional slip. Built-in petticoats are also a big plus for the same reason — you won't have to buy or rent one separately. When petticoats are built-in, they are usually designed into the dress for the most dramatic silhouette. A separately bought petticoat may not provide the same effect.

- Sewn-on beads. Here's a good way to separate the quality gowns from the cheap ones: check to see whether beading and detailing is glued on or sewn to the dress. Better gowns have sewn-on beading, never glued. Why is gluing inferior? First, beads attached to a dress with glue fall off much easier than those that are sewn on. Second, if you want to have your dress cleaned after the wedding, be aware that some dry-cleaning chemicals will permanently discolor the glue. Some brides report that the glue has

yellowed or even turned dark brown. (A solution to this problem: dresses like this may have to be hand washed.)

- Scratchy details. When you try on a dress, gauge how comfortable the garment is. Scratchy necklines, sleeves, seams and other details are tell-tale signs of cheap construction. A dress should feel soft on the inside.

—Source: "Bridal Gown Guide," by Denise and Alan Fields (Publisher's Group West, \$11.95)

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A cook's tour through the etiquette of matrimony

The Times-News

Ours is an informal culture, we save our good manners to get married in.

Here's a sample of wedding-etiquette do's and don'ts from Nat Scoppio, author of "The Everything Etiquette Book" (Adams Media, \$12), and Nancy Blum and Lenora Fisher Kaiser's "Weddings for Dummies" (IDG Books, \$19.99):

- Ex-wives and ex-husbands should not be invited to their former spouse's remarriage.
- Although the bride's parents traditionally pay most of the major wedding expenses, it's appropriate for the groom or his family to offer to help financially if it's a big wedding. That's especially true if the groom's family includes large numbers of the groom's family and friends.
- Ask the host or hostess of the bachelor/bachelorette to invite the prospective in-laws to the bachelor party. If it would make those folks blanch, perhaps you have already suggested an alternative form of merry-making.
- Unless they are getting married, babies do not belong at wedding ceremonies.
- Don't turn guests into photographers. If you want shots besides those your photographer takes, ask guests who actually know how to take pictures to do so and send you the developed film later, and your expense.
- Invited guests should arrive at a wedding 15 to 20 minutes

early. Once there, they must wait until they are seated by an usher. Guests should not seat themselves.

Never bad-mouth somebody else's wedding if you're planning one of your own. Reserve unfavorable comparisons for private discussions with your fiancé, your best friend and tight-kipped relatives.

- Weddings occasionally are canceled; more often they're postponed. If it's called off after the invitations are sent, then follow-up notes must be sent to the guests informing them of the change. No further information need be provided.
- If gifts have already been received, they must be returned immediately. Guests who bought non-cash gifts such as tickets or bridesmaids who spent money on gowns should be reimbursed.
- If the wedding is rescheduled, all the original guests are notified of the new date with an added note referring to the former date so there is no confusion.
- Every family has disagreements about the wedding, from the music to the caterer to the honeymoon. None belong at a wedding. Keep your mouth shut and your best smile in place.
- Ask your prospective spouse's loves to regale the crowd with "hilarious" anecdotes about your parents, nip this habit in the bud. Or, if you're always engaged and hysterical.
- The groom picks up the travel and lodging costs of his out-of-town groomsmen if they can't pay

themselves; same for the bride with the bridesmaids. That said, the bride or groom may make reservations on behalf of out-of-town guests at local hotels, but the guests are expected to pay their own expenses.

- While guests of one religious denomination invited to attend a wedding of another denomination must respect the beliefs of their host, they are not expected to participate in them.
- The bride — not the groom, not his parents, not the bride's parents — has first call on the location of her wedding.
- If the bride is pregnant or has delivered a child out of wedlock, the bride's parents — not the bride — should send out the wedding announcements. White wedding gowns are not appropriate, but they're OK.
- The bride and groom always sit at the head table at a formal reception. The parents sit at smaller tables.
- Looking toward the bride and groom, the seating order is, left to right, usher, bridesmaid, usher, bridesmaid, best man, bride, groom, maid of honor, usher, bridesmaid, usher, bridesmaid.
- Beepers and cell phones are out of place at a wedding ceremony.
- Thank-you notes are not phoned, published, faxed, e-mailed or left on an answering machine. They are written, by hand, on stationery, and include, thanks, a notation of how much the bride and groom appreciate

the specific gift, and how happy they were to see the guests at the wedding, or how much they missed seeing the guest who could not attend.

- Once the bride has chosen the date, she doesn't get to see it until the groom puts it on her finger during the wedding ceremony.
- The notation "RSVP" on a wedding announcement means the couple expect a prompt reply. And once you commit to be a guest, you're obligated to attend the ceremony.
- Inviting the child of your spouse to take an important part in the wedding — say, best man — is a nice gesture, but make sure it's appropriate. It may leave a child feeling guilty about the other parent. But find kids in a newly blended family some meaningful role in the wedding; attending as guests may alienate them from the new family you are forming.
- The fact that it's your second, third or fourth wedding doesn't mean you're not entitled to the full regalia. It may be as formal or informal as the couple chooses.
- You can only have so many bridesmaids or groomsmen. For those of your friends (or relatives) who don't make the cut, find them some other meaningful role in the wedding — delivering a poem, for example, or signing a song. But asking someone to hold the guest book, hand out escort cards, double-check the seating

chart, of some other "plum" assignment may seem like you're attempting to come up with something to keep them from feeling left out.

- It's unacceptable for a guest at a wedding reception — or a member of the wedding party — to drink so much that he or she is out of control or disruptive. Ribald behavior and two-faced elow-bending belong at the bachelor party.
- The couple should decide when the first alcoholic beverage is served, if it's served at all. That

can be before the ceremony, if they choose.

If you're providing for toastings at a wedding reception, non-alcoholic substitute beverages should be provided for guests who don't drink.

- It's up to the couple — and not the families of the couple — to set the size of the guest list, and to decide who to invite — and who not to invite.
- By all means, write your own vows if you wish — but keep them brief, serious and appropriate.

Late for your own wedding? Get over it

Knightrider News Service

In the movie "Four Weddings and a Funeral," the Hugh Grant character has a penchant for oversleeping and showing up late for weddings — including his own.

That's not much of an exaggeration. Almost everyone knows someone like Grant's character. The type who's always 15 minutes late getting out the door, who misses the first scene of every movie, who keeps everyone from getting seated at the restaurant because the hostess refuses to seat a table until the "entire party" is there.

Habitual lateness isn't just aggravating; it's a proclivity that dissolves friendships, plagues marriages and has cost strangers fortunes. And getting over it isn't simply a matter of wearing a watch, researchers say.

"It's not (a matter of) time management," insists Dr. Joseph Ferrari, a social-personality psychologist at DePaul University in Chicago. "To tell (persistently) late people to just do it, is like saying to a clinically depressed person to just cheer up."

Ferrari, a leading researcher of procrastination, believes late people and procrastinators are, more often than not, one in the same. His studies have shown that 20 percent of the population consists of chronic procrastinators. Ferrari places them in two categories: arousal and avoiding.

Arousal procrastinators seek the thrill of rushing around at the last minute. Avoiders fear the task ahead of them. And we could hardly begin to know where the thrill of rushing around at the last minute leads, he believes.

"If you think about it, our culture encourages people to be procrastinators," says Ferrari. "We let you fax it, Fed-Ex it, E-mail it. We let people get away with it. Instead of being flexible, we've become spineless."

Dena Lewis grew up in a household where, when lunch was called for noon, family members wandered in anywhere between noon and 1 p.m. Today, she finds it impossible to be on time for almost anything, including work.

"I'm supposed to be here at 8:30 a.m.," says Lewis, public relations manager at the Fort Worth Zoo. "The saddest thing is I get up at 6 in the morning, and I'm still late. The more time I have, the more I piddle."

(Note to Lewis' boss: She swears she compensates by staying late at the office.) Growing up, Lewis' friends took it in stride. Everyone knew she'd be late. "I'd love to change, because I know it drives people around me crazy," she says. "My poor husband..."

Habitual tardiness threatens relationships

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—Dr. Joseph Ferrari, DePaul University psychologist

be 15 minutes late. "You won't even take a shower until I am combing out my hair. It drives him nuts."

Horst, public relations director at an advertising firm in Fort Worth, manages to make it to work on time.

"He wanted to, she could be early all the time." "Basically I've gotten to the point now that the best thing I can do is let her know two hours in advance that deadline time is coming up," he explains. "Also, I find scathing sarcasm works well."

"It's not just a female thing, either. When Sarah Carustensen started dating Jerome Kramer a few years ago, Kramer was so reliably late that "I was picking me up at 8, I wouldn't start getting ready until 7:30," Carustensen says.

"I'm always trying to do 35 things, and she's usually only time to do 33," Carustensen says. "I always assume there's going to be just a little bit more time."

Kramer fits perfectly into Dr. Bill Knaus' definition of a "lateness procrastinator."

"Almost as a group, they want to do the amount of time it's going to take to get to where they need to go," notes Knaus, psychologist and author of "Do It Now: Beat the Procrastination Habit," originally published in 1979 and revised most recently in 1998. "They start putting on their makeup about the same time they need to leave. And they're already thinking about what their excuse is

going to be." Those excuses are often "remarkably creative," Knaus says. "They typically swear they'll do better next time, but the next time comes, and they repeat the whole thing."

Janie Spicer once missed a friend's wedding reception because she just couldn't get out of the house. She was once asked to skip out of a weekly morning tennis game, because she consistently held up the start of the game. She says she's never missed an airplane, but her family begs to differ.

"Her motto is, 'On time is when I get there,'" and she lives by

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Start now to preserve wedding memories

The Gazette

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—Somewhere in that dusty attic, damp basement or chilly garage are boxes of precious photographs, paintings, family papers, baby books, christening gowns and home movies tucked away for safekeeping.

You might think your heirlooms are fine where they are. The boxes are taped up, the lids can't get to them, they're not exposed to sunlight.

But Leah Davis Witherow, volunteer at the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum, knows better. She shudders when she recalls the times she has descended into old basements and found boxes of mementos ruined by dampness, mice and bugs. By the time they're discovered, the damage is irreparable.

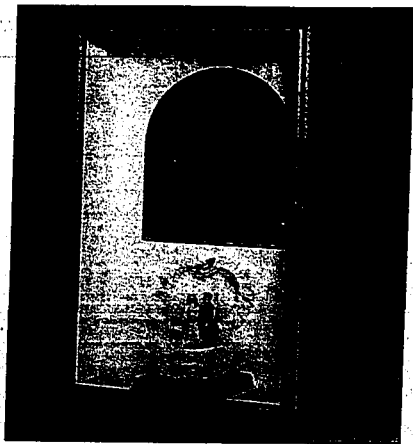
"They are the link to your family's past — your family memory. When people are gone, papers and photos live to tell the story, and every family has a unique story," says Witherow.

Over the eve of a new year, why not make a resolution to preserve your heirlooms for generations to come? Modern technology has provided improved means of preserving, restoring, converting and properly displaying or storing these irreplaceable items. Video production companies can transfer home movies and slides to video. Photo restoration businesses use computers to fix damaged snapshots. And CD-ROMs have become the newest method for storing photos, film and family documents.

Tom Brandt of Colorado Springs started a CD-ROM storage business, Disc-it, because of his own concern about his family photos.

"If there was a fire or flood, or something that was naive, everything would be gone," he says.

Futting copies on a CD gives those precious memories another 100 years, and several copies can be made to share with other family members, or stored in a safe deposit box.



Wedding-day memorabilia can be permanently saved and displayed in a Duracolor shadowbox frame from Frametopia.



Here are some suggestions from the experts for restoring and preserving family memories.

Most photos are damaged by water or humidity, or from curling when stored in boxes. People

often roll up long panoramic pictures of military reunions or school graduations, says Richard Stiles, owner of Restored Images, who has been salvaging damaged photos for more than 30 years.

coated photographic paper makes black-and-white prints less stable than color.

• **Color prints:** Early color photos were prone to deterioration, but today's photos will last 100 years or more. Color photos printed on Fuji-color Crystal Archive paper will last longer than other photos on display.

• **Negatives:** With scanners that can read straight off a print, the importance of negatives is lessened.

"The reality is, the negative will be there and retrievable in 100 years, but few people ever keep an index for them,"

Wilhelm says.

• **Ink-jet prints:** Unstable format because of the water-based dyes that fade relatively quickly. Extremely vulnerable in direct sunlight. You'll see major improvements for permanent in the next two years.

• **Videotape:** All formats — VHS, 8mm and Hi-8 — experience a degradation of the plastic binder in the tape; estimates of stability are 20-40 years. Every time you transfer the image to another tape, you lose quality.

• **Digital images:** Expected to be long-lasting but vulnerable to heat or careless handling.

blown up into poster-size prints and mounted on a stiff cardboard sheet or form-core board.

Ask all of your guests to sign the poster before they leave the reception.

Attach a gold or purple marker with a stringer for the signing. After the wedding, take your posters back home and hang them on the wall next to each other.

—Source: The Knot

Careful storage can help save old photos

Knight Ridder News Service

• In 100 years, your great-grandchildren will see beautiful photographs of your life.

Or a faded pile of paper. They will watch crystal-clear videos of the quaint folk of 1999.

Or confront a crumbling tape.

"There is no problem, in theory, to make color photographs last a thousand years," says Jim Reilly, director of the Image Permanence Institute at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y.

"The real problem is the way people store them."

If you're going to the trouble to take photographs for posterity, take the extra step to make sure they'll last 100 years — keep originals of your most important photographs in a dry, cool and dark place.

"Unfortunately, people generally pick their most precious photographs for display. And for that reason, the most vulnerable photographs are self-selected for destruction," says Henry Wilhelm of Wilhelm Imaging Research Inc. in Cornell, Iowa, who is an authority on traditional and digital image permanence.

Wilhelm says scanning your photos into a digital format is fine, but don't use digital as the permanent archive.

Why? In 25 years, computers may not be able to read a CD-ROM or disk from 1999, and your photos will be lost.

"Using the electronic image as your permanent image at this point in history is a grave mistake," he says.

"The best insurance of having an image in 100 years is to keep what we call a human-readable record, something you see."

As for videotape, it's a hopelessly deteriorating medium. The binder that attaches the image portion with the magnetic audio portion likely will disintegrate after 20 to 40 years, Reilly says; VCRs to play them will vanish, too.

The best plan is to review your videotapes every five years or so. If your videotape is fading, transfer it to a digital format, or at least another videotape.

In the next decade, you should be able to transfer the miles of video you so lovingly shot onto a single, tiny memory card, says Bob Warwick, editor-in-chief of Camcorder and Computer Video magazine. Watch for that window of opportunity, and "don't rely on tapes for documentation of your life to your grandchildren," says Reilly.

The future holds promise for brilliant photographs with the permanence of oil paintings.

Photos printed on ink-jet printers are gorgeous but their water-based dyes are vulnerable to light damage.

Yet "the great majority of high-quality photographs in the future will be ink-jet," Wilhelm says.

Printers are being developed that will use dry pigments, such as the oxides used in car finishes and artists' paints, "will up the stability performance way above contemporary photography," says Reilly. "We'll have photographic prints with the stability of car finishes."

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How long can you expect images to last?

How long will your photos and videos look good? Henry Wilhelm and Jim Reilly give these estimates. Photos are most stable when stored in cool, dark and dry conditions, such as a first-floor closet. Don't put photos in the refrigerator or basement they're too humid.

• **Kodachrome slides:** Extremely stable, should last 200 years. Unfortunately, slides are out of fashion.

• **Black-and-white prints:** Photos on fiber-based paper will last 100 years, but today's resin-

Classy: 5 ways to enliven any reception

1. **Showier yourself with photos.** Ask the shower host to bring a photo-related gift. The present might be a memory making object such as a camera, slide projector or mini-cam; a memory-keeping object such as a picture frame or a photo album; or a ready-made memory, such as a collage of photos of you and your friends from high school or a framed picture of you and your fiancé.
2. **Dinner and a show.** Put together a slide show for the rehearsal dinner. Pillage your old photo albums for great shots of you before you met your beloved, during your early days of dating each other, and now. Ask your intended's mother for childhood photos, and borrow any other photos from your friends. Get slides made of the prints from a photo shop and rent a slide projector. Make a tape of your favorite songs — or the

3. **The write invite.** Rather than ordering standard engraved invitations, why not incorporate some of your own great art?
4. **Uncover that fabulous drawing** of a bride and groom that you did when you were 5, and do your invitations on copies of it. Or, unearth that letter you wrote when you were 8, vowing to "never" kiss a boy, and reprint it along with a picture of the two of you.
5. **Silent stars.** If your parents took baby movies while you were growing up, you could create your own video of the two or you as toddlers. Put it on a loop and let it run silently in a corner throughout the reception.

tunes that you were playing while you were dating — and play them when you show the slides.

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Wedding job descriptions: Who does what

The Times-News

Here's a rundown on the wedding ceremony duties. Once you know the job, you'll find it easier to pick the person to fill it.

The bride

- Choose the style, date and place of your wedding and reception.
- Make a guest list, order the invitations and enclosure cards, as well as thank-you cards.
- Decide on your wedding gown.
- Choose your attendants.

The groom

- Make your guest list and choose your best man, ushers, and choose what they wear.
- Get the marriage license and other documents.
- Arrange the honeymoon trip. Plan for transportation, hotel reservations and schedules.
- Arrange for out-of-town guest accommodations.
- Help your parents plan the rehearsal dinner.
- Talk to the clergyman.
- Select the rings. This is a good time for lunches and dinners with your bridesmaids.
- Buy gifts for best man and ushers.
- Meet with your best man and make certain of his duties.
- Pick up marriage license with your bride.
- Plan to pay the clergyman, give the money to your best man.
- Show up at the church at least 45 minutes before the wedding.



One of the matron of honor's main jobs is making sure the bride is ready on time.

Maid of honor or matron of honor

- The bride may have one of each. She sees that everything is going smoothly.
- She comforts the bride.
- She holds the bride's bouquet during the ceremony and keeps the groom's ring as well.
- Her main function is to see that the bride is happy and that the rest of the bridesmaids are properly dressed and at the church on time.
- She is one of the two official witnesses to sign the marriage certificate.
- She makes sure the bride gets something to eat. The main reason people pass out during wedding ceremonies is no food in their stomachs; the second reason is locking the knees.

Best man

- In older days a groom would select a close friend of his who was supposed to stand guard in case some old suitor of the bride or competitor would try to steal the bride away before the ceremony was over. So he stood by the groom with his hand on his sword.
- Today, he is the master of ceremonies and toastmaster at the reception, as well as personal valet and adviser to the groom.
- He makes sure the groom is properly dressed and at the church on time.
- He takes charge of the marriage license (which he signs) and the bride's wedding ring.
- He takes the minister's and organist's fees from the groom.

and presents it to the clergyman in a sealed envelope at the first opportune moment.

- He supervises the ushers, making sure they are properly dressed and thoroughly briefed and at the ceremony site on time.
- He makes toasts that wish for health, happiness and prosperity. He makes announcements and introductions.
- He makes sure the reception runs smoothly and that no practical jokes are played on the bride and groom.

Bridesmaids

- You can choose anyone you want to fill this role, though it is customary to ask your closest friends and relatives of approximate age. Girls ranging in age from 11 to 16 can be junior bridesmaids. They're often relatives from the groom's family — his sister or an favorite cousin is invited as a bridesmaid.
 - They can run errands, address envelopes, help the bride in small ways. They're invited to all pre-wedding parties and may give one if they wish.
 - Bridesmaids are responsible for assembling and paying for their own wedding outfits and other expenses except the flowers.
- Ushers**
- They escort guests as they arrive and leave, and like the bridesmaids, should show concern for the guests. As a rule, allow one usher per 40 guests.
 - Before the ceremony, they should be at the church 45 minutes before the wedding, unless the nuptials have fewer than 50 invited guests. In that case, a

- half-hour in advance is plenty of time.
 - If there are candles to be lighted, do so just before the guests start arriving, beginning with altar candles.
 - Ask each female guest, "Are you a friend or a relative?" Next, they ask, "Of the bride or groom?" Then an usher offers his right arm to the lady, holding his hand loosely across his chest and escorts her to the proper place. If she is accompanied by a man, the usher asks him to follow them.
 - An unaccompanied man is rarely ushered to a seat, but should be directed to the proper place.
 - An usher is never stiff in manner, but smiles and chats with the guests as he ushers them, and then pauses for a moment at the end of the pew while the guests are being seated.
 - If two or more women arrive together, the usher offers his arm to the nearest or eldest and asks the others to follow behind.
 - If anyone seems embarrassed or refuses to take the usher's arm after obviously being offered it, the usher should ignore the whole matter and just ask her to follow.
 - If a guest doesn't want an escort and wants to find his or her own seat, that's OK — provided he or she doesn't take seats reserved for relatives of the bride and groom.
- The ceremony**
- Grandparents are ushered in just before mothers.
 - The groom's mother is escorted to the first pew on the right, with the groom's father following.

- The bride's mother is escorted to the first pew on the left; no more guests are ushered in after she is seated.
- Lanekeepers may use the side aisles and be directed by the ushers.
- After the second solo musical number, a white runner is usually laid along the aisle.
- The head usher signals the organist.
- Ushers go down the center aisle in pairs or in single file and take their appointed places.
- After the introductory melody of the wedding march, the first bridesmaid proceeds down the aisle.

- If the bride's father has died, the bride may ask any relative or friend or her mother to give her away.
- The groom's parents**
- They should contact the bride and her parents when the couple becomes engaged, and invite them for a given time.
 - Mom and Dad should organize a tea or some party should be given for the bride.
 - They give the rehearsal party or dinner.

The special aide

- He or she is a kind of supervisor-general, usually a relative or a good friend.
- They handle the details of the receiving line, signal time to cut the cake, make the toasts, start the music for the first dance, remind others of the order of dances, and see that photographs are taken of everyone the bride and groom want pictures of.
- Anyone may serve in this capacity, but the best person is usually someone with experience, such as a wedding coordinator.

Special attendants

- Young boys: They can distribute Mass books or yamoules, give out packets of rice, light candles and serve as acolytes.
- Young girls: They might keep the bride's book or help serve refreshments at the reception.

After the ceremony

- Immediately following the recessional, the parents of the bride and groom are escorted to the front of the church. One usher offers his arm to the bride's mother, while her father or escort follows immediately behind.
- Another usher using the same procedure follows with the groom's parents.
- As soon as the bride's and groom's parents have been escorted out, two ushers immediately come forward and indicate, pew by pew, that the guests may leave.

Child attendants

- The flower girl carries a little basket with rose petals or a small bouquet or a little flower-covered muff.
- The ringbearer carries a white satin pillow with the bride's ring (preferably not the real one) tied to the center with ribbons.
- Pages or trainbearers always come in pairs about the same size. They are used if the bride has a long train.
- Child attendants must be at the rehearsal so they can practice their parts. It's a good time to find out if they will be able to do it.

The bride's mother

- She helps compile the guest list, arranges the details of the wedding and reception and helps choose the bride's dress.
- Mom serves as the official hostess for the wedding.
- She sits in the very first pew on the bride's side of the aisle, and is the last person to be escorted to her seat before the wedding and the first to be escorted out.
- She greets all the guests at the head of the receiving line, and sits in the place of honor at the parents' table.

The bride's father

- He's the bride's escort from her house to the church, and he walks her down the aisle to the altar.
- After giving the bride away, Dad joins your mother in the first row.
- He is the official host of the reception.
- Dad mingles with the guests and is the last one to leave.
- If the parents are divorced, the father may still give the bride away. But instead of sitting with the bride's mother, he takes a seat in the third row.

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Great expectations: Are we asking too much of marriage?

Knight-Ridder News Service

In theory, at least, few things in modern life are as uncomplicated as traditional matrimony. A devoted couple take a vow to love, honor and comfort, and then after champagne toasts and a toss of the bride's bouquet, they head off for a lifetime of companionate love and marital fidelity.



Prince Charles and Princess Diana, shown here in 1981 before their marriage, had a storybook romance — and a disastrous marriage.

But theory and reality don't always jibe, and so it's no surprise that old-fashioned matrimony has its critics, observers who say that the institution of marriage is so archaic and unworkable that it's time to throw out the whole thing.

Nancy Saunders, a psychologist who has a family practice in the Philadelphia area, sees traditional marriage, with its admonishments against sexual infidelity and its vague exhortations of honor and affection, as a failing anachronism incapable of binding couples in a lifetime of love and equality.

economically dependent on their husbands, or 30 years ago, when getting home on time for dinner was a daily priority, Saunders suggests. Now, she says, the traditional requirement that couples remain together "in sickness and in health ... as long as you both shall live," often masks long years of bitter unhappiness.

Saunders believes that long-term committed relationships are still the best hope for the care and support of children. But she favors doing away with traditional matrimony. Instead, she suggests individualized marriage contracts that would allow couples to custom-design their relationships with the full support and recognition of the state.

For Linda Chavez, head of a Washington think tank that smokes family issues, the problem is not that traditional marriage doesn't work, it's that people don't work hard enough at traditional marriage.

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social marriage. The president of the conservative Center for Equal Opportunity in Washington, Chavez, regards the suggestion that marriage is a failed institution.

"Perhaps what we really need is for people to re-examine their sense of responsibility and consider more than their personal happiness," says Chavez, who has been married for 31 years. "I think that marriage as an institution has worked quite well, especially for raising children."

That's not surprising, given that marriage began as a way of protecting and supporting the young.

George Becker, a sociologist at Vanderbilt University in Nashville and a specialist in the sociology of the family, says that early Western civilizations viewed marriage as a way to provide stability and safety for children during their long maturation period.

and needed a lot of workers," Becker says. "And so you essentially needed a relationship that would ensure having children and make sure that they survived to provide the labor."

The concept of romantic love as the basis for marriage was virtually unknown to most working people before the 18th century, and the nuclear family emerged

only in the 18th century, after the Industrial Revolution, Becker says. As a result, marriage has been slow to accommodate shifting personal expectations or to anticipate changes in gender roles.

"We are not adequately socializing men to pick up the slack around the house," Becker says. "It's a social lag."

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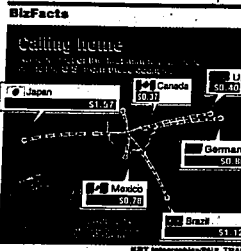
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Traveler's Oasis cuts ribbon on expansion

EDEN - A ribbon cutting for expanded truckers' facilities and the new Garden of Eden with a waterfall will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Traveler's Oasis at Exit 182 off Interstate 84.

The expanded amenities for truckers include showers, game rooms, laundry, phone room and private television rooms, said Faye Featherly, an Oasis manager.

The ribbon cutting also will introduce the Garden of Eden, an exciting area near the food court, which includes Taco Bell Express, Blimpie's Subs and Salads Express and TCBY Yogurt. The Garden of Eden features rock formations, waterfalls, trees and plants, Featherly said.

Refreshments will be served.

As part of the event, \$500 will be donated to the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley. Coins thrown in the waterfall will be collected regularly and the money given to community organizations. Featherly said.

Traveler's Oasis also will be celebrating its 20th anniversary Monday through Saturday.

North Side Center offers 3-hour course in investing

WENDELL - The College of Southern Idaho's North Side Center is offering a three-hour investing course from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

The three-hour course taught by Robert Allred will cover: mutual funds; annuities; bonds and stocks. Discussion of sources for individual research including the Internet is planned.

Cost is \$10. For information, call the CSI North Side Center at 934-8678.

Learn to listen at workshop for communication skills

TWIN FALLS - Communications trainer Kurt Welland will conduct a one-day workshop from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Feb. 1 in the Sage and Cedar meeting rooms on the second floor of the Taylor Administration Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

Welland is the president of Jefferson Smith Training and Consulting in Bountiful, Utah. He has provided training to clients throughout North and Central America, Europe and the Middle East, coordinators said. He is a former Army officer and has been an assistant professor of English at West Point. His business communication workshop will help participants listen more effectively, and give participants meaningful feedback and learn how to listen to criticism, coordinators say.

Cost is \$80 per person with a 10 percent discount offered for three or more people from one company. For registration or more information, call the CSI Community Education Department at 733-9554, Ext. 2287.

Employees can learn how to work smarter in CSI class

TWIN FALLS - The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a "Work Smarter, Manage Smarter" class to assist employees in becoming more productive by developing self-management skills.

Participants will learn new techniques for stress management, time management, goal setting and organizational skills. The class will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 16 through March 2, at the Center for New Directions. One credit is offered. Cost is \$61.50. Scholarships and financial aid are available.

Deadline to register is Feb. 12. For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2680, or (800) 680-0274, Ext. 2680.

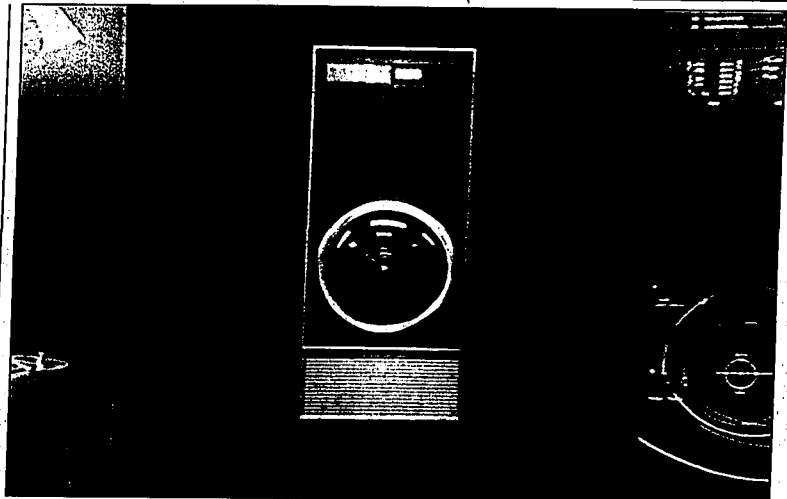
Homestyle Direct opens new catering service

TWIN FALLS - Homestyle Direct has announced the creation of another division, HSD Catering.

The business said the same quality and innovation that goes into its expansive menu delivered to homes is now available to help cater weddings, parties, grand openings, banquets, or any other special occasions. From a special dinner in your own home, customizing a menu for special-food allergies or dietetic needs to a grand banquet for 500 guests, HSD Catering is available at an economical cost, Homestyle Direct said.

For more information, call 735-0921 or send an e-mail message to HOMESTYLEDIRECT@prodigy.net.

Compiled from staff and wire reports



HAL, the computer from the Stanley Kubrick movie classic "2001: A Space Odyssey" is shown in this unrelated video image from the Apple Computer Co.'s 1999 Super Bowl commercial. About 30 companies will pay a record average price of \$3.5 million for each of \$3 half-minute spots on Sunday's Super Bowl telecast from Miami.

Super Bowl ads score

Advertisers put on big show for the Big Game

Knight Ridder News Service

Fifteen years ago, Apple Computer changed the face of Super Bowl advertising with the first "event" commercial, a compelling "1984" spot that many experts consider the single best TV commercial ever. Now, after years away from the big game, Apple returns today with a one-shot spot that has already stirred considerable buzz at this year's Mac World convention and online at the company's Web site.

Featuring HAL, the computer from "2001: A Space Odyssey," the commercial touts the iMac's immunity to the Y2K bug and will run in one of the Super Bowl's prime ad slots: the first 60-second time spot after the opening kickoff.

The time will cost the company over \$3 million; the Fox TV network is getting an average of \$1.6 million for each 30-second ad time.

But in the world of Super Bowl advertising that Apple itself helped to create, it may be money well-spent since recent surveys indicate up to 10 percent of the audience tunes in for the ads.

"There is much debate inside corporations about whether airing a commercial during the Super Bowl makes financial sense," said Douglas Stayman, an associate professor of marketing at the University of Iowa who monitors Super Bowl



Supermodel Karen Mueller, seen in this unrelated image from video, appears in the opening scene of the Victoria's Secret 1999 Super Bowl commercial.

advertising. "But what is certain is that these pricey spots attract the world's attention and bring a good deal of prominence and attention to a corporation."

"Being on the Super Bowl carries a disproportionate amount of value in viewers' minds," said Ken Segall, creative director of the TBWA-Chiat-Jay advertising agency. "It somehow gives you an aura of greatness and importance for being there."

That's the reason viewers will see a new Jerry Seinfeld-American Express ad; the Budweiser frogs finally speak; ads launching the new Intel Pentium III chip; the introduction of Crispy, the newest M&M; and the first network spot for the World Wrestling Federation which makes fun of the WWF in much the way ESPN spoofs itself in its ads.

The importance advertisers

now give to their Super Sunday spots didn't always exist.

The ratings (usually the highest of the year) and the size of the audience (over 130 million viewers last year) were acknowledged during the first 17 years of the Super Bowl. But it wasn't until 1984 and the Apple ad for the Macintosh that the concept of advertising as an event took hold.

The spot, which cost a then-unheard-of \$1 million to make and aired only once, showed a group of people apparently held captive in a huge room where a Big Brother figure raved at them from a theater screen. A woman shatters the screen with a sledgehammer, symbolizing the liberating impact of Apple's new machine would have.

The commercial had such an impact on the public — it generated the most discussion that the 38-9 whipping the Raiders laid on the

Big score

What advertisers are paying to air ads during Super Bowl XXXIII:

Revenue (in millions)	Spots
During game	503
Pre-game	845
Post-game	\$2 to \$4
Total	1,351

Note: Figures represent estimates.
Source: Ad Age, Advertising Age & Ducommun

Washington Redskins — that advertisers began to use Super Bowl for the kickoffs of major campaigns, introducing new products and establishing brand names.

In subsequent years, the Super Bowl ad lineup included Apple's controversial "lemmings" ad; the introduction of pop singer Bad Lieutenant Mackenzie and Budweiser's croaking frogs; Ray Charles popularizing the line, "You've Got the Right One, Baby," for Diet Pepsi; Dennis Hopper's sneakers-sniffing sports fan for Nike; and — of course — the long-running Bud Bowl.

"In order to leave our commercial stand out above the rest now, you need to create a spot that's more spectacular than the one that ran before," said Stayman. "The one thing advertisers don't want is their ad getting lost in the shuffle." For some of the new companies, that has meant rolling the dice on a single Super Bowl spot. "Some companies spend entire ad budgets on this one event, which doesn't seem like a good strategy," noted Stayman. "But I think making the Super Bowl part of an ad campaign can be most beneficial."

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'Mommy Track' crumbles

By Carol Kleiman Chicago Tribune

A decade ago, the term "Mommy Track" was born.

It grew out of an article the late Felice Schwartz wrote for The Harvard Business Review in which she put women in two categories: Those who put their careers before their families in the "male" tradition, and those who put their families before their careers.

Employers, she suggested, should put the family-focused women on a different, slower career path. And though Schwartz didn't use the phrase, Mommy Track became a buzz term.

Cries of protest were immediate. Some argued that employers automatically put mothers in lesser jobs with no chance for advancement anyway, so why legitimize it? Some asked where was the "Daddy Track"? And others objected that the Mommy Track encouraged employers to continue to slow workers' family responsibilities.

Early and often called that sexist, reducing women to successors or breeders.

Today, despite the fact that the glass ceiling still exists and many women still are segregated in low-paying, dead-end jobs, the good news is the Mommy Track is crumbling.

"The track is all torn up," said Evelyn Wohl, president of the Child Care Action Campaign in New York. Wohl was a corporate director of women's issues when Mommy Track was gaining momentum.

"The 1990s happened, with corporate downsizing, restructuring, mergers, fathers' increasing desire to be with their children, women starting their own businesses and the new technology," said Wohl. "Now, the many tracks to advancement, and both women and men can take them."

Today, U.S. companies focus intently on flexible arrangements and opening the doors for women with children in low-paying, dead-end jobs, Gerrick, president of the CFA Group, a Chicago work/life consulting firm.

"It's been 'results-oriented,' rather than just relying on face time," said Gerrick, former president of the Work/Life Professionals in Arlington, Va., which has doubled its membership since its founding in 1996 — another sign of new energy.

In 1989, Tammy Daugherty-Holzer, 39, was "too busy working and raising a family to think about Mommy Track." At the time, she worked as a systems manager for a manufacturer.

"I felt dead-ended. I started graduate school," said Daugherty-Holzer, married to Chris Holzer, a revenue director. They have three children, ages 11, 9 and 4. "It took six years, but in 1996, I got my MBA."

Today, she's an application sales representative for Oracle Corp. in Chicago, a software manufacturer, where she earns

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Encryption ability of PCs could stymie law enforcement

By Dan Gillmor Knight Ridder News Service

Online

sides are talking about your security, but their perspectives could hardly be more divergent.

Law enforcement and national security people say the ubiquitous use of unbreakable encryption will harm national security. But if this kind of encryption is prohibited, a new direction in which governments are moving, the security of individuals' most private and sensitive information will be at risk to criminals and oppressive governments.

Both sides are right.

Experts on encryption and its uses are gathering in San

Jose, Calif. this week for the annual RSA Data Security Conference. For the most part, speakers and participants have already come down on the side that makes the most practical sense, as well as being the only one that maintains personal liberties: unrestricted use of encryption.

But making this choice means understanding the other side.

Strong encryption once was the sole province of the state. Today, low-end personal computers are powerful enough to scramble data so thoroughly that all the supercomputers in the world would have to work for billions of years to decipher a single message.

It's easy to see why that worries police and national security agencies. Slowly but surely

the next few years, more and more of our daily lives will take place in digital form, on computers and online. We will need a tool that keeps our business dealings, financial records and other information safe from criminals and those who would wrongly pry into our personal affairs.

Strong encryption is that tool. Without it, we will be vulnerable to new kinds of crimes and gross invasions of privacy by malevolent people and businesses. Without strong encryption, moreover, governments will have unprecedented power to spy on citizens, to create police states the likes of which George Orwell could barely

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Clinton's plan for Social Security Re-evaluating Asian stocks doesn't thrill index fund guru

Fund founder says returns may not be any better

By Andrew Cassel
The Philadelphia Inquirer

There's still a lot of uncertainty about President Clinton's proposal to invest Social Security money in the stock market, but one thing is quite clear: If it's going to happen at all, it will be through something like an index fund.

For that, we can thank Jack Bogle. Bogle, as we know, is to index investing what Edison was to electricity. He didn't invent it, but he harnessed it for everyday use, turning a laboratory experiment into a vital part of modern life.

Bogle started the nation's first index-based mutual fund in 1975, making it a centerpiece of his then-fledgling Vanguard Group, an attracting to a few sneers and snickers from the rest of the mutual-fund industry. Today, Vanguard's Index 500 fund is worth some \$74 billion and has become the benchmark against which hundreds of "active" fund managers routinely measure themselves — a frustrating exercise for most investors.

Indeed, many money managers loathe index funds, because they take the professional stock-picker out of the game. Instead, they see a basket of stocks chosen simply to mirror the overall market, or some part of it. The main point is,

index funds are cheap — because they don't pay professional stock pickers large sums to try and beat the market. The index-fund investor doesn't want to be the market, but to invest at the lowest possible cost. Which, usually ends up better than most of those who try.

Bogle is evangelical on this subject, which is why I thought of him when I heard about Clinton's Social Security plan. Even those who think it's a lousy idea agree that if it's going to be done, index funds are the way to do it. The reasons are partly political: Indexing would help shield the retirement fund from the volatile "retro" stock-picking. (It's not hard to imagine a Jesse Helms-Dan Quayle faction seeking to invest in retirement on "family values" grounds, among other scenarios.)

But just as strong, or even stronger, is the case for active investors. Social Security has an obligation to get us all the most for our money. That means cutting management fees, commissions and other costs from the bone. And index funds are as good as they come.

I expected Bogle would say that the government should invest in the stock market. But he said he'd be cool, at best, to the idea of the federal government investing its money into the equity markets.

He surprised me, as usual. The president seems to be saying that Social Security should invest in the stock markets. That's what I think needs to be done," Bogle said. But, he cautions,

"it should not be entrusted to the mutual fund industry, under any circumstances."

If the government puts Social Security where millions of Americans already put their own retirement nest-eggs, Bogle said, it'll get clipped. "This industry is going to take, at an absolute minimum, 3.5 percent per year" in fees and costs, he said. "You'll end up with an investment that has a big risk premium, and no return premium."

In other words, what's left won't represent a better deal than the government gets now investing in Treasury bonds, he argued. Bogle — who has worked in and helped shape the mutual-fund industry since 1950 — wants his industry's money put off Social Security's portfolio. "I would structure a private board, of people with unquestioned integrity... a Federal Reserve Board member, to retain people who would run a giant index fund of the total market," he said.

Let's about the government-as-shareholder? "At the dimensions we're talking about, they'd own about 5 percent of all stocks. They wouldn't seem to be too excessive."

Federal officials voting for corporate boards? "You'd let the private board vote the stocks, or have some sort of veto on the vote... obviously all these things are a concern. But at some point, we have to decide, do we or don't we invest in stocks? I think the potential advantages outweigh the disadvantages."

By James K. Glassman
The Washington Post

Most Asian stocks rose again Tuesday, continuing a surge that began in the fall, when our Federal Reserve Board cut interest rates and loosened the flow of cash around the world. Since then, the Singapore and Thailand markets have risen 75 percent; Hong Kong and Korea, 50 percent.

But while stocks are bouncing back, markets are still far from their peaks. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index, for example, closed Tuesday at just under 9510. It reached a high of 16,648 in August 1997 before the currency disaster.

And the economic crisis itself isn't over. The slow of awful economic data is still being presented. Philip Wharton of Guinness Flight Global Asset Management wrote to clients recently. Japan remains mired in malaise, perhaps for the long term, and even an optimistic surge in Singapore and Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co. predicts that the rest of Asia will be "on the mend" until 2000.

So is it safe now for small investors to go back into Asia? Nicholas Reitenbach believes it's the president of Planasset International Management in New York, he's also manager of the Reserve International Equity Fund \$300-\$370,000. Guinness Fall he warily put a foot at the water. Partly as a result, the fund returned 19.2 percent in 1998, compared with 17.7 percent for the average foreign stock fund, according to Lipper Inc.

Now, Reitenbach is thinking about getting in up to his knees. He's a former investment banker. He's invested in only two Asian countries — heavily, considering their size. So, he'll be in a third and perhaps a fourth next year. But Thomas Mengel disagrees. He's sticking with Europe, and it's hard to disagree with him. His firm, Waddell & Reed International Growth (1-\$0-\$56,546), returned a hefty 31.7 percent last year, and it's already up 6.1 percent in 1999.

Still, Reitenbach has been impressive. Reitenbach could be on the cutting edge. Last year he took a large risk. "Get in early in Hong Kong and Singapore," he told me in an interview at his office on Fifth Avenue. "We went in very big."

Currently, he has invested 10 percent of the assets he manages

and Germany. Still, he makes apologies. His Asian stocks, he says, are pretty boring. He owns HSBC Holdings PLC, the giant Hong Kong banking and insurance firm. (City American depositary receipts trade in New York in U.S. dollars under the symbol HSBY.) He also owns Hang Seng Bank Ltd. (HSNGY), a major Hong Kong financial services company. Development Bank of Singapore Ltd. (DEVBY) and City Developments Ltd. (CDEVY), a diversified Singapore property company.

Next, he will move to more sophisticated investments — smaller stocks that are especially underpriced, but to Reitenbach, "very risky at this point."

Reitenbach is not alone in his enthusiasm for Hong Kong and Singapore. London-based Whitmore says "Asia is now coming out of recession in a three-phase process." Phase One is underway, as currencies have stabilized and interest rates have started to fall. "The second phase" — which some countries have entered — "is signaled by a return to profitability," he says, mainly through cost-cutting. The third phase will be characterized by "return of (domestic) demand."

Right now, Whitmore likes property companies and banks in Hong Kong, Singapore, Korea and Thailand, but he warns that the recovery story in 1999 is going to be mixed across the region from country to country and from company to company.

For that reason, picking Asian stocks is not a game for amateurs. Guinness Flight runs four Asia stocks funds available in the United States (1-800-915-6555). As were crushed last year, falling between 12 percent and 31 percent.

This is, no doubt, a risky business, but every truly diversified portfolio needs to have Asian exposure — either through a broad international fund such as Reitenbach's or a more concentrated one such as Guinness Flight's Asia Blue Chip or China High Growth.

Frightened still? "Ma investors," writes Whitmore, "remain on the sidelines waiting to be convinced. By the time they are convinced and the data is there to convince them, it is likely that assets will no longer be cheap, and the world will have moved on." Be warned.

Helpful books for entrepreneurs

By Jan Norman
The Orange County Register

Here's a look at some recent arrivals on the entrepreneurial bookshelf:

Start-Up Guide, Third Edition, by David B. Irwin, Upstart Publishing, \$22.95. One million to 2-million new businesses start each year. Most start with a single owner, half a million or less.

This book lays out a plan for tackling the project, starting a year before you open the doors. It discusses everything from refining your business plan (one year before start-up) through defining your target market (six months before) and determining your cash needs (three months before) to budgeting your time and maintaining good communications with your banker and others (after startup).

The book includes a sample business plan, forms such as employee application, and resumes.

Author David "Andy" Bangs has owned businesses for more than 30 years. His other books include

"Business Planning Guide,"

"Business by Referral," by Ivan Misner and Robert Davis, Bard Press, \$15.95. If your business needs a new roof, chances are you will hire a roofer who did a great job at a reasonable price when you hired him. If you own a business and need more customers, the most reliable and least expensive way to get them is through referrals from previous satisfied customers.

Referrals, or word-of-mouth advertising, are age-old business building tools, but most people don't know how to get them. Most just wait for them to fall from the sky. This book presents a method for getting good referrals for your business.

Co-author Ivan Misner is a business professor at California Polytechnic University, Pomona, and founder of Business Network International, a networking organization. Co-author Robert Davis is a motivational speaker and author of "Implement Now, Perfect Later."

"Music Law: How to Run Your Band's Business" by Richard

Stim, Nolo Press, \$29.95. Yes, your band is a business, and you'll make more money and suffer less if you treat it like one. You shouldn't expect a record label to look out after your band's best interests instead of its own.

Most bands can't afford attorneys, accountants and business managers, so this book and companion CD-ROM endeavor to answer the basic business and legal issues in the music industry. It includes partnership agreements for band members, management agreements that protect the band, copyright basics for music the band creates and trademark basics for band names.

It covers getting gigs and getting paid, paying for duplications rights; recording budgets, studios and more.

Author Richard Stim is a lawyer, musician and adjunct professor at San Francisco State University. His other books include "License Your Invention" and "Intellectual Property: Patents, Trademarks and Copyrights."

understand. Widely used strong encryption, by their reckoning, is not available in the Digital Age. They keep insisting that there are no plans to move for restrictions, here's an open bet that they'll try soon. The Digital Age has long been here's an open bet that they'll try soon. The Digital Age has long been

When government officials say they merely want to protect their current surveillance capabilities, they're telling only part of the truth. They can't maintain the status quo, because technology has upset the status quo. Law enforcement can have essentially all or nothing in the Digital Age — untrammelled access to everything, with serious risks that criminals will gain the same kind of access through malevolent hackers, or worse, at all.

I vote for unrestricted encryption, here and abroad, for more than the merely practical reason that the proverbial genie has long since escaped the bottle. I support it because I've weighed the risks on both sides.

Risk is part of our life. It's intrinsic to our economic system.

to be frustrated by the Clinton administration's general refusal to let them have hardware and software containing strong encryption, unless the product also has a back-way in for law enforcement. To date, there have been some modest exceptions, but the policy remains pretty much intact even though it's slowly being liberalized.

It's a foolish policy, not just because smart programmers live in other countries that don't have these kinds of restrictions on commercial software. American companies have lost some business, and as more people insist on buying secure products American companies will lose out on more sales.

It's also a sideshow to the real issue: whether strong encryption will survive the inevitable challenge by law enforcement agencies in coming years. FBI Director Louis Freeh and others in his field have made no secret of their desire to restrict or control access that they can't intercept and

Encryption

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have imagined.

The problem for law enforcement is that strong encryption exists. It is used most widely where it's least visible, such as commerce on the World Wide Web and in banking transactions. Encryption is used less widely when it has to be added on. It is easy to obtain, but often difficult to use.

The point is that secure encryption is already out there. Police agencies know they can't stop this technology outright. But rather than engage in an honest debate with supporters of encryption, they and their political allies have resorted to rearguing actions to slow its adoption, with a considerable degree of success so far.

The principle at work is that criminals are fundamentally stupid. As long as we can keep encryption from becoming ubiquitous, criminals will be too stupid to use it, so we'll be able to catch them.

American companies continue

Mommy

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in the six figures, "I'm not on a Mommy Track, I'm on a process track... and I'm enjoying the process!"

Ten years ago, if you were on the Mommy Track, "You became invisible at work and made less money," said Andy Tolliver, author with Nancy Chantrel of "Going Part-Time: The Insider's Guide for Professional Women Who Want a Job and a Life" (Avon, \$12). "But not anymore —

especially in industries where employers are desperate for competent employees."

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an MBA, went job hunting. Things had changed: "I had no trouble finding a job with a good salary," said Bittner, a vice president at Union Bank of California in San Francisco. "I started up front that if something's going on at my kids' school, I'll be there, but if a kid is sick, I'll be home — but I'll get the work done."

"I was greeted with nods and smiles." That's a much better track to be on.

Ads

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This year, for example, HoJobs.com — a New York-based job search Website — will toss all \$2 million of its advertising budget at a 30-second spot in the game's third quarter. "We're not stepping out in a big way," said Richard Johnson, CEO of HoJobs. "Running an ad in the Super Bowl has lasting effects — it's not just 30 seconds."

But it will be worth the big expenditure? Ask the first Internet company to advertise during the Super Bowl: Auto-by-tel.com, an online car dealer, that had been in business for less than two years when it bought an ad in the 1997 Super Bowl. It spent about 75 percent of its revenue to buy and make the ad.

But, according to founder Pete Ellis, revenue jumped so much after the ad appeared that they returned to advertise during the 1998 Super Bowl. "We got a pretty big bang for the buck," he said.

Not that every ad works. "You can't buy an ad of TWA-Chair-Day," and it hurts you." The most recent example: the ill-fated 1997 Holiday Inn ad featuring a transwrite at a fast reunion of newswatch that it was never shown again and Holiday Inn has not returned to the Super Bowl.

In the controversy surrounding Apple's 1985 "I'm dreaming" ad — viewers thought the sight of businesspeople walking off the set too blood-curdling — was one of the reasons the company decided to forego the Super Bowl for 14 years.

According to Segall, it wasn't until last summer that Apple decided to return to the big game: "Steve Jobs had suggested in the

springtime that we come up with an ad about the Y2K issue and we had kicked that around for a couple of months without, frankly, much great success.

"Then this idea of using HAL came up in the early summer and we had an ad together within 48 hours and showed it to Steve. And he said, 'Why don't we think about this for the Super Bowl?'"

Segall said, however, that after buying the time, Apple and its ad agency began to second-guess itself. "We kept asking ourselves, 'Is this really what we want to run?'"

Finally, earlier this month, Apple asked Fox to resell its spot — as late as Friday — the company was telling reporters that the spot would not be represented on the telecast.

What changed minds about airing the spot was the reaction to the commercial itself. HAL's earthly form voice asks, "Dave, do you remember 2000 when computers began to misbehave?" In the end, HAL says: "You like your Macintosh better than me, don't you, Dave? Dave? Can you hear me, Dave?"

The relatively simple ad — it cost \$25,000 to produce, got a huge response at Mac World. Then over the next couple of weeks, an online version of the commercial was downloaded off www.apple.com over 250,000 times.

"In the end, it got to be an easy decision to make because of the form of reaction from people," said Segall.

"On Monday, the commercial was pulled off Apple's Web site and will not return until the airs sometime shortly after 4:18 p.m. MST today.

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Larry Laub
Paterson will be the weekend anchor for the weekend news show...
Metrolith graduated from Metropolitan State College of Denver with a bachelor's of arts degree...

University of Idaho with a bachelor's of arts degree in visual communication and was a reporter for Northwest Public Radio.
ALBION - Kent C. Gummell has joined the Albion office of D.L. Evans Bank as a commercial loan officer.

Larry Laub
Laub managed several stores in Idaho for King's Department Store...
He worked for King's for 19 years, moving to Idaho in 1980. His last management assignment was in Jerome.

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BOISE - Following is a partial list of businesses filed during 1998...
51 St. Rose, Michelle A. Beall, 745 E. Main, No. 102, Twin Falls, ID 83301, real estate.
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451 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, finance.
Shelton Chemical Co., David A. Reese, P.O. Box 1506, Twin Falls, ID 83301, wholesale and retail.
Salvage Inc., 1145 Adams Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301, real estate.

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Lucky R. Ranch, A.W. Maloney, 1174 Cannon-Veale Road, Bellevue, ID 83313, apartment.
Stacie Lyle, Jankam Inc., 340 Second Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail and wholesale.
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Did you know? Tax credits ease expense of college

**By Vivian Matiano
The Associated Press**

NEW YORK — Did you know... There are tax credits to ease the expense of college tuition? Married taxpayers have some resources against their own debtors.

You only have to hold property for a year to become eligible for the lowest capital gains tax.
If you didn't perhaps it's time to horse around on some changes in the tax law, especially if you're among the many die-hard taxpayers determined to prepare their own returns in the coming weeks.

Several provisions of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 went into effect last year, including ones pertaining to capital gains, tuition credits and innocent spouses. Also enacted: The Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, which became law on July 22, and the Tax and Trade Relief Extension Act of 1998, on the books Oct. 21.

Some of the more notable changes in tax law affecting individuals are:

Analysis Individual Retirement Accounts and the additional savings options now available.

IRA Roth IRA. You can now open an IRA for six years. If you can't open a traditional IRA to a Roth, it's too late to take advantage of a one-time tax break that allows the income tax on the conversion to be spread over four years. That deadline came and went on Dec. 31.

The Education IRA also was introduced this year. College costs can be deducted from 1998 income. Up to \$500 can be contributed tax-free per child for educational expenses each year.

Highlights of tax changes Here are highlights of some of the more significant changes in the tax code, which may affect tax preparers this year.

Capital gains holding period, which grants taxpayers to receive the lowest capital gains tax rate, from 15 months to 12 months.

Innocent spouse relief. Married couples filing joint returns are no longer liable for taxes owed and assessments arising from an audit. However, several provisions were added to the tax code to provide relief to spouses who can establish they didn't know their spouse's tax status, and for situations among the divorced and separated in which an additional tax is clearly the other spouse's responsibility.

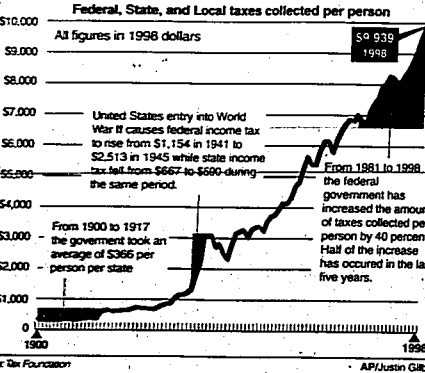
Child tax credit. You can now claim an annual tax credit of \$400 per dependent child under age 17. The credit rises to \$500 per child. The credit phases out, however, for single parents with adjusted gross income starting at \$75,000, and married couples earning \$110,000.

Education tax credits. The Hope scholarship credit was established to help defray higher education expenses. Up to \$2,500 per year can be claimed for credit can be taken per year for the first two years of college. For the second two years, the Lifetime Learning credit, up to \$1,000.

Charitable contributions. A deduction for student loan interest also can be taken. For tax year 1998, it begins at \$1,000, and reaches \$2,500 by 2001.

'The price of civilized society'

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. gave a definition for taxes in 1904. He said "Taxes are what we pay for civilized society." The price for which has risen to almost \$10,000 for every American. A look at the amount of taxes collected per person since 1900:



Source: Tax Foundation. API/Jason Gilbert

If IRS advice confuses you, try 1 of these books

**Albert B. Crosshair
The Washington Post**

The Internal Revenue Service recently surveyed taxpayers, professional tax preparers and the agency itself to find out what each group thinks is wrong with the nation's tax system.

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Top 10 tax errors

Only 11% of returns contain mistakes, but consequences most often cause pain

The Washington Post

According to the IRS, only about 11 percent of taxpayer-completed paper returns contain errors, which seems a rather astonishing achievement given the ever-increasing complexity of the tax code.

But the consequences of even the most innocent error can be painful. Something as seemingly inconsequential as a single flubbed digit in your child's Social Security number will cause the IRS to disallow an exemption for that child, lowering your refund or turning a refund into a tax bill until you and the IRS can straighten it out.

One way to cut down on mistakes is to use tax preparation software, which should eliminate all common math errors. Another way is to file directly to the IRS by telephone or indirectly by using a filing service (most tax preparation software outfits offer this). Before the IRS will accept returns filed by phone or computer, however, you must be sure error-catching computers will refuse to accept returns with errors such as mismatched or mismatching names and Social Security numbers. Those who file paper returns may have to wait weeks for the IRS to notify them about such glitches.

Like most taxpayers, you are committed to paper. Two obvious tips double check all names, Social Security numbers and taxpayer identification numbers; and be careful with your math. That said, here are 10 of the most common mistakes taxpayers make when preparing their own returns:

1. Incorrect Social Security numbers (SSNs), taxpayer identification numbers (TINs), or names, especially for dependents. The IRS and Social Security number through its error-catching computers will refuse to accept returns with errors such as mismatched or mismatching names and Social Security numbers. Those who file paper returns may have to wait weeks for the IRS to notify them about such glitches.

2. Incorrectly computing the tax from the tax table. It seems easy, but thousands of people get it wrong. The tax tables are matched to income levels that are "at least" one amount "but less than" another, usually a jump of \$50. Where taxpayers often go wrong is assuming that if their income falls exactly at the \$50 increment, they can use the tax for the "less than" amount rather than the "at least" amount.

3. Figuring out the earned income tax credit (EITC). This special provision for low-income working people provides direct payments to taxpayers depending on age, income and whether or not the taxpayer has children. In most cases, the payment can be added to a tax refund (or credited against a tax bill), but eligible workers can get the EITC payment even if their income is so low they have no federal taxes withheld. But the credit can be difficult to figure out — there's a 10-line worksheet just to determine whether you qualify. For example, you are eligible if you have one child and your 1998 income was less than \$26,473.

4. Figuring the balance due or refund amount. A pure math error. An IRS spokesman speculates that this step throws some people off because it involves subtraction, while most of the rest of the form of Social Security benefits are taxable; at a higher income level, 85 percent of those benefits are taxable.

5. Figuring taxable amount of Social Security benefits. Another potentially complicated calculation. In one housing allowance and contributions to a 401(k) plan. The IRS notes that some claimants fail to include these amounts.

6. Incorrectly figuring the capital gains tax owed, or incorrectly transferring the figure from Schedule D to Form 1040. Once again, blame Congress, in part, for making this law so complex. There are three separate capital gains tax rates (four in some cases), the investment are seven pages long and Schedule D has 54 separate lines — nearly as many as the 1040 itself. Figuring out the correct capital gain tax rate and the appropriate tax can be difficult, and even those taxpayers who get the right can transfer the wrong number to the 1040.

7. Calculating the total income number on the front page of the 1040. Total income is comprised of as many as 15 separate entries, and sometimes people simply add them up incorrectly.

8. Figuring the deduction amount for exemptions. A seemingly simple step — multiply the number of your exemptions (yourself, spouse, your dependents, etc.) times the standard deduction. An IRS spokesman guesses that the multiplication was a EITC payment even if their income is so low they have no federal taxes withheld. But the credit can be difficult to figure out — there's a 10-line worksheet just to determine whether you qualify. For example, you are eligible if you have one child and your 1998 income was less than \$26,473.

9. Miscalculating the wrong amount for miscellaneous expenses. There sometimes are deductions for miscellaneous (medical expenses are deductible only to the extent they exceed 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income; for instance), or limited as a group; several deductions are available only if together they exceed 2 percent of your adjusted gross income.

10. Figuring taxable income. Probably just a math error. This involves two subtraction steps: Subtract your adjusted gross income and subtract either itemized deductions or standard deduction; then subtract total exemptions to get taxable income.

Play the market risk free via the Web

**By Brian Krebs
The Washington Post**

Playing the stock market can resemble blackjack-table games. But move the market to a Web-based simulation — giving yourself \$100,000 in Monopoly money in the first of the month. I tried games at E Trade and Yahoo, starting with a promised bank of knowledge in either trading or investing. In each I wound up with a little less money, but much wiser in the ways of the market.

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handy "stockwatch" feature lets you set upper and lower boundaries for a stock's price then alerts you when it crosses either limit. But E-Trade's inability to memorize my login was annoying, and its trial-and-error approach doesn't help beginners.

Yahoo's Investment Challenge (<http://quote.yahoo.com>) had trouble executing some trades and didn't let me pursue my trading hobby, making it hard to track how much I'd paid for what.

But its news updates, customized for one's holdings, effective <http://quote.yahoo.com> move according to news throughout the day.

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Wall Street of the '90s keeps all investors a little off-balance

NEW YORK (AP) — Whether it's falling or rising, the stock market of the late 1990s has a powerful penchant for keeping everybody off-balance.

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Job seekers check what former bosses are saying

The Dallas Morning News

He'd headed the Asian sales office for a large Texas firm before taking early retirement. Now, some of the retired executive's consulting clients were hoping that his references were less than stellar.

Puzzled, the executive—who asked that his name not be used—contacted a reference checking firm he found on the Internet. It turned out his former employer had no record of his employment in its computer.

"I couldn't afford this non-information to exist," he said. He contacted his former firm, which eventually corrected its mistake.

Check it up to downsizing and a chiller but wiser work ethic, perhaps. Even as prospective employers are running checks on potential new hires, job applicants are starting to turn the tables. They're hiring services that will verify the accuracy of employment information or dig down what former bosses or colleagues is saying about them.

Checking references for individuals is a growing business. Log on to major job-search sites on the Internet and you're likely to see a hot link to a reference search.

"You're going to get checked out," said Terry Dourlain, managing director of Allison & Taylor, a fast-growing reference checker that found the missing information on the Texas executive. "You should be warned."

Allison & Taylor

(<http://www.allisonataylor.com>), headquartered in Jamestown, N.Y., got its start doing resume checks for employers, then

firm will check references for 4,000 or so clients in January. Firms charge by number of references checked. Allison & Taylor charges \$59 to \$99 per reference.

Documented Reference Checks charges \$87.95 per reference and emphasizes its use of court reporters so that any statements will stand up in court. Both firms check references through subsidiary companies, disguising the fact that they're a reference checker hired by the job candidate.

Dourlain of Allison & Taylor estimates that negative references turn up only about 25 percent of the time. An equal percentage are "glowing," she said. Most are right in the middle. "But there's a big difference where in the middle they are, and whether they're in the middle because of incorrect information."

One teacher that the firm counseled had nothing but top written performance reviews, but she and her most recent principal hadn't gotten along. Sure enough, it turned out the principal, when contacted directly, was strongly critical of her—contradicting the written review.

"Her attorney set up a meeting with the superintendent. The superintendent was apologetic and said he'd be the referee from then on," Dourlain said. "Having the proof made all the difference."

Dallas attorney Rogge Dunn, who has represented both employers and employees in labor disputes, said he's warned employer clients about the possibility of litigation from defamatory or discriminatory comments delivered via telephone.

"Last year our sales were four times what they were a year before, basically all from the Internet," Dourlain said. She declined to reveal Allison & Taylor's revenue but said the

Documented Reference Check

1. <http://www.badreferences.com> (of Diamond Bar, Calif., another reference search, was founded eight years ago by a former executive recruiter. Executives at both firms say business has grown since they began posting their services at career sites on the World Wide Web.)
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10 strategies for job success in 1999

By Carol Maloney
Chicago Tribune

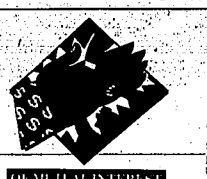
1. Here you put off making your New Year's resolutions about your job.
2. It's not too late to make them—and keep them.
3. Here are 10 suggestions that I believe will accelerate your journey on the road to a happy and prosperous work year.
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6. If you already belong to one, make it two. The information you'll get will be invaluable.
7. Never lose your temper at work. Sweat not to. You could lose your job.
8. Sit down and formulate a five-year career plan. Use it as a road map to take you where you want to go in your job.
9. Make friends with a colleague in another department or division of your company. It will serve both of you well.
10. Give back to your community by doing volunteer work for something you really care about. You'll be helping others, have a sense of purpose, and more balance in your life.

1. Bring your family to work and introduce everyone around. It will help to merge your personal and professional lives and create more understanding on both sides.
2. Sign up for that course you know will make a positive difference in advancing your career. Attend it faithfully.
3. Analyze your work carefully to ascertain if your job makes you happy. If it doesn't, do something about it to avoid stressing out.
4. Explore starting your own business if you have a marketable idea for it—this time for real.

Watch out for overlap of stock holdings in mutual fund portfolio

NEW YORK (AP)—There you are, carefully selecting the holdings of a mutual fund in which you have just invested, when the sight of a couple of familiar stocks gives you a little jolt.

These guys own big positions in Sugarwater Industries and Osmocem? Gosh, so do the two other funds I own. I thought I was diversifying, spreading out my risks, but with these stocks I'm just buying more of the same thing.



So goes your introduction to a nagging problem in the world of fund investing. Call it duplication, redundancy, or portfolio overlap, whatever measure you put on it, you find yourself effectively paying two or three or more funds to own the same stock in the same amount.

These days, overlap can be especially common, given that a few dozen elite stocks have been hogging most of the glory in an extremely selective market. With hundreds of stock fund managers trying to stay on top of this trend, many of them naturally gravitate toward the same elite stocks. After all, that's where the money is.

So you can very easily wind up in a spot described by Olivia Barbee, managing editor of the monthly Morningstar Fund Investor newsletter: Your funds come in different wrappers, but the contents may be all too similar.

If you pay no attention to it, this pitfall can defeat the purpose of your diversification effort. To keep you from being too concentrated in any given stock or sector of the market.

Fortunately, though, there are several things you can do to overcome overlap, or at least mini-

mize it as a factor in your financial life. They range from simple, rule-of-thumb principles a casual investor can keep in mind, to more elaborate measures suitable for actions well past investment hours in front of a computer screen.

Ms. Barbee's first suggestion: "Avoid funds run by the same manager. Zebras don't change their stripes, and managers rarely change their strategies. If you own two funds by Famous Manager A, chances are you own two of the same thing."

And her second idea: Don't load up too much on funds from any one "boutique" firm. "Janus is a growth specialist. Oakmark means absolute value. Such fund families are excellent at what they do, but it's questionable whether owning three of their funds gives you anything you won't get with one."

Spreading your money among different fund families can make a lot of sense on general diversification grounds. It helps ensure that you are hiring managers with truly different viewpoints.

Doing this may increase your paperwork burden, but it's likely to be worth the trouble. If you

invest through a broker or financial firm's fund marketplace, you may be able to look over or all of a widely diversified investment program in the handy confines of just one or two accounts.

Also, pay regular attention to the investment styles of funds you own or are thinking about buying. If you buy funds straight from the top of the most recent performance lists without regard to style or category, chances are you are going to own several versions of the same thing (which may well be investing in favor next year as it is popular now).

In the ideal, if you own half a dozen stock funds, some will be domestic, but maybe one or two will be international; some will emphasize big stocks, and others small stocks; some will follow a growth philosophy, and others a value strategy.

Much better, in most cases, to own a little from each style category than to try to figure out which type will prosper most in the next year or two, and then bet accordingly. Funds, after all, are designed to take the "betting" out of investing.

More from Ms. Barbee: "Scrutinize sector weightings. If two funds from the same category sport similar sector weightings, they may own many of the same stocks."

For the truly energetic, Ms. Barbee suggests, "Compare the stocks in your funds' portfolios. Those who have the time and the inclination can enter all of their funds' holdings into a spreadsheet and sort by stock name." Morningstar and other fund research firms sell software products that can simplify the job, if you prefer putting money rather than time into the project.

Maneuver in the complicated, ever-changing game of airfares

By Christopher Reynolds
Los Angeles Times

You've probably given up wondering how many angels can dance on the head of a pin. But if you travel much at all, you'll find yourself confronting a question almost as befuddling: How exactly does airline pricing work?

"It's all very complicated," you often read. "Fares change about a thousand times a day." It certainly is complicated, and for about a decade now, fancy computer software has been involved. For a deeper look at how airlines set their prices, we take you now to a black glass building next to Washington Dulles International Airport. This is the headquarters of the Airline Tariff Publishing Co., or ATPCO, a.k.a. air fare central.



ATPCO is a for-profit corporation, jointly owned by 25 airlines, including all the major U.S. players. To change a fare, its 600-plus participating airlines worldwide must send their adjustments via telecommunication or fax to the ATPCO system. Then ATPCO informs its paying subscribers, who then inform the world.

So when you hear that fares change thousands of times daily, that's not strictly true. Instead, airlines maintain thousands of fares concurrently and change them up to three times each weekday, at 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m., EST. On Saturdays and Sundays, there's a single round of fare changes at 5 p.m.

And then, of course, the game begins again, with all the airlines assessing their own sales volume and their competitors' moves. Since most airlines open flight bookings about 331 days before departure, the selling price of each seat could change roughly 805 times before takeoff.

different set of restrictions.) Neither ATPCO nor the federal government places any limit on the number of fares that can be offered on a single flight.

There are the class distinctions, of course—different fares for first, business and coach, if it's a three-class flight—and then there are different fares within the same class.

Unrestricted tickets are the costliest seats in coach, almost always sold to business travelers. Cheaper coach fares go to those who buy in advance. Travelers pay more if there's no Saturday stayover (to separate deep-pocketed business travelers from price-sensitive leisure travelers).

But that's not the end of the different fares. Say Airline A prices its 100 cheapest coach seats at \$60 on the midnight Burgville to Villeburg flight, then discovers that Airline B is advertising seats on the same route, flying about the same time, for \$50. Odds are that Airline A will drop prices. But Airline A probably won't change all its \$60 fares to \$50. Instead it will probably mark down 10 or 20 or 30 of the 100 cheapest seats to \$50, and leave the rest at \$60. Thus, once the \$50 seats are sold out, the

price jumps back to \$60, but the airline can say that it had seats available at \$50. If the price continues to escalate further, Airline A and Airline B could each end up with 10 seats at \$40, 20 seats at \$50 and 70 seats at \$60—tickets with identical restrictions.

The carriers won't tell the public exactly how many seats are available at a specific price. But under federal law, said Delta Airlines spokesman Jackie Pann, once a price is advertised, at least 10 percent of the tickets in that segment of the market must be sold at that price.

Airline insiders call the price categories "buckets." It's common on a Boeing 737, with about 100 coach passengers, to have seven "buckets" on sale at one time. (Airlines also grant various discounts for seniors, government employees, and corporations, tour operators and ticket consultants who buy tickets in large volume.)

As the departure date draws nearer, airlines use computerized formulas to assess trends in supply and demand, adjusting prices and the number of seats offered at each price, a constant adjustment known as "yield management."

"We are the vehicle for getting the fare into the marketplace, via ATPCO President Michael Ferrer. It's not going to be sold until it comes through us." (On international flights, prices can be changed four times daily, but those fares are adjusted under a

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Interpreting service opens new office

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Filing out tax forms or deciphering medical jargon is hard enough for fluent English speakers. Imagine what it's like if you speak only 100 words of halting English.

That's the challenge faced by some eastern Idahoans. They now have a new place to find help navigating the intricacies of a region that runs mainly on the English language.

The Community Assistance Program, a non-profit Idaho Falls group that offers

low-cost interpreting for Spanish-speaking people, is opening an office.

After a year's tenuous existence, run out of a volunteer's home with no regular hours, the program is finally taking hold in a single room donated

by the Domestic Violence Intervention Center, another Idaho Falls social service agency.

Maudie Gomez Schneider, the program's founder, expects the new office will help them fill a need in the community.

"I think as soon as people know that we're here in the office and have regular hours, we're going to have a lot of volunteers," she said. A volunteer hung a sign for the program at the entrance to a room no bigger than a walk-in closet.

Schneider decided to start the program in 1997, after a social service agency closed its interpreting services when it ran out of money.

Schneider, who volunteered for the earlier program, got a call about a man who couldn't get medical treatment for his sick baby because he couldn't afford it, and he couldn't find an interpreter over 18.

The medical clinic had turned away his 10-year-old son as too young to interpret. The man, who spoke little English, hadn't signed up for government health insurance for his child, in part because of language barriers.

By the time she learned about it, the baby had recovered. "It just made me really sad.

Just the whole idea of 'Oh my gosh, what might have happened,'" she said.

Motivated by that, and immigration raids that left some families without a parent who could speak English, Schneider started recruiting volunteers.

Since then, she and a handful of others have gone to doctor's offices to interpret for pregnant women, registered a family for a child-care program, negotiated disagreements between landlords and tenants, trans-

lated announcements for other service agencies and helped fill out people's tax forms.

Some organizations, like the Columbia Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center, or district court, have interpreters on hand. But smaller agencies like the don't, Schneider said.

They may rely on bilingual children of Spanish-speaking parents to translate — sometimes very young children. In other cases, people may simply miss out on

services, she said. Mezanville, Idaho's Hispanic population has grown in recent years, from 52,927 in 1990 to an estimated 62,000 in 1997, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

While many Hispanics are bilingual, that's not true in all cases, especially for first-generation immigrants, Schneider said.

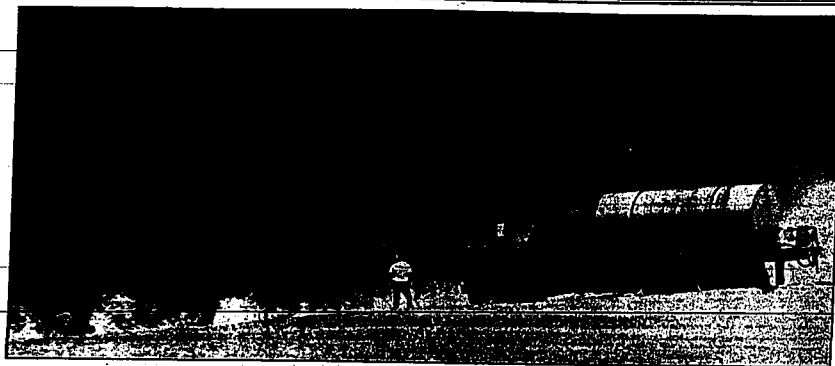
Three of the counties that could be served by the program — Bonneville, Bingham, and Jefferson — have more than 5,000 residents over 5 years old who spoke Spanish at home in 1990, according to the Census Bureau.

Enrique Arendano, the man whose child had been sick, said the program helped him register his 11-year-old child for a YMCA camp in 1997 and 1998. They also helped his wife, who speaks little English, when he wasn't there.

Arendano said, "All the Hispanic community is really in need of an organization like this that can be trusted," he said.

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— Maudie Schneider, program founder



The driver of a water tanker watches the progress of a controlled burn in a wheat stubble field northeast of Walla Walla, Wash., last year. Clean-air advocates on Wednesday sought Washington Gov. Gary Locke's intervention in blocking a proposed agreement to cut air pollution from wheat field burning in half over the next seven years. The proposal lets the industry off easy and puts public health at risk, critics say.

Activists fume over air pollution deal

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Clean-air advocates last week criticized Gov. Gary Locke to help block a proposed agreement to cut air pollution from wheat field stubble burning in half over the next seven years.

Critics say the tentative pact between the Washington Department of Ecology and a wheat farmers' group lets the industry off easy, puts public health at risk and won't clear the air.

The proposal "is being portrayed as a step forward which will improve air quality," Patricia Hoffman, president of the Spokane-based group Save Our Summers, told a news conference. "It isn't and it won't."

Hoffman, who was joined by representatives from an environmental group and the American Lung Association, maintains the agreement would not significantly reduce burning compared with the acreage torched in grain-growing areas of Eastern Washington in the early 1990s.

Critics argue the amount of burning has grown from 44,000 acres in 1995 to 229,000 in 1998 because farmers wanted to raise the baseline in light of expected state-mandated reductions.

Grant Pfeiffer, the Ecology Department's Eastern Washington air-quality supervisor, said Wednesday that records of acreage permitted for burning

before 1995 are incomplete, so there's no certain way to determine whether burning has jumped dramatically compared with the early 1990s.

Clean-air advocates accuse the Ecology Department of hiding that information. They argue that large-scale burning has not been a traditional tool of Eastern Washington wheat farmers, particularly in the richest wheat-growing area, southeastern Washington's hilly Palouse country.

Farmers burn fields to battle pests, disease and remove excess stubble left after harvest. The tentative agreement the Ecology Department announced Jan. 5 calls for reducing the vol-

ume of burning emissions by 50 percent over the next seven years. It is not based on the number of acres burned.

The Ecology Department would conduct research to determine how much emissions result from wheat stubble burning, and regulators would ensure that the reductions actually occur.

Pfeiffer defended the pact. "The purpose of the agreement is to get immediate, tangible improvements," he said. "It's basically a jump-start for an improvement in air quality."

"We thought that was the appropriate path, rather than taking a couple of years to study the issue, or fighting in court over what the levels should be."

Civil War buff runs busy Idaho business

EMMETT (AP) — Charles Lox answers the door of his country shop, wearing jeans, a leather and a Union Army shell coat.

"Come in," he says. "You can look around while I'm on the phone. I'm taking an order from Missouri."

The shop oozes history. Blue and gray uniforms line its shelves. Glass display cases hold bayonets, crossed sabers, gleaming belt buckles. The back room is stuffed with saddles, holsters, pistols, muskets, tents, cups, canteens, cooking pots.

Copies of the "Civil War News" grace an antique tabletop. Lox's rural home outside Emmett is the unlikely setting for one of the nation's largest mail-order businesses specializing in Civil War uniforms and equipment.

With a telephone that never stops ringing and a computer mounted on a century-old sewing cabinet, he sells about \$250,000 worth of Civil War trappings annually.

"Now, where were we?" he continues. "Uh-oh, there's the phone again. An Enfield musketoon? Let me look it up; I haven't sold one of those lately."

Lox can tell you the precise differences between an Enfield musketoon, a Remington Zouave and a Brown Bess, all Civil War rifles.

He's a voice of authority on kinks, buttons and ditches here. If you're in the market for a pair of wooden-pegged shoes with hickory shanks, a Confederate general's double-breasted, 14-button frock coat or a McClellan saddle, he's your man.

His business, C&C Sutlers, is one of the latest in his kind. Sutlers were merchants who followed the troops during the Civil War, selling supplies.

The United States, according to the Military Order of the Stars and Bars in Columbia, Tenn., is home to about 250 contemporary sutlers. Lox figures he's in the top 10.

When he was starting out, Lox made some of the clothes himself.

Now, he contracts with seven seamstresses, mostly in Nampa, so the shop can

"It's their livelihood," he said. "If I sewed, I wouldn't have time to do anything else. I have three employees and try things on. I, Me and myself don't do anything, so I have to do everything. Uh-oh, there goes the phone again."

"Right. The only one in the state," said Ken Swanson, director of the Idaho Historical Museum and a member of Idaho Civil War Volunteers Inc., a reenactment group.

"Most of them are in the East. You used to have to have a retail store, but with phone mail and Internet services, Charles can do it from wherever he wants," Swanson said. "But his shop is nice for the Idaho guys. You can go there and try things on, and you have a face to go with the voice on the phone."

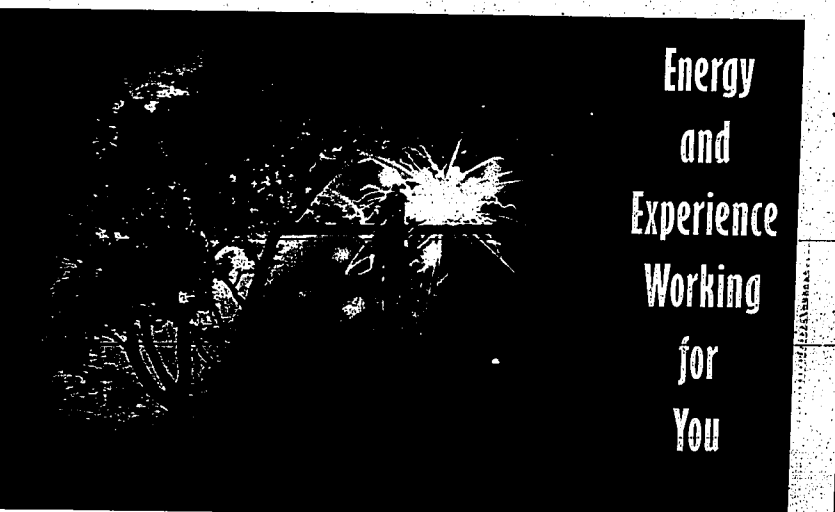
Lox's orders are equally divided between North and South, but Confederate uniforms are more complicated.

The Union Army's uniforms were just that: uniform. The South had nearly 30 styles and colors, with each state designing its own uniforms and variations. Lox knows them all.

Idaho Civil War volunteer J. Aydelotte, an Eagle leader who appeared as a battlefield soldier in the television series "North and South," is one of Lox's customers.

"I was surprised to find him out here," Aydelotte said. "His quirk is comparable to most suppliers, his prices are better than some, and it's nice to have somebody you know personally and can deal with as an individual."

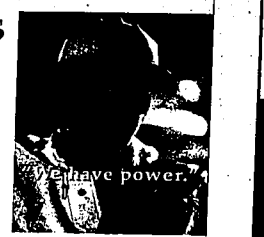
All of Lox's uniforms are made in Idaho. Much of the other merchandise available through his Internet catalog (www.ccsutlers.com) comes from other states and countries. Tents and leather goods are hand-stitched by the Amish in Illinois. Boots are made in Mexico. Brass work may come from as far away as India.



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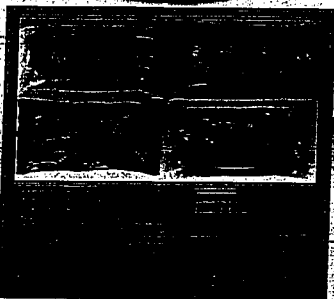
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