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Clinton gives Justice thrift records

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Under intense political pressure, President Clinton instructed his attorney Thursday to give the Justice Department all records of his investment in an Arkansas real estate partnership linked to a failed savings and loan.

White House officials hoped Clinton's sudden directive would help clear the air after calls from congressional Republicans for investigations into dealings by Clinton and his wife with S&L operator James McDougal and circumstances surrounding the

suicide of White House deputy counsel Vincent Foster last summer.

Some of the investment records involving Whitewater Development Corp. were removed from Foster's office July 22 by White House counsel Bernard Nussbaum in the presence of federal investigators looking into Foster's July 20 suicide. The investigators were not shown the Whitewater documents, which were turned over to the Clintons' personal attorney in Washington, David Kezdar.

White House communications director Mark Gearan emphasized that Clinton and

his wife, Hillary, are voluntarily releasing all the Whitewater documents — including those set aside in Foster's office — and that federal investigators had not requested them.

"What we would like to highlight is at no time did anyone, anywhere, anyhow ever remotely suggest that there was any impropriety regarding the president and Mrs. Clinton's investments," Gearan said.

Federal investigators are investigating the costly collapse of McDougal's thrift, the Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan Association. They also are said to be examining

whether any thrift funds were illegally diverted to Whitewater — owned jointly by the Clintons and McDougal — and whether any money was routed to Clinton's 1984 gubernatorial campaign.

Speaking after a lengthy closed-door session with Nussbaum and White House aides, Gearan said Thursday, "At no time did any law enforcement official request the documents."

Gearan said Clinton's order included "all documents relating to the Whitewater Development Corp.," including those removed from Foster's office after his suicide.

Firing back



MIKE SALSBURO/The Times-News

Floyd Hazen of Blue Lakes Sporting Goods in Twin Falls says gun dealer licensing problems exist because individuals are being licensed rather than businesses.

License fee boost for gun dealers misses target in Magic Valley

By Analise Taylor
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Clinton administration's proposed increase in the federal licensing fee for gun dealers is causing an uproar among Magic Valley gun dealers. "They should enforce the law they have," said Richard Hunt, owner of Hunt's Hunting Supplies and Gun Repair in Twin Falls and a 31-year license holder.

"The government could reduce the number of licensed gun dealers without raising the fees," he said. The recently enacted "Brady" law increases the current three-year, \$30 fee to \$200 for new licenses and to \$90 for renewals. But Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen said this week that the administration will propose raising the fees much

higher to reduce the number of licenses. Bentsen contends that federal authorities cannot adequately supervise the more than 250,000 registered gun dealers in the nation. Under current law, anyone who pays a \$30 registration fee can obtain a three-year gun dealer's license without undergoing a background check.

But Rodney Herrett, owner of Herrett's Stocks Inc. in Twin Falls, said higher fees won't keep guns away from criminals. "The license could be \$1 million," he said. "The individual who wants a gun is going to get it."

Hunt said he doesn't want to pay more for his license, but he agrees that regular gun-dealer licenses are too readily available.

"If an 84-year-old woman turned \$30 in with an application, she could be a gun

dealer," Hunt said. "There are basement bandits. They cut into the profit margin of the small business owner."

Eloyd Hazen of Blue Lakes Sporting Goods in Twin Falls has mixed feelings about the issue.

"(The proposal) doesn't bother me at all because you are licensing individuals so they can purchase their own personal firearms at wholesale rather than having to go through a dealer," Hazen said. "Problems exist in that they're licensing individuals rather than businesses, and giving them to anybody who asks for them."

Herrett is concerned about the method the government is using for gun control.

"I am in favor of stringent laws and penalties for the perpetrator to control crime, but how to identify the problem is difficult in itself," Herrett said.

State takes in homeless boy

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A 16-year-old boy has been taken by Idaho Department of Health and Welfare officials while sheriff's investigators try to determine whether he was physically abused and abandoned by his stepfather.

The youth contacted Twin Falls police Wednesday after he said his stepfather had hit and kicked him and then left him on South Park Avenue West without a coat.

From there, he went to a friend's house and was taken to the police station, the boy wrote in a police report.

The youth said his stepfather and mother were angry with him because he had come home late from a friend's house, the report stated. The incident took place Wednesday morning, the youth wrote.

The confrontation turned physical, with his father hitting him and his mother punching him in the nose, he told police. He fell to the floor, and his father kicked him in the ribs, the youth wrote.

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AP photo

Altadena fire victim Ronald Ratliff and son Justin wrap Christmas presents in Sierra Madre, Calif.

Hallucinations mar holiday for fire victim

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Between hallucinations, Ron Mass will spend Christmas with his family for the first time in 10 years. Mass was critically burned in the Nov. 3 Topanga Canyon fire that killed his friend, British movie director Duncan Gibbins.

His family, with whom he had a falling-out a decade ago, rushed to his hospital bedside.

His family put up an artificial Christmas tree in his room, which they say helps ease the hallucinations caused by intense pain and medication.

"With the lights on he really enjoyed it," said his sister, Pat Anderson. "It really made it feel homey, with the family there. It was a special moment for us."

His friends also finds other victims of the fall Christmas fires fighting to reclaim their lives, to find new permanent homes and replace belongings.

Four people died as a result of the fires that swept across Southern California, in-

cluding hundreds, destroying 1,241 homes and other structures, and causing an estimated \$1 billion in damage.

Mass, 40, is undergoing excruciating skin grafts and dressing changes, whittolp therapy and hyperbaric oxygen treatments at a Sherman Oaks hospital.

In one of his hallucinations, he relives the fire, making a running motion with his legs and saying "It's hot, it's hot, it's hot," Anderson said.

"We had to tell him, 'It's OK, you're safe, you're in a hospital, you're here.' We have to keep him in touch," she said.

Christmas brings a mixed blessing: the joy of a family reunion and a sharing of Mass' pain.

"We'll do our own little Christmas right there in his room, bring some food," Anderson said.

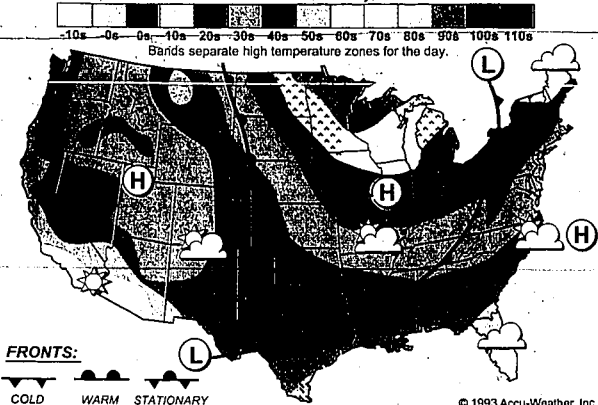
"I had asked him what he'd like for Christmas and he looked at me like, 'Oh, please, there's nothing to give me right now but a new body...'"

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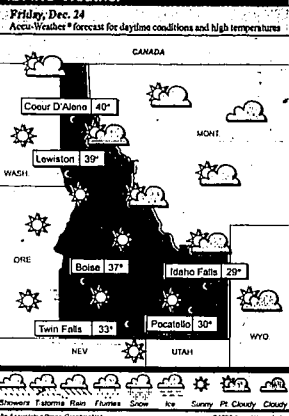
Weather

NATIONAL Weather

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Friday, Dec. 24.



IDAHO Weather



Temperatures

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	39	13	02
Atlanta	42	34	17
Boston	35	30	00
Chicago	27	08	00
Dallas	49	25	00
Denver	30	19	08
Des Moines	21	5	00
Detroit	19	16	01
Honolulu	81	69	01
Houston	49	29	00
Indianapolis	40	21	00
Kansas City	34	13	00
Las Vegas	55	31	00
Los Angeles	74	43	00
Memphis	36	37	02
Miami Beach	84	62	00
Minneapolis	27	16	00
Minneapolis	11	1	01
New Orleans	45	40	12
New York	39	33	00
Oklahoma City	51	19	00
Omaha	21	9	01
Phoenix	60	35	00
Pittsburgh	31	25	00
Portland, Mo.	34	23	00
Portland, Ore.	42	31	00
Reno	46	14	00
St. Louis	30	16	00
Salt Lake City	30	15	01
San Francisco	62	38	00

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Seattle	38	26	00
Spokane	30	23	00
Washington	43	34	00

Twin Falls

Day	Max	Min	Pcp
Yesterday	32	19	00
Last year	36	28	00
Normal	40	23	00

Sunset today 5:09 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:06 a.m.
Lunar phase: First quarter
Dec. 20; full Dec. 28; last quarter Jan. 4; new Jan. 11.

Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	37	13	00
Burley	34	16	00
Fairfield	19	4	00
Gooding	29	8	00
Hagerman	37	18	00
Idaho Falls	20	2	00
Joromo	28	20	00
Lewiston	36	27	00
Malad	35	12	00
Malta	34	6	00
McCall	29	1	00
Pocatello	32	7	00
Salmon	27	5	00
Stanley	10	18	00
Sun Valley	27	5	00

Forecasts

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding:
Today and Christmas day mostly clear with local areas of valley fog and low clouds. Outlook for Sunday partly cloudy and natchy fog. A few flurries. Lows 5 below to 15 above. Highs 25 to 35.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley:
Today and Christmas day mostly clear except for local areas of valley fog and low clouds. Highs in the 20s. Lows tonight 5 below to 5 above zero. Outlook for Sunday partly cloudy and a few flurries. Lows zero to 10 above. Highs in the 20s.

Extended forecast: Southern Idaho - Sunday through Tuesday partly cloudy with a few snow flurries in the east. Areas of low clouds and fog in the valleys. Lows in the single digits east to the 20s west. Highs 25 to 35.

Visible planets

Morning: Jupiter
Evening: Saturn

Snow scattered across much of nation; roads hazardous

The Associated Press

Snow blanketed much of the country Thursday, causing some treacherous road conditions even though accumulations were small. Wind also blew through the Southwest. Heavy snow and winds worked in tandem over the southern foothills of Colorado, and near blizzard conditions around Walsburg caused several accidents. Highway travel between Pueblo and Trinidad, Colo., was discouraged. Wind advisories were posted across much of Southern California and western Arizona. On Thursday afternoon, snow fell along the central At-

Northern Utah and Nevada:
Utah - Mostly sunny with a few patches of morning fog today. Increasing haze. Highs 30 to 35. Tonight clear with areas of fog. Lows in the teens. Christmas day hazy with areas of fog otherwise sunny. Highs 30 to 35.

Elko County - Sunny today. Highs in the mid-30s to mid-40s. Tonight fair skies. Lows near zero to the mid-teens. Christmas mostly sunny. Highs in the mid-30s to mid-40s.

Weather summary

A brighter sky was visible for most of Idaho Thursday. A little sunshine finally broke through the persistent low clouds and fog that blanketed the north and some parts of southern Idaho the past several days. Exceptions were Idaho Falls and Pocatello where the low clouds and-or fog lingered almost all day long. Temperatures in the Magic Valley hovered near freezing much of the day even with the sunshine. Winds were light but westerly. The highest temperature in the state Thursday was 43 degrees at Caldwell. Stanley reported the lowest at 18 degrees below zero. Elsewhere in the nation Thursday, the highest temperature was 84 degrees at Miami, Fla. West Yellowstone, Mont., reported the lowest temperature at 20 degrees below zero.

lantic Coast, central Appalachians, parts of the Great Lakes and the lower Ohio Valley. Snow was scattered across the upper Mississippi Valley, northern Plains, upper Missouri Valley and the central Rockies. Snow was widely scattered across the southwestern part of the Plains. Rain was scattered across Florida. Snowfall during the six hours ending at 11 a.m. MST included an inch at Beckley, W. Va., Cleveland, Rock Springs, Wyo., and Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The low temperature Thursday morning for the Lower 48 was minus 20 at Snake River, Wyo. Temperatures around the nation at 1 p.m. MST ranged from minus 5 at Roseau, Minn., to 70 at Miami.

Jackpot split between father of 17, fan of umbrellas, palm trees

WASHINGTON (AP) - A retired bricklayer with 17 children and 29 grandchildren said Thursday he plans to buy a country-home for his wife with the \$45 million lottery winnings that moved him to years and trembling. He will split the \$90 million Powerball payoff with the holder of the only other winning ticket - who said he wants to use part of his \$45 million to move to a place "with a lot of palm trees and a lot of umbrellas."

Percy Ray Pridden, 69, could speak only a short time before having to bury his head in his hands and cry. After disclosing his plan to buy a house, he said, "Somebody's going to have to tell me" how to spend the rest - \$2.25 million a year minus taxes for the next 20 years.

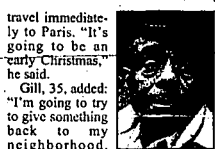
C. Gill of Richmond, Va. - he told one reporter the C. stands for Chuck - said he, his wife and their 4-year-old daughter, Tiana, will travel immediately to Paris. "It's going to be an early Christmas," he said.

Gill, 35, added: "I'm going to try to give something back to my neighborhood, because my brothers out there, they're killing one another."

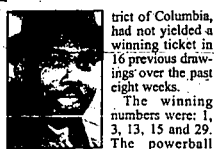
He said he has worked as a barber and a government employee but has no job now.

Pridden and Gill, each the sole owner of his winning ticket, will receive their first check in about 10 or 15 days, said D.C. Lottery spokeswoman Beverly Hunt: The owners of the Washington liquor stores where the grand prize tickets were sold will each receive \$25,000.

The Powerball game, played in 14 states including Idaho and the Dis-



Pridden



Gill

tribut of Columbia had not yielded a winning ticket in 16 previous drawings over the past eight weeks. The winning numbers were: 1, 3, 13, 15 and 29. The powerball was 12.

Pridden, a Washington resident who formerly worked for a construction company, said he wasn't certain of his good luck until Thursday even though the drawing was Wednesday night.

He had a friend help him identify his ticket and make sure he had actually won. "I couldn't trust nobody but him... I was trembling so fast," he said.

Gill, who traveled to Washington to buy 15 tickets, saw his winning numbers on television. He said his wife didn't believe him.

Idaho road report

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho Department of Transportation reported some wet and icy roads with snow flurries on mountain passes Thursday. Road conditions:

- U.S. 95 - Plummer-Coeur d'Alene, icy spots; Coeur d'Alene-Sandpoint, icy spots, broken snow floor; Sandpoint-Canadian border, icy spots; Riggins-Mosco, icy spots; Weiser-New Meadows, dry, icy spots; Marsing-Oregon line, dry.
- Interstate 90 - Fourth of July Canyon, icy spots; Lookout Pass, broken snow floor.
- U.S. 12 - Lewiston-Kooskia, dry; Kooskia-Lowell, wet; Lowell-Lolo Pass, snow floor.
- Interstate 84 - Oregon line-Burley, dry; Burley-Utah line, dry, icy spots.
- Idaho 55 - Icy spots.
- Idaho 21 - Boise-Idaho City, dry, icy spots; Idaho City-Lowman, dry, icy spots, broken snow floor; Lowman-Banner Summit, icy spots, broken snow floor.
- U.S. 20 - Mountain Home-Carey, dry; Arco-Idaho Falls, icy spots, broken snow floor; fog; Idaho Falls-Ashton, dry; fog; Ashton-Montana line, dry, icy spots, broken snow floor.
- U.S. 26 - Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, broken snow floor; fog; Blackfoot-Arco, dry, wet.
- Idaho 21 - Dry.
- U.S. 93 - Nevada line-Arco, dry; Arco-Salmon, dry, icy spots, broken snow floor, snow floor, Lost Trail Pass, icy spots, broken snow floor, snow floor.
- Idaho 75 - Shoshone-Ketchum, dry; Galena Summit, broken snow floor.
- Interstate 86 - Wet.
- Interstate 15 - Utah line-Idaho Falls, wet; Idaho Falls-Dubois, icy spots, fog; Monticello Pass, icy spots.
- U.S. 30 - Wet, icy spots.
- U.S. 91 - Wet.
- Idaho 28 - Icy spots, broken snow floor, snow floor.

For current road conditions, call these numbers: Twin Falls, 738-3072; Boise, 336-6600; Pocatello 232-1426; Idaho Falls 522-5164; Utah 801-964-6000; the Elko, Nev., area, 702-738-8888.

Correction

A story Tuesday incorrectly reported the date of the murder of Brendy Thueson, 13. Police found Thueson dead at her rural Rupert home early July 31. The Times-News regrets the error.

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Homeless man finds home for holidays

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — William Bell Jr. is finally home. His one-room apartment is decorated with paper cutouts and holly, a lavish Christmas tree and photos of his girlfriend's grandchildren. He is like a kid, bouncing here and there, grinning broadly, talking nonstop. The man is alive, whole, feeling strong.



William Bell Jr. is enjoying this Christmas, the first holiday season in 27 years that he has not been homeless.

And it's a small miracle. After 27 years without a home, after a lifetime of Christmases spent in dislocation, Bell has made for himself the best gift of all. He has left behind the New York City street corner where two years ago he was wasting away, a scraggly panhandler with a serious addiction.

"I was living in a cardboard box two Christmases ago. Inside that box, just freezing cold. Miserable. Miserable, because there was nobody there. Just me inside that box, looking at a dark space," he recalled recently.

People around the Upper West Side cared more for Bell than he cared for himself. It was something in his smile, his manner, the way he was touched by children and, indeed he'd been drinking, always lashed you in the eye.

Bell's story was not uncommon — a childhood marked by drugs and divorce, a stint with the Marines in Vietnam, encounters with racism, a stormy young marriage, estrangement from family and friends and, finally, booze and crack to quell the pain, blot out the disillusionment.

All the panhandlers who once shared Bell's block at 86th Street and Columbus Avenue are now gone. Smokey, Lisa and the woman known as "Lisa's sister" have moved on or, as likely, are dead. They have been replaced by a new band with stories of their own.

It is his rare journey back that makes Bell different. The streets were killing Bell, the possibility of a home and life growing sinner with each day. He was physically weakened and emotionally drained, fatigued with the pressure of constantly watching his back.

He was nearly ready to face the battle, accept the setbacks, do what few homeless and addicted people are willing or able to do — change. "Today, I am my own man. When I was standing on 86th and Columbus I had to smile, I had to be nice, I had to be looked down on a lot of times," he says. "Today, my self-esteem is the greatest feeling in the world. I love William today."

William Bell Jr., 43, is in touch with his mother, stepmother and ex-wife for the first time in years. His grown daughter appeared on "Soul Train" recently, and he proudly watched her on a TV of his own. He does clean-up work at Knickerbocker Arena and plays host to 12-step groups Wednesday evenings at his

home. He's even got a bit of a paunch. The road back wound around bends, turned back on itself many times. He would leave the corner with a bag lunch and good wishes from local merchants and residents. Each time, everyone would cross their fingers.

And time after time, maybe days or maybe weeks later, Bell would be back at his corner. Sheepish, he'd hang his head and you knew. You knew no one could feel worse about the failure than he did.

He wasn't ready. Finally, slowly, for reasons that are hard to pin down, William Bell Jr. started to feel a change. He saw the keys, little nuggets of insight or a twinge of pride. And he seized them. "At each stop he made," from each program he tried, he grasped a new key, added to his new foundation. At the Salvation Army in Mount Vernon, he accepted at last that all his old ways, all his poses and assumptions, had to be thrown out. He could not build on what he had.

At Viewpoint in Stamford, Conn., he understood Alcoholics Anonymous for the first time. He'd started out silent, sitting in the back at recovery meetings. His counselor prodded him to concentrate on the first step: "We admitted that we were powerless over alcohol — that our lives had become unmanageable."

William Bell Jr. read those lines every morning, over and over. He prayed long, and often. "Please God," he pleaded, "show me a way." God sent Shirley Gibbs-Bryant, a social worker Bell befriended while at the Salvation Army in Mount Vernon. She, among others, was always there to point the way.

"There is something about William that has touched all of us," said Gibbs-Bryant, a woman who has known many Williams. "He's a beautiful human being," she said. "And maybe for the first time in his life, he'd met people who truly cared for him. Maybe that's what made the difference. The reason he was finally able to grow up."

Jackson lawyers hope to block nude photos

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Jackson's defense team will fight to exclude nude photographs of the entertainer from evidence in any child molestation trial. "We will be litigating whether or not the photographs will be admissible at a later time in court," attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. said Thursday.

The 13-year-old boy suing Jackson gave police a detailed description of discoloration of the entertainer's private parts, which could be crucial to verifying the boy's claims, sources have told The Associated Press.

In a live message Wednesday carried by satellite worldwide, Jackson described a body search by criminal investigators, adding, "It was the most humiliating ordeal of my life."

Earlier this year, Jackson said he has vitiligo, a skin condition that causes blotches.

Neither side has said whether the examination confirmed the boy's description.

No criminal charges have been filed. Trial in the civil molestation case is set for March 21.



A Department of Transportation employee pours sand on oil that leaked Thursday from one of several big rigs involved in a multi-vehicle accident near Sacramento, Calif.

Jury acquits man in fatal shooting

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — A jury acquitted a retired Air Force officer who shot to death a 17-year-old youth during a traffic dispute on the side of a highway.

Vern Smalley, 55, was found innocent Wednesday of second-degree murder and reckless manslaughter in the death last April of Carmine Tagliere III. Smalley contended he pulled out his gun in self-defense and it went off accidentally.

Smalley stared straight ahead as District Judge Michael Heydt read the verdict, which ended a 3½-week trial.

He left the courtroom without comment.

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Fog, ice clog busy California interstate

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Michael Lewis and five family members were driving to visit relatives for the holidays, then boom — ice and dense fog sent their car reeling into one of two pileups involving 25 vehicles.

"We tried to stop and the car just started sliding. We hit the car in front of us, otherwise we wouldn't have stopped. It was real scary," said the 32-year-old Lewis, en route from Oakland to Sacramento on Interstate 80.

No one was injured in his car. The Lewises were among dozens of motorists sliding into the grinding crashes Thursday. The two pileups involved seven big rigs and 18 cars and closed the freeway for six hours. Seven people went to hospitals. No one was killed.

The crashes occurred on the Yolo Causeway, a 3-mile-long elevated part of the freeway about five miles west of the state Capitol.

"It just went boom boom boom," California Highway Patrol Officer Kevin Dougherty said.

Interstate 80 is Northern California's main east-west artery, linking Sacramento and San Francisco with Nevada.

The first pileup occurred in east-

bound lanes, then westbound vehicles collided as they slowed to look at the first accident, said Highway Patrol Sgt. Dick Rademacher.

Officers said dense low-lying fog and "black ice" were the cause of the accidents, which began around 3:30 a.m. Black ice — frozen moisture on a road — is virtually invisible to drivers.

State Transportation Department spokeswoman Pat Miller said trucks had been dispatched to the causeway to drop sand to improve traction when the accident occurred.

Four of the seven people taken to hospitals were treated for injuries and released. The others remained at hospitals. None were in serious condition.

CORRECTION:
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Nation

U.S. economy enjoys some holiday cheer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's economy is growing ever stronger near year-end, according to fresh reports of rising incomes, consumer spending and orders for durable goods.

"It suggests the American public was given an early Christmas present," said Robert G. Dederick, an economist with the Northern Trust Co. in Chicago. "The data for November were very favorable across the board."

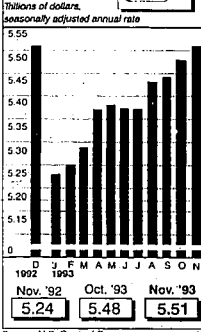
The Commerce Department reported Thursday that personal incomes rose 0.6 percent in November, the fourth straight advance. Consumer spending was up 0.4 percent, the eighth consecutive gain.

The department also said factory orders for durable goods — items from airplanes to appliances expected to last more than three years — shot up 2 percent. It was the fourth straight advance, the longest string in more than six years.

"We seem to have a cycle where strength in spending is followed by increases in orders, which have led to increases in employment and income, which in turn should lead to more spending and orders," Dederick said. "Everything was on the upstroke in November."

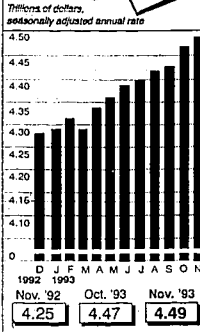
Analysts said the data supports

Personal income



Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce

Personal spending



Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce

fourth-quarter economic growth exceeding 4 percent at an annual rate, although many believe the expansion will slow to about 3 percent during the first three months of the new year.

Still, Dederick said, "There's no reason to think the economy will be screeching to a near-halt as it did a

year ago. The fundamentals are positive."

In another report Thursday, the Labor Department said the number of first-time claims for jobless benefits inched up 4,000 last week, to a seasonally adjusted 332,000.

But the four-week moving average of claims for unemployment

insurance fell by 1,750, to 332,750. Analysts prefer to track the average because it smooths out spikes in the weekly reports.

"The employment claims numbers are consistent with sustained increases in employment," Dederick said, predicting creation of 200,000 new jobs this month.

Personal income in November rose to \$5.51 trillion at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, up from \$5.48 trillion a month earlier. Disposable income — income after taxes — increased 0.6 percent, also the fourth gain in a row.

Consumer spending, which represents two-thirds of the nation's economy, totaled \$4.49 trillion, up from \$4.47 trillion in October.

Americans' savings rate — savings as a percentage of disposable income — rose to 4.2 percent from 4 percent in October.

Analysts also were encouraged that income growth outpaced the spending rate in November. They had cautioned that if income continued to lag spending, consumers eventually would have to curb their purchases and thus crimp economic growth.

A key component of the income category — wages and salaries — advanced 0.4 percent, to \$3.15 trillion.

The income and spending figures

were not adjusted for inflation. When adjusted, disposable incomes rose 0.5 percent, while consumption expenditures increased 0.3 percent.

The increase in durable goods orders was widespread.

Transportation orders jumped 5.7 percent, matching the October advance. Orders for both aircraft and motor vehicles contributed.

Excluding transportation, orders were up 0.9 percent. Other advances included industrial machinery and equipment, up 4.5 percent, and primary metals, up 2.1 percent. Only orders for electronic and other electrical machinery fell, down 7.6 percent.

Business investment in equipment also continued to add to economic growth in November. Orders for non-defense capital goods excluding aircraft rose 2.6 percent, the ninth increase in the past 10 months.

But defense orders slipped 1.7 percent after plunging 17.3 percent a month earlier. Excluding this category, orders were up 2.2 percent.

Unfilled orders also fell, 0.6 percent to \$424.4 billion, the ninth straight monthly decline and the lowest level since May 1988.

Shipments shot up 2.7 percent in November, to \$141.9 billion. It was the fourth straight gain.

U.S. Army will operate Disney hotel

WASHINGTON (AP) — Join the Army and see the Magic Kingdom.

The Army's going to be running its own hotel at Disney World in Florida, although some local hoteliers think it's a Mickey Mouse idea. The Army has contracted with Walt Disney for a 99-year lease to operate a 288-room hotel, which is a short walk from the monorail that will transport active, reserve and retired service members, and civilian defense workers, into Disney World.

The hotel, to be renamed "The Shades of Green on Walt Disney World Resort" when it opens on Feb. 1, has a swimming pool and tennis courts and is situated next to two golf courses.

"It's like a quaint country inn, very cozy and comfortable," said Walt Disney spokesman Michelle Fisher. "It's a great property."

The Army runs similar inexpensive vacation hotels in Germany, Hawaii and South Korea, but this will be its first "Armed-Forces Recreation Center" in the continental United States.

Peter Isaacs, director of hospitality for the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, said the U.S. hotel is part of post-Cold War plans to station more troops in the United States, and Florida was the natural choice.

Army figures show that 1 million active, retired and reserve service members live within 900 miles of the Orlando area.

Isaacs added that polls of military personnel found Orlando was the vacation spot most wanted to visit, "but there was the general perception that the Orlando experience was beyond their means."

He said the hotel, staffed by locally hired civilians, will be financed totally from customer revenues, with "absolutely not one cent of taxpayer dollars used."

Room prices will range from \$49 a night for junior enlisted men and women to \$92 for officers. "It will provide the most advantage to young service members and their families who might otherwise not be able to enjoy such a quality vacation," said Maj. Bill Buckner, an Army spokesman.

Postal Service will start process to raise its 1st-class mail rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — Early in the new year, the Postal Service will begin the process of raising its mail rates, amid speculation that the price of a first-class stamp will jump to between 32 and 35 cents from the current 29 cents.

Postmaster General Marvin Runyon served notice earlier this year that rates would rise in 1995, meaning that the lengthy ratemaking process needs to get under way early in 1994.

The 29-cent rate took effect Feb. 3, 1991, and speculation about the new price of a first-class stamp has ranged from 32 to 35 cents.

Runyon told a convention of major postal customers in August that the new rate would definitely not be as high as 35 cents. He has since stressed that the increase should be close to the rate of inflation.

Overall inflation from 1991 through the time the new rate takes effect in early 1995 is expected to total 13 percent to 14 percent. Runyon estimated at a recent meeting.

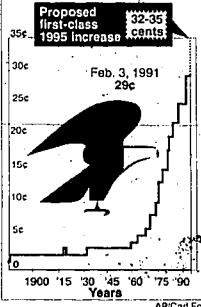
That would result in a rate of 32 cents to 33 cents.

Some mailers groups have speculated that the rate could go to higher, however, and much depends on the breakdown in charges among the various classes of mail.

In addition, the proposal to be made by the governing board of the post office isn't necessarily the rate that will finally take effect.

Postal stamp rates

With the Postal Service committed to a rate hike in 1995, the rate could be anywhere between 32-35 cents.



AP/Carl Fox

In 1990, for example, the board proposed a 30-cent rate, but it was trimmed to 29 cents by the independent Postal Rate Commission.

Spokesman Frank Brennan said Wednesday that Postal Service managers are considering several options and have not decided which proposal to present to the agency's board of governors.

After the board proposes a new rate, the rate commission holds

extensive hearings and reports back, usually in 10 or 11 months.

Once the commission issues a report, and a recommended set of rates, the governors can accept that decision, appeal for reconsideration or overrule the commission.

The board can overrule the commission only by a unanimous vote, however. That has happened only once in the past. In 1991, it agreed to the 29-cent rate under protest.

The board holds its next public meeting Jan. 4, but Postal Service officials who spoke on condition of anonymity said a formal decision is unlikely then. Rather, they said, the board is likely to hold a telephone conference later in January and then make a formal announcement near the end of the month.

The Postal Service is anticipating a loss of more than \$1 billion for the current fiscal year, which ends next September.

Under the law establishing the Postal Service, the agency is required to break even over time. In general, it has established a pattern of making money in one year, breaking even and then losing money, followed by a rate increase.

However, the current cycle will keep the 29-cent rate in effect for four years, the longest unchanged period since the post office became an independent entity in the early 1970s. It no longer receives any taxpayer subsidy for its operations.

NASA puts research craft out to pasture

WASHINGTON (AP) — After its four years of research yielded strong support for the theory that the universe was created in a single momentous explosion, NASA's Cosmic Background Explorer was retired from service Thursday.

COBE, as the satellite is known, more than achieved its technical goals, said Dr. John Mather who headed the project at the Goddard Space Flight Center.

"It has observed the universe as it was at its birth," Mather said. "It's done everything we asked it to do, and it's a proud day for us to declare our flight operations complete."

COBE, costing a relatively modest \$230 million, was launched Nov. 9, 1989, from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California into an orbit around Earth's poles at 560 miles altitude. The primary science mission called for a year of observations.

Near the end of its first year, the liquid helium coolant needed by two of the instruments was exhausted but the third continued to work.

USDA modifies payment policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department will make it easier for growers to collect disaster payments for crops that heavy rains kept them from planting, Sen. Thomas A. Daschle, D-S.D., said Thursday.

In a change to be announced next week, Daschle said the department will let growers receive disaster payments for the crop they normally would have planted but could not get in the ground.

Because of the heavy spring rains, many growers told the department they would plant another, later crop, such as soybeans, on land normally planted in corn.

Growers could not get the soybeans in, either, but couldn't collect disaster payments for that crop because they didn't have the production history for soybeans.

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Son of Manson victim: Money doesn't help

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The son of one of Charles Manson's victims said royalties from a Guns N' Roses song written by the killer won't erase the pain.

"Whenever you lose somebody who loves you, you never in your life have (enough) money. This person can't come back to you," Barnek Frykowski told reporters Wednesday.

To avoid giving Manson royalties, Geffen Records said it will pay Frykowski about \$60,000 for every million copies sold of the album "The Spaghetti Incident?" Manson's song, "Look at Your Game Girl," is on the album.

Guns N' Roses said it didn't know Manson wrote the music and lyrics and could profit.

Frykowski's father, Voytek, and four others were slain at the home of actress Sharon Tate and director Roman Polanski in 1969.

Manson, 59, and three of his followers were convicted of the murders and other killings in 1971. Manson is serving a life sentence in California.

Tate was among the victims. Her sister, Patty Tate, called for a boycott of Geffen Records to protest the song.

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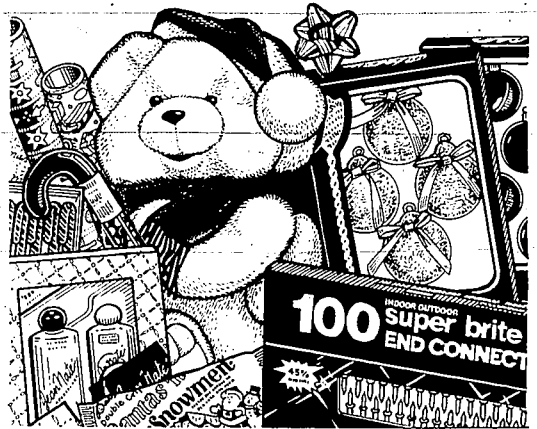
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Opinion

Editorial

Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

Nearly a century ago, young Virginia O'Hanlon sent the editor of *The New York Sun* a question that still perplexes parents: "Is there a Santa Claus?" Her letter was turned over to Francis Pharcellus Church, and his eloquent reply was published that Christmas of 1897. *The Times-News* is pleased to reprint its wisdom on yet another Christmas Eve.

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of *The Sun*:

"Dear editor:
I am 8 years old.
Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.
Papa says 'If you see it in *The Sun*, it's so!'
Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?
Virginia O'Hanlon
115 West 95th Street"

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect - an ant - in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your

life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith, then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable the existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight.

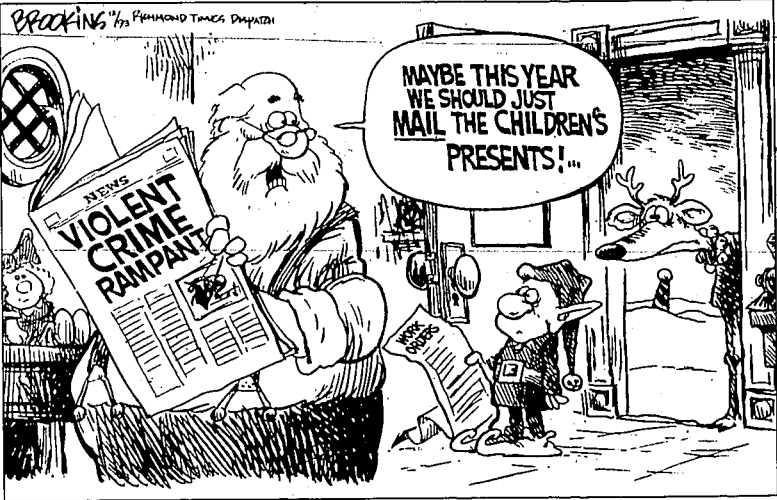
The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus; but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else so real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



'Night before Christmas' poem fails test of political correctness

Joan Beck

Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
(The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has been lax in not protecting St. Nick from unsafe and unhealthy working conditions. He should not be expected to enter his workplace through a dirty chimney and be exposed not only to possible lung damage from soot but burns from a smoldering fireplace.)
He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot.
(Wearing fur is politically unacceptable, as animal rights' groups protest. If St. Nick wants to look traditional, he should substitute an acrylic-polyester blend.)
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.
(This job requirement could lead to lower back pain and a claim for worker compensation.)
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
(Such comparisons are politically risky, as they may be considered insulting to some ethnic groups.)
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
(And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.)
(A house with children should be a smoke-free environment. If St. Nick can't refrain from indulging in the filthy, stinking, dangerous habit of smoking, he should do it outdoors.)
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf -
And I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself.
(Fat isn't funny. Derogatory personal descriptions are politically taboo. The obese are now considered to be handicapped and protected by legislation that outlaws discrimination against the disabled. Laughing at someone's appearance, even if trying not to, is politically intolerable.)
He spoke not a word but went straight to his work -
And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk,
(The toys should have been screened for political correctness and environmental protectiveness. Barbie dolls, for example, lower girls' self-esteem because their bodies don't measure up to hers. Dolls that don't match the racial features of recipients aren't p.c. Guns, war toys and video games with high levels of violence are unacceptable. St. Nick should have included sweaters made from recycled plastic bottles, rain forest nuts, a disabled doll in a wheelchair and classic fairy tales with the violence written out.)
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
(A risky gesture, likely to be misinterpreted by hypersensitive p.c. police.)
And giving a nod up the chimney he rose.
But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all and to all a good night!"
(Happy holidays" would have been a much more appropriate sentiment, as it avoids any connection with religion and any offense to those who prefer Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or other non-Christian observance. St. Nick has been warned that he has been placed on probation and unless he attends 10 classes in political sensitivity this winter and writes a 500-word essay about his p.c. sins, he will be replaced on next year's Christmas Eve run by Donna Shalala.)

Joan Beck

When all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
(Species-ism is not acceptable. Humans have no right to put down other creatures, not even mice.)
And Mama in her kerchief and I in my cap
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter.
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
(The classic stereotype of a woman cowering in bed in fear while the man jumps up to confront possible danger and protect her is belittling sexism.)
When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver so lively and quick,
(Ageism is politically incorrect and newspapers now make it a policy not to use such terms as "elderly" and "old" when describing those who are. "Vertically challenged" is preferable to "little" in referring to an adult.)
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of such tiny hoofs.
(It is intolerable cruelty to animals to make them work long hours in unsafe conditions, such as having to land on a icy roof while pulling a heavy load of toys all around the world in a single night.)
As I drew in my head and was turning around,

Brady not enough: License, restrict handguns

Lloyd B. Cutler

Handgun Control Inc. - the Brady bunch - puts out an annual poster that makes the case for controlling handguns in this country. It lists about 33 virtues. It shows a revolver painted with the stars and stripes of the American flag. The caption reads:
IN 1990, HANDGUNS KILLED 22 PEOPLE IN GREAT BRITAIN 91 IN SWITZERLAND 87 IN JAPAN 10 IN AUSTRALIA 68 IN CANADA AND 10,567 IN THE UNITED STATES. GOD BLESS AMERICA.
But despite the recommendations of several presidential commissions for the strict licensing of handguns, the number of handguns and other repeating weapons in the country has risen from an estimated 25 million in 1968 to an estimated 66 million today - a 150 percent increase over 25 years. We now have one handgun for every two American males, little boys included. And we manufacture or import an additional 2.5 million per year.
The Brady law will not do much to stem this rising tide. By its passage - supported by 90 percent of Americans in recent polls - shows that handgun control measures can be passed despite the lobbying power of the National Rifle Association. Here is a list of desirable additional measures we should tackle next, listed in rough order of political-feasibility and real-world effectiveness:
(1) Finance the necessary research to perfect a radioactive or chemical tracer that can be placed in all handguns or in all handgun ammunition, so that the police, using Geiger counters and similar devices, can readily detect the presence of a loaded and concealed handgun on the street or in a vehicle.
Carrying concealed weapons is already illegal almost everywhere. Even the NRA favors

such laws. The catch is how to detect a concealed weapon. Our military-industrial complex builds satellites capable of reading the headline of a newspaper lying on a Moscow street as well as smart missiles that can hit a Baghdad bridge from launch sites hundreds of miles away. Our engineers are almost certainly capable of finding effective ways to detect a concealed firearm on the street or in a vehicle. But we have never devoted the time or the money to try.
(2) Impose much stricter licensing laws on manufacturers and importers of handguns and handgun ammunition. We already license the manufacture of dangerous drugs that have medicinal value, such as opium-based and other addictive painkillers. We impose strict production quotas based on demonstrated medical needs, and closely monitor the sale and distribution of such products to be sure they do not fall into illicit hands. We should do the same for handguns, which are less necessary and far more dangerous. Among other things, once we have developed a workable and tamper-proof tracing technique, we should require that every license build it into all newly manufactured handguns or rounds of handgun ammunition.
(3) Adopt Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan's idea of a prohibitive excise tax on the sale of ammunition, but with an extra wrinkle: The tax would be reduced or even eliminated if the manufacturer builds in a government-approved tracing device that will enable police to detect the presence of concealed ammunition on the streets and in vehicles. This will give ammunition manufacturers a financial incentive to invest in developing such devices.
(4) As the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence also rec-

ommended almost 25 years ago, create minimum federal standards for handgun licensing. Federal licenses would be required except in states that establish their own licensing systems meeting or exceeding the federal standards. Under these standards, everyone would have to obtain a license to possess a handgun, and licenses would be limited to persons who demonstrate a compelling need - such as police, security guards, and residents of remote, unpoliced areas.
Unlicensed handgun owners would be required to surrender their weapons, perhaps with the inducement of a \$25 or \$50 federal bounty for doing so before a reasonable deadline expires. This is the only practicable way to bring down the number of handguns significantly below the 66 million that are already in private hands.
(5) Enact a federal statute making handgun manufacturers and dealers liable in treble damages to the victims of any shooting done with a handgun sold in violation of federal or state licensing laws.
A Florida court already has found a dealer liable to a handgun victim for selling the handgun to a visibly drunken buyer. Strict liability would create an even stronger deterrent against negligent or deliberate violations of licensing laws.
The Brady supporters have reflected more political strength than most politicians have been willing to believe. With ever-mounting public support, the umbilical cord between handguns and violent crimes can be severed.
Lloyd B. Cutler, a Washington lawyer, was White House counsel in the Carter administration and was the executive director of the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence (the Eisenhower Commission) 1968-70. He wrote this article for the Washington Post.

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Letters

Range not needed to save base

Most Idahoans appreciate the economic and strategic importance of the Mountain Home Air Force Base. Not only does the base account for just under 1 percent (\$200 million) of Idaho's annual \$22 billion economy but also serves, along with Utah's nearby Hill Air Force Base, as the training facility for our nation's newly formed Composite Wing. Mountain Home Air Force Base has long-standing merit and the Composite Wing has more than adequate practice bombing ranges and air space.
So why is our usually sound-thinking Gov. Cecil Andrus proposing to turn the 3.2 million-acre Owyhee Canyonlands, valued for its unique wildlife habitat, wild and scenic rivers, sacred Indian archeological sites and spectacular high desert canyons into a military operation/target bombing area? "To insure the survivability of Mountain Home Air Force Base" and "trust me" do not seem logical or convincing, especially in light of the process by which the governor is attempting to evade the required congressional approval for military land withdrawals.
Despite opposition from a large and varied coalition of statewide organizations, the "Idaho Training Range" proposal continues to move closer to actual construction. The final opportunity for public comment on this issue is scheduled for Grandview on Jan. 11, Boise on Jan. 12, Twin Falls on Jan. 14 and Mountain Home on Jan. 15. It is the obligation and responsibility of anyone who cares about justice, conservation or the environment to attend and participate in one or more of these hearings.
JOHN CACCIA
Ketchum

Senator's family sends greeting
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Kemphornes, temporarily of Virginia. Our wish for all our friends and family in Idaho is that each of you will be blessed during the holiday season with health, love and serenity. Take care of one another and embrace the quality of life in our state.
Our family time during this holiday season will be filled with discussion of the changes and choices we have made in the last year. It was impossible to anticipate the difference in life a new responsibility and a few thousand miles can make. We anticipated the thrill of living near our nation's capital surrounded by its history and the beauty of this country but not how

hard it is leaving our home state where we were surrounded by so many friends.
We've experienced much of the glory of this area, meeting people from all over this country and the world, witnessing great events like the signing of the peace accord between Israel and Palestine, getting to know our Statue of Freedom as she stood on the grounds for the first and last time to be carefully repaired and refinished before she was hoisted atop the Capitol as a magnificent symbol of the preciousness of our freedom. Sometimes it is overwhelming to realize the part our family plays in supporting the Senate of the United States as it forges its way through the decisions and developments of this country.
The most important thing for us is our family and the journey we are on, growing and changing, making new friends, finding doctors and dentists, participating in church, school, scouts or sports, making a home away from home is challenging for us. We miss Idaho, our friends and the simple joy of sharing our day-to-day life with those we love.
All in all, living near Washington, D.C., can be awesome. It is full of historical wonders, fascinating people and once-in-a-lifetime experiences. I hope to have the opportunity to share some of the challenges and opportunities we encounter while we are serving Idahoans - if you don't mind hearing from Washington from a mom's point of view.
We will continue to make choices based on keeping a family close and on loving, caring and serving each other. Given a perfect world, I would live in Idaho, but for now, and for a few more years, we will live where our work takes us. We will work to take care of Idaho from here. We often remind ourselves: You never really leave a place you love. Part of it you take with you, leaving part of you behind.
Peace and blessing for 1994 from our family to yours.
PATRICIA J. KEMPTHORNE
Alexandria, Va.

A not-so-merry Christmas wish
To the low life who threw three small gray and white kittens in the Dumpster at the Stinker Station located at Addison Avenue East, I hope your Christmas is cold, wet and dark.
For now, two of the three kittens are at the Humane Society looking for a better home than you gave them.
DAVID H. HEIDEMANN
Twin Falls

Mideast debates flag issue

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank (AP) — Not since Jesus lay in swaddling clothes have a few yards of cloth taken on as much importance as the Palestinian flags sprouting here Thursday for Christmas celebrations.

Israel wants them removed and the PLO says they must stay. This year, the Prince of Peace may have to take a back seat to the principles of peace.

Billed as the return of the pageant, the holiday has instead become a battle of wills between Israelis and Palestinians over the meaning of their peace treaty.

For the past six years of the inter-fade, or Palestinian uprising against Israel's occupation, Christmas was a strike day.

Midnight Mass went ahead, but there was no music, no lights, no hoopla. The Israeli soldiers lounging around with submachine guns or putting pitriems through metal detectors for security, the Palestinians like to say, were the grinch who made Christmas impossible.

But after Israel and the PLO signed their autonomy agreement in September, the town got full backing from PLO leader Yasser Arafat to pull out all the stops. Forget about religion. This was something Christians and Muslims alike could use.

"Christ was a Palestinian. Actually Christ was the first martyr. So it's a national holiday," said Nafez Al-Rifai, the Bethlehem representative of the mainstream Fatah branch of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"We want to be here to say to the whole world we are Palestinians. This is our celebration after signing the autonomy agreement," he said.

The tussle over the black, green, white and red cloth hanging in front of City Hall in this city of 50,000 reflects the problems holding up the entire autonomy plan.

The government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin wants to avoid any impression that the Palestinians are getting a state. The Palestinians crave any trappings that would show the peace treaty, despite giving them autonomy only in the West Bank town of Jericho and the Gaza Strip, is something larger.

They want to control border crossings, make Jericho as large an area as possible and keep Israeli troops out of sight. Israel says its too early for all that, too early even to hoist the flag over public buildings.

Thai king to travel in 1st trip in 27 years

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — The Thai king has scheduled his first trip abroad in 27 years to attend the April opening of the first bridge spanning the Mekong River to Laos.

The Thai Foreign Ministry said King Bhumibol Adulyadej will be joined by Laotian Premier Noulhak Phoumsavanh for the ceremony, the radio station of the newspaper The Nation reported Thursday.

The Australian-built, three-quarter-mile-long Thai-Lao Friendship Bridge is expected to open impoverished, landlocked Laos to rapid development.

It will be the Thai monarch's first trip abroad since he joined Canadian centennial celebrations in 1967, the report said.



The worst Rhine flooding in 70 years put part of Cologne, Germany's old town under several feet of water Thursday.

Germany struggles to keep Rhine at bay

BONN, Germany (AP) — Troops in hip waders stacked sandbags in the basement of Germany's new parliament Thursday to keep the worst Rhine flooding in nearly 70 years from knocking out the building's heat and electricity.

The flooding has claimed four lives in Germany this week and one each in France and Belgium. It has consumed roads, halted barge traffic on the Rhine — Europe's main north-south commercial waterway — and ruined Christmas preparations in dozens of towns.

In the picturesque Rhine gorge, where the river narrows, raging waters crashed over the rock where the mythical siren Lorelei called sailors to their doom. Rail lines linking Cologne with Frankfurt were inundated.

The Rhine also washed into Cologne's old town, driving 25,000 people out of their homes or businesses, city officials said.

Firefighters rushed to house in boats helping flood victims, and the forecast was for Christmas overtime pay. "It's going to be a great Christmas for my colleagues and their families," said firefighter Juergen Vesper.

Under the twin-steeped cathedral dome, Deitel Schlich was getting a holiday bonus from the high waters. He was doing a brisk business in selling murky "Cologne Crisis Water" in wine bottles to tourists.

The flooding, caused by four days of torrential downpours, was the worst since 1926 in Rhine cities. Environmental officials called the disaster a lesson in ecological humility.

"We've paved over too many meadows and straightened too many rivers," said Josef M. Leinen, environment minister for Saarland state on the French border.

The flooding hit six highly industrialized states in western Germany, where 50 million of the nation's 80 million people live.

Russian extremist endures bad press during a visit to Austria

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Russian extremist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy and his entourage went Christmas shopping Thursday, shrugging off media criticism of their visit and their host, a former member of Adolf Hitler's Waffen SS.

Zhirinovskiy toured stores in Graz after stopping at eye and skin clinics in the southern Austrian city, said Robert Fleischacker, a reporter for the city's Kleinzeitung daily. Retailers refused to say what he bought.

It was not known what treatment he received, if any, at either clinic. Reporters who met Zhirinovskiy on Wednesday at his Alpine hotel noted his swollen red hands, which indicated he may have suffered severe frostbite at some time. He also asked aides to hand him eyeglasses whenever he had to read.

Zhirinovskiy, a nationalist whose strong showing in Russian elections has wonned demagogues at home and abroad, arrived Tuesday in Austria after a brief meeting in Germany with the head of a right-wing party.

In Germany, he stirred up controversy for comments published in an interview with the weekly magazine Stern.

"You must prefer the Russians to all these Negroes in American uniforms and the Turks, because you're burning them after all," Zhirinovskiy was quoted as saying in the interview published Wednesday. He was referring to arson and other violence against foreigners that have killed at least 24 people in Germany during the last two years.

Zhirinovskiy and his nine-person entourage have also received bad reviews from the press and some politicians in Austria.

Peter Pilz, a leader of the small Greens party, said Zhirinovskiy was "extremely unwelcome" in Austria.

Commentators worried about Zhirinovskiy's host, Edwin Neuwith, who has said he is proud of his service with the elite Nazi Waffen SS

unit and in a radio interview came close to denying the existence of gas chambers at Nazi death camps.

"At least once a year, Austria stands before the world as an idiot," wrote the influential Salzburger Nachrichten daily.

"And just before 1993 draws to a close, Austria can be relied upon again," the editorial said, noting that Neuwith's views fit some foreign stereotypes of Austrians as anti-Semitic, Russia-fearing and neo-Nazi.

Zhirinovskiy spoke to reporters at great length on Wednesday. "The man-of-many empty words," read the headline of the liberal Vienna daily Der Standard.

"Who is really sitting here?" asked the Standard reporter, Samo Kobener. "A fascist, an extremist, a nationalist? A KGB puppet, a self-promoting bawler, a monarchist of Jewish descent? Zhirinovskiy answers all queries and says nothing."



Dorothy Kendal, right, the daughter of Edith Haisman, displays a watch retrieved from the wreck of the Titanic, which Haisman survived. The watch belonged to Haisman's father, who perished aboard the Titanic.

Titanic survivor receives watch worn by father who didn't live

SOUTHAMPTON, England (AP) — Edith Haisman recognized the gold watch at once.

Her father was wearing it when she last saw him — waving from the deck of the sinking Titanic.

"He put mother and me in a lifeboat and said, 'I'll see you in New York.' We never saw him again," Mrs. Haisman, 97, said Tuesday.

A company salvaging wreckage of the sunken ocean liner presented the watch to her at a hotel in Southampton, where the Titanic embarked on its fateful maiden voyage in 1912.

The little watch is blackened and its hands are stopped at 11:05, not known to be a significant time.

"I recognized the watch which my father wore on a gold chain on his waistcoat," said Mrs. Haisman, who was 16 when the ship sank.

She is believed to be the oldest of about nine survivors living in

Britain, the United States, France and Sweden.

"I was in lifeboat number 13. I always remembered that. My father was waving to us and talking to a clergyman, the Rev. Carter," said Mrs. Haisman, a frail, white-haired woman who attended the ceremony in a wheelchair.

Mrs. Haisman, who lives in a nursing home in Southampton, spoke deliberately and carefully about the night of April 14-15, 81 years ago, when the Titanic was sliced open by an iceberg.

"I remember everything and it was terrible," she said.

"The Titanic went into the ice and I heard three bangs. Before we hit there had been terrific vibrations from the engines during the night as the ship was really pulled over the sea."

"As the lifeboat pulled away we heard cries from people left on the ship and in the water and explosions

in the ship. There were lots of bodies floating. We kept on rescuing people and trying to cover them up against the cold. We were in the lifeboat nine hours.

"I kept looking in the water for my father and when we reached New York we went to the hospitals to see if he had been picked up."

The Titanic, then the world's largest liner, went down with the loss of 1,500 lives. Lifeboats got away with some 700 crew and passengers as the vessel broke up and sank nearly 2 1/2 miles to the ocean bed, 500 miles off Newfoundland.

Mrs. Haisman's wealthy father, Thomas William Solomon Brown, was taking the family from South Africa to Seattle, Wash., where he intended to start a hotel business.

Edith, his only child, married the late Frederick Haisman, an architectural engineer, in South Africa and they had 10 children and more than 30 grandchildren.

Tourists trek to see Santa — in Finland

ROVANIEMI, Finland (AP) — The Finns are doing a pretty good job of convincing some people that Santa Claus really lives in Lapland.

More than 10,000 foreigners are trekking to this Arctic Circle town this holiday season to visit a Santa Claus village, travel executives said Thursday. Some 8,500 made the trip last year.

Fifty special flights were scheduled to bring in the Santa seekers, mainly from Britain, Germany, the Netherlands, France, the United States and Japan.

"More and more people are beginning to realize that Santa's home is in northern Finland," said Yrjo-Pekka Kurki, managing director of Lapland Travel.

Visitors can sit on Santa's knee, shop in Santa's workshops and ride over frozen lakes in sleighs drawn by reindeer.

A typical British tour charges the equivalent of \$950 for a two-night visit, which includes lodging, meals, the Santa visit, skiing and reindeer rides.

Of course, many can't make it to see Santa in a town 1,440 miles from the North Pole. They write.

"We are so excited this year. There are letters from more than 160 countries and we expect the total will exceed 400,000," said Tuuji Tonttu, a helper at Santa's Rovaniemi post office.

Iraq denies report of attack on enclave

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Baghdad denied Thursday that its soldiers attacked U.S. and other allied troops as they patrolled a protected Kurdish enclave in Iraq.

In New York, U.N. representatives from the United States, France and Britain summoned Iraqi Ambassador Nizar Hamdon to protest the attack, which occurred Tuesday in the Kurdish safe haven in northern Iraq.

In the incident, a four-vehicle convoy carrying 25 U.S., French, British, Turkish and Kurdish troops came under machine-gun fire. Pentagon spokesman Maj. Steve Manuel said. He said it had not been confirmed that Iraqi forces were responsible.

The Iraqi News Agency said an "official source" denied reports of "an armed incident between an American patrol and Iraqi soldiers in northern Iraq."

The INA dispatch, monitored by The Associated Press in Nicosia, said the official called the report "fabricated and baseless." The dispatch did not elaborate.

At the United Nations, Iraq was asked for a "clear undertaking that there would be no repetition," reported British Ambassador Sir David Hannay.

Hannay told reporters that he, deputy U.S. delegate Edward Walker and French Ambassador Jean-Bernard Merimee "underscored the serious consequences that would arise if there were a repetition." He did not elaborate.

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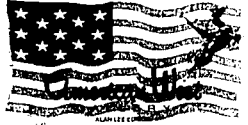
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Around the valley

Senator won't sign anti-gay rights petition

DECLLO - State Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Decllo, clarified his stand Thursday on the anti-gay rights initiative sponsored by the Idaho Citizens Alliance.

A survey by the Idaho Falls Post-Register had placed Darrington with eight other legislators who said they supported the initiative. But Darrington said he had misunderstood the question, and has not endorsed the initiative or either of two legislative bills addressing rights for gay men and lesbians.

"I have not and will not sign the petition for this initiative," he said. "And I will not support this bill in the Legislature. I will take no role in this controversy whatsoever."

State Sen. Stan Hawkins, R-Libon, and state Rep. Alan Lance, R-Meridian, have said they will introduce bills next year that would mimic parts of the ICA initiative.

"This bill has zero priority in the Legislature," Darrington said. "I will not get involved in it. End of comment."

Idaho traffic deaths may reach 30-year low in 1993

TWIN FALLS - Officials say 1993 could go on Idaho books as the year with the lowest number of traffic fatalities in three decades. As the year draws to a close, Idaho State Police troopers ask people to stay alert, to adjust their driving to road conditions, not to drink and drive, and to wear their seat belts.

As of this week, 224 people died in traffic accidents on Idaho roadways. The annual toll has not been lower since 1963, when accidents claimed 207 lives.

Gem lawmakers will examine federal laws at public hearing

TWIN FALLS - The chairmen of the House and Senate natural-resources committees have scheduled three days of public hearings during the legislative session to examine the impacts on Idaho of two controversial federal laws.

State Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, and state Rep. Golden Linford, R-Rexburg, set the hearings for Jan. 19, Jan. 20, and Jan. 31. The hearings will run from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Boise City Council chambers.

The hearings will concentrate on the Endangered Species Act and the Clean Water Act. "It is now clear that these two acts will serve as the basis for federal agencies to attempt to overcome state water rights," the two legislators said in a statement.

Endangered-species listings "are creating management, legal, and budgetary chaos for many state and federal agencies and affected citizens and communities," the two men said, adding that proposed changes to the Clean Water Act "have the potential to greatly upset state pollution management programs."

Noh and Linford stressed that the hearings are not connected with U.S. Sen. Larry Craig's "Save Our Western Ways" rally, which is scheduled for Jan. 18.

Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus has denounced the rally as a political ploy by Craig, a Republican. But Andrus' special assistant for natural-resources issues, Andy Brunelle, is helping Noh and Linford put their hearings together.

Energy department opens 'human experiments' hot line

TWIN FALLS - The U.S. Department of Energy has announced the establishment of a toll-free "human experimentation hot line" for people who want to report information on medical and scientific experiments on humans conducted by the department or any of its predecessor agencies.

The hot line, (800) 493-2998, will operate between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Mountain Standard Time. People calling after those hours can leave a recorded message, which is supposed to be returned the following day.

"Department officials stress that the hot line is only for reporting information about human experimentation, not receiving it. Details about the information-gathering process will be made available "as soon as possible," according to a news release.

Compiled from staff reports

Tell us your New Year's resolutions

Every year, New Year's resolutions are made, and every year, many of these resolutions are broken. Will 1994 be any different? We'd like to hear from you. Send your resolutions for the new year to *The Times-News*, city desk, Box 548, Twin Falls, ID, 83303, or call 733-0931, ext. 238.

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Probation didn't prevent killings

Official missed chances to bring lawbreaker to court



ANDY ARENZ/The Times-News

Thomas Robert Peterson awaits trial for murder.

By Phil Sahn
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Thomas Robert Peterson, a twice-convicted burglar, might have been in prison on Sept. 14 instead of at the scene of a gruesome murder near Gooding.

But his probation officer had passed up several opportunities to haul Peterson into court on probation violations. Peterson also received less and less supervision even as he repeatedly violated terms of his probation.

Peterson's file, which *The Times-News* obtained from the Department of Correction through the Idaho Public Records Law, shows a young man with little desire to take advantage of the chance the courts had granted him.

But it also raises questions about the supervision Peterson received from his probation officer, Probation and Parole District 5 Manager Jerry Packer of Twin Falls.

Today, Peterson, 24, of Shoshone, is in jail, awaiting trial on two counts of murder in Gooding County. If convicted, along with his cousin Robert Johnson Jr., he will likely die for the crimes.

Johnson has accused Peterson of bludgeoning and slashing to death Connie Marie Allen and Ricky Lee Mangum after raping Allen in the victims' rural home. Pe-

tersen says Johnson did it. Both admit being at the murder scene, according to the Gooding County sheriff's affidavit.

Face to face

Packer's log of contacts with Peterson gives no indication that he met face-to-face with Peterson for at least 15 months before Peterson was charged in the Gooding murders.

Don Mangleby, a Hailey probation officer not in charge of the case, had occasional contact with Peterson. But Packer said this week he could not remember his last face-to-face contact with Peterson before the murders in September.

In an interview, Packer said it is not fair to second-guess his handling of the case. Probation officers must make "judgment calls" in supervising probationers, he said. "We can't predict human behavior. When something like (the murders) happens, people are quick to point fingers," he said.

When people point fingers, they should not overlook judges, attorneys and families in cases such as Peterson's, Packer said.

On the face of it, Peterson might have seemed more a misguided young man than a criminal. He had no history of violence and was placed on probation in 1989 after burglary convictions in Ada and Lincoln counties.

Drunken driving, burglary

His first year of probation went smoothly, according to Packer's field notes. After that, Peterson's performance declined.

In the fall of 1990, Peterson pleaded guilty to misdemeanor drunken driving in Twin Falls County.

In June of 1991, he pleaded guilty to disturbing the peace in Blaine County. In January 1992, he pleaded guilty to a second charge of disturbing the peace in Blaine County.

In April 1993, Peterson was charged with felony burglary in Blaine County. He was scheduled to go to trial just about the time of the Gooding murders.

Peterson committed other probation violations.

He paid only token restitution toward the \$6,600 taken in a 1989 burglary of Shoshone High School.

Peterson also changed living quarters and jobs several times without Packer's permission, according to Packer's notes.

According to Packer's paperwork, Peterson's scrapes with the law while on probation all occurred when he had been drinking. Peterson was ordered to contact the Port of Hope for evaluation, but never did so, according to Packer.

Given Peterson's performance, Packer

Please see PROBATION/B2

Spirit of the season blesses those in need

City embraces Bosnian Muslim refugees with calls, donations

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - They don't keep Christmas, but Twin Falls' first family of Bosnian Muslim refugees will have reason to celebrate Saturday nonetheless.

Ron Black, director of the College of Southern Idaho Refugee Service Center, said earlier this week that his office has received "several dozen" calls from people offering food, clothing, furniture and housewares for Refik Masic, 25; his brother, Ermin, 14; his mother, Emina, 50, and Refik's friend, Emir Sose, 28.

"The Catholics did a wonderful thing and put together a nice, big food basket for them, including a ham," Black said. "We took out the ham, though."

Muslim dietary restrictions prohibit eating pork.

"We've got them in a house, and they're doing well," Black said. "We're feeding them and going through the process of helping them apply for food stamps and look for work."

"Many people have helped us," Refik Masic said Thursday. "I'm happy."

The four Bosnians, from a half-Muslim, half-Croatian village near the embattled city of Mostar, arrived in Twin Falls Friday night. They were arrested by the HVO, the Bosnian Croat militia, on July 1 and taken from their homes. Refik Masic and Sose had spent six months in Croatian concentration camps.

A second family of five, Sose's cousins, arrived in Twin Falls Tuesday

'Twin Falls is a nice place. Clean air. You can breathe. No war.'

— Refugee Refik Masic

night. Like the Masics and Sose, they came with little more than the clothes on their backs.

"A this point the biggest need they have is for mat clothes," Black said. "The tall guy (Refik Masic) wears a size extra-large coat and we haven't been able to find one for him yet."

Black said Refik Masic, a railroad engineer who has experience working with diesel engines, and Sose, an aircraft mechanic, will soon start looking for jobs. Refik Masic speaks English; Sose doesn't.

Although refugees get some assistance from the State Department and are eligible for food stamps and some other benefits, they are basically on their own financially once they arrive in the United States.

"We don't decide who is admitted to the country and where they are assigned," Black said.

"Our job is to get them settled and help them make the transition to living here."

"Twin Falls is a nice place," Refik Masic said Thursday. "Clean air. You can breathe. No war."

Here's how you can help

If you are interested in helping the Bosnian Muslim refugees with clothing, food items, furniture or housewares, call the CSI Refugee Center at 736-2166, starting Monday.

Anyone who wants to help the Harris family, which had its home destroyed by fire Sunday, can call the Red Cross at 733-6464.

Gifts save holiday for family who lost home to Sunday fire

By Mick Norington
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Craft merchants at Blue Lakes Mall are donating 10 percent of their profits from sales today to Kim Harris and her children, who lost their home and possessions in a fire Sunday.

"It happened to me so I just how she feels," said Sandie Bjornson, who is one of 12 local craft merchants at the Blue Lakes Mall. When she found out that Harris and her son and daughter lost all their possessions in the fire she asked her fellow holiday craft merchants to help. And they immediately agreed.

Just after Christmas of 1981, a fire destroyed Bjornson's home in Mountain Home, Ark.

presents, and I lost all my possessions," she said.

Meanwhile, the Red Cross is getting toys, clothes, food, children's books and even a bicycle for Harris' four-year-old son Jeremy.

"People realized that he (Jeremy) doesn't even have boots for the winter," said Ruth Young, chapter manager for the Red Cross in Twin Falls.

"We've gotten a lot of donations. People have been very helpful," Young said. "The Red Cross delivered the donated goods to Harris and her children Thursday afternoon. They are living with her mother, Jan Jordan."

And the Community Action Agency has agreed to also help the family.

Anybody wishing to help can contact "My daughter lost all her Christmas-



TERRELL WILLIAMS/The Times-News

Amanda Miles, left, and her sister, Mirinda, have been selling crafts and concessions to earn extra money for Christmas.

Young entrepreneurs earn Christmas cash

By Terrell Williams
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - While Cecil Miles is chanting bids at his monthly auctions south-of-Gooding, his granddaughter, Mirinda, also is busy selling.

At her small concession stand, Mirinda, 11, fills cups of hot coffee, soda pop and other refreshments, often taking in as much in tips as in profits.

"The enterprise has allowed her to save cash for Christmas."

"I make about \$30, and I reinvest about \$20," she said. "The other \$10 I put into my savings account ... It's up to about \$80."

Mirinda repaid her grandfather for that first tank of pop and, since June, has been keeping records and developing other business skills.

"I add in my head on the simple orders," she said. "But if I've got six donuts and eight coffees, I grab the calculator."

Mirinda works on her own, without adult help, and has been ordering the

supplies she figures she will need.

During the summer, Mirinda expanded her business into candy bars and an ever-increasing number of food items and different beverages.

"I'm about three times richer," she said. "I can afford to buy Christmas presents for myself."

Earning money on your own makes, spending it more fun, Mirinda said.

"You say, 'I actually earned this and I deserve to spend it,' she explained. "You don't have that guilty feeling about spending money that somebody just gave you."

Meanwhile, Mirinda's kid sister Amanda, 9, earns money by helping her grandmother, Lois Gehrig, sell crafts out of wood and Amanda runs the sale booth for a 25-percent commission.

After buying Christmas presents and stashing \$40 in her savings account, Amanda has discovered that it's pretty nice to have an income.

"I feel like I can just go out and buy everything," she said.

Mini-Cassia

Mini-Cassia hospitals

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Admitted
Carlos Gonzalez of Burley; Lucile Anderson of Rupert; and Jacob Fulcher of Heyburn.
Released
Violet Swearingen and Marjorie Caldwell, both of Rupert; and Carlos Gonzalez of Burley.

Prosecutor begins Whitton probe



By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Cassia County Prosecutor Steven Bywater said he will decide in January whether to bring criminal charges against Mayor W.F. "Bill" Whitton. Bywater said he started piecing together an investigation of Whitton in connection with possible charges of fraud or theft. Whitton already has been the subject of an investigation by the state attorney general's office.

Bywater has reviewed several files from the attorney general's investigation and will interview businessmen and other related individuals over the next several weeks. On Nov. 1, Whitton signed an agreement with the attorney general's office in which he admits violating the Idaho Consumer Protection Act. He was fined \$25,000 for exaggerating the circulation figures of his agricultural monthly, the Farm Times, by an estimated 30 percent from Jan. 1, 1992 until July 31, 1993. Whitton also agreed to give \$216,000 worth

of free advertising to the affected businesses. The attorney general's investigation also revealed that some manufacturers were overcharged for co-operative advertising agreements with local dealers. Bywater will investigate those advertising overcharges. Minidoka County prosecutor Gara Newman would have investigated charges against Whitton, but turned the matter over Bywater a month ago because of a conflict of interest, Bywater said. Newman could not be reached for comment Thursday.

Grinch grabs gifts

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The Grinch stole Christmas from a Burley family - or at least \$90 worth of gifts meant for visiting relatives. When Nicole Jones returned with her 9-month-old son from a brief trip to her cousin's house Wednesday evening, she found three presents gone from under the Christmas tree. She had always been careful to bolt the door, but thinking her trip would be brief, she left it unlocked. The news was hard to break to her brother and his family. "They were just like, 'oh.' They were kind of silent. I felt really bad," Jones said. "I was upset and crying, but it could have been a lot worse." Neighbors at the trailer court in the 700 block of Almo Avenue heard dogs barking as a car pull into

the Jones' driveway, but did not look to see who it was, according to a police report. The unknown burglar had walked into the house, through the unlocked door and took three brightly-wrapped gifts containing a radar detector, two video tapes and karaoke stereo. "The only thing I can come up with is that it was someone who knows us or someone who saw us leave," Jones said. Oddly enough, she said, the burglar didn't take a camera sitting near the tree, or her husband's leather coat in the bedroom. The burglar also didn't look further underneath the tree, where she had placed her baby's gifts. "I'm thankful of that because it's his first Christmas," she said. "That's not what Christmas is about anyway."

Rupert man cut in face during bar fight

The Times-News

BURLEY - A Rupert man suffered deep cuts in his face and neck during a fight at the Riverside Bar about 1 a.m. Thursday. Shaun Wade Marriott, 23, of Rupert, is in stable condition at the intensive care unit at Cassia Memorial Hospital. Lt. Jim Hignens

said police still are looking for the assailant and have several suspects. According to a police report, witnesses said someone sliced Marriott's face with a broken beer bottle when he tried to stop a fight on the dance floor of the bar. One of the suspects in the scuffle was treated at the hospital for a sprained ankle.

Huge snowman growing tall in city of McCall

McCall (AP) - Work has begun in McCall on what sculptors hope will be the world's tallest snowman for the town's 30th annual Winter Carnival. More than 1,500 tons of snow are being stockpiled and delivered for the planned 100-foot-tall snowman to oversee the festivities, which begin Jan. 21. A 72-foot snow base for the sculpture is being built. The current world-record snowman was 86 feet tall. It was built last March at St. Cyrille de Wendouin in Quebec, Canada. Jim Gale, the artist on the McCall project, is taking suggestions from the community for the exact design of the snowman. It will be named by Valley County elementary school students. Carnival co-chairman Dan Wiberg said he hopes the snowman will add even more excitement to the festival, which drew an estimated 100,000 people to the resort town last year.



LIZ WRIGHT/THE TIMES-NEWS

Mike Tracy works on the engine of a Freight-Liner Thursday at Snyder's Auto and Truck Parts in Paul. The city has filed a lawsuit against the shop owners, charging them with creating traffic and fire hazards and violating their special use permit.

City of Paul sues repair shop owners

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

PAUL - The city of Paul says the owners of a truck repair shop have violated their city permit and have created traffic and fire hazards. According to the city's lawsuit filed two weeks ago in Minidoka County magistrate court, brothers Warren and Randy Snyder's business at 205 West Ellis St. obstructs traffic on Idaho Highway 25.

Brown, who lives across the street from the shop, started collecting neighbors' signatures to prevent Snyder from expanding. Mayor Gene Hansen said the special use permit was a compromise between the city and Snyder. Snyder said he only agreed to it so he could generate enough revenue to pay off a large loan for the expansion. "The city could have held up the expansion indefinitely," Snyder said. "With the extra costs incurred between the delays and the building (expansion) it was another year before we were able to (operate)."

The city says the Snyders create a fire hazard by allowing welding inside the building. They also allow people to back their trucks out onto Highway 25 and obstruct the alleys and storefront with half-repaired semi-trucks and trailers. Warren Snyder said he can't help violating the city's rules, some of which unfairly hinder his business. He says his workers sometimes must weld on a truck to fix it. He says his property is overcrowded with trucks because of the extra business required to help pay off a loan for an addition to his shop. "With these restrictions, we can't. And I'm tired of it. When the lawyers get done with us, we'll either be in business or we won't," Snyder said. Snyder said business has flourished since he bought the repair shop in 1980. He decided to expand so he could repair large semi-trucks, which were becoming increasingly popular among local farmers. Former city councilman Jim

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Merry Christmas! - Scott Tucker

Sports

Krahn, Welch key Bruin win

By Mike Maller
Times-News sports editor

TWIN FALLS — A standard Twin Falls scoring burst led to a 62-48 Twin Falls defeat of Pocotello in Region III boys' basketball Thursday night.

The win sends the Bruins into the Christmas break with a 3-1 mark overall and puts them back in the hunt to play host in the region playoffs at 1-1.

Leading 24-19 at intermission, Twin Falls worked over the Indians inside and outside on offense to increase the advantage to 43-30 entering the fourth quarter.

John Krahn made five of six shots underneath for 10 points in the third period. Rob Welch hit all three of his 3-point tries in the quarter to add the other nine Bruin points.

"I thought the kids responded after halftime," said Twin Falls Coach Ben Allen. "We got on them a little bit."

Krahn and Welch combined for the last five points of the third quarter. Josh Amundson's putback started the final period, and Pocotello never got closer than 11 points from there.

Led by junior guard Kevin McCarthy's 11 points before halftime, Pocotello stayed within striking distance. But the Bruins held the slippery guard to two third quarter baskets after that.

"We challenged the kids a little bit," Allen said. "I think we made him a little better than he was tonight. He was ready to play, and we weren't."

Brady Trenkle made two 3-pointers in the first 63 seconds and led Twin Falls with 19 points. Welch ended up 4-4 from outside the 3 arc and totalled 18. Krahn finished with 15 points.

But all was not perfect with the Bruin offense, which shot better than 50 percent only in the third quarter (8-15).

"We need to get more points out of our offense," Allen said. "We had a lot of one-on-one tonight. That's fine when they're going down."

Allen also praised the play of 6-6 senior Zeke Hetherington, who came off the bench to give Twin Falls the edge with taller lineup.

And the Bruins took advantage of it, outbounding Pocotello every period.

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Twin Falls' Brady Trenkle encounters the defense of Pocotello's Jamon Rivera Thursday night.

Spartans maintain Region III lead with 2nd-half surge over Rams

The Times-News

RUPERT — A defensive adjustment at halftime helped the Minico Spartans break away from Highland for a 49-30 Region III victory Thursday.

The Spartans outscored the Rams 10-3 in the third period and, netting 17 more over the final eight minutes, allowed the Pocotello school just five more points the rest of the way. "We thought we did a real good job defensively," said Spartan assistant Mike Savage. "We contested every shot."

That Minico, 4-3 in the pre-Christmas going, would move to 2-1 in conference and assume the lead was anything but evident in the early minutes.

"I had us worried," Savage admitted. "But we stayed with our game plan and turned it around."

Highland opened with an 8-1 burst which, although constituting its best run of the evening, caused some frustration for the hosts.

Andy Bingham tallied eight of his game-high 19 points for Minico in the fourth

quarter.

"He came to play tonight," added Savage. "We did a good job of getting the ball to him and Andy was posting up, making good moves to the basket and kept Highland's big man, Luke Berg, in check."

Brian Deatherage led the Rams (0-1 in Region III, 1-6 overall) with 11 points.

Highland 19-22-30
Minico 18-22-49
Highland Greg B. Spill 2, Daulton 11, Taylor 3, Porth 1, Joe 1, Don 2, Wink 3, Roberts 1, Toole 12, 10-16 19 30
Minico Stephen 7, Tom 3, Schae 18, Dayley 2, Miles 6, Bingham 19, Kettering 10, Toole 10-16 17 49
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Cowboys make Aikman NFL's highest paid player

The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Troy Aikman became the richest player in NFL history, agreeing Thursday to a \$50 million, eight-year contract with the Dallas Cowboys.

The 27-year-old quarterback will receive an \$11 million signing bonus and salaries ranging from \$1.75 million in 1994 to \$7.5 million in 2000. Leigh Steinberg, Aikman's agent, said Aikman is the first NFL player signed through the rest of the decade.

"This makes Troy a Cowboy for life," Steinberg said.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones put the scope of the contract in perspective. "I paid \$65 million for the Cowboys and \$75 million for the stadium," he said at a news conference.

"Let it be said we have a commitment to keeping the team together."

Aikman had complained earlier that his not being signed could be a distraction for the Cowboys.

"I'm thrilled to get the contract over with," he said. "It makes me feel relieved to get this behind me and know I'm going to be here with the Dallas Cowboys basically until the end of my career."

Aikman said he wasn't hesitant about

making an eight-year commitment because Jones and coach Jimmy Johnson have "shown they are willing to do what is necessary for us to be competitive, year in and year out and to field a winning football team."

He said he wasn't too concerned about becoming the NFL's highest paid player.

"Under different circumstances, I would have been willing to take less than somebody else, and I'm sure there will come a point where someone is making more money than I am now," he said.

"But that's the way the league goes. The way I have always viewed contracts, I was happy with the contract I signed as a rookie, and I'm happy with the contract I have now."

Jones, however, said the salary cap and other considerations would keep Aikman the richest man in football for a while.

The good news is that our fans and we know that we have excellence at quarterback, and we are going to have it for a long time to come," Jones said.

The timing of the deal is significant because it was the last day NFL teams were able to rewrite contracts without the entire package being subject to the salary cap, which goes into effect for the first time after this season.



Troy Aikman \$50 million man

Suspension deadline looms over delinquent NFL players' dues

The Associated Press

Suspensions for more than 100 NFL players, including most of the Washington Redskins, could be coming if they don't pay dues or a service fee to the players' union.

The NFL's Management Council notified 19 teams and 194 players on Tuesday that, according to the collective bargaining agreement reached this year, the players have until Friday to pay the \$5,000 dues or a service fee of that amount to the union.

Any players failing to comply would be subject to indefinite suspension "if the players' union follows through on

this," NFL spokesman Joe Browne said Thursday.

Doug Allen, assistant director of the NFL Players Association, said reports of 194 players facing suspension were exaggerated. But he emphasized that every NFL player is covered under the labor deal.

"Everyone in the league gets the benefits of the CBA, everything in the agreement is available," Allen said. "You can't pick and choose whether you get it or not if they do not join the union. It's fair to require everyone to pay their fair share."

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Aikman said he was relieved the Cowboys were willing to keep the Super Bowl champions intact.

"I think that with Emmitt (Smith) and I both under contract... I think that we have done what we can in order to help keep this team together," he said.

There was speculation both sides wanted to see the terms of the league's new television contracts before making a deal. The

television pacts, worth \$4.42 billion, were agreed to in the last week and could give each NFL team as much as \$8 million more than expected.

Aikman's 1993 salary was increased from the \$1.12 million of his old contract to \$2.5 million. He will earn \$1.75 million next year, as opposed to the \$1.37 million he was due under the previous deal, which would have expired after the 1994 season.

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Financial trouble kills Pro Stakes tourney

HONOLULU — The Pro Stakes Golf Championship scheduled for Dec. 31 and Jan. 2 has been canceled for financial reasons.

Dave Williams, president of SPO Productions, made the announcement through advertising agencies in Honolulu and New York.

The two-day event at the Ko Olina Golf Club on Oahu was to have had a same-day telecast to TBS.

Arbitrator rules against Trail Blazers in sex scandal

PORTLAND, Ore. — An NBA arbitrator has ruled that Tracy Mutray and Dave Johnson must pay the fines levied against them by the Portland Trail Blazers as a result of last season's Salt Lake City sex scandal.

The binding decision was made by Daniel Collins, a New York University law professor.

Murray and Johnson, who also were suspended for three games by the Blazers, appealed the penalties. A grievance was filed on their behalf by the NBA Players Association.

Murray and Johnson were accused along with two other Blazers of having sexual contact with two underage girls in Salt Lake City last January. After a two-week investigation, authorities decided not to file criminal charges, saying it would be difficult to prove the players coerced or enticed the girls.

Murray and Johnson were fined about \$30,000 apiece by the team. Murray is still with the Blazers. Johnson was released by the team before the start of this season and now is with the Chicago Bulls.

Ruling body changes times for 3 World Cup matchups

ZURICH, Switzerland — After consultations with television networks, FIFA has changed the start times for three first-round games in the 1994 World Cup.

The June 23 game between Italy and Norway at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., was moved to 4 p.m. from 7:30 p.m., and the game between Bolivia and South Korea at Foxboro Stadium was moved to 7:30 p.m. from 4 p.m.

The June 25 game between Saudi Arabia and Morocco at Giants Stadium was moved to 12:30 p.m. from 7:30 p.m.

Giants' QB fined for socks riding too high on ankles

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Phil Simms got hosed by the NFL Thursday.

The New York Giants quarterback was fined \$1,500 for wearing his white socks too high during the team's game Monday night against the New Orleans Saints.

Under league rules, a player must show equal amounts of white and whatever color the team's stockings are, which in the Giants case is blue. Simms' white socks left only a little blue showing.

Compiled from wire reports

Sportsquote

“We're sad to see Bill go. He was a great source of revenue.”

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— NBA Vice President Rod Thorn on the retirement of Bill Laimbeer who paid \$26,000 in fines for rough play during his career

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Dallas guard Jim Jackson looks to pass off against defense from Minnesota guard Brian Davis during Thursday's game in Minneapolis.

AP photo

Worst of times

Longest losing streaks in NBA history:

Year	Team	Losses
1982	Cleveland Cavaliers	24-x
1982	Detroit Pistons	21-x
1993	Dallas Mavericks	20
1972	Philadelphia 76ers	20
1993	Dallas Mavericks	19
1989	Los Angeles Clippers	19
1972	Philadelphia 76ers	19-x
1982	San Diego Clippers	19
1988	Miami Heat	17
1992	Orlando Magic	17

X — Over two seasons

AP/Brian Sipko, Fred Lutz

Mavs come to life against Minnesota

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — If only the Dallas Mavericks could play every game at Target Center, there wouldn't be all this talk about record losing streaks.

"If we could play and work hard and play Minnesota every night, we'd get a lot of victories," a laughing Jamal Mashburn said Thursday night after his Mavericks snapped their NBA record-tying 20-game losing streak with a 93-89 victory over the Timberwolves. "But we can't play them every night."

The Mavericks' only other victory in 25 games this season came last month at Minnesota.

"I only played here twice but came out with two victories. It's a good place," said Mashburn, who was ejected after a late flagrant foul against fellow rookie Isiah

Other games — C2

Rider. "But we've just got to keep on plugging. I mean, we can't play Minnesota every night. We've got to play some quality teams."

The victory enabled the Mavericks to avoid breaking the single-season record they share with the Philadelphia 76ers, who lost 20 straight in 1972-73.

The all-time record for consecutive losses, 24, was set over two seasons by the Cleveland Cavaliers in 1981-82 and 1982-83.

In addition to losing 115-99 to Dallas here on Nov. 12, Minnesota also has been host to Detroit, which broke an eight-game losing streak at Target Center two weeks ago, and Washington, which snapped a 10-game skid here Monday. The Timberwolves are 3-10 at

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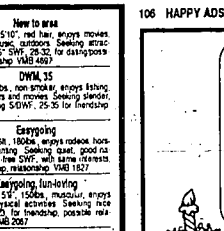
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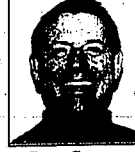
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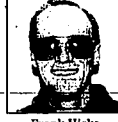
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Tonight

Rock 'n' roll: Billy Haley's Comets will perform an 8 p.m. dinner show and an 11 p.m. cocktail show, Cactus Petes Resort Casino, Jackpot. Dinner show ticket prices start at \$17.95; the cocktail show cover charge is \$7.50. For more information or to make reservations, call 1-800-821-1103.

Drama: Richard Dreyfuss stars in the Sun Valley Repertory Co.'s production of Dylan Thomas' "A Child's Christmas In Wales," along with Truman Capote's "Memories of Christmas," 8 p.m., nexStage Theater, Ketchum. Tickets, which are \$50, \$25 and \$15, are available by phoning 726-3706.

Community celebration: The Sun Valley Co. will present its annual "Sun Valley Christmas Eve" celebration on the Sun Valley Lodge Terrace, beginning at 5:30. Events will include the Sun Valley Carolers performing at 5:30 p.m.; Christmas on Ice at 5:40, the Torchlight Parade down Dollar Mountain at 6 p.m., fireworks at 8:10 p.m., the arrival of Santa Claus at 6:15 p.m. and general ice skating at 6:30 p.m. The event is free and the public is invited.

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Friday: George C. Scott and Trish Van Devere will star in A.R. Gurney's play, "Love Letters," 8 p.m., nexStage Theatre, Ketchum. Sold out.

Friday: The Sun Valley Co. will present a gala New Year's Eve party featuring entertainment by the Sunburst Orchestra, a buffet and a live floor show, 7 p.m., Limelight Room, Sun Valley Inn. For reservations or information, call 622-2135.

Friday: The annual New Year's Eve Dance sponsored by the LDS Church is planned for 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Magic Valley Mall. Three types of music will be set up in separate areas at the mall. Teen-agers can dance to recorded music near The Bon Marche, while recorded big-band music will be played near ShopKo for the senior citizen age group. A live band from Provo, Utah, will provide music for the baby-boomers in the mid-mall area. Dress is semi-formal. Cost is \$3 per person. Tickets must be obtained in advance from local church leaders. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Every week, the Magic Valley Weekend Calendar lists arts and entertainment events throughout the Magic Valley. To get an event listed in the calendar, submit it to the features department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303.

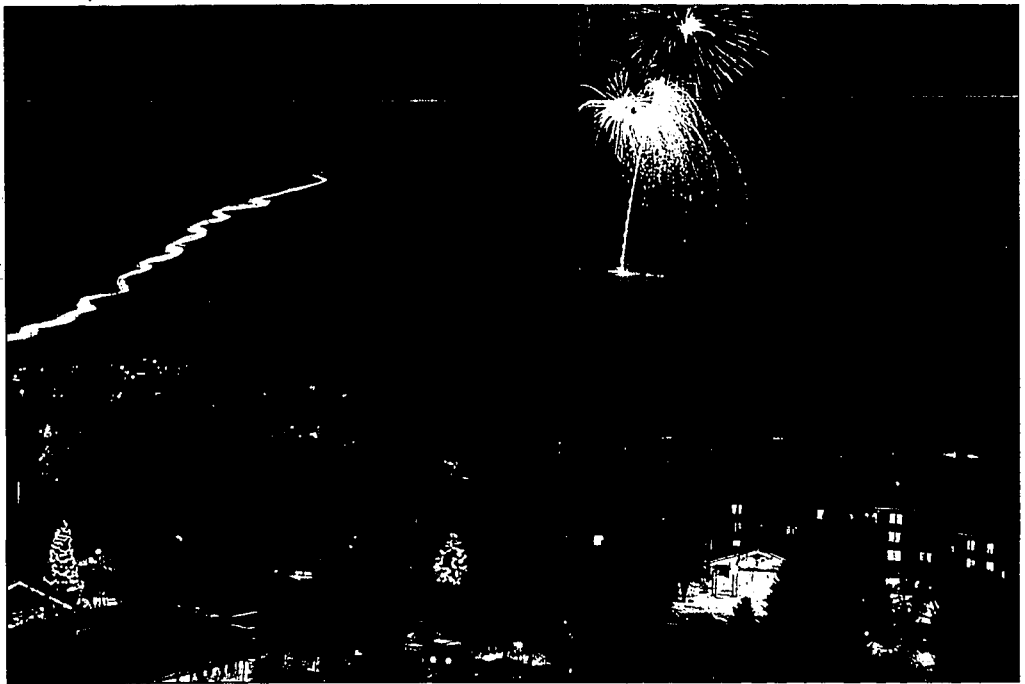


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Christmas in Sun Valley

Above, the big Christmas Eve bash in Sun Valley is a long-held tradition, not to be complete without fireworks and the torchlight parade over Dollar Mountain. Below, Trish Nichols prepares Sun Valley Lodge's terraced patio for the big event.

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

Sun Valley fun

SUN VALLEY — Like many things wonderful and quirky about Sun Valley, the resort's Christmas Eve celebration traces its ancestry to a fast-talking, snow-loathing Irishman named Steve Hannagan.

Hannagan was a \$50-a-day-plus-expenses Madison Avenue whiz hired by Sun Valley's founder, Averell Harriman, to disguise the inconvenient fact that America's first ski resort was on the far side of nowhere.

Tough call, but not for Hannagan. Months before its opening in 1936, Hannagan had half of America believing that the No. 1 hazard of skiing the Sawtooths would be colliding with Claudette Colbert or Errol Flynn. Hard to see where you're going, after all, with all that sun in your eyes.

By mid-December, Sun Valley was the haute-est ticket in Hollywood, filled with style, Tyrol-chic and the flossiest reservation list this side of the Brown Derby. The only thing it didn't have was snow.

Not to worry. Hannagan talked Harriman into tossing a little Christmas bash on Dec. 21.

"The stars poured into Sun Valley," wrote Doug Oppenheimer and Jim Poore in their 1976 book, "Sun Valley: A Biography." "They were greeted by (Sun Valley Lodge manager) Raymond Stevens, who

A Sun Valley Christmas Eve will be held tonight on the Sun Valley Lodge Terrace. The public is invited and there's no charge.

The Sun Valley Carolers will begin the show at 5:30, followed by Christmas on Ice at the Sun Valley Skating Center at 5:40. The torchlight parade down Dollar Mountain starts at 6 p.m., followed by fireworks on Dollar at 6:10 and the arrival of Santa Claus at 6:15.

The Sun Valley Co. expects upwards of 6,000 people, so those who planned to attend are advised to arrive early. Sun Valley's parking lots tend to fill up quickly for this event, and late-arriving spectators may have trouble finding parking spaces.

tried to direct their attention away from the lack of snow."

Dollar Mountain was dry, and "threatening clouds hung over the Sawtooths, but instead of dumping snow on Sun Valley, they poured rain.

"That evening, (UP president) William Jeffers presided over the opening banquet. The menu included Manhattan cocktail, brioche au caviar, beef tea des viveurs, pailletes dorees, supremes of sole au champagne valley lodge, tournedos, sautes

Please see CHRISTMAS/D2



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At far left, the Sun Valley Carolers from Utah State University bring the season's songs to life with old-time flair. Rainer Kolb, left, has skied in the torchlight parade for 26 years.

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Comics

Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

Calvin and Hobbes By Bill Watterson

SANTA'S GONNA SKIP YOUR HOUSE FOR THAT, CALVIN!

I FIGURE THIS DOESN'T REALLY COUNT AGAINST ME, SINCE SHE'S SO SANCTIONIOUS AND I KEEP MISSING.

B.C. By Johnny Hart

JUST "GETTING TO GIVE" AT GIFT-GIVING TIME

IS THE GIFT THAT GIVERS LOVE.

'CAUSE THEY KNOW THAT THE LOVE THAT THEY LOVE TO GIVE GIFTS WITH

IS ALSO A GIFT FROM ABOVE

Garfield By Jim Davis

WHAT ARE YOU BOYS WAITING UP FOR SANTA?

OH, MAY MAY HASN'T HEY HEY

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

MOM AND DAD WILL LOVE IT! BREAKFAST IN BED ON CHRISTMAS MORNING?

I GUESS SO

BUT DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL AT LEAST 3 A.M.?

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

SNIP SNIP SNIP

WHAT ARE YOU POINTING?

TRIMMING THE TREE

VERY FUNNY

NICE GOING...YOU'VE RUINED THE SYMBOL OF CHRISTMAS!

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

YOU KIDS ARE LUCKY! WHEN I WAS A BOY, ALL I GOT FOR CHRISTMAS WAS...

TWO ORANGES

AND SIX WALNUTS!

IT SEEMS I'VE MENTIONED THAT ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

YOU CAME HOME FROM YOUR TESTIMONIAL DINNER SOUSED TO THE GILLS

YOU SHOULD KNOW THE EFFECT ALCOHOL HAS ON YOUR AGING BODY

OH SURE, LIKE IT'S ALL MY FAULT

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

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The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

AND WHEN MARY AND JOSEPH ARRIVED IN TOWN, THEY WERE TOLD THERE WAS NO ROOM AT THE INN...

ALL RIGHT, CHILDREN, WHO KNOWS WHAT THEY SAID TO EACH OTHER THEN?

"I THOUGHT YOU MADE THE RESERVATIONS"

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

IT'S WONDERFUL HAVING MOM AND DAD HERE AGAIN... ISN'T IT, PHIL?

YES, IT IS.

I WISH WE COULD SEE THEM MORE OFTEN.

I WISH THEY DIDN'T LIVE SO FAR AWAY.

I WISH MOM'S HEALTH WAS BETTER.

I WISH TIME WOULD GO SO FAST.

CHRISTMAS... IT'S A TIME FOR WISHING!!

Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

I READ SOMEWHERE HOW YOU CAN AVOID CRYING WHEN YOU'RE CHOPPING ONIONS.

MAMMA, NOW WHAT WAS THAT SECRET? LEAWE THING.

The Far Side By Gary Larson

IT WORKS! I'M NOT CRYING!

THE WASH IT THE SECRET

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

IT'S PERFECTLY OKAY IF YOU WANT A EAT AN RUN TONIGHT... I UNDERSTAND.

The Family Circus By Bil Keane

"Daddy! Our Christmas cards are still in your briefcase!"

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Sydney Omarr Horoscope

IF DECEMBER 24 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have unusual voice. As drawn to music, theater, drama. You make an excellent teacher. You have "sweet tooth." Remember resolutions concerning diet, nutrition. Self-discipline here can work wonders. During 1994, spotlight on marital status. Travel gains as result of written word. There might also be an addition to family during later part of year. March, December most memorable 1993.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Written words bring rewards — get views on record. Money picture encouraging, you'll get refund, possible back pay or surprising royalty check. Travel who opposed you will become allies.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Moon in your sign coincides with initiative, good fortune in connection with finance, romance. Get to heart of matters, be direct, fear no person. Family reunion, previously threatened, takes place.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Spiritual values surge forward — many will ask you, "Please explain holiday in your words — inspiring." Your innate wisdom puts across message in way unforgettable. Libra plays major role.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll make people you envy especially family — this represents your wishes come true. Taurus moon highlights ability to win friends, to enrich spirits of those who need emotional boost.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Accent universal appeal, communicate with individuals from foreign lands, refuse to be limited by rules that no longer apply.

VIROO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Lunar aspect highlights travel, spiritual values, ability to communicate via advertising, publishing. Make fresh start, spotlight individuality. Money forthcoming from "distant land." Volial.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Unorthodox procedure necessary if goal is to be achieved. Money will be released, reputation restored, views vindicated. You never were down for the count, never will be. Cancer native involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You're afraid to ask "dumb questions." Give full rein to intellectual curiosity. Plenty of joy for you on this Christmas Eve!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't equate defeat with defeat. Be aware of references — source material. Also be alert so that those who wish you to "fail" will be stymied. Fitness report excellent, employment picture bright.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Scenario features variety of sensations, ability to express feelings in dynamic, dramatic fashion. Lunar position highlights creativity, challenge, physical attraction.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You might be asking, "Is this deja vu?" Reunited with family member brings back memories that seem almost as if happening tonight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You come "into your own." Means positive qualities emphasized, psychic faculties surge forward. What appeared to be "lost cause" will be coming in your favor.

Baldness in eye of beholder

How much hair do you have to lose to be designated as "bald"? I do not know. But the record compilers say 45 percent of all men can be so classified by age 45. Call it the Rule of 45-by-45.

Q. Why do dolphins live in the Amazon River?

A. You bet. Pink ones with long snouts. They enjoy special privilege. Amazon tribespeople hold them in high regard. Worship them even. Protect them, certainly. Those dolphins eat piranha.

Q. What's "corn pone"?

A. Corn break without milk or eggs. Fried if not baked.

Q. Didn't you say the common nickname "Red" goes all the way back to Eric the Red?

A. At least a thousand years further back than that. Scholars say certain ancient Egyptians were known as Red. It's one of the oldest nicknames in human history.

Q. What kind of elephants carried Hannibal over the Alps?

A. An old Cockney expression for anything bitter.

If you want to be happy, put aside those fuzzy queries to yourself about what will make you happy. So suggests a psychologist. The advice is the less you think about it, the happier you'll be.

L.M. Boyd What's what?

A. The North African species, now extinct.

That wit—Oliver—Herford—defined "diplomacy" as "lying in state."

A good many students ferretbush tend to loaf through high school, then get down to hard study in university. Just the opposite in Japan. Most students there cram through high school to qualify for university, then study little if at all once they get there. So report the correspondents.

Q. What's a clockwork orange?

A. An old Cockney expression for anything bitter.

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Twin Falls, Idaho

Broken Promises: Taking Emily Back

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Robert Desiderio and Cheryl Ladd play a childless couple seeking to adopt from a homeless couple in this fact-based movie.

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New cable channels coming, but will people watch?

By Ken Parish Perkins
Dallas Morning News

At 12:01 a.m. Jan. 1, the first cable television channel of the new year will premiere. It's The Time Channel. All the time, all the time.

We are, of course, kidding. But the joke makes a point: the plausibility of a 24-hour channel devoted solely to airing accurate time illustrations how the so-called 500-channel cable universe of the future has become, in some circles anyway, utterly laughable.

To many viewers, today's cable systems of 36 to 70 channels are already vast wastelands of sitcom reruns, old movies that few watched the first time around and LaToya Jackson psychic infomercials.

"True, channel surfers are salvaging at the prospect of a tidal wave of choices. More ESPN. More MTV. More premium channels."

But others are asking whether a channel system 500 strong should even be built. And if it is, will anyone come?...

Cable is no longer on the fast track of the '80s, when it grew like rocket fuel. Viewership, compared with the huge leaps of a few years ago, is down — ratings during November dropped to a 10.2 from a 12 rating a year ago. That, along with scarce new channel capacity, has prompted the broadcast networks to proclaim their saturation has finally caught up to the free-wheeling, free-spending cable networks.

A leveling-off period was bound to happen. But is this it? "I wouldn't necessarily call it saturation," insists Bridgett Blumberg, spokeswoman for the

Washington, D.C.-based National Cable Television Association. "I'd call it very limited channel capacity. I mean, there are 77 networks in existence. The average (cable system) has 33 channels, some more, some less. It's extremely competitive."

Still, new channels are coming, banking on their ability to offer viewers something hungry advertisers by offering subject matter tailored to narrow segments of the population, no matter how great the obstacles appear.

"What makes it a gamble, if you want to call it that, is without consumer demand for the services, advertisers will not follow," says Louis Berning, a cable industry analyst at Merrill Lynch & Co.

"The most successful channels are those which are simple, something someone needs. Much like magazines, they want viewers to watch for specific, very personal reasons. That's what drives cable channels today."

The broadcast networks, as you might imagine, are skeptical. Cable supporters call it fear.

"More choices means more frustration," warns George Schweitzer, CBS senior vice president of marketing and communication. "It's television will be like programming your car radio. There are many choices, but only a handful are programmed. And those are the few you listen to on a regular basis."

NBC president and CEO Robert Wright foresees the 500-channel universe as a proliferation of pay-per-view movie channels and multiplexing of premium services, such as ESPN 2, and MTV, which plans to subdivide into various music genres, from R&B to hard rock.

Here are some of the channels you will be able to surf through

By Ken Parish Perkins
Dallas Morning News

Though there are many questions about the impending cable network explosion, what is certain is that a host of new channels are coming whether you want them, need them or will even see them.

• **FXTV: Fitness and Exercise Television (July 1994)** — Will feature every type of exercise program, from walking and jogging to aerobics and weights. It will be hosted by athletes, instructors and some celebrities who probably don't know a thing about fitness but look good enough to pretend.

• **Cable Health Club (January 1994)** — Heavy workouts and information, including aerobics, fitness training and health/skincare segments. Just because one loses channel isn't enough.

• **The Health Channel (mid-1994)** — Heavy workouts and information, fitness and health channels. THC will be the most important information about significant developments in health, medicine and wellness, regardless of that bouncing around probably isn't going for you anyway.

• **The Game Channel (mid-1994)** — Heavy workouts and information, fitness and health channels. THC will be the most important information about significant developments in health, medicine and wellness, regardless of that bouncing around probably isn't going for you anyway.

• **The World American Network (June 1994)** — Black-oriented network that will feature movies, television series, news, talk shows and infomercials across the country's 30 million African-Americans.

• **Adam and Eve Channel (mid-1994)** — Adult-oriented network aimed at the African-American male (middle-of-the-road) pop and rock videos, music and information.

• **MORC Music TV (mid-1994)** — A new, better and starting a cable channel (just kidding).

• **Hispanic Channel (mid-1994)** — Hispanic music and entertainment for those who speak Spanish-language words, but don't speak English. Just for you: the English version.

• **Viva Television Network (July 1994)** — Movies, sports, comedy

• **Our World Television (late 1994)** — News, sports, sitcoms, everything any other rootless American, everything else, except that it will be aimed at gays and lesbians.

• **The Golf Channel (spring 1994)** — A 24-hour channel devoted to golf. Thought that ESPN, which professes to cover all sports, would never try.

• **Horizons Cable Network (late 1994)** — Live and taped coverage of cultural festivals and historical events, programs on the cultural aspects of art and antiquities, the history of objects and their meaning in a society, restoration, preservation, care. Unimov Sound as exciting as the GOLF Channel.

• **FAD TV: Fashion and Design Television (late 1994)** — A lifestyle channel whose programming will be devoted to fashion and design, travel and entertainment and "the latest cutting-edge trends and styles in modern-day culture."

• **Worship (launch date unknown)** — The creation of this channel isn't promoting it or letting the public know when it will appear. Religious channels are still scarce.

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• **The Advertising Channel (late 1994)** — Features hours of adult, fashion, travel, computer and beauty ads, along with low-to-medium infomercials produced by national sponsors and presented by (let's call it) celebrities who need the dough.

• **Golden American Network (late 1994)** — Targeting the "mainstream" audience, 48 years up and, with programs, classic movies — that sort of thing.

• **The HowTo Channel (late 1994)** — Features half-hour how-to programs on home repair, non-accidental sports, music, health, cooking, travel, beauty and starting a cable channel (just kidding).

• **Talk TV Network** — Nationally ranked talk-show host and their viewer calls-in from across the country. Early morning hours filled with infomercials hosted by (let's call it) celebrities who need the dough.

• **The Planet Channel TV Network (July 1994)** — The world's first "at ecologically aware audiences."

news, children's shows and music for the Latino audience. (Not for those who haven't bothered to learn the language.) Exquisite programming will be featured from the United States, Mexico, Puerto Rico and South America.

• **OVC Fashion Channel** — Fashion news and interactive buying, sort of a home shopping network of top designers.

• **Horizons Cable Network (late 1994)** — 24 hours of lectures, documentaries, nature programs, films from cultural and individual institutions. (Perfect for first-time travelers.)

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PCTN plans to broadcast environmental-themed programming, news, political round tables, health forums, documentaries, children's programming, live action dramas, comedies, videos, even music performances.

• **The ECO Channel (late 1994)** — Aimed at those same "ecologically aware" viewers, ECO plans to provide trends, news, fiction and scientific programs about the environment in a variety of entertainment formats.

• **The History Channel (January 1994)** — Documentaries, movies and miniseries for history buffs who can't get enough.

• **The Cable Jazz Network (mid-1994)** — Launched by Black Entertainment Television, it will include coverage of national and international jazz festivals, live studio performances, club auditions, videos, talk shows, documentaries and biographical films.

• **Soap Channel (1995)** — Original and rebroadcast soaps, as well as the latest news and features on stars, stars, stars...hopping.

• **Romance (January 1994)** — An entire channel devoted to romance, from movies to television series. Can you say Fabio?

• **Turner Classic Movies (April 1994)** — Plans to feature 400 movies per month, commercial-free and without interruption. Cool.

• **TV Independent Programming Network (mid-1994)** — Film buffs will eat this up. It's for short-formatted independent and student films. With an accompanying alternative, fast-paced programming format appealing to Generation X, the age group of 13 to 32.

• **BookNet: The Literary Channel (1994)** — Still in the planning stages, the format may range from the standard talking-head interviews to publishing and best-selling authors that focus on books and publishing.

• **The Military Channel (spring 1994)** — A 24-hour channel with 53 million viewers and military enthusiasts, the channel plans first of a new wave of news and current-events coverage.

Fida becomes gift that keeps taking in 'Broken Promises'

By Tom Ichna
Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel

"Broken Promises: Taking Emily Back" will bring you down from your holiday euphoria quicker than post-Christmas credit card bills. The CBS movie on Dec. 26 isn't a tear-jerker. It's a newswaker.

Cheryl Ladd stars as Pam Chaney, a frustrated would-be parent. First son, she is being tended to frantically in a hospital operating room. In the background a medical person is heard saying, "It looks like we're losing the baby."

Flash ahead a couple of months. Pam's at a family function, for which she had to fortify herself with pills just to tolerate. Out of nowhere, she utters "ABC blunts out." So, Pamela, where's the baby?

It isn't bad enough that Pamela becomes hysterical. Her friend Terry also loses it. He had a 3-year-old who died recently.

There is no pain worse than the loss of a child and Pamela exacerbates the situation by torturing herself. Although she has no other children and apparently will be unable to conceive again, she maintains the misery she and her husband had decorated. It becomes a ritualistic part of her life to spend time in the room, straining at the empty crib and wondering if she did something to bring on this tragedy.

Robert Desiderio, do something sensible. They start making inquiries about adoption. Alas, they are confronted by a disheartening reality. The wait for white infants is at least seven years. The adoption agency will push other options — an older child or a minority youngster. The Chaneyes, however, want a baby of their own race.

This leads them to the world of white baby brokers. It's an expensive proposition. A lawyer demands \$3,000 merely for introducing them to someone who might want to surrender a child. However, the Chaneyes are more than comfortable and can afford the outrageous demands.

What they are not prepared for, emotionally as much as financially, is the heavy maintenance. They are introduced to a homeless couple, Gary and Lily Ward, who have a gorgeous little toddler named Emily. Pamela reacts as she might at a mall. At first glance, she decides she has to love Emily.

The Wards are amenable, as long as they get their asking price. However, Emily becomes the gift that keeps on taking. Actually, it isn't Emily as much as her parents.

Because of the unconventional deal they struck, Gary has the power to reclaim Emily at any time. He uses "the hammer" to relentlessly punish the Chaneyes.

Buy me a car. Buy me some tools. Buy me another car, the first one broke down. If the Chaneyes re-

sist, he counters with, "OK, give me back Emily." It isn't just Gary haunting the Chaneyes; it's Lily, who claims to be dependent on surrendering her child. Truth is, she's little more than a broodmare. Sean does some investigating and learns the Wards are experienced baby sellers. Emily is at the third child they have put on the market and Lily is pregnant again. It's not like the Wards are totally without morality. Gary and Lily don't believe in birth control.

Actually, although the Wards are the heavies in the piece, they are really not bad people. Gary is just doing what he can to get by. As for Lily, put it this way: If America chose up sides for "Team Jeopardy," she would be a very late round selection. Ted Levine and Kathleen Wilhoite, who play the Wards, saved the picture.

If this situation isn't bizarre enough, the disposition of the impending Ward child is even lonelier. By this point, viewers will be pondering who the real head cases are: the Chaneyes for getting and staying involved; the Wards, who are acting out of desperation; or the Chaneyes' best friends, played by Polly Draper and D.D. Moran, who have seen what Pam and Sean have been put through yet have not learned a lesson.

The only redempting tint of "Broken Promises" is that when you see how miserable some people are, your own problems might not seem so bad.



Cheryl Ladd is a woman who faces extraordinary obstacles when she and her husband adopt a child from a homeless family in 'Broken Promises: Taking Emily Back.'

PBS to air long-obscure Verdi opera

By Wes Blomster
Knight-Ridder News Service

Sexual abuse involving the wife of a clergyman, a jealous husband and a vengeful father — today it's the daily bread sliced up by the media. In the 19th century, on the other hand, the cascock and carnality were happily viewed as mutually exclusive.

And if things did get out of control, people didn't talk about it — as Giuseppe Verdi did in his 1850 "Stiffelio," a work veritably censored out of existence by the Catholic church after its premiere in Trieste, a city then still an unwilling part of the old Austrian empire.

The very thought of a married clergyman was alien, if not anathema, to Italians of that day, and they found the idea of a man of God caught in the narrow angles of a love triangle both bewildering and affronting.

And — horror of all horrors — the final scene of the opera was staged in a church.

Librettist Maria Piatec sought to soothe the censors by bowdlerizing the plot, but when still further changes were demanded, Verdi himself withdrew the work from the stage.

He salvaged parts of the score and seven years later wove them into "Aroldo," which moved the same basic story to the England of the Crusades. (Operas set in con-

temporary times were unknown to Verdi's audiences.)

But the composer never forgot "Stiffelio" and later spoke of it as "a work I would like not to forget." Now — after more than a century's absence — "Stiffelio" is back by oblivion and will be widely viewed in this country for the first time on Monday, when public television stations air a new production of the work from New York's Metropolitan Opera.

The offering is the first anytime where based on the new critical edition of the score just completed by Ricordi, Verdi's own publisher, and the University of Chicago press.

(Long regarded as completely lost, two copyists' scores were unearthed in Italy in the 1960s. These were used for a 1968 staging in Parma and at Covent Garden last January. The Met is the first company to employ the reconstruction by Kathleen K. Kassell, a project that profited from autographed manuscripts by the composer recently released by his heirs.)

The now-commonplace story is quickly told: Lina, the wife of Stiffelio, a Protestant minister, is seduced by Count Raffaele. Lina, overcome by guilt and remorse, tries to end the relationship; however, Stiffelio — a modern man in spite of it all — suggests divorce, while making plans to kill the Count. But Lina's father beats him to the deed.

Stiffelio, with the help of scripture, forgives his wife and leaves his congregation with the suggestion that only those among them without sin toss rocks around.

Works resurrected in such scholarly fashion are often little more than conversation pieces, of interest only to academicians for new brush strokes that they apply to the total portrait on the artist involved. "Stiffelio," however, is a masterpiece and should soon become an essential part of the Verdi canon.

The title role seems written to order to Placido Domingo, who brings both gentleness and strength to a figure almost too good to be true in any age. The Spanish-born tenor is deeply human both in his lore for his straying wife and his commitment to his faith — a man, in short, of honor and conscience.

(He is viewed by some as Verdi's prefiguration of his later Otello.)

Soprano Sharon Sweet, who makes her American television debut as Lina, has already laid firm chain to a place in the next generation of superstars. Baritone Vladimir Chernov is her noble father, and Peter Riberi a Raffaele of such handsome charm that his success as a seducer is easily imagined.

Veteran Paul Plishka, the Falstaff of the Met's first telecast of the season, sings the supporting Pastor Jorg.

In retaliation, NBC to air 'Superman' Wednesdays

By Richard Huff
New York Daily News

ABC is fighting fire with fire. Last week, NBC said it would give its big-budget high-concept Sunday series, "seaQuest DSV," a Thursday telecast on Dec. 30; now comes word that ABC will split the previously aired two-hour pilot of its big-budget high-concept "Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman" into two one-hour telecasts to air the next two Wednesday nights.

"Superman" normally airs Sunday at 8 p.m., opposite "SeaQuest" and, on CBS, ratings champ "Murder, She Wrote." ABC said the divided "Superman" re-airing would include additional footage not seen when the pilot first aired in September. In its Wednesday outings, the show will air at 10 p.m., following the high-rated "Home Improvement" and "Grace Under Fire."

'90210' to dump Doherty

By Verna Gay
Newsday

Biiiiiiiiig news from the town 't' tinsel: Shannen Doherty will be dropped from "Beverly Hills, 90210" when the Fox series ends its current production cycle later next year.

Yes, this is not the first time Doherty, who plays Brenda Walsh, has "left" the show or been "dropped." But this time — we assure you — she is first in line unless an act of God intervenes.

Word of the fallout between Spelling TV, which produces the show, and Doherty first broke Thursday in Daily Variety, which offered

no reason for the split. But a source close to the production company explained that the actress's off-screen antics — which, supermarket tabloids have assured us, are somewhat unrestrained — mirror her behavior on the set.

Spelling executives apparently decided they didn't have the stomach for it anymore.

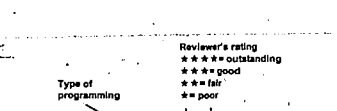
It's unclear what prompted the dismissal, although there was reportedly a window in her contract cycle when Spelling was to decide whether it wanted her to stay, or go.

Doherty will remain on the show for the rest of this season, but come fall '94, viewers will have to get used to a new Brenda.

Cable conversion guide and instructions

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FAM	29	29	36	20												
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CHN	CHN	42
KTRV	KTRV	98
QVC	QVC	99
KMYT	KMYT	11
ESPN	ESPN	53
DISN	DISN	54
SHOW	SHOW	41
MAX	MAX	39
TMC	TMC	58
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USA	USA	58
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WC	WC	89
MTV	MTV	18
VH1	VH1	62
LIFE	LIFE	46
FAM	FAM	47
TNN	TNN	40
TNT	TNT	52
TBS	TBS	43
UNI	UNI	18
NICK	NICK	36
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KIFI	6
WGN	55

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* Because of an FCC ruling, listings for out-of-town stations carried by local cable companies are subject to change. Syndicate exclusivity or any other factor may result in out-of-town stations to black out or delay programming from out-of-town stations to protect their own interests.

Contact your local cable operator for questions regarding syndicate rights and how it affects specific programs.

* Channels broadcast outside Twin Falls cannot be received in some areas.

Plot portents

Loving

Tess offers herself to Dante in exchange for Dinah Lee. As the police rush in, Dante attempts suicide and slips into a coma. Dinah Lee and Curtis reunite and he pretends not to notice the awkwardness between Dinah Lee and Trucker. Ally has second thoughts about marrying Cooper and moves back to Kate's. Gwyn accepts Jeremy's invitation to a gallery opening. Tess asks Clay to bankroll her ad agency. Shana and Leo almost break up. Clay comforts Sierra when her mother undermines her confidence.

One Life to Live

Nora follows Todd's orders to get rid of Bu but drops hints about the danger she is in. As Todd attacks Nora, Bu returns and he and Nora manage to tie Todd up then seek help. Cassie believes her discovery of the newborn baby is Christmas miracle and refuses to call the police. Cassie runs to Dorian who obtains a court order allowing Cassie to keep the baby for 48 hours. Jason vows as a young woman named Beth from committing suicide and finds out that Beth abandoned her baby after her parents threw her out. Renee offers Rebecca a job and a room at the hotel. Alex talks to Ty about his jealousy over Asa.

General Hospital

Lucy is not fooled by Danián's attempts to wheedle his way into her good graces. Laura senses grave danger as Luke's duet with Frank Smith's men ends in bloodshed. Mac believes both Ryan and Kevin are crazy and cannot understand Felicia's desire to befriend Kevin. Sean does not buy AJ's story about framing Jagger for Ray's murder. Ned is fascinated with Lois and upon returning to Buffalo, wows the crowd with a rousing musical number on New Year's Eve.

Days of Our Lives

Billie agrees to the district attorney's offer of a plea bargain, but Bu convinces her to change her mind. Sami persuades John to let her tell her parents that she kidnapped Isabella. Desperate to learn the motive behind Sami's actions, Roman wants to read her diary but Marlena stops him. Marlena privately confides to Dr. Dorman about her affair with John. Lexie accepts Jonah's offer to stay with him after she is told by Abe to move out of Brady's house. Laura plans a confrontation with Kate on New Year's Eve. Vivian is worried about Laura's signs of progress and goes to the Horton's New Year's Eve party disguised as a man. Laura is left alone at the elevator as Kate unknowingly approaches. Stefano tells Tony the

hospital gossip about Kristen and John. Marlena finally tells John that Sami saw them making love and he is devastated.

All My Children

When Derek brings Mimi a gift for the baby, she goes into labor and calls Lucas. Anton apologizes to Dimitri for not believing him about Kendall. Erica is outraged at Jack and Livia's suggestion that she plead insanity. Erica confronts Kendall about her lies. Edmund berates Tad for hurting Brooke, but Tad tells Edmund that he should examine his own feelings for Maria. Brooke and Edmund discuss their futures. Gloria is stunned when she receives a gift from Alex and threatens to have Adam fired. Adam questions Hayley about Alec. Erica's fate is left in Dimitri's hands.

The Bold and the Beautiful

Thorne tells Macy that he wants to separate and reassess their marriage. Brooke blames Karen for crashing the fashion show and tells Connor to kick her out of the house. James tells Taylor that he is going to remain and spend time with his mother. But Taylor tells James that she saw his mother's grave and begs him to tell her the truth. Anthony admits to Darla that he has an interest in Macy. Mike reminds Sheila that he has not forgotten how she tampered with the paternity results. Ridge tells Brooke that he regrets not spending more time with Bridget. James and Damon have a confrontation.

The Young and the Restless

Paul and Brad insult each other and Lauren thinks they are behaving like little children. Hope really wonders whether there is a place for her in Victor's busy life and he reassures her that there certainly is. Nikki admits to Victoria that she is interested in Cole and confesses to her seeing him before Victor's return. Brad urges Lauren not to live in the past but to get with her life, raising Scotty with love. While a storm rages outside, Cliff tries to persuade Hope not to go back to Genoa City, but he knows in his heart that Hope is in love with Victor. The storm subsides and Cliff offers to drive Victor and Hope to the airport. Nikki is devastated and humiliated knowing that Cole has dumped her for her daughter Victoria. In a Las Vegas wedding chapel, Victoria and Cole are married. Victor tells Hope that he will have to come to grips with the fact that Cole is his son. He decides he has to tell Cole soon, not knowing what has just taken place in Las Vegas. Meanwhile, Cole and Victoria are about to consummate their marriage.

Being boss' daughter adds no pressure to actress' job

Being the boss' daughter has not given Laureale Bell (Cricket, "Young and Restless") any added pressure because she knew exactly how to deal with it. When she joined "Young and Restless" as a full-time cast member in late 1986 (she had been appearing on the show earlier during her summer vacation), she told everyone that she was to be treated like every other cast member — and it worked.



Laureale Bell
Enjoys strong fan following

Soap studs
John N. Goudas

Of course, there were a few cast and crew members who thought they had to be careful not to say anything about Laureale's parents (executive producer Bill Bell and co-creator Lee Phillip Bell) in front of the young star. They soon learned that was far from the case.

"In the beginning, some people expected me to tattle to my parents if they complained about anything. Actually, I take great pains to avoid discussing my estranges with my parents. New everyone pretty much understands that if they don't want my dad or mom to know something, the surest way of keeping a secret is to tell me," the lovely actress candidly confessed.

Laureale turned 25 last week (she was born Dec. 2, 1968), but she qualifies as a veteran on the CBS soap. She actually played her first scene on "Y&R" when she was 13 years old and followed that with more brief scenes over the years.

Her father used to commute from their home in Chicago to Los Angeles but the family actually remained in the Windy City for a number of years after "Y&R" went on the air. Laureale and her brothers, Bill Jr. and Bradley, all attended school in Chicago where their mother, Lee Bell, hosted her own TV talk show. Growing up, Laureale and the boys thought their mother was the prominent celebrity in the family, outdistancing their father, Bill, who was fast becoming the most successful producer in daytime TV with "Y&R" and later "Bold and Beautiful." Incidentally, Bill Jr. is a vice president with Bell-Phillip Television and Bradley is a writer/supervising producer on "Bold and Beautiful."

There was no question in Laureale's mind that acting was going to be her vocation. She admits that if she had not landed a job on "Y&R" she would have pursued work on another soap. However, her brief appearances and her first full summer playing Cricket resulted in a fan following that could not be ignored. Viewers took to the pretty teenager who projected a wholesome and fresh look, and there was no doubt that Cricket was destined to become a major character on the popular soap.

Laureale is very proud of the storyline her character has been part of. Cricket has been in the forefront of plots involving date rape, sexual harassment, a big one that garnered a great deal of media, drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy and discrimination against the elderly (a recent plot dealing with Cricket's position as a Legal Aid attorney).

Fan mail is one way the soaps measure a player's impact on viewers. For the record, Laureale gets more fan mail than most of the cast on "Y&R."

"The Young and the Restless" airs weekdays from 10 to 11 a.m. on CBS (KSL) and from 2 to 3 p.m. on CBS (KMVT).

'GH's' Malandro marries former co-star

Christy Slevinski
New York Daily News

"General Hospital" star Kristina Malandro

Busey starred in TV movie 'Bloodsport' in 1973

Los Angeles Times

Q: Am I nuts, or do I remember seeing Gary Busey in a TV series about 10 years ago?

A: No, you're not nuts, but it was longer than 10 years ago. Four years before "The Buddy Holly Story," Busey was the second lead in "The Texas Wheelers," a single-se-

married former "GH" co-star Jack Wagner Saturday at Lake Tahoe. The couple, parents of a 3-year-old son, Pety, celebrated with an overnight honeymoon in Las Vegas.

son ABC comedy series in 1974. He played the eldest of Jack Elam's four sons in this hour set in rural Texas. Busey's first TV appearance was in the 1973 TV movie "Bloodsport." He followed that with the TV movies "The Law" (1974) and "The Execution of Private Slovik" (1974), along with a guest appearance in the final season of "Gunsmoke" in 1975.

Callahan has appeared on several soaps

By Bettelou Peterson
Knight-Ridder News Service

Q: Some personal and career background on the fine actor John Callahan, who plays Edmund on "All My Children." He looks familiar — C.A.D., Bloomfield, Hills, Mich.

A: Not surprising. He's been a regular on soaps "General Hospital" as Leo Russell; "Santa Barbara" as Craig Hunt; "Falcon Crest" as Eric Stavron, and a semi-regular on "Our Family Honor" as well as appearing on several prime-time shows. Callahan is a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., but attended the University of California, Berkeley. He started in theater in San Francisco. He's married.

Q: Tell me some things about the person who plays Powell Lord III on "One Life to Live"; married, when he started acting, other roles in movies or TV? — A.L., Orlando, Fla.

A: Sean Moynihan plays Lord. He's a native of Burlington, Vt., raised in Plattsburg, N.Y., and started acting as a high school senior. He studied acting at Holy Cross University and at Trinity Repertory Company in Providence, R.I. His credits included summer theater and a bit on "The Guiding Light" before joining "OLTL."

Send your questions to Soap Stars, Detroit Free Press, 321 W. Lafayette Blvd., Detroit MI 48226. Volume of mail prohibits personal replies.

Costas considers life at home, stays at NBC

By Eric Mink
New York Daily News

In the end, quality-of-life considerations proved stronger than both money and the not-quite-irresistible temptation of a professional alliance with David Letterman and CBS.

Bob Costas has agreed to an unusual multi-year contract with NBC — his fifth since 1980 — that links him to the network's sports, news and entertainment divisions as follows:

- Play-by-play announcer for the World Series, playoffs and several regular-season baseball games.
- Prime-time host/anchor of the 1996 Olympics.

- Host of NBA coverage, with emphasis on the post-season championships.

- Contributing correspondent for sports and pop culture issues to the "News" prime-time news magazine.

- Host of a few prime-time entertainment specials.

Since his widely praised performance as host of Olympics coverage from Barcelona in 1992, the 41-year-old Costas has fielded a variety of offers from networks, cable programmers and syndicators.

Easily the most substantive was a recent offer to host a late-night show that would follow Letterman's.

"Even though NBC got baseball and the Olympics," Costas said, "even though I wanted to cut back my professional obligations and spend more time with my family, even though I wanted to maintain my home in St. Louis, the offer was so impressive and the people in-

voled so impressive — from Letterman to CBS President Howard Stringer — that I had to seriously consider it."

Published speculation pegged the deal at some \$4 million a year for a one-hour show that would air five nights a week. Letterman's company would own and produce it, and Letterman would be an active consultant.

Costas would not comment on the dollar figure but said that money was not the primary appeal. "My regard for David Letterman, personally and professionally, could not be higher," Costas said, "and I was genuinely honored that he wanted to work with me."

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I LOVE LUCY Lucy relates when Tony refuses to shave off his mustache. 650705
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PROFILES OF NATURE The life cycle of the white-bellied woodpecker. 635221
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COUNTRY NEWS Scheduled: Charlie Daniels shares Christmas memory. (R) (I) (CC) 82183
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I LOVE LUCY Lucy has an occasion
LA MISA DE GALLO Celebracion del nacimiento del Nino Jesus con el Papa Juan Pablo II, desde el Vaticano. (En Vivo) 851786
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MR. KRUEGER'S CHRISTMAS A lonely janitor (Amy Stewart) finds happiness at Christmas through the love of a little girl. 68540
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MOVIE * HOUSETRICKER** (1992, Comedy) Steve Martin, Goldie Hawn. 7059144
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HOLIDAY AT POPAL From Symphony Hall in Boston, the Pope Orchestra performs Christmas holiday classics. Musical guest: Tony Bennett. (R) 78747
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I LOVE LUCY Ricky gets a sore on his nose on a Hollywood movie set. 559808
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MOVIE * RED, HOT AND BLUE** (1949, Musical) Betty Hutton, Gene Kelly. 8289536
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THIRTY-SOMETHING Hope feels somewhat melancholy when her infant becomes less dependent upon her. (R) 743540
MANIA: MANSION Liane Lornay travels through a blizzard to make it to the mansion in time for Christmas. (R) (I) (CC) 183218
MOVIE * SANTA CLAUS CONQUERS THE MARTIANS** (1964, Fantasy) John Cain, Leonard Hicks. 659724
I LOVE LUCY Ricky is persuaded to teach Lucy how to drive a car. 53428
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LARRY KING LIVE Scheduled: Tony Bennett; author Pat Sajak; and Ann Druyan. (R) 174095
COPS A Memphis, Tenn., officer finds a woman who has accidentally shot herself. (I) (CC) 43268
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MOVIE * THE WORLD ACCORDING TO GARP** (1982, Comedy) Robin Williams, Mary Beth Hurt. 119596
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I LOVE LUCY The Ricardos and the Mertzes finally arrive in Hollywood where Lucy promptly gets into trouble. 155256
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DESIGNING WOMEN Charlene, suffering from postpartum depression, says she's having an affair. (I) (CC) 9616453
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MOVIE * SAMSON AND DELILAH** (1949, Drama) Victor Mature, Evelyn Brent. 465025
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I LOVE LUCY Lucy plays with a bathop to not come! Wade. 459927
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MARRIED... WITH CHILDREN After receiving an electric shock while plugging in the Christmas tree, Al fears the tree will be lit if he had never been born. (I) (Part 2 of 2) (CC) 3511706
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ARSENIO HALL From September, actor Luke Perry ("Beverly Hills, 90210") and Rosanna Arquette (cable movie "The Wrong Man"), rap-pones Jazzy Jeff and Fresh Prince. (R) (I) (CC) 9626960
COMEDY CLUB ALL-STARS VII Tim Allen introduces performances by Howard Stern, Steve McGraw, Craig Shoemaker, Jack Gagliardi and Mark Lazerus. (R) 7381911
MOVIE * PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES** (1987, Comedy) Steve Martin, John Candy. 1302627
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PUMPEO A look at the sports and entertainment play. 446835
ANCIENT MYSTERIES A survey of artifacts from King Tut's tomb. (R) 984876
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700 CLUB Scheduled: musical Christmas tribute. 217651
I LOVE LUCY Lucy and Ethel take out on a vacation and meet Rock Hudson. 156835
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JERRY SPRINGER Scheduled: Christmas show with singers Mickey Galey and Marys Slaves, actress Charo Pryor and the vocal group Soul Children. 8803922
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LARRY SANDERS Why becomes frustrated by Franco's lack of commitment to their relationship. (R) (I) (CC) 701274
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I LOVE LUCY Lucy decides to impress a newsgathered girlfriend. 426106
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HARD COPY From August: a bleak diagnosis of a premature baby's chances was overcome by her parents' love. (I) (CC) 9720119
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Study: TV may steer kids toward bad career choices

By Nancy Imperiale
Orlando Sentinel

Television has been blamed for making kids fat, lazy and violent.

Now we can charge it with something else — leading them to make lousy career choices.

So suggests a Florida State University study that found television is giving kids a false impression of the working world. Not only does TV present unrealistic jobs like Ghostbuster or Vampire Hunter, the study says, but it portrays too few people working and even fewer being rewarded for their toil — a critical consideration if children are to value work.

The study's author says the findings were more frightening than an episode of "Tales From The Crypt."

"Many children romanticize television characters as people they would like to be when they grow up," said Judith McGregor, a professor of elementary education at California State University, who completed the study last summer for her doctorate at FSU. "Children watch televised role models while trying to construct their understanding of the social world and occupations available to them."

With the average child spending more time watching TV (27 hours a week) than doing anything else but sleeping, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics, television can have a powerful influence on beliefs and attitudes.

"By the time a child graduates from high school, he or she will have spent more time in front of a TV set than in a formal classroom setting," said McGregor, who plans to market her own half-hour children's television series that she says will include as its prime focus characters with realistic careers. "This makes it important to look at the content of what they are watching."

School officials agree that television is a nemesis in the struggle to prepare youths for careers.

"We're constantly fighting the unrealistic career images" presented on TV, said Ray Robinson, program specialist for Orange County (Fla.) Schools' guidance and career education office.

"Obviously, to be entertaining, TV is exaggerated. And with the number of hours our children are watching TV, that has to have an influence on them. And TV emphasizes the 'glamour jobs.' All the kids want to be Shaquille O'Neal."

But a little fantasy can also be a good thing, say experts.

"For little kids, especially, to pretend to be fantasy characters is wonderful," said Pamela Frank, a licensed mental health counselor in Orlando who works with children. "To pretend to be someone looking for dinosaur bones is a wonderful way for a child to try out a career. Because to them, they're really experiencing it; it's real."

What is worrisome about televi-

Tips for parents

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- Pay attention to the programs your child watches. Discuss the things that may be different in the real world.

- Encourage a work ethic in your kids by giving them regular jobs around the house, like raking leaves or washing dishes.
- Share your daily job experiences with your children, in contrast to the less-than-satisfying ones.

- Talk to your child's teacher or guidance counselor for suggestions on how to discuss careers with your child.

sion is its ability to pass on false impressions posing as reality, experts suggest.

"I think TV has more influence (on kids) than we want to admit," Frank said. "For one thing, it's programmed for kids' short attention span. The things that happen in one half-hour are amazing! Unfortunately, what kids see are quick fixes. I don't think they get the true picture that it takes a while to work things through, that a real 'ghostbuster' wouldn't be able to conquer all those ghosts in half an hour."

Television also skews reality by showing too many workers in white-collar jobs and too few women in jobs, the FSU study said.

McGregor sat through more than 50 hours of programming aimed at families and children, analyzing 970 characters. She watched an equal number of shows on daytime public TV and on network TV during prime time and Saturday mornings.

Among her findings:

- Overall, 58 percent of the characters either had no job or an unrealistic job, such as Ghostbuster, rainmaker or wizard. This was highest on Saturday mornings network TV, where 81 percent of characters had no jobs or had fantasy jobs, followed by 39 percent on daytime PBS and 31 percent on prime-time network TV.

- Well over three-quarters of characters got no rewards for working. Only nine programs showed workers getting raises, promotions or simple pats on the back.

Although she did not include sports programs in her study, McGregor speculated that many children desire to be professional ath-

letes because the rewards of such a career are easily seen.

- A whopping 76 percent of characters who worked had white-collar jobs. In real life, by contrast, only 56 percent of adults have such jobs, according to U.S. Labor statistics.

- Male workers outnumbered female workers by 2-to-1 on daytime PBS and prime-time network, and 3-to-1 on Saturday morning.

"I would say there's hardly any career information at all on Saturday," she said. "And that's when kids are watching TV more than any other time."

What's a caring parent to do?

Authorities offer their advice.

"I think we have to limit the amount of television our children see, period," said Peggy Charen, a children's television activist and founder of now-defunct Action for Children's Television, a lobbying group. "The second step is to find the terrific programs on TV."

"Parents are very influential," said Robinson, of the Orange County school system. "If parents can expose their children to the job they themselves are in, and some of the good things and bad things about it, and encourage their children to explore all their options, I think that will help bring out a more realistic picture to the children."

At school, teachers often fail to instill career goals in children, however unrealistic those goals may be at first.

"A couple of our teachers say they get tired of children wanting to be ball players," said Elizabeth O'Sullivan, a guidance counselor at Spring Lake Elementary School in Ocoee, Fla. "But I say as long as you keep them focused on a goal, that's the important thing. Use their unrealistic goals, and point out how they still need to have skills, education, training, and a lot of persistence if they want to achieve them."

"And what to do when your child wants to be a nurse one day, a marine biologist the next?"

Relax, it's normal. Many college students don't choose their majors until they're forced to. Even adults make career changes in midlife.

"At this age you're not saying 'Decide!' You're teaching them that there are reasons that Mom and Dad work, that work is a part of life," said Madeline Olfner, a guidance counselor at Orlando's Azalea Park Elementary.

"I don't think we should ever tell a child that a job is unrealistic," she added. "That's something they'll figure out soon enough."

Yule festivities



Regis Philbin and Joan Lunden will share the spotlight with Mickey Mouse and other Disney characters when they are co-hosts of "The Walt Disney World Very Merry Christmas Parade." The parade will air at 8 a.m. MST Saturday on ABC (KPVI and KKKV) live from the Florida theme park. The stars of "The Little Mermaid," "Beauty and the Beast" and "Aladdin" also will make appearances.

'Aladdin' tops 'Beauty, Beast'

The Associated Press

BURBANK, Calif. — More than 21 million copies of "Aladdin" have been sold, making the animated feature the best-selling home video release ever, Walt Disney Co. said.

"Aladdin," released Oct. 1, surpassed the previous best-seller, Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," which has sold more than 20 million copies, Disney spokesman Steven Feldstein said Friday.

"Beauty and the Beast" was released on Oct. 30, 1992. It went

off the market on April 30, although copies are still available in store inventories, Feldstein said.

"Aladdin's" latest sales figures were computed earlier this week, Feldstein said.

"Aladdin" sales are running about 10 percent above those of "Beauty and the Beast" for the same time last year, said Ann Daly, president of Disney's Buena Vista Home Video Inc.

The third best-selling video is Disney's "101 Dalmatians," which shipped nearly 16 million copies.

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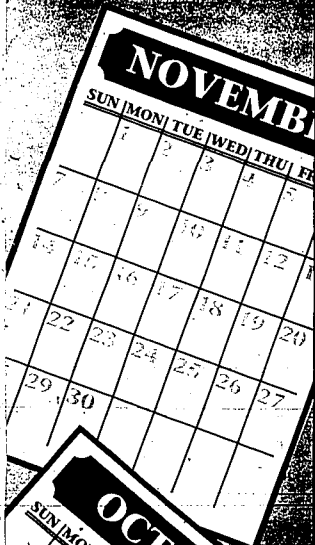
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A "Month" To Put On Your Calendar!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						25 Christmas Day
26 Closed Today	27	28	29	30	31	

OUR OWN "MONTH" ...
TO CLOSE OUT OUR YEAR...
IN JUST **ONE** WEEK!

- FLOOR MODELS, DEMO'S, SCRATCH & DENT ITEMS
- MAJOR MARKDOWNS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS!
- ALL MERCHANDISE SIX MONTHS OLD OR OLDER
MUST SAY "GOOD-BYE"
- OUR LOSS, YOUR GAIN!
- **HURRY!** THE BEST DEALS
WILL BE MADE EARLY!

**OUR GOAL: TO DO
ONE MONTH'S BUSINESS
IN ONE WEEK!**

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Rent-to-Own