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Happy holiday



Jan and Nancy Banyai, pictured with three of their seven children, from left, John, Nick and Heather, are looking forward to Christmas in their new home. Below, Jan Banyai tends to some of the details left to be completed on the ranch-style house.

Home for Christmas

Family moves into initial Habitat for Humanity project completed on Twin Falls' west side

By Drew DeSilver
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — There probably isn't enough wrapping paper left in town to cover the Banyai family's Christmas presents.

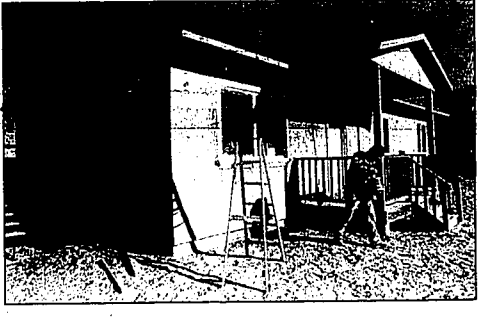
Then again, it isn't exactly a secret. On Friday, Jan and Nancy Banyai and their seven children began moving into their new home, the first one to be completed by Habitat for Humanity's Twin Falls affiliate.

"This is a wonderful thing that Habitat has done, not just for us but for anyone," Nancy Banyai said. "You help build your own house, and you think, 'This is ours. Nothing better happen to it.'"

Jan Banyai, who works at J & J Lath and Plaster, said as he walked around the four-bedroom house, "For nobody knowing how to do anything, it turned out pretty good."

Up until Friday, the Banyais had been living in a two-bedroom house in Filer owned by Nancy Banyai's father. That house was way too small for their large family, they said, and living there forced Nancy's father to sleep in a mobile home on the property.

The Banyais' new house, at 926 Fourth Ave. W., is one of six Habitat for Humanity plans for its parcel of land, located at the corner of Fourth Avenue West



and Blake Street on the city's west side.

Their house took nine months to build. Hundreds of people donated labor, money or both to the project, and two dozen area businesses also helped.

Habitat's second house, which is going up next door to the Banyais', is about 65 percent completed and should be ready for occupancy by mid-January, construction supervisor Gary Golay said.

The Shane and Jody Cluff family will move into that house. They had hoped to

be in by Christmas also.

Habitat families are required to help build their houses and someone else's. In return, they get to buy the house at cost with an interest-free mortgage.

The Banyais' house has been valued at \$38,000, Habitat treasurer Ken Ward said. With insurance, taxes and appliances figured in, he said, they will pay between \$200 and \$225 a month for 20 to 30 years.

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Youths mark Christmas in detention center

By Earl LeMaster
Times-News correspondent

FILER — While most area teen-agers will be celebrating Christmas in the comfortable surroundings of their own homes, at least 23 Twin Falls County youths will be spending the holiday in detention.

"There are more youths in detention this Christmas than we have ever had in the past," said Kevin Sandau, therapy technician for the state of Idaho, at the Filer juvenile detention center. "More here and more in other facilities."

The Filer facility is operated by the Idaho State Department of Health and Welfare, Youth Services Division, and houses

youths from Twin Falls County. The facility is located in a remodeled produce building at the county fairgrounds.

The facility at Filer has room for eight juveniles, and usually houses five to eight, Sandau said. There are no more rooms at the inn; the detention center is now housing eight young men. Sandau said the remaining 15 Twin Falls County youths in custody are being held at other Youth Services Centers such as the ones in St. Anthony and Lewiston.

While the youths being held at Filer will be spending Christmas under detention, they will not miss out on the holiday all together.

The center will be serving a special

Christmas meal consisting of ham, turkey and all the fixings.

"We will also try to have a religious ceremony," Sandau said.

Visiting hours will be extended on Christmas Day to include noon to 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Parents have been encouraged to visit and even bring gifts from home.

Sandau said he expects a pretty good turnout of parents. The gifts will be opened under the supervision of the staff and anything other than books and magazines will have to go home with mom and dad.

"The boys are getting a little more hyper

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Pocatello family manages holiday without Jeralee

The Associated Press

POCATELLO — Along with the traditional lights and tinsel, the Underwood family of Pocatello has something special on the Christmas tree this year.

There are eleven pink bows as a reminder of each year they had with Jeralee before she was killed.

To her parents and their five other children, no day has felt the same since the tragedy of Jeralee's abduction and murder last June. But on Christmas, her favorite holiday, her absence is especially noticed.

Jeff Underwood, "It's hard to get in the Christmas spirit. It won't be like a normal Christmas."

As difficult as it has been to cope with the loss, the Underwoods are going on with their lives. But sometimes Jeralee's brothers and sisters still have trouble sleeping at night.

Like the children, the parents try not to dwell on Jeralee's absence. But they recall agonizing in disbelief in the days just after Jeralee vanished while collecting for her newspaper route. It was a time her father said was "nothing but pure hell for not knowing."

But when police arrested a man who confessed to her death, the situation was overwhelming.

"There's been hurt that I never believed," Joyce Underwood said. "I never knew there could be so much hurt."

It was a random, senseless crime without meaning that threw the working-class family into a spotlight it didn't want.

"It's hard to believe there are people out there who will harm other people, especially children," Jeff Underwood said. "I can't understand it."

Korean missile deal off

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Clinton administration officials believe North Korea has deferred plans to sell Iran a new missile that CIA Director James Woolsey calls a threat to U.S. allies.

Officials speaking privately said it was unclear why the sale had been put off, or for how long. They left open the possibility it could be linked to diplomatic maneuvering over U.S. demands for full inspection of North Korea's nuclear facilities.

Another possible explanation could be production problems with the missile or a hangup in final arrangements with the Iranian government, the U.S. officials said. Whatever the reason, they said, the delay is a welcome development.

Woolsey, in congressional testimony last July, disclosed that North Korea had tested the new surface-to-surface missile, which the United States calls the Nodong 1. He said it has a range of about 620 miles.

"Of greatest concern is North Korea's continued efforts to sell the missile abroad — particularly to dangerous and potentially hostile countries such as Iran," Woolsey told Congress.

"With this missile North Korea could reach Japan; Iran could reach Israel, and Libya could reach U.S. bases and allied capitals in the Mediterranean region," he said.

North Korea already has ballistic missiles but none are powerful enough to reach Japan. The disclosure this year of the Nodong flight test caused a stir in Tokyo, prompting the Japanese government to consider buying Patriot anti-missile missiles from the United States. Japan has no missile defense system.

Woolsey said the Nodong 1 was especially worrisome to Washington because it could be fitted not only with conventional high-explosive warheads but also nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. He said he was interested because it was finding it harder to get missile technology from Western sources.

Omanis enjoy frankincense market boom

The Associated Press

MUSCAT, Oman — The rise in the number of churches in Eastern Europe shines like the bright star of Bethlehem for Omanis traders of the sacramental spice of frankincense.

The emergence of the Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches, since the fall of Marxist oppression, has been a blessing for the ancient resin once worth its weight in gold.

"Our target is the Catholic Church and also monasteries in Eastern Europe," said Ahmed Shariff Al Bakry, exports director in this arid country on the southeast tip of the Arabian peninsula.

The history of frankincense, an aromatic gum resin collected from wild trees in the rugged southern province of Dhofar, began long before the Three Wise Men were said to have brought it as an offering — together with myrrh and gold — to the infant Jesus.

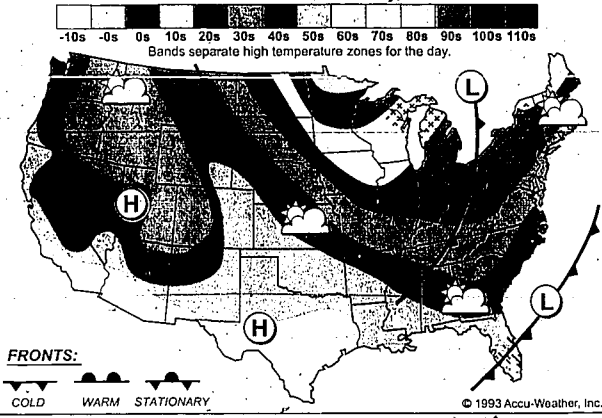
American archaeologist Dr. Juris Zarins, who discovered what is claimed to be the fabled city of Ubar in Dhofar, says Ubar citizens traded in frankincense in the New Stone Age, or neolithic period between 5000 B.C. and 2500 B.C.

Historians say great quantities of frankincense were produced in southern Arabia in the first two centuries after the birth of Christ, fostering trade links with Europe and Arabia.

Weather

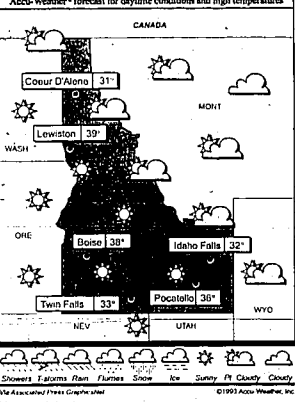
NATIONAL Weather

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Saturday, Dec. 25.



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Saturday, Dec. 25
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Forecasts

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding:
Partly cloudy today with patchy morning fog. Highs 35 to 40. Outlook for Sunday partly cloudy. Patchy morning fog. Lows in the teens. Highs in the upper 30s.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley:
Partly cloudy with patchy morning fog today. Highs near 35. Outlook for Sunday mostly cloudy. Patchy morning fog. A few flurries. Lows near 10. Highs in the mid-30s.

Extended forecast: Southern Idaho - Partly cloudy through Tuesday 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 in the 30s to lower 40s.

Northern Utah and Nevada:
Utah - Sunny but hazy with patchy morning fog today. Highs 30-35. Outlook for the rest of Christmas weekend fair and hazy. Areas of fog. Lows in the teens.

Elko County - Variable high clouds west today with areas of fog and low clouds west central and mostly sunny east. Highs in the 30s to mid-40s. Lows zero to 15.

Weather summary

High pressure along the Pacific coast continues to steer most weather systems northward into Canada and around Idaho to the east.

Christmas Day is expected to be a repeat of the past few days with light winds, mostly clear skies and temperatures around the freezing mark.

On Friday, a weak system that crossed the state yielded only a few clouds and no appreciable precipitation. Morning low readings were generally in the teens and single digits in the central and eastern sections of the state and slightly warmer in other areas.

Skies over the Magic Valley remained clear and winds were light Friday, although temperatures were on the chilly side much of the day.

Visible planets

Morning: Jupiter
Evening: Saturn

Today's Almanac
Max Min Pcp
Last year 40 12
Normal 40 21
Sunset today 5:10 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow
8:07 a.m.
Lunar phase: First quarter Dec. 20; full Dec. 28; last quarter Jan. 4; new Jan. 11.

Michigan receives a really white Christmas present

The Associated Press

Snow and rain fell on much of the nation Friday as gusting winds whipped through the Plains.

At midday, snow was scattered over the lower Great Lakes states, the Ohio and upper Mississippi valleys, the northern Plains and southeast Washington state.

Michigan received heavy snowfall. There was a report of 24 inches of new snow in Charlevoix County, and 12 inches had fallen since Thursday afternoon at Boyne City, Harbor Springs and Pellston, the National Weather Service said.

A winter storm watch was posted through Christmas night over northeast Ohio.

Snowfall during the six hours up to 11 a.m. MST included an inch at Pittsburgh; Sioux Falls, S.D.; Sioux City, Iowa; Houghton Lake, Mich.; and Niagara, N.Y.

Light rain was spread over the central and eastern Gulf of Mexico coast and the southern Atlantic Coast. The rain was mixed with snow near Mobile, Ala., and freezing rain fell on south-central Georgia.

Winds gusted to 65 mph near Laramie, Wyo., 70 mph near Wheatland, Wyo., and 55 mph at Rapid City, S.D.

Friday morning's low temperature for the Lower 48 states was minus 24 at Floodwood, Minn.

Temperatures around the nation at 1 p.m. MST ranged from zero at Hibbing, Minn., to 79 degrees at Miami.

Pregnant mother fighting eviction notice from dad

DANBURY, Conn. (AP) — A landlord trying to evict a pregnant woman for not paying rent wants to teach her a lesson about responsibility. After all, the landlord is her father.

But Annette Flannery, a single mother of two who is expecting twins around New Year's Day, said she can't believe her father would

kick her out at such a difficult time in her life.

"I just physically can't do it right now," said Flannery, 27, who is on welfare. "My father's always come down to dollars and cents."

After Flannery's boyfriend moved out in November, she was unable to pay the \$650 monthly rent for her two-bedroom apartment. She said the eviction notice arrived earlier this month — about the same time as her father's Christmas card.

Flannery's father, Noel Flannery, owns a small business in southern Florida. He is frustrated that his daughter doesn't have her life together, and believes she only has herself to blame, said his lawyer, James P. Driscoll.

Smallpox virus given reprieve

WASHINGTON (AP) — Smallpox will live to see another year.

Scientists in Atlanta and Moscow were scheduled to simultaneously destroy the world's last remaining smallpox virus on New Year's Eve. But the plan caused such a furor that history's deadliest disease has won a reprieve.

"We don't know just what the next step will be," said Chuck Falis, spokesman for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "They'll be meeting at some point after the first of the year to discuss it further."

Smallpox in 1977 became the only disease ever eradicated. But scientists preserved some of the live virus to study, frozen in 600 test tubes in heavily guarded laboratories at the CDC in Atlanta and at Russia's Institute for Viral Preparations.

In 1990, the World Health Organization asked the agencies to genetically map one strain of the virus and then, by flipping a switch to heat up the vials, destroy it all on Dec. 31, 1993.

The agencies agreed and have mapped two strains and are working on a third. But, because those maps didn't yield enough information and because of a scientist's outcry, WHO and the CDC agreed to postpone smallpox's execution date.

Dozens of researchers opposed deliberately destroying an entire species, particularly one that might teach them how to fight other diseases.

"Destroying all these vials now will compromise any possibilities of finding out more information," says Dr. Bernard Moss of the National Institutes of Health.

Idaho road report

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation reported mostly dry roads Friday with snow on mountain passes.

Road conditions:

- U.S. 95 — Plummer-Canadian border, dry, icy spots; Riggs-Moscow, dry; Weiser-New Meadows, icy spots; Marsing-Oregon line, dry.
- Interstate 84 — Dry.
- Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-Donnelly, dry, icy spots; Donnelly-New Meadows, dry.
- Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, dry, icy spots; Idaho City-Banner Summit, dry, icy spots; broken snow floor.
- U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Carey, dry; Arco-Idaho Falls, dry, icy spots; broken snow floor; Idaho Falls-Ashton, dry; Ashton-Montana line, dry, icy spots; broken snow floor.
- U.S. 26 — Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, broken snow floor; Blackfoot-Arco, dry.
- U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Twin Falls, dry; Twin Falls-Carey, dry, icy spots; Carey-Arco, icy spots; 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 — Dry.
- Interstate 15 — Utah line-Idaho Falls, dry; Idaho Falls-Dubois, icy spots, fog; Montida Pass, icy spots.
- U.S. 30 — Dry.

For current road conditions, call these numbers: Twin Falls, 736-3072; Boise, 336-6600; Pocatello 232-1426; Idaho Falls 522-5164; Utah 801-864-6000; the Elko, Nev., area, 702-738-8888.

Clintons plan quiet Christmas holiday

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton took his wife and daughter shopping for last-minute gifts at a crowded mall Friday, then went back to the White House to place telephone calls to members of the armed forces around the world.

The Clintons spent nearly a half hour inside a store in the Georgetown area that specializes in glass, silver plates and jewelry while shoppers on four levels jammed balconies to watch them.

The White House didn't say what the Clintons bought, but the president emerged carrying two shopping bags.

Then the first family split up: Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chelsea took an elevator to a floor below, while the president looked in store windows as he made his way outside.

It was a quiet start to the Christmas holiday after a turbulent week. The president and his family planned to spend it in the White House.

The president and the first lady videotaped holiday greetings to the nation to be broadcast today. Clinton will record his usual Saturday radio address, also to be broadcast today.

The Clintons were joined by their immediate family for the holiday. The president's mother, Virginia Kelley, was there with her husband, Dick. So was his brother, Roger, and Hillary Rodham Clinton's mother, Dorothy Rodham.

The Clintons were to attend a religious service Friday night, at an unspecified church, the White House said.

White House chefs prepared a traditional Christmas Day meal for them of turkey and dressings — both cornbread and bread — mashed potatoes and giblet gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes and a cranberry mold. For dessert there was fruit salad, cranberry bread, pecan and pumpkin pies.

Clinton started the holiday by attending, with Hillary and Chelsea, a sing-along performance of Handel's "The Messiah," at Kennedy Center on Thursday evening. They also were expected to return to the Kennedy Center tonight for a performance of the "Will Rogers Follies."

Next week, the first family travels home to Arkansas and, for a few days, to Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Tuesday night, Clinton plans to attend a University of Arkansas basketball game in Fayetteville, Ark. He heads to Hilton Head Island on Wednesday to attend an annual school and public policy retreat.

The Clintons will be away from Washington until Jan. 2.

Home

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"There's a need for 3,000 affordable homes in Twin Falls," Goley said. "We're just two. But we're going to build 3,000 homes. It'll take us 30 years, but we'll do it."

Nancy Banyai said she helped with just about every phase of construction, with only a few glitches.

"I'm going to buy my husband a pair of pliers for Christmas, because his brand-new pliers are in the fog-

ing of the foundation," she said. "I kept telling him, 'At least no one will steal them.'"

However, Christmas for the children, ages 2 to 12, has been taken care of. On Thursday, an anonymous Habitat volunteer gave the Banyais a laundry basket full of presents.

"He said he wanted to make sure the kids' first Christmas in their new home would be a happy one," Nancy Banyai said. "Isn't that wonderful?"

Juvenile

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because of the season," Sandau said. "Most of the boys have been pretty proud to participate in our (Christmas) activities."

The past week, the detainees have been making and decorating tree ornaments that they give to area judges and staff and patients of Canyon View Hospital.

"It has become pretty much of a tradition - making the ornaments for the judges," Sandau said. Some of the ornaments are also kept at the center for the tree erected by the youths.

Seventeen year old Bob (not his real name), said he will really miss being home for the holidays.

"This will be my first Christmas, ever, away from home," he said.

Bob, recently transferred from the Lewiston facility has 70 days remaining to serve of a 150 day sentence.

"At least down here they celebrate Christmas; in Lewiston they were

only going to give us a (soda) pop," he said.

Joe (not his real name), 16, also recently transferred from Lewiston said: "This is a correctional facility. Lewiston is more like a jail."

Joe has 80 days left of his 120 day sentence.

"I told my parents we could have a kind of Christmas celebration when I get out," he said.

The detainees had this final advice for the youth of Magic Valley: "Don't get in trouble - especially around Christmas," Joe said. Bob added: "Yeah, and don't hang out with the wrong crowd of people."

Idaho lottery

Early deadlines and press time for The Times-News on Christmas Eve preclude the listing of Friday's Fantastic Five game numbers today.

Those numbers will be carried Sunday along with the Saturday Powerball numbers.

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Special Shopping Hours Dec. 26 - 9:00 am to 7:00 pm



Clinton environmentalists find roles different inside the Beltway

Late medal



Danny Clemons, shown here with his sister Holly, shows the medal he received from the Boy Scouts of America this month, five years after saving his sister's life. Danny, 14, of Waella, Alaska, removed a pair of scissors that had lodged in his sister's brain.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt had to apologize to a powerful senator for once deriding him with anti-oil rhetoric that got "a little out of hand."

Agriculture Department spokeswoman Ali Webb finds herself defending the tobacco subsidies she abhorred when she was an activist with the League of Conservation Voters.

And Interior official Bob Hatoy ended up working alongside bureaucrats who had been the targets of demonstrations he organized — back in the days when he matched thousands of children dressed in fish costumes to protest offshore oil drilling.

It's all different now for the environmental activists who are working in the Clinton administration.

Clinton has studded his administration with at least two dozen people from leading environmental organizations. They serve in key positions from the national security staff at the White House to the upper echelons of the Environmental Protection Agency and State Department.

In a turn of the tables, the relentless critics of the Reagan and Bush administrations now often find themselves on the defensive, as their former colleagues push the Democrats in power for more and faster activity on the environmental front.

"We're getting a lot of stuff done. Realistically it takes longer to do things than some expect," said David



Babbitt

Clinton administration will "make some progress here that we never could have made before."

"Is it as much as we all wanted? No. But we're going to move forward on these issues."

In interviews, the former activists reveal that as insiders, their assessments of the Clinton administration are as diverse as the critiques given by their former colleagues on the outside.

Some, while pleased things are moving generally their way, are disappointed with the pace of Clinton's environmental accomplishments, his willingness to compromise with industry and what they see as the low profile of environmental issues at the White House.

Others highlight the cross-agency cooperation on environment, express pride in what they are accomplishing and say protection of the air, water and natural resources has not fared this well for more than a dozen years.

Doniger who gave up his job as an air expert with the Natural Resources Defense Council to work on global warming, biodiversity, and ocean issues in the White House national security office.

Some, like Hatoy, still consider themselves environmental advocates, pushing within the administration for stronger wildlife protection, stricter air and water regulation and less concession to business and industry.

Reality has overtaken the post-election "dreamlike momentum" and belief that "everything was going to be easy and good" for environmentalists, said Hatoy, a former Sierra Club official.

In fact, the Clinton administration "has many voices" and there's no guarantee its environmental goals won't get watered down when put into policy, Hatoy said.

"I realized that I still have to struggle and be an activist," he added.

Babbitt, the highest ranking environmentalist in the administration, and others in top decision-making posts, say they have left the advocacy behind for a more measured approach.

"It's not my job to advocate for any one group," said Babbitt, refuting critics' allegations that he has not shed the activist mantle he wore as League of Conservation Voters president.

"It is my job to find the public interest and in the process to accommodate the legitimate expectations of all the users of the public domain and all the people who are affected by the policies of the department."

That new approach led to a hat-in-hand meeting with Senate Energy

Committee Chairman Bennett Johnston, who wields considerable clout over Interior Department programs.

In a 1991 public tirade against both the Bush administration and the Democratic senator from Louisiana, Babbitt accused them of selling out U.S. energy policy to big oil and nuclear interests.

"I felt it was necessary to clear the air," shortly after becoming secretary, Babbitt said. "I expressed my regret about some of my advocacy because it had gotten a little out of hand."

In their desire to appear even-handed, some of the new insiders end up sounding more than a bit like the Republicans they criticized.

"There are a lot of companies out there that are really doing the right things," environmentally, said David Gardiner, a former Sierra Club leader who is now one of EPA's top policy makers.

"It's important they know just because I worked at the Sierra Club doesn't mean I still work there," he said, adding he has actively sought "a better understanding of the regulated community."

Reid Wilson, who left his job as Sierra Club political director to become EPA's public liaison director, said business groups invite him to speak because "they want to see whether I'm willing to be reasonable or whether I'm sort of crazy."

Briefly

Ill teen wants new lungs for Christmas

PITTSBURGH — Kimberly Fuller's Christmas wish list resembles any teen-ager's: a subscription to Rolling Stone magazine, a U2 single and a collection of Paul Simon's music.

What she desperately needs is a new pair of lungs. She's been waiting nearly two years, and the wait is wearing her out. "I get depressed," Kimberly said. "Everything in my life right now hinges on getting a transplant."

Kimberly spends most days sitting in a chair near a large window in an apartment overlooking downtown. A respirator attached to her trachea keeps her from talking; her weak condition keeps her from walking.

Cubans turn to IMF for capitalist help

WASHINGTON — Cuban officials, once scornful of the capitalist recipes of the International Monetary Fund, have been quietly seeking IMF advice on transforming their state-run economy, a confidential document shows.

After an initial informal contact last June, two IMF officials spent six days in Cuba last month informing senior Cuban officials about the transition experiences of the former communist countries of Eastern Europe.

The visit was undertaken by Jacques de Groote, IMF executive director for nine European countries, and Frank Moss, an assistant.

Cuba once routinely derided the IMF, contending that its pro-growth policy recommendations for Third World countries benefited the investor class while hurting the poor. But Cuban authorities told de Groote and Moss they have a keen interest in "widening and deepening" their contacts with IMF officials.

Fishing cut to protect haddock stock

BOSTON — Haddock fishing off New England was sharply restricted Thursday, just days after Canada took similar measures to preserve badly depleted stocks.

The National Marine Fisheries Service said New England boats will be allowed no more than 500 pounds of haddock per trip, and haddock spawning grounds on Georges Bank will be closed a month early.

On Monday, Canadian officials worried about depleted stocks sharply restricted quotas for haddock and other bottom feeders in nearly all of that nation's Atlantic region.

Seafood industry officials warned the ban could drive up the price of haddock.

Compiled from wire reports

Holiday stamp boon to museum

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A Christmas postage stamp is leaving its stamp on the North Carolina Museum of Art.

Attendance was up last month and the museum shop has done a booming business since the Postal Service unveiled this year's Christmas stamp featuring one of the museum's paintings. Giovanni Battista Cima da Conegliano's "Madonna and Child in a Landscape" had hung in the museum for more than 30 years with little fanfare. Now, it graces greeting cards, postcards, key chains, the tacks, lapel pins, earrings, cuff links, and a miniature Christmas ornament.

"You wouldn't believe the response," said Elizabeth Holloway, a spokeswoman for the museum. "In our wildest dreams we had no idea it would be this popular." Last year, the Postal Service chose the 1497 oil painting in the museum's Italian Renaissance gallery for the 1993 traditional Christmas stamp.



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Slow yule cash flow leads to N.J. standoff

SOUTH HACKENSACK, N.J. (AP) — A man upset over money troubles during the holiday season held his girlfriend and two young children hostage, firing at police during a 15-hour standoff before surrendering early Friday.

Bergen County Prosecutor John J. Fahy said the man told police he was upset about holiday money woes. The suspect, identified as Wayne Cole, 24, was held on \$500,000 bond.

No one was hurt during the siege at the low-income motel where the man lived with the woman and the two children.

The incident at the Jade East Motel began Thursday evening when police were fired on while responding to a domestic dispute complaint.

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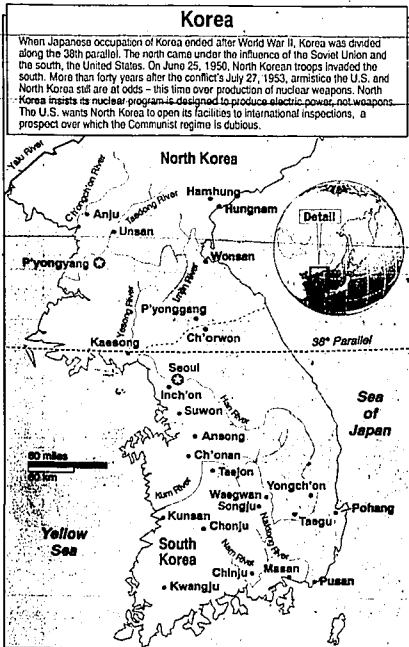
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Korea just one of many sources of U.S. nuclear concern



WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. worries about the spread of nuclear weapons go far beyond the Korean peninsula — to Iran, Iraq, China, Pakistan, Ukraine, Russia and beyond.

Enforcement of international nuclear controls is so leaky that U.S. officials now speak of "counter-proliferation" — learning to live with and defend against, rather than stopping, the spread of nuclear weapons technology.

For all the talk about needing to stop North Korea from getting the bomb, the case of Ukraine is an even more immediate worry; it already has an estimated 2,000 nuclear warheads as well as the bombers and missiles to deliver them.

Ukraine inherited the weapons in the breakup of the Soviet Union. On Thursday, the Ukrainian government said police caught six people trying to smuggle nuclear materials out of the country, including unspecified items used in atomic weapons.

Leonard Specter, a leading U.S. expert on nuclear proliferation, said South Africa's recent decision to openly give up its nuclear arms program was a big plus. But the outlook elsewhere has grown murkier since the Soviet breakup.

"In the old days the problem was contained" by the superpower rivalry, he said in an interview. "Now a bit of the bedrock of the old days has disappeared."

Russia, of course, already owns a vast nuclear arsenal. The worry is that all or part of it may fall into the wrong hands. The Russians still have enough

returned — immediately, Washington agrees, but the Ukrainians see it differently. They say they have no intention of using the weapons, but they worry that giving them to the Russians will make them more vulnerable to intimidation by Moscow.

Kazakhstan and Belarus also inherited nuclear weapons in the breakup of the Soviet Union but they have agreed to give them up.

Iraq is a much different case. Its nuclear weapons development effort was stopped cold by allied bombing in the 1991 Persian Gulf War and by the follow-up disarmament program implemented by United Nations inspectors.

But that may not be the end of the nuclear weapons story in Baghdad, officials say.

U.S. intelligence officials believe that once U.N. sanctions are lifted and U.N. weapons inspectors have left Iraq, President Saddam Hussein will resume his nuclear drive.

"Iraqi statements and actions ... leave no doubt that Saddam remains committed to acquiring a nuclear capability," Michael Hilsenrath of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy wrote in a recent assessment of Iraq's military capabilities.

Even now, Eisenstadt wrote, Iraq retains the most important assets required to rebuild its nuclear program, including skilled and experienced managers and scientists, a viable design for a nuclear weapon, and an unknown quantity of vital equipment and machine tools kept from the U.N. inspectors.

Iran's nuclear weapons program was begun during the Shah's reign but ground to a halt during the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

It was revived in the mid-1980s, even though Iran is party to the Non-Proliferation Treaty that prohibits all but the United States, Russia, France, Britain and China from having nuclear arms.

Defense cuts could hinder Clinton later

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — President Clinton's decision to reject the Pentagon's request for more spending authority is likely to intensify his battle with conservatives in Congress.

It could also make it more difficult to win support for his leading domestic proposals, analysts said Thursday.

Although the Defense Department will be able to live with the new budget in the short run, the hold-down is likely to anger military leaders and their powerful supporters in Congress, who complain that the continuing budgetary squeeze already is eroding military readiness.

Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, who warned Clinton last summer that the cuts in defense spending had gone far enough, seems certain to charge that the president has reneged on a pledge made last summer to protect the defense budget against inflation.

If Nunn and his fellow conservatives press their fight, it could put Clinton in a box in fiscal 1996, when the budget squeeze is expected to worsen and the White House is going to need an infusion of money for its domestic programs, such as health-care reform and welfare revision.

"This goes back to the question of whether Clinton is a New Democrat or really an old one," said Don Snider, a military affairs expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "A lot of people will use this to try to paint him into a corner."

William Schneider, a political analyst for the American Enterprise Institute, said the budget squeeze also may embolden Clinton in an early test-of-wills with his newly

appointed defense secretary, retired Navy Adm. Bobby Ray Inman.

If Inman, who has long ties to the military and solid contacts on Capitol Hill, decides to reopen the Pentagon's budget battle, Clinton would be hard-pressed to refuse him, given the president's already tenuous relations with the Pentagon, Schneider said.

The battle between pro-military forces in Congress and the president has been simmering most of the year.

Clinton pledged during the 1992 presidential campaign to cut \$60 billion from the Pentagon budget over five years. But once he got in office, he slashed the five-year plan \$104 billion.

At the same time, outgoing Defense Secretary Richard Cheney completed a sweeping "bottom-up review" of the nation's defense programs, calling for essentially the same size military as envisioned by the previous administration.

Steve Kozziak, an analyst for the Defense Budget Project, a nonpartisan group that monitors defense spending, said Clinton's new military budget will not provide enough money to operate a force of that size.

"They're going to have to make some adjustments," Kozziak says. Nunn and other congressional conservatives already are angry with the administration — and suspicious.

During the debate over last summer's defense bill, the Senate Armed Services Committee warned that Congress would make no further cuts beyond those then being proposed.

Nunn also won a promise from the White House to make sure the Pentagon budget was protected from the impact of inflation if Clinton's proposed cuts were approved by Congress, which is largely what occurred.

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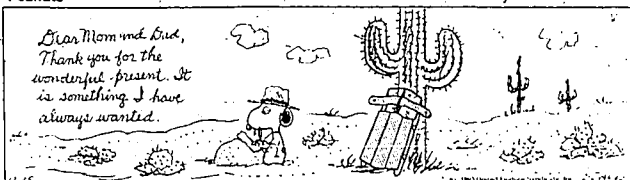
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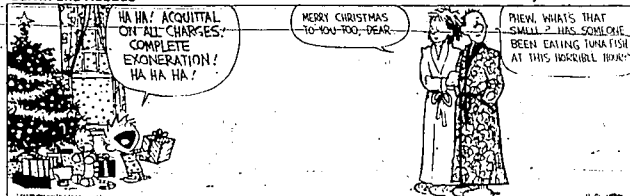
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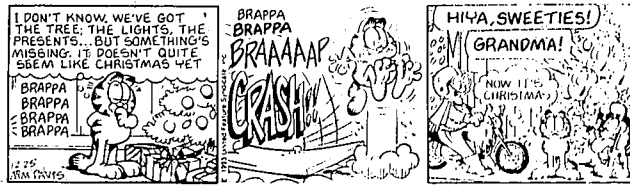
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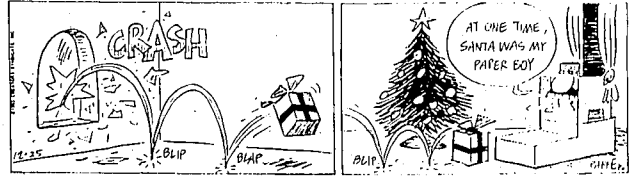
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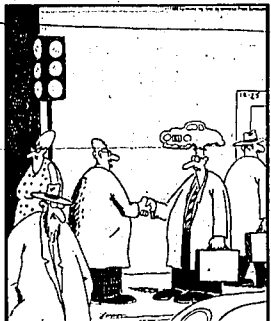
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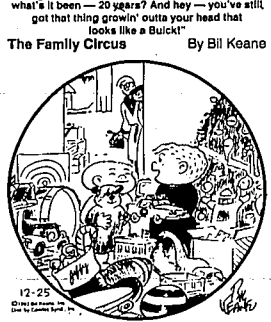
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Sydney Omarr Horoscope

IF DECEMBER 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are spiritual, sensitive, psychic after your own most severe critic. Although it is not easy to fool you, you can fall victim to self-deception. You are a "blend" of pragmatism, imagination, vision, psychic impressions. Above all, you survive crises, you always arise prior to the "count of 10." During 1994, spotlight on marital status, sale or purchase of home, sizable investment that could pay handsome dividend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Family member says, "You deserve the best and you will receive from us all we can afford!" Music to your ears — congratulations received result of your creative efforts. Involvement!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Cycle high, define terms, rid yourself of superfluous material, focus on meditation, reflections of the spirit. "Many see you as 'gideon'."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): What people said could not happen will happen and to your advantage. Some will insist, "You accomplished the impossible!"

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Project that was moribund will be revived — invitation relates to travel, possibly overseas. You'll know once and for all that spiritual feelings, responses are valid.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Imprint style, express views in forceful manner. Stress independence, creativity, get to heart of matters despite objections from people who resemble "Casper Milquetoast."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Friendly counsel from eccentric associate "comes from the heart." Spotlight teaching, psychology, astrology, intuitive intellect. Financial structure of commercial enterprise requires scrutiny.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on tax, license requirements, mystery solved, "You're blessed from 'Goodman Knot.' Diversity, emphasize versatility, curiosity, humor.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): This is your kind of day. Spirit of competition shines forward along with innate sense of justice, fair play. Appropriately, you absorb reflections of love on this Christmas Day. Leo represented.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You undergo "learning process." Information previously withheld is made available. Health report of relative concerning but caution should not be thrown to wind with innate sense of Virgo involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll hear the music! Spotlight on decorating, remodeling, entertaining, giving and receiving "unusual" gifts. Sense of humor makes this a memorable, happy day not devoid of spiritual values.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Some will insist, "You are psychic!" Taurus moon highlights building material, durable goods, family relationships.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emphasis on organization, responsibility, budget, division of property. Financial pressure relieved.

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Question arises as to why your taste buds are more sensitive at sea level.

A scholar says sea-level food tends to have a little more moisture in it. That's critical to taste sensitivity, she says. You can't taste anything on a dry tongue.

Q. Do the horoscope faithful think any one sign is luckier than the others?
A. Some do. Not all. Believers occasionally claim Sagittarians are the luckiest of the Zodiac.

Q. Any explanation as to why so many more meteorites have fallen on Kansas than elsewhere?
A. No more have fallen there. Just more have been found there. Flatland makes it easier to spot them.

Most of the natural bath sponges, earlier as living creatures, were female.

Add "roadkill" to that list of good words gone bad. Of late our Language man has read: "Pop musicians with roadkill hair..." "at the local roadkill restaurant..." "with nightmares of his roadkill romances."

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What's what?

Q. Where's the biggest swamp?
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For those several who still sew, please note: Candle stubs make good pin cushions; Waxed pinpoints slip through fabric easily.

Q. Did you say fat people never kill themselves?
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- 50% off Christmas acrylic drinkware/saweware. Originally 99'-9.99 Now 49'-4.99
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Around the valley

United Way falls short with 1 week remaining

TWIN FALLS — Christmas finds the United Way of Magic Valley \$64,279 short of its annual goal with a week remaining.

Through Wednesday, when the office closed for the Christmas holiday, the United Way had collected \$210,721.16, \$2,000 less than at the same time last year.

The campaign, which has a \$275,000 goal, officially closes Dec. 31.

Last year's campaign raised about \$237,000.

BLM seeks public comment on landfill alternatives

BURLEY — The public has until Jan. 21 to comment on an environmental assessment that analyzes eight alternative plans to close a Murtaugh landfill, the federal Bureau of Land Management has announced.

Located four miles west of Murtaugh, the landfill may contain as many as 14,400 55-gallon drums of pesticides or insecticides, according to the Burley District BLM.

Although the landfill has not operated since 1972, the BLM has not yet closed the site properly.

Of the eight alternative closure plans, the BLM prefers one that would place two feet of soil over the landfill and install monitoring wells to maintain inspection of the area.

Also included in that plan is the maintenance of a six-foot chain link fence around the site, the establishment of deed restrictions, and a 30-year inspection schedule.

The plan would cost about \$300,000.

To comply with federal Environmental Protection Agency regulations, Twin Falls County also will cooperate in closing the Murtaugh landfill.

When the public comment period has ended, the BLM will incorporate the comments into a final draft of the environmental assessment.

For information, contact the Burley District BLM at 200 S. 15 E. in Burley or call (208) 678-5514.

Auditor candidate blasts votes by current incumbent

TWIN FALLS — A would-be Idaho state auditor has criticized the current office holder for voting in favor of opening bidding on state grazing leases to people other than ranchers.

Ron Pollock, a western-Idaho certified public accountant, issued a news release following State Auditor J.D. Williams' votes Tuesday.

Williams voted first to delay a decision on whether the Idaho Watersheds Project of Ketchum should be allowed to bid against a rancher who has long used a square mile of Lake Creek state land to graze cattle.

Then, Williams voted to allow the competitive bidding, Pollock said.

"Tuesday marked a dangerous turning point in state Land Board decision making," Pollock said in the statement. He objected to the environmentalist group being allowed to bid on the lease.

Gooding acreage will be test area for habitat program

BOISE — Some acreage in Gooding County will be the focus of a new chapter in the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Habitat Improvement Program for pheasants.

Fish and Game biologists will use information learned during the program's first six years to intensify habitat improvement and predator control efforts in the coming year, the agency said.

The work will include developing habitat, removing some predators and their habitat, releasing wild trapped birds when necessary, and acquiring small blocks of critical habitat in Gooding and Bingham counties.

Fish and Game said careful monitoring of pheasant numbers and habitat use will allow biologists to better understand how to provide critical habitat for pheasants and increase bird numbers.

Compiled from staff reports

Send us your resolutions

Every year, New Year's resolutions are made, and every year, many of those 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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Council lopsided, activist says

By Drew DeSilver
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Six of the seven members of the incoming City Council live within a few blocks of each other on the city's northeast side.

Veteran political activist Don McMurrian doesn't think that's right, and some council members also have misgivings.

McMurrian plans to launch an initiative campaign next year to require council members to be elected from individual districts rather than citywide.

"If people in the residential streets or in South Park had their own councilman, they'd have somebody to go to with their problems, and there'd be somebody in (City Hall) fighting for them," he said.

"You never hear of any drive-by shootings on the northeast side. The streets are taken care of better there."

Six councilmen — Howard Allen, Lance Clow, Tom Condie, Jeff Gooding, Gale Kleinkopf and Chris Talkington — live north of Filer Avenue East and east of Blue Lakes Boulevard North. The area, one of

the more affluent parts of Twin Falls, is full of large, new homes with well-kept lawns.

The seventh councilman, Art Frantz; lives on Falls Avenue West.

In addition, two of the three retiring council members — Jim Vickers and Pam Dowd — live on the northeast side. The third, Mary McClusky, lives on Fillmore Street.

McMurrian said he has supported electing council members from single-member districts for nearly a decade. Earlier this week, he said, "several people" approached him with the idea for an initiative, after a council meeting in which Kleinkopf won a straw vote to succeed Allen as Twin Falls mayor.

The group will meet after the New Year to refine their proposal and put together a strategy, McMurrian said.

Under his plan, Twin Falls would be divided into six districts, each with approximately equal populations, and each electing one council member. The entire city would elect the mayor, who would have mainly ceremonial duties as at present.

Currently, the mayor is elected by the

City Council from among its own members.

Under the state municipal code, cities may by ordinance adopt single-member districts but are not required to do so. All but a handful of Idaho cities elect their council members at large, said Matt Hanzel of the Association of Idaho Cities.

To place a citywide initiative on the ballot, petitioners must gather signatures from 20 percent of the voters registered at the last election. Based on the 16,007 voters registered for November's election, McMurrian and his allies would have to collect 3,202 valid signatures.

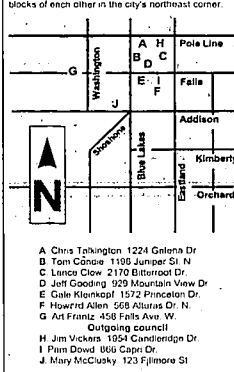
Giving each area of the city its own council member would promote "aggressive, progressive city government," McMurrian said, and encourage ordinary people to become more involved in civic affairs.

Mayor Allen said McMurrian was right to be concerned about the lack of geographic diversity on the City Council, though Allen doesn't believe other areas of Twin

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Power corner

Most of Twin Falls' city councilmen live within a few blocks of each other in the city's northeast corner.



MARK KINDT/The Times-News

Volunteers search high, low for birds

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Disturbed from its daytime slumber, a great horned owl swoops from a rickety hayloft and glides silently to a nearby tree.

The bird watches with little apparent interest as its mate emerges from the loft.

"This is the first of two great horned owl pairs National Audubon Society volunteer Jack Trotter will spot during the city's annual Christmas bird count.

"Any day I can look an owl in the eye is a good day," Trotter said. And this day turned out to be an especially good one as far as the owls were concerned.

He spotted four of the great horneds — the largest owl species found in this area — and a barn owl during his all-day search through barns and hedgerows, fields and canyons.

Trotter and his wife, Cathy, were among 14 local observers who scoured the countryside within a 7½-mile radius of Twin Falls to identify bird species and estimate their numbers.

The annual count is a national event and the results are published by the Audubon Society. The figures are used to spot trends in bird populations and as a reference for bird watchers traveling to other areas of the country.

Trotter, 44, has been involved with the bird count since the local Prairie Falcon Chapter formed in 1980. He described this year's count as "mediocre."

He identified 46 bird species from morning until dark Dec. 18. They ranged from bald and golden eagles in the Snake River Canyon to the ubiquitous starlings and finches.

The relatively light snowpack so far has allowed the birds to remain spread out in their range between the Sawtooth Mountains and the South Hills, Trotter said.



ANDY ARENZ/The Times-News

The Christmas bird count had Jack Trotter searching the canyons and fields of the Twin Falls area identifying bird species and estimating their numbers.

"It's really dead out here today," he remarks several times while beating through a windrow in an effort to scare up birds.

"I feel like it's the silent winter."

In years when winter comes hard and early to the mountains, the birds are squeezed into the valley and numbers are up, he said.

There are bright spots in Trotter's search. In addition to the owls, he and his wife spotted more than a dozen pheasants. Last

year, Trotter said he saw just one.

And early in the day, another volunteer identified a Virginia Rail — an uncommon water bird similar to a small heron — in the canyon, Trotter said.

He picked out one of the group's namesake, the prairie falcon, which is one of the swiftest of the area's predatory birds.

All told, the group identified 55 species and counted 9,806 birds, according to vol-

unteer Stu Murrell, a retired Idaho Fish and Game officer.

Up to 65 species are found in the Magic Valley. As far as bird species go, Southern Idaho is "pretty sparse," Trotter said.

He recalled trips in his native Arkansas where a group he was with identified 25 species within 50 yards of the car in a

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State senator wants health-care commission

By Drew DeSilver
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Idaho needs a single entity to oversee the many parts of its health-care system and prepare for future federal reforms, Senate Majority Leader Joyce McRoberts says.

That's why McRoberts, a Twin Falls Republican, will push for the creation of a state health-care commission during the 1994 legislative session, which begins Jan. 10.

"I'm not somebody who likes commissions real well," said McRoberts, co-chair of the Legislature's special committee on



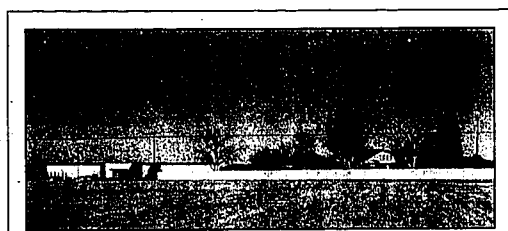
McRoberts

health care. "But we need to have something in place by the time the federal government tells us what to do. We need some entity to lead us down the road in the way we want to go."

She compared the commission to the Public Utilities Commission, which regulates the rates of telephone com-

panies, power companies and other utilities.

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MIKE GALSBURY/The Times-News

The Boone House sits in the middle of the fastest-growing retail area of Twin Falls.

Mall's growth threatens historic Twin Falls home

By Mick Normington
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A 75-year-old house is in danger of being demolished because nobody will adopt it.

The Boone House on Pole Line Road next to the Magic Valley Mall was built in 1918 and originally outside the city limits. But Twin Falls has grown and the house now sits in the middle of the fastest growing retail area of the city.

The old stone house was decided to Fund A, the Utah investment firm that owns the Magic Valley Mall, in 1992, after the home's long-time owner Juliette Boone died.

The house sits on the edge of the mall's southern parking lot. And plans call for retail stores to be built on that land, said Mall Manager Don Chandler.

"We do not want to demolish the house," Chandler said. "We want to pre-

serve it. But if we don't have it taken over by March we will demolish it."

Mall officials have been searching for an investor or civic group who will take the house for free and move it. And last summer they thought they found a taker in the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber planned to have the house lifted up, placed on a truck and moved across Blue Lakes Boulevard to the visitor center at the Snake River Canyon. But the estimates for moving the fragile, stone house started at \$30,000 and the chamber didn't have the money and backed out, Chandler said.

"We would like to donate the house to somebody," he said.

He's currently trying to work with planners Tom Hudson and Ron Jelaco, who are heading the Old Town Redevel-

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What to do with holiday leftovers (no, not food)

By Sean L. McCarthy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Wondering what to do with the mounds of wrapping paper that piled up in the corner of the living room on Christmas morning?

Even for the environmentally conscious, recycling that wrapping paper will not be easy, said Tamara Harney of American Recycling.

"The only Christmas wrap that can be recycled is newspaper," Harney said Thursday.

There simply is not a market for the shiny, waxed paper that most people use to keep their Christmas gifts under wraps, she said.

Regular paper and newspaper, however, can and will be accepted for recycling, she

said. Corrugated boxes also can be recycled, she said.

And that tree that looks so lonely now that the presents have gone their separate ways?

Christmas trees can be recycled, too, thanks to a joint effort by the city of Twin Falls, Twin Falls County and Kimberly Nurseries.

From Dec. 26 to Jan. 10, trees can be dropped off at 125 Sixth Ave. W.

Kimberly Nurseries will chip the trees for use as organic mulch.

All trees need to have the ornaments, lights and other assorted adornments removed before the trees can be accepted by Kimberly Nurseries.

For information on tree recycling, call Sherry Jeff, the city's sanitation inspector, at 736-2264.

Eastern Idaho boasts its own holiday 'Jan-a-Claus'

DRIGGS (AP) — Call her "Jan-a-Claus." That's what self-described elf Bruce Bender calls Jan Hall.

Hall does more Christmas shopping than most people, hurrying around the Teton Valley with a tattered spiral notebook that lists the names and ages of 132 children.

On Wednesday at a clothing store in Driggs, Hall, Bender and other helpers paged through the list of needy children and picked out clothing: shirts, Levi's, sweaters, pull-over windbreakers, or anything they knew the child needed or wanted.

The next stop was the Corner Drug. Snow had started falling outside as Hall strode across the street toward the drug store, trying to light a cigarette. At the store she rang up \$160 worth of coloring books, dolls and other toys.

This was just the last-minute shopping for Hall, the Tetonia resident behind a program called Subs for Santa, an effort to give Christmas gifts to the valley's poor children.

"It was an accident," Hall said, describing how the program started three years ago. "I wanted my kids to realize they're spoiled rotten."

So she was going to have them take some of the money they would get at Christmas and buy gifts for a needy family in the Teton Valley. She ended up helping 12 families that year.

The program has grown each Christmas, delivering gifts to 96 children last year.

This year, the group raised \$2,500 in cash and accumulated a roomful of donated toys, mostly from a benefit dance.

"It doesn't look much like a sleigh, does it?" she said of her dirty white Camaro. Bender wore a long green, pointed elf's cap trimmed with white fur that he had slipped over the top of a cowboy hat.

"It's for kids who might not have a Christmas otherwise," said Bender. Hall compiled her list of kids with the help of churches, schools and the Head Start program. The children range from babies to 18-year-olds.

The toys, clothes and a dozen donated bicycles were sorted and bagged. Later, they were turned over to American Legion workers to be wrapped and delivered.

Money from merchants, a middle-school effort and a charity effort by Key Bank in Driggs helped pay for the program.

Panel looks at sites for community college

LAYTON, Utah (AP) — A panel of Davis County community leaders and higher education officials is evaluating a dozen sites for a potential community college.

The Davis Higher Education Center board plans to lobby the Legislature for money to buy an option on land for a college. The center, located at Weber State's Layton extension office, coordinates classes offered by the state's three universities in the county.

Layton officials have put forward six sites with the 100-acre minimum size and accessibility the board requires. Farmington has proposed four sites, Kayville another and Centerville is touting a site for the potential college.

Officials cite crowded jail, bad inmate mix for incident

COTTONWOOD (AP) — A recent disturbance at the North Idaho Correctional Institution in Cottonwood was the result of overcrowding and a bad mix of inmates, prison officials said.

Two inmates in the minimum-security prison's segregation unit began yelling and banging banks against the wall and another attempted to commit suicide by hanging at the same time last week, officials said.

The two events were unrelated, but some of the other inmates became upset and began yelling and rattling things after the two incidents occurred.

The 16-bed segregation unit is a sturdier building used for inmates at risk. Last week it was holding 17 inmates, 10 of whom were transported elsewhere after the incident to help relieve crowding.

Officials at the Idaho Department of Corrections said Thursday that the attempted suicide may have been a prank.

"It wasn't a major incident," Warden James Rehder said. "The whole problem was overcrowding in our segregation unit. The prison system is full and real slow to move inmates out. We had a couple of youngsters in there who started acting like youngsters."

For the record

TWIN FALLS — Records in 5th District Court show the following recent activity:

Driving under the influence charges filed:

James Edward Lamp, 24, 900 Yakima, Filer, bond set at \$500.

Brent D. Fenstermaker, 39, 351 Elaine Ave., Twin Falls, bond set at \$500.

Mark Amos Howard, 40, 4575 E. 3125 N., Murtaugh, bond set at \$500.

Carol Louise Bose, 30, P.O. Box 138, Jackpot, Nev., bond set at \$2,000.

Carter M. Owens, 30, 21 Manner Drive, Buhl, bond set at \$2,000.

Kenneth Laverna Folk, 47, 1128 Seventh Ave. E., Twin Falls, bond set at \$500.

Jay L. Leedom, 34, 715 Center St., Kimberly, bond set at \$500.

Evelyn M. Campbell, 32, 475 Caswell Ave. W., Twin Falls, bond set at \$500.

Eugene W. Wright, 37, 631 Third Ave. W., Twin Falls, bond set at \$500.

Loreen Christine Lubkeman, 55, 3624 N. 3000 E., Twin Falls, bond set at \$500.

Ruben Garza, 22, 387 E. Elm, Castleford, bond set at \$617.

Drunk driving arraignments:

Juan Tomas-Antonio, 31, 118 E. Sixth St., Jerome, pleaded innocent.

Douglas Lynn Jacobsen, 37, Jarbidge, Nev., pleaded guilty.

Services

Bertha M. Rist Gardner, of Gooding, Rosary at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Demaray's Gooding Chapel; Mass of Christian Burial at 1:30 p.m. Monday, St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church.

Ebel M. "Peg" Lange Beaudett, of Gooding, 11 a.m. Monday, Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Lovinia Norton, of Burley, 11 a.m. Monday, Burley 4th Ward LDS Church, 515 E. 16th., (McCulloch's Funeral Home in Burley).

Doris Lamm, of Jerome, graveside service, 1 p.m. Monday, Jerome Cemetery, (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Jerald R. Stevenson, of Bliss, graveside service, 2 p.m. Monday, Wendell Cemetery, (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Billie Ann Gay, of Jackpot, Nev., 11 a.m. Tuesday, Thompson's Funeral Home in Weiser.

Death notices

Jodie K. Nealis
BURNS, Ore. — Jodie Kathleen Burr Nealis, 40, of Burns, Ore., and formerly of Heyburn, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 1993, at a Burns care center.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Burley First Christian Church, 1401 Oakley Ave., with the Rev. Lenah Moxley officiating. A private burial will follow at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main in Burley, and one hour before the funeral Tuesday at the church. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Burley First Christian Church, 1401 Oakley Ave., Burley, ID 83318.

Mary D. Belval
TWIN FALLS — Mary Dorothy Belval, 80, of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1993, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Admitted
Glenna Melvin of Twin Falls; and Alecia Nishimoto of Buhl.

Released
Sally Ellington, Dana Jimenez, Elizabeth Linde and Dorothy Neff, all of Twin Falls; Melanie Kelly of Kimberly; Faye Moffett of Buhl; and Lori Taylor of Declo.

CASSIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Admitted
Carrie Waymont of Burley; Megan Darrington of Malta; Shawn Marriot of Rupert; Melanie Mesenbring of Boise; and Alice Nevarez of Heyburn.

Released
Katrina Bell, Ferné Mjors, Robert Parker, Harold Vogt and Erma Worthington, all of Burley; Nancy Schut of Rupert; and Brandon Wright of Declo.

Births
A baby was born to Carrie Waymont of Burley.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Admitted
Luis Arizpe, Duane Ranson, Janine Hieb and Heather Hodgson, all of Rupert; and Sabrina Lloyd of Oakley.

Released
Jacob Fultcher of Rupert.

Obituaries

Georgia N. Harris
BURLEY — Georgia Nell Harris, 73, of Burley, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 1993, at the LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City.

She was born Sept. 12, 1920, in Grace, the daughter of Roy C. and Martha Alba Turner Harris. She attended schools in McCammon and Pocatello, where she graduated from high school. She married Clyde "Floy" Larson here on Dec. 24, 1938, in Blackfoot. He preceded her in death on Aug. 26, 1991. Mrs. Harris had worked for the Burley Rexall Drug Store, LaRee's Clothing and for several years for Roper's clothing store in Burley until her retirement eight years ago.

An active member of the LDS Church, she had served in the Primary presidency and as a visiting teacher supervisor.

Survivors include two sons, B.

Floyd Robinson
TWIN FALLS — Floyd "Robbie" Robinson, 64, of Central City, Iowa, and formerly of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 18, 1993, at the Manor Care Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, following a long illness.

The body was cremated and private family committal services will be held at a later date.

Surviving are his wife, Vera; three sisters, Edith Reed of Blackfoot, Virginia Stone of Twin Falls and Betty Browning of Pleasant Hill, Calif.; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Bill and Edmond.

Born the son of Floyd and Pauline Ruth Bishop Robinson on Sept. 28, 1929, in Kenfield, Calif., he married Vera Koops on March 17, 1950, in Twin Falls. Floyd served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and worked in radio communications for Rockwell Collins, retiring in 1988 after 28 years.

Downhill



Utah State University students Mirian Jones and Nathan White enjoy the sun and snow Thursday at the school's Old Main Hill in Logan after a snowstorm the night before had made sledding conditions favorable.

Family upset by body's handling

PLUMMER (AP) — Family and friends of Howard Monhatwa want to know why the Indian man's body was laid in the back of his wrecked car and delivered to the morgue aboard a tow truck after a fatal crash.

"A better decision could have been made," Idaho State Police Capt. Ralph Powell said Thursday.

Powell met with the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council and family members to apologize and to respond to rumors that racism motivated the handling of Monhatwa's body after the Dec. 3 accident on U.S. Highway 95.

"There was no connection with discrimination. It had nothing to do with racism," Powell said. "I don't fault

them at all for wanting answers. I've apologized to the tribal council and the family that was there for the hurt and pain the decision did cause."

Coeur d'Alene Tribe spokesman Bob Bostwick welcomed Powell's actions.

"The council has respected the fact that ISP came and apologized about the way things were handled, first and foremost to the family and to the tribe," Bostwick said.

Monhatwa, 25, was driving his young stepdaughter and her baby cousin home from a movie the night of Dec. 3 when an oncoming car crossed the center line and slammed into their car.

The baby, Amadee Nomee, died the next morning at Deaconess Medical Center in Spokane, Wash. Justina Nomee, who was riding in the back seat with the baby, died at the scene.

Powell said the coroner released her body to a funeral director. But Monhatwa, whose lower body was pinned in the front seat, remained in the car for more than five hours while a state trooper reconstructed the accident.

Meanwhile, Monhatwa's torso was hanging outside the car when his wife and other friends and relatives happened upon the scene.

"It wasn't a pretty thing," Powell said.

Council

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Falls are shortchanged in city decision-making.

"I don't see any prejudice because of where we live," Allen said. "But it (McMurrin's plan) has some merit, there's no doubt about that."

Councilman-elect Clow conceded that "Don probably has a legitimate observation," and said the council may be imbalanced demographically as well as geographically.

But electing council members from districts could pit different parts of the city against each other

and further politicize city government, he said.

"People might think, 'I have to satisfy this corner of town or I won't get re-elected,'" he said. "Everything becomes much more political, where city government is supposed to be nonpolitical, and it becomes harder to think of what's good for the city as a whole."

Councilman-elect Talkington said he agrees that the council suffers from a lack of diversity, but said he didn't think single-member districts would help. Lack of free time is the biggest factor preventing people from running for and winning council seats, he said.

"Somebody working at Ernst would have a hard time getting time off during the Christmas rush to attend a council meeting," Talkington said. "If we went to geographic districts and each district elected a retiree, would we be any better off?"

McMurrin conceded that his initiative probably would have a hard time passing, but said it might spur the City Council to enact the change on its own.

"If it makes them look and say 'maybe what we're doing isn't right,' then often that's better than passing an initiative," he said.

Birds

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marshy area.

There are about 500 bird species found north of Mexico; Trotter estimates he has spotted or heard about 475 in his travels.

"I took an ornithology class in graduate school and just really got

into it," said Trotter, a Twin Falls pediatrician.

During his time in Twin Falls, Trotter said he has noticed the decline in pheasants that has been well-documented by hunters and wildlife biologists, and a reduction in the number of songbirds.

A big part of the problem is that fewer areas between fields and along roadsides are being left as habitat for the birds, he said.

Murrell said volunteers noted an increase in so-called "pest species," such as starlings and magpies this year.

House

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opment Plan, on a plan to move the house downtown.

But getting money for the move from the state historical agencies

will be very difficult, Chandler said. "We've been scratching our heads about what to do with it," he said.

The mall doesn't have a retail tenant lined up for the space where the house now sits, but the site is the

location for "future development," he said.

"The house is also the temporary home of a family, who is renting it from the mall, but who Chandler wouldn't name.

Health

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The 10-person commission envisioned in McRoberts' draft legislation would have broad powers to:

- Contain health-care costs, including Medicaid expenditures.
- Collect patient financial data and other information on health-care expenditures.
- Identify health problems and recommend solutions to the Legislature.
- Administer any future state health insurance system, such as the insurance-buying cooperatives, or "health alliances," proposed by the Clinton administration.

The commission also would administer a new version of the old "certificate-of-need" program, under which hospitals and other health-care businesses had to get state approval for certain major projects.

That program was intended to control rising health-care costs, but failed to do so and was repealed in the mid-80s.

"We got rid of it because nobody was ever told 'no,'" McRoberts said. She said the bill she plans to introduce wouldn't necessarily resemble

the old certificate of need program, but would require some sort of formal review procedure for new programs and technology.

It probably also would loosen current antitrust restrictions on hospitals and health-care facilities to permit them to cooperate and communicate with each other more closely, she said.

Control over Idaho's health-care system is divided between a number of offices and authorities, including the part-time Board of Health and Welfare, the full-time director and staff of the Department of Health and Welfare, and the seven regional public health districts.

In an ideal world, McRoberts said, she'd rather combine those entities with the health-care commission and create a separate state Health Department.

But there's little political support for that kind of restructuring, she said.

Most states have a health commission, health department or other top health-care body, McRoberts said, and those that don't are creating them.

McRoberts has been developing the idea with officials in Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus' office.

Although Andrus spokesman Scott Peyron would not give details of the talks, he and McRoberts both said discussions over the details of a health-commission bill are continuing.

Peyron would not say whether Andrus would make the commission one of his top legislative priorities. But he did say: "The governor has committed to studying the concept of a health commission to control costs."

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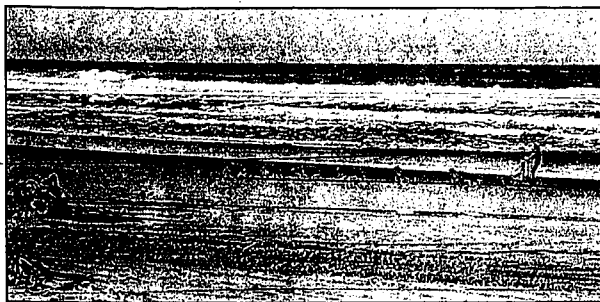
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Training for travel



AP photo

Jim Tofflemire of North Bend, Ore., is shown training his dog sled team near Coos Bay, Ore., for an upcoming trip. He will lead his team 540 miles from the Oregon-Idaho border to North Bend to raise funds for the bone marrow unit at Portland's Doernbecher Children's Hospital.



Woman dies from Boise outbreak

BOISE (AP) — A 52-year-old Boise secretary died Thursday of the same bacterial infection that attacked four schoolchildren early this month.

Public-health officials also said a sixth victim — a seventh-grade boy — was in good condition Thursday in the intensive-care unit at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center. The boy and the woman, who were not identified but are not related, are victims of a Boise-area outbreak of nisseria meningitidis, an unusual infection that is difficult to contract but kills 1 in 10 people infected.

During all of 1992, only eight cases of the bacterial infection were reported statewide. The infection can cause meningitis, a swelling of the tissue surrounding the brain and spinal cord, and septicemia. Symptoms include fever, chills, stiff neck, intense headache, vomiting and nausea.

To keep the outbreak in check, the Central District Health Department

urged 4,000 to 5,000 people — students, staff and their families at two Meridian schools — to get free vaccinations next week.

The secretary's case is the only one of the six recent cases that public-health officials have been unable to connect to students at Lake Hazel Elementary School and Lake Hazel Middle School, south of Boise.

The other victims were students at those two schools.

It was uncertain how the woman, who lived and worked in west Boise, contracted the illness. She was hospitalized several days ago with what doctors first diagnosed as pneumonia, said Kathy Holley, the Central District Health Department's director of nursing.

She died of a blood infection — septicemia — caused by the bacteria.

"We're treating her as an isolated case," Holley said. Everyone who had close contact with her is being treated with antibiotics to ward off the illness.

To ward off more cases connected to the schools, the Health Department on Thursday recommended vaccinations. The state Department of Health and Welfare will pick up the tab — about \$150,000, not counting labor costs.

"The rationale is that this is a little outbreak in our community, and if we can eradicate it," Holley said. "We don't want any (more) deaths."

Most area residents have little to fear, Holley said.

Murderer discusses his crimes

BOISE (AP) — Condemned killer Keith Eugene Wells, facing a Jan. 6 execution he requested, admits he bludgeoned two people to death at the Rose Pub three years ago.

Wells said in a telephone interview from Death Row on Thursday he wanted to "clean his conscience" before being executed by lethal injection, according to a copyrighted story by The Idaho Statesman.

But Boise police say Wells conceded he committed the killings when he was arrested about four months after the Dec. 20, 1990, beating deaths of John Justad, 23, and Brandi Rains, 20, during a robbery at the tavern.

"We did an extensive interview and he did admit to it," Boise Police Detective Dave Smith said Friday. "It was testified to at trial."

To Justad's sister, Jan Englund, it is good to know the truth.

"I want it to be over with," she said. "We buried John on Christmas Eve, and Christmastime will never be the same."

In the latest interview, Wells said he killed the victims with a baseball bat he later burned in his fireplace.

Wells said he left home on that cold, snowy night with the bat and the feeling his life was about to change. But he said he did not specifically target the victims beforehand.

He was at a loss to say why he killed Justad and Rains, but said he was under pressure of being on parole for other crimes, and he was physically exhausted from walking around that day.

"It was more like a predator on the prowl for prey," he said. "When I left home that night, I knew that someone was going to die."

"I died that night, too," he said.

He has rejected court appeals that could delay the execution for years. He wants to die.

Amil Myshin, the Ada County public defender who represented him at trial, participated in the conference-call interview that was arranged at Wells' request.

"He's told me so many lies over the years, I basically don't believe anything he said about the crime," Myshin said. "But he sounds sincere to me."

Wells was on parole at the time of the Rose Pub murders after serving time in prison for armed robbery and threatening members of his family. He had been working as a door-to-door salesman.

He was a regular at the tavern and said he spent two hours there before hitting Justad, and then Rains, with the bat which he had put in the back of the bar after arriving.

He said he knew Rains, a barmaid, but not Justad, a customer. He said neither angered or otherwise provoked him to commit the murders.

"All I know is that (at) one certain point in time, I knew it was time for them to die," Wells said. "I've known for many, many years that sooner or later I would end up killing someone."

Briefly

Court denies visitation for killer

BOISE — U.S. Magistrate Mikel Williams has rejected condemned killer Thomas Eugene Creech's request for visits by a woman he claims is his wife.

Creech, 43, was sentenced to death for the 1981 slaying of another prison inmate while serving time for killing two Valley County men in 1974.

Idaho Department of Corrections attorneys said visits between Creech and the woman would pose a security risk. They asked Williams to deny Creech's request for non-contact visits.

Lawyers for both sides presented their arguments at a Nov. 29 hearing before Williams. The judge took the matter under advisement and issued his ruling Wednesday.

Citizens respond to plea for help

MOSCOW — Several Moscow-area residents have responded to a police request for help finding a claw hammer that investigators believe was used to kill a University of Idaho student 24 years ago.

Janice Lynn Folles, 18, was murdered on Dec. 28, 1969, at the Tip Top Cafe, where she worked part time as a waitress.

Moscow Police Lt. Jacob Kershnik is trying to build a case against a suspect who now lives in Montana. He asked residents this week to check their toolboxes and garages for a claw hammer with one of its claws broken and the handle wrapped with a brown material, possibly leather.

"I spoke with four people so far," Kershnik said Thursday.

Families moving into new houses

BOISE — More than a dozen Boise families will spend Christmas together in new homes because of a rent-to-own affordable housing project by the Boise City Housing Authority.

The Northwest Boise project will eventually make it possible for 96 lower-income families to become homeowners, city officials said Thursday.

Judith Warrell-Payne, the housing authority executive director, said families pay rent for about two years after which the increase in the home's value is used as a down payment.

Sheriff wants other law officers out

McCALL — Valley County Sheriff Lewis Pratt has complained to the state about outside officers working on drug cases within his jurisdiction.

Those officers reply they can follow crime, no matter where it leads.

In a Nov. 16 letter to Richard Cade, state Law Enforcement director, Pratt said he is not being told when officers from the McCall Police Department and a special Ada County narcotics task force do investigations on his ground.

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West

Court says cattle must be moved

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An administrative law judge has ordered cattle removed from part of a Bureau of Land Management allotment southwest of Blanding pending an environmental impact study.

John Rampton, an Interior Department administrative law judge, held that the BLM violated Federal law in administering the grazing permit for the 72,000-acre allotment.

Rampton has barred the BLM from allowing any cattle to graze in the five canyons branching off Comb Wash until it conducts an environmental impact study and makes a "reasoned and informed" decision that grazing cattle in the canyons serves the public good.

Conservationists who launched the battle three years ago hailed Rampton's decision as the most important grazing case in the past 15 years.

"It is definitely a slam-dunk," said Tom Lustig, senior staff attorney with the National Wildlife Federation in Denver.

The group joined the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance and Arizona State University law Professor Joe Feller in appealing a BLM decision to allow grazing in the Comb Wash canyons.

Environmentalists asked for cattle to be banned from Arch, Mule, Fish Creek, Owl Creek and Road canyons, which make up 10 percent of the grazing allotment. They asked cattle be contained to the unfenced lower pasture area, where the bulk of the forage exists.

Conservationists argued that the 350 head of cattle run by the Ute Mountain Tribe were destroying ancient Indian ruins, stream banks, vegetation, water quality, wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities.

Attorneys for the Interior Department and the ranching industry contended that the BLM complied with federal regulations and used all available grazing data.

Crossing guard dies after being struck by car

KEARNS, Utah (AP) — Students at Bennion Elementary have expressed their loss at the death of crossing guard James Sanborn, killed when struck by a car.

On a fence next to where he died, pupils tacked up a white sheet Thursday with colored hearts, handprints and their names. They drew a picture of Sanborn, a king's crown on his head. The message said, "Mr. Crossing Guard, we'll miss you."

Sanborn, 63, had been a crossing guard at the school for two years.

After escorting a batch of kids across the street Wednesday, Sanborn was struck and killed. He died the day he planned to retire to southern Utah after 10 years as a Salt Lake County crossing guard.

Sanborn had just escorted a half dozen children across the street and was heading back to gather up more when he was struck by a motorist heading north along 3200 West.

"I'd seen him when he walked over with the kids and I turned my head to see if there was anybody coming out of the side street and when I looked back, Bam! That's it," said the 62-year-old Murray motorist. "I feel so bad. He must have just turned around and stepped right in front of me."

Sheriff's officials said there were no signs of speeding or drinking. An investigation was continuing.

Airport plans duty-free shop

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The airport authority is planning to open a duty-free shop at Salt Lake International Airport, enabling traveling Canadians to buy cigarettes at less cost.

A \$2 pack in Utah costs about \$6 in Canada.

Enough Canadians have complained to prompt city officials to start planning the duty-free shop, which will open by next summer.

The airport serves flights to Canada and Mexico. Foreign travelers will be able to buy cigarettes, liquor and souvenirs in the shop without paying taxes on the items when they get home.

"If we're going to be in the international airport business, we have to start acting like an international airport," said Deputy City Attorney Steve Allred.

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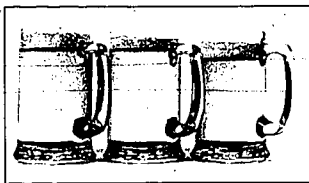
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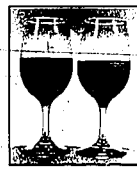
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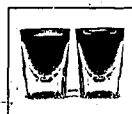
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World

Palestinians win flag showdown with Israel

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank (AP) — The PLO won a Christmas Eve showdown with the Israeli army over flying the Palestinian flag in front of City Hall, after a four-day contest of wills.

By the time the army granted a Christmas truce today, flags were sprouting everywhere. Boy scouts, girl scouts and even Santa Claus had joined the fray, with a man in a Santa suit waving the red, green, white and black banner from the back of a jeep.

The first major celebration of Christmas in Bethlehem since the Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation started in December 1987 became a battle of wills between Israelis and Palestinians over the meaning of their peace treaty.

Flags, regarded as a symbol of Palestinian autonomy, have been run up and down the pole since Tuesday. Military regulations bar Palestinian flags on public buildings, which are still controlled by Israel, although flags on private houses, businesses and car antennas are ignored.

Today, the army decided to let the flag at City Hall stay — at least for Christmas.

"We are not going to fight it now. This is a holiday," said Brig. Gen. Gadi Zohar, the head of the military government. "We're going to let the ceremonies and festivities continue."

PLO leaders claimed victory and, lifted threats to cancel the celebrations.

"The Israelis must know that we set the rules in our city, not them," Nafiz Al-Rifai, local representative of



Palestinians march through Bethlehem with a Palestinian flag in celebration of Christmas on Friday.

Yasser Arafat's mainstream Fatah faction. "Of course, this is a victory and the Israelis know it very well."

"The battle isn't over flags but over content," said Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. "They have to understand... that we haven't proposed a Palestinian state. We've proposed self-rule, autonomy, so they can't have everything a state has."

Today's events began when Palestinian youths put a tattered Palestinian flag on a pole in front of City Hall in Manger Square. The square borders the Church of the Nativity.

Two policemen moved in but were pushed back, and hundreds of Palestinians whistled and clapped as a supporter read a Christmas message from PLO leader Yasser Arafat from the steps of City Hall.

Arafat said he hoped that "next year we will all pray together in our Holy Land and in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem."

Scores of soldiers and police swarmed as about 6,000 Palestinian Christians and foreign pilgrims converged on Manger Square.

A police band played Christmas songs, and Santa Claus waved the flag and tossed candy to children from a jeep.

About 30 scouts marched with Palestinian flags wrapped around their chests. Others dressed in military-style camouflage uniforms.

Police said a pipe bomb was found overnight near the church.

"I was astonished to see the flag up there. I guess it means Palestinians and Israelis can compromise," said Daisy Tful, a tourist from Hong Kong.



U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali speaks to journalists Friday before heading to North Korea.

U.N. leader journeys across Korean border

PANMUNJOM, Korea (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali arrived in North Korea Friday with a message from South Korea and hopes of defusing nuclear tensions on the divided peninsula.

Boutros-Ghali crossed the highly militarized border to Communist North Korea after a three-day visit to South Korea. He became the first secretary-general to visit the two countries since 1979.

Speaking at a news conference in Seoul on Thursday, the U.N. chief said he was confident nuclear tensions on the Korean peninsula could be resolved through "patience" and "goodwill."

North Korea has refused to allow international inspections of nuclear

facilities. That has heightened suspicions that it is developing nuclear weapons, something North Korea denies.

The United States has warned that U.N. sanctions may be sought unless the nuclear issue is resolved.

U.S. and North Korean negotiators met in New York twice this week but refused to comment on their talks.

But South Korean newspapers, quoting unnamed Seoul government officials, said the two sides were nearing agreement.

The United States and South Korea are offering better relations and economic aid in exchange for full inspections of the North's nuclear facilities.

Palestinian gunmen ambush, kill Israeli officer in Gaza City

GAZA CITY, Occupied Gaza Strip (AP) — Palestinian gunmen hiding in an orange grove ambushed an army jeep Friday, killing an Israeli lieutenant colonel, Israeli and Arab reports said.

A Palestinian passer-by was killed when troops in the jeep shot back at the attackers, Israel radio said.

The army said the lieutenant

colonel died and three soldiers were wounded when their jeep was ambushed in Gaza City. The slain officer was identified as Mer Mintz, 36, a senior officer in the Gaza command.

"One of the wounded was an army major struck by gunfire as he charged at the gunmen, the army statement added.

Radio reports and witnesses said the assailants fled after the shooting.

One witness, a 22-year-old who would only give his family name of Toom, said the gunmen parked in an orange grove and waited for the jeep to pass by.

"We were sitting in a shop. (A gunman) asked everyone to close the windows and take cover," he said.

Toom said a gunman stood behind a water pump and fired at the jeep as it came by.

He said just before the shooting the gunmen shouted "Allahu Akhbar," God is Great and Izzedine Al-Qassam, the name of the military wing of the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas group, which opposes the Israeli-PLO agreement.

Briefly

Sarajevo sees little holiday peace

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — The Bosnian capital settled in Friday for a tense Christmas after three days of heavy shelling and the failure of both peace talks and a holiday truce.

Radio said at least two people, including an electrical worker on a repair mission, died and at least 34 people were wounded by shelling Friday, a day after a severe bombardment that killed eight and wounded 50.

"There is no cease-fire for the moment," said a U.N. spokesman, Cmdr. Idesbald Van Beisebroeck. "That is very clear. There is no cease-fire at all."

There were reports of fighting in many of the trouble spots of western and central Bosnia as well.

Russian hostage drama continues

MINERALNYE VODY, Russia — Four masked gunmen released seven children and their teacher Friday but were still holding at least seven other hostages in a helicopter packed with explosives, an official said.

The release came after the hijackers were given \$10 million in U.S. currency they had demanded. The gunmen, who demanded safe passage to Iran, had threatened to begin executing hostages if they didn't get the money. Russian television reported on the second day of the hostage crisis.

Germany cleans up as water recedes

BERLIN — With river waters slowly receding, Germans in dozens of cities cleaned up flood-damaged homes Friday and opened stores in hopes of ringing up a few sales before Christmas.

Waters from some of the worst flooding this century also were receding in northern France, but officials reported a second death there. A woman in her 80s from Valmunster village died of hypothermia after stumbling in her stable, where she had gone to see if her animals were safe.

The flooding has also claimed at least four lives in Germany and one in Belgium. Authorities feared a fifth death in Germany — a man who disappeared in the raging waters of the Main river near Coburg.

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Religion

Just in time for Christmas Day ...

A stocking full of holiday stories from clergy and church leaders

Explaining wisdom of the wise men

I read the Christmas story from the Gospel of Matthew the other day, and I was most interested in the part played by the wise men.

I should have remembered the story. For goodness' sake, when I was a child, the Christmas pageant lady would almost always choose me to play one of the wise men. Therefore, I considered myself an expert. But then I got back into the story and discovered that King Herod was using the wise men for his own selfish purposes.

The story goes something like this: wise men (the Bible does not say how many) from Persia came into Jerusalem and started nosing around and asking all kinds of questions about a baby who was supposed to become King of the Jews.



Clark Morphew
Faith today

When King Herod heard the rumors about a child-king, he naturally was very curious about what was going to happen to his job. So, he called together all of his priests, who were probably as corrupt as a three-dollar bill. Then, he sent some camels over to the wise men's hotel and ordered them down to city hall for a meeting.

The wise men were nervous about the meeting and probably had a little conflict of their own to get their story straight. When they told King Herod the baby was going to be born in Bethlehem, he told them to hunt down this future king and bring back all the information they could find.

So, they set out with a movable star leading them toward Bethlehem. When the star stopped, they figured that was the place where the new king had been born. So they went inside with expensive gifts, like money and some perfume. And they hung out for a while visiting with Mary and Joseph and playing with the baby.

Joseph told them about the voices he had been hearing and how Mary had been chosen to give birth to the King of the Jews. In turn, the wise men told Mary and Joseph about King Herod and how they had a dream that told them not to return to Herod with the information on Jesus.

Then they took off, returning to Persia, which is now called Iran. Meanwhile, Joseph took Mary and Jesus and fled to Egypt because he knew that Herod would stop at nothing to see Jesus dead. So the holy family lived like fugitives, keeping to themselves and leading a low-profile life.

The wise men were never heard from again. They probably did return to Persia and, because they were well-educated men, their stories of the baby who would someday be king were circulated throughout the Middle East, which is predominantly an area where Muslims live. Isn't it interesting that Muslims honor Jesus as one of several prophets of the Islamic faith?

To punish the wise men and to make sure the baby-king was dead, Herod had all the children around Bethlehem who were 2 years old or younger killed. There was great sadness in Bethlehem for many years.

All we know the rest of the story: how Jesus and his parents returned to Israel and how all the prophecies from the Old Testament — that Jesus would become known as the prince of peace — came true and is still true today for Christians all over the world.

It occurs to me that Joseph and Mary and the wise men all had a pretty good thing going with God. Everything in the story was choreographed by the Almighty.

For instance, what's this "business with the movable star" I've had

lots of days when I needed one of those and couldn't even get decent directions from a cabbie. No wonder they knew exactly where to go. It was the star making the wise men look good. And then they have a dream that tells them to go home, posthaste.

Now who wouldn't like to have a star leading them around all day?

Wow, could life ever be sweet. And then you have Joseph who beats those troubling decisive moments by hearing voices that tell him precisely what to do.

I have lamented in this space before about my personal lack of voices and visions. I wish, just once, that God would intrude on my life at the right moment, when I'm trying to decide what car to buy, for instance. And then send some wise men to my house with a sack of gold coins.

Alas, we stumble on, voiceless pilgrims, trying to understand and grasp the meaning of life, the meaning of Christmas. I hope yours is fulfilled before your eyes, a veritable vision of happiness and joy.

I hope your home will be infused with the warmth of love and the power of forgiveness. Yes, I hope, in some small way, you will be visited by the majesty of the divine.

Clark Morphew is an ordained clergyman and a writer for the St. Paul (Minn.) Pioneer Press.

Subbing for Santa

My favorite time of year is Christmas time. People, no matter what their circumstances are or even if they know you, get into the spirit of giving.

Several Christmases ago, we had a very exciting Christmas. We had just had our third child, and he was about three weeks old when my husband came home from work and announced he had been laid off for the winter. It was Nov. 1.

I worked part time in the intensive care unit at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, but had taken a maternity leave. I called my supervisor the next day and asked if there was any way I could get some work until my husband could find a job. I knew this

was not the best time to be asking for extra shifts since everyone wanted to work for extra Christmas money.

I told her I could only work a couple of days a week because I was still recovering from my son's birth. Immediately, she put me back to work.

One day, as I was reading our department newsletter, I read about a family in our department and a Sub for Santa project. It told a little about the family to be helped.

The mother could only work a few days a week because she had a new baby, and the father had just been laid off. I thought that was really nice to do something for that poor family, and I wondered what we could give. As I went about my work that night, I kept thinking about that family, and it finally dawned on me that they were

talking about my family.

I called my husband and read him the newsletter. His first thought was "like mine." "Well, we don't have much to give, but we can give something for that family."

I then explained that the family was ours! At first, he was very upset and told me to tell them we didn't need anyone's help. But, as I would go to work and watch these people make things for my family, I couldn't say anything. In the narcotics drawer was an envelope that said "Sub for Santa Family." Weekly, I watched as the envelope got fuller and fuller with money. I was in awe that these people would do so much and not even know or care who the family was.

One day, they delivered our Christmas to us, and the amount of gifts and money and

food they gave us was overwhelming. I will never forget that Christmas as long as I live. I truly learned about the spirit of giving and receiving.

Every Christmas since that time, we share that experience with our children. The only way I know of ever repaying that department is for our family to find a family to share Christmas with.

We have had more fun in discussing what we are going to do for others. Some years, we can give more than other years. I hope my children will never forget the time that others served us, and I hope they will take this tradition into their own families.

We have been so blessed.

Bonnie Gaver
Jerome

The reason for the season



Members of the youth group at the Twin Falls First Christian Church present the traditional live nativity scene for motorists and passersby on Shoshone Street. Included are, from left, front, Stacey Schmidt, Ivy Runkle and Jeni Trujillo. In back are, from left, Mike Baker, Cody Baxter, Heather Bohr, Angela Parrish and Jessica Bohr. The group braved frigid temperatures on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings to bring life to the Christmas scene.

Reunited for Christmas.

Young eyes sparkled as the lights and colors of Christmas were experienced for the first time. Squeals of joy came forth with each gift. Joy welled up within the parents as they shared this very special Christmas.

Cold winds of January caused the scraping of brush against the side of the house, reminding the couple of the cold outside and of the warmth shared this special day. Yes, they were celebrating Christmas, not on Dec. 25, but on the day when their family was reunited for a brief time.

Days before, the proud father had been on the other side of the world. His military duty had called him to fly helicopters in Vietnam. An overnight flight from Saigon to the states resulted in this Christmas celebration — a celebration still remembered by both parents, for both had come to realize the real reason for Christmas. Both had made a commitment to the Christ of Christmas while a world apart.

Christmas came to mean a time of celebration, a time of joy and appreciation, a time not hindered by situation or circumstance, a time of rejoicing. It goes beyond a date on the calendar, the value of presents given and received.

Often, the most precious gift of Christmas is left unwrapped. There it sits, precious but ignored, while other frivolous activities dominate the season. That precious gift is the Christ of Christmas — freely given, just waiting to be received.

The joyful Christmas just described was made by that gift of Jesus the Christ. Neither war nor winter chill could take away the warmth shared that Christmas.

The Rev. Jim O'Donnell
Airport Road Freewill Baptist Church
Twin Falls

A cold holiday turned warm

The winter of 1937 in the Dakotas was bitterly cold. It was 30 below zero that snowy, blowy Christmas Eve. Christmas was bleak that year, for the

Dakotas had been caught in Depression years. There had been no crops for several years. Farmers had failed, along with businesses in the small towns. Everyone had been told, "No Christmas this year."

Such a heartbreak for my brother, who was 10, and for me, age 13.

My dad was minister of three small churches, one a tiny country church that sat out in the middle of a field 14 miles from town.

That Christmas Eve, Mother bundled us in coats, hats, mittens and quilts and placed bricks heated in the oven at our feet. Off we chugged in the old Essex over the snowy fields.

What a wonderland greeted our eyes when we entered that tiny church! Instead of old kerosene lanterns, an enormous tree stood in the corner, glittering with hundreds of tiny candles.

Instead of three kings bearing gold, frankincense and myrrh to the manger scene under the tree, three farmers stood at the tree with buckets of water (just in case a flame got too near a tree branch). To a child holding a tiny candle while everyone sang Christmas carols, it was an awesome sight.

But the joy wasn't over. Every child received an apple, an orange and a candy cane. None of us had seen that all winter! The relief train had come through the week before, and families had saved the fruit for this special night.

We bundled up again for the long ride home, but something had happened. We were all lighter of heart, for we had experienced the wonder of Jesus' birth in a lowly stable.

My dad opened the car door to bundle John and me in the back seat, and I heard him start to cry. The back seat was full. The farm families of that tiny church had shared their meager supplies with us — chickens, eggs, milk, homemade bread, even a mended toy for each of us.

I learned the true meaning of Christmas that night — sharing and loving and caring. That will always remain my richest Christmas.

Willa Rider
Twin Falls

You gotta have faith

Once upon a time, four men were playing cards on Christmas Eve when a stranger came in and told them God would punish them for playing cards on Christmas Eve. He said God only helps people like himself, who would never think about playing cards at any time.

The stranger kept interrupting the card game with Bible quotations until one man suggested they teach him a lesson. So they took him out to the alley and tied him to a telephone pole and said to him, "You know it all. Now let's see if God helps you."

They left him and went back to their card game. After about an hour, they kept looking at each other, for it was very cold outside. They were afraid the man would freeze to death, so they went back out and untied him and brought him inside, where they said to him, "How come God didn't help you? You would have frozen to death."

The stranger looked at them and replied, "I was never worried for I knew, before I froze, God would send someone to untie me."

William Hafner
Twin Falls

A real Christmas tale

The following story, written by Vi Reiman, was presented years ago at Unity Church in Peoria, Ill.

My name is Mary, but it is of my son whom I speak. Perhaps you know of him: Some do.

The sky was dark that night so long ago. There was no moon and, as strange as it seems, there was only one star. But it was a great brilliant star that lit up the countryside around us.

My husband and I were on a journey. We had traveled quite far that day, but I knew we must stop soon for my time was upon me and I needed rest.

The road we traveled was filled with people, and they were all weary and hungry and seeking refuge.

I knew my husband was concerned, for

he led the donkey upon which I rode to the smoother parts, and he tried to keep some distance from the others so no harm would befall me or the child.

It was early evening when we stopped at the edge of the city, made a small fire and supped from food that we carried. We hoped to rest for a time and then go on to find lodgings for the night.

For, you see, there was something very special about the birth of this child. In dreams, we had been made aware of our great responsibility to my firstborn son. Many times in the past months, I had asked, "Why me, Lord, why me?"

And now, here I was, so far away from home and so ill prepared. Even the little things I had made for him were back in our rooms above the carpenter's shop.

My mother had begged me to stay home, but I felt I had to be with my husband at this time.

When we had eaten and resumed our journey, we soon knew it would be difficult to find lodgings. At every door, we were turned away.

Night came on, and the time was growing very short. We must find room, we must, but there was none.

Just at the moment when I felt I could go no farther, I heard someone say, "Look behind the inn. There is a cave. There may be cattle, but it will be warm and it will be dry."

And oh, what a heavenly place it was. By this time, the great star seemed to be centered directly above us. Its brilliant, golden light preceded us into the cave, and there was a wonderful radiance all around us.

There were cattle, but their lowing was like music. The tinkling bells were so soothing that I slept. My strength returned, and I thanked God.

A kind woman from the inn, having heard that a babe would be born, brought a warm cup of broth. It was good, and I was grateful.

The hours were long that night, and I slept no more, nor did the cattle. The lambs and the goats and donkeys kept watch with me. It was almost as if they knew

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Religion

Doubting nativity is Christmas tradition for British bishop

LONDON (AP) — Christmas must be doubted to be believed, says the Bishop of Durham who has declared that he doesn't believe the story.

Not all of it, anyway. Not the virgin birth, not the star of Bethlehem, not the three wise men. The jury's still out on the manger and the swaddling clothes.

Christmas doubts from Durham Bishop David Jenkins rival holy and lay as British Christmas traditions, since Jenkins became bishop there in 1984.

The head of the Church of England — Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey, said Monday he regretted that Jenkins "should have reopened these divisive issues in the run-up to Christmas, when most Christians would prefer to remember that unites them in wonder at the Incarnation of our Lord."

"Every Christmas David Jenkins comes out with his arguments. I'm a bit surprised that people take it so very hardly and so seriously," William Westwood, the bishop of Perthshire, told BBC radio Monday.

But it was front-page stuff in London.

"Bishop sends the three wise men packing," The Independent



Jenkins

young woman in a Santa suit.

This year's coverage was set off by Jenkins' interview with David Frost for the "BBC Breakfast with Frost" program Sunday.

Did the bishop believe that three wise men came to the stable bearing gold, frankincense and myrrh?

"On balance I have to be frank and say no," Jenkins said. "I think these stories are so splendidly symbolic and pick up so many echoes both from prophecies in the Old Testament and to make the point, here are people coming from overseas."

And the swaddling clothes and no room at the inn?

"I begin to wonder..."

The Star of Bethlehem?

"It's just about possible..."

headline read Monday.

"Why can't he keep his trap shut?" fumed the tabloid Daily Star, which placed its defense of Christian orthodox opposite a picture of a bare-breasted young woman in a Santa suit.

Jenkins' status as a doubting believer achieved mythic proportions when his headquarters, York, Minster, was struck by lightning three days after his consecration as bishop in July 1984. He plans to retire next year.

"What will we do next year? We won't know what to disbelieve," said Paul Handley, who writes a column of press criticism for the Church Times.

Rebecca Jenkins, the bishop's press officer and daughter, said Monday that her father thinks the periodic controversies have been worthwhile.

"He gets a wide range of letters from an awful lot of people, some within the church, an awful lot outside the church, who are very positive indeed. You get a small number... one wants to use the word 'lunatic' — perhaps 'strange' would be kinder. They believe in hell but they don't seem to believe in love, put it that way," she said in a telephone interview.

Christianity scholar debunks common Christmas myths

By Richard Schellin
Knight-Ridder News Service

Was Jesus born in a barn? Not likely. Did Mary lay her newborn in a bed of straw? Try again.

Many common assumptions about Jesus's birth are the product of Western folklore and have nothing to do with the depiction of the nativity found in the New Testament. Nor do they reflect the Middle Eastern culture of the first century. The Bible makes no mention of a Christmas holiday. In fact, it took centuries for Christmas to become a universal observance in the church.

Brent Walters, an authority on the early church, says it's time to put the Christmas story in its historical context. Only by peeling away the cultural trappings that have become attached to the holiday over the centuries — Christmas trees and yule logs, Santa Claus and shopping malls — can modern Christians refocus on the spiritual essence of the festival. That essence, he says, lies in "the hope of a Messiah."

Walters, 38, teaches Western religions at San Jose State University. He is founder and curator of the "Ante-Nicene Archive" outside Boulder Creek, perhaps the largest library in the country devoted to the first three centuries of Christianity. Walters is also the host of "Origins," a television show about the early church that is broadcast internationally over hundreds of stations by the Trinity Broadcasting Co.

celebration on Dec. 25.

A birth date is a Western invention.

Q. Didn't Mary travel to Bethlehem near the end of her pregnancy to register in a census ordered by the emperor?

A. Yes. If a census took place, like the Gospel of Luke tells us, there's no way the emperor would call it in the middle of winter. Everybody had to go back to the place of their ancestors' birth to register. That's where your citizenship was. You've got Jews all over the world... and they were coming from almost as far away as Britain and, on the other side, from Babylonia. It was difficult to travel at that time of year. You'd have an absolute riot on your hands.

Q. Why did Mary travel (some 70 miles from Nazareth) in her condition? Couldn't Joseph have registered for her?

A. Yes. The only reason Mary would travel is because she wanted Jesus to be born in the place of Joseph's ancestry. That would give him extra rights, including a tax break and, more importantly, a link with his heritage. Joseph was from the tribe of Judah, which was the tribe of King David, the kingly line and the most prominent one to be born in. From the Christian perspective, you have to be from the tribe of Judah to be the Messiah. And you also have to be from the tribe of Judah to be king.

Q. Did Mary really lay her baby in the hay?

A. I doubt it. They chopped hay at that time into pieces two inches long. Are you going to lay a brand-new baby with open eyes, ears, nose and mouth onto chopped hay, which is going to pierce the flesh and which is filthy from animals' being about? Not likely.

Q. Was Jesus born in a barn or stable?

A. Unlikely. They kept their animals outdoors in Bethlehem, and throughout most of Judea. What mother is going to have animals present at a birth? These people knew something about

sanitation.

Q. Where would Jesus have been born?

A. In someone's home, probably. Surely, Joseph's relatives, who apparently lived in Bethlehem, are going to take him in to deliver a child.

Q. Did shepherds attend the birth?

A. No, though they may have come a day or two later. The shepherds were raising sheep in the fields of Bethlehem, the same place where King David raised sheep. They were raising those sheep for sacrifice at Passover. To you and me, that might not mean much. But to the early Christians, it meant a great deal, because Jesus is going to be called the "son of David" and the "lamb of God" who takes away the sin of the world. Jesus is going to be the ultimate sacrifice.

Q. How about the "Three Kings of the Orient"? Were they at the birth?

A. Certainly not. And the Greek text of the New Testament says that they were magi, not kings. These were astrologers, scholars and philosophers — not soothsayers, but people who gazed at the stars to determine the seasons and tell people when to plant and reap and so on. At the time of Alexander the Great's birth, astrologers visited him to make alliances. And that's my guess of what the magi were doing in Bethlehem: They came as government representatives to form alliances with the newborn king.

Q. You're breaking a lot of popular conceptions here. People are going to be upset.

A. I don't think there's anything wrong with celebrating the birth of Jesus. As a Christian, I think that's a wonderful thing to do.

What bothers me is the paganism and commercializing of the holiday. We throw Frosty and Rudolph and the Grinch and Santa Claus in there along with Jesus, and put them all in the manger scene.

It amazes me that we get away with this and call it "Christmas" — that we say it has anything to do with Christ at all.

Spiritual healing follows racial church burnings

SUMMIT, Miss. (AP) — The 50 members of Springhill Freewill Baptist Church will spend Christmas celebrating the rebirth of their church.

It was one of two churches set afire one night last April by three white teen-age arsonists who targeted the all-black congregations.

When apologies and prison sentences for the arsonists weren't enough to heal the pain of that fiery night in rural southwest Mississippi, whites picked up hammers and began building.

More than 130 volunteers, mostly white, began construction this month.

"They figure that they owe us something, but a lot of those people don't owe us anything. They're just loving Christians," said Rosie Young, financial secretary of Springhill in Amite County.

"They're trying to help us get back before we scatter apart," she said of the small congregation which meets twice a month. "It's a big old Christmas present."

Church members planned to spend the holidays worshipping in a small temporary sanctuary while remembering what they'd had. The congregation had spent \$12,000 on renovations this spring, days before the chapel was burned down on April 4, the 25th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination.

A group of businessmen stepped in to bank supplied meeting space until the rebuilding, financed by donations, is complete early next year.

"We were in this rundown place with no heat, no lights, no nothing. Now we've got a warm place for Christmas," said Young.

Building organizer Jack Honca said a Boy Scout troop is among the building volunteers. He said money in the blue collar town of Summit have come forward with everything from nails to cash.

"Some of it is to bury the past. A lot is the desire to do something good," Honca said.

The arson fires, occurring 20 years after the nightmarish assault on a 1964 school bus to firebomb the sanctuary, resulted in prison sentences this month for the three white teens.

They used Springhill's hymnals to ignite the first fire. At their next stop in neighboring Pike County 15 miles away, flames raced through Rocky Point Missionary Baptist Church, prosecutors said. Both churches burned to the ground.

"We just couldn't imagine that we



Rocky Point Missionary Baptist Church members Bernice Nixon, her husband, Stafford, and Uriah Collins, rear, sit on what was the entrance to their Summit, Miss., church Dec. 8. Eight months earlier, three white teenagers burned the church on the anniversary of Martin Luther King's assassination.

had anybody still living here that was that mean. We thought that we had lived through that time," Young said.

Some church members claim that sentences were too lenient, but they're finding peace in the building efforts at both churches.

"It violated our civil rights. It violated everything we stood for," said Uriah Collins, surveying the ashes and rubble at Rocky Point.

"What we had here was ours. We weren't bothering anybody else. For them to come along and destroy it is something else," member Stafford Dixon said. For most, forgiveness has followed.

"Boys will be boys and we can't hold the whole city responsible. We have to live together," said the Rev. Leon Moore, assistant pastor of Rocky Point, which has 25 members and services twice a month.

"They (whites) regret what's happened, and they're trying to right the wrong and fix the relationships. They don't want it to be a racial thing," he said.

As the building program continues, the three teens will serve federal prison sentences. Charles W. McGeehee Jr., 18, of Summit and Jerome A. Bellelo, 17, of Franklinton, La., were sentenced to 37 months and Roy J. McGovern, 18, of Summit received a 46-month experience.

The teens, who pleaded guilty to conspiracy to violate the civil rights of church members, were also ordered to pay \$138,000 in restitution.

"Church members wonder if they ever will see any money."

Summit banker Frank Martin said volunteers hope to raise \$50,000 and do all the work themselves "to send a positive message out of something that should never have happened."

Church offers drive-through version of first Noel

POWAY, Calif. (AP) — Now, people can enjoy the Christmas story from the privacy of their own cars.

For the second year, the First Baptist Church of Poway is offering a drive-through version of the journey to Bethlehem, told in eight scenes set up in the parking lot.

Members of the church portray the biblical characters. Music and narration are played over speakers as visitors stop their cars to watch and listen.

The scenes include live donkeys and sheep.

"I think it's pretty cool," said

Danielle Arnold, who plays Mary. "A lot of people who have come through have gotten the true Christmas story from it."

The presentation has drawn about 80 cars a night since Dec. 16, said Ron Hansen, co-director of the event.

Letter

Bible offers hope

We will not live in fear. We will not live in ill tranquility of despair, arrogance, prejudice and hate. Our children should be able to play and travel without fear of violence. We will not let the predators of life rob us of our liberty and pursuit of happiness.

You can usually tell the literary mentality of the nation by what's on the best-seller list. We are the buyers and the viewers. Your voice and consumer dollars makes a big difference.

The Bible is the best seller. Christ's teaching does not leave anything to be

desired. The Bible teaches us love and understanding and forgiveness.

The eyes of God are in the children. Parents have the responsibility to teach, to nurture, to love, to understand. Children are not for beating and abusing.

There is hope. There is peace. I found both in the Lord Jesus Christ. Look to the Lord and you will find peace. (Dodd's last words)

There is no weakness in love, nor is there power in force.

As we read of tragedy, let us remember all the good in the world. Remember the spirit of Christmas — the bright eyes of the children, the

bright spot in our hearts, the love for others and life. Having life is a great gift. There is hope and faith in Jesus Christ our savior.

Merry Christmas!
NICK ROKICH
Burley

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Stories

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something wonderful would come to pass that night.

And so it was that my son was born. Wrapped in swaddling clothes, he lay in the sweet-smelling hay — and oh, how I loved him.

...Like any new mother, I thought he was the most beautiful child ever born.

He was good. He didn't even cry, and I was so very proud.

I knew deep in my soul, he'd be looked down at this sleeping babe, that he belonged to the world and would always belong to the world. But this night, he was mine. I clasped him to my breast, and I wept.

Strangers came and asked for the child, and they knelt down and worshipped him. I was so afraid.

The shepherds came and strangers from the East, having followed the star for many days. They brought gifts, and they called my son

wonderful and savior and light of the world.

And I did feel blessed among women. As you goings to lay a brand-new baby with open eyes, ears, nose and mouth onto chopped hay, which is going to pierce the flesh and which is filthy from animals' being about? Not likely.

Q. Was Jesus born in a barn or stable?

A. Unlikely. They kept their animals outdoors in Bethlehem, and throughout most of Judea. What mother is going to have animals present at a birth? These people knew something about

before the camcorder era, and the man was using a 35mm camera with an old, fold-out film flash attachment, with the king of the bulb you had to lick and then insert into the flash. I heard the click of his camera, noticed the flash didn't flash and continued to watch the stage where my brother was preparing to sing.

Soon, my attention was drawn back to the man in front who had still not sat down. His camera lay on his chair as he frantically sifted through his pockets, searching for another flashbulb. Someone seated behind him tapped him on the shoulder, informed him he was blocking their view and politely asked if he would please sit down so everyone could watch the program.

The man apologized and hurriedly tried to sit. In his hasty retreat, he sat on his camera, knocking onto the floor and creating even more of a distraction. I could hear him begin to grumble.

Not-so-silent night

One of my most vivid memories of the holidays is of my older brother's third-grade Sunday School Christmas pageant. The Nativity scene was acted out on a small stage at the end of the church fellowship hall. There were shepherds, wise men and angels. I was 4 years old.

As my brother's class began to walk out onto the stage to sing "Silent Night," a man in the front row stood to take a picture. His son was in my brother's class. This was

The choir was almost halfway through "Silent Night," and the man was still frantically trying to get a picture. I had long ago forgotten about my brother. The real show was watching this frustrated man. Thrashing through the contents of his camera bag, which he had dumped all over the floor in front of him, the man finally found another bulb. After licking it, he determinedly thrust it into the flash attachment. Again, the camera clicked. Again, the flash failed.

I remember the crisp sound as the man placed this bulb on the floor and, in his anger, crushed it with his shoe. Plunging back into his camera bag, he found another bulb and stuck it into the camera. This time, when it did not work, he jerked it out and threw it to the side of the stage. I tried to look to see where it had been dropped and landed, but my father held on to me, whispering, "Watch the stage; look at your brother."

I thought to myself, "Why watch the stage when all of this is going on? With intense fascination, I continued to observe the man in his last ditch efforts.

Everyone began to clap as my brother's class finished singing. All of a sudden, there was a flash of light, and the man finally got his picture — the back sides of about seven kids. The rest of the class, including his son, had already disappeared behind the curtain. There was a burst of applause. I'm doubtful it was due to appreciation of the program. I suspect it was designed to drown out what the man was saying to his camera. This was a family gathering.

The reason this has made such a lasting impression on me is because it illustrates how we get so caught up in marking the celebration of Christmas and become so preoccupied with the peripheral activities and demands that we miss the singing of "Silent Night."

The Christmas season is one of the busiest times of the year. By the time Christmas Day arrives, it is common to experience a bit of relief that the celebration is finally over while having forgotten much of what the celebration is really all about.

It is important that we slow back down and focus our attention on the message of this season and experience the significance and true joy of the birth of our Lord. There has been so much happening, so much hustle and bustle, that if we are not careful, we, too, will miss the singing of "Silent Night." We, too, will miss the realization that the Christ is born.

I encourage us all to take this time to clear our minds of the various holiday distractions and focus on experiencing the real joy of the season — the birth of the Christ child.

The Rev. D. Scott Allen
Jerome United Methodist Church

New religions find tough going in Eastern Europe

Hare Krishnas, Moonies among sects targeted by efforts to restrict religious freedoms in tumultuous countries

By David Briggs
The Associated Press

Unification Church groups in the Baltics are offering language lessons to attract converts, while Hare Krishnas reportedly now have more members in Hungary than the United States.

New religious movements and sects have established footholds in eastern Europe, but their influence may be measured more in terms of the backlash they have engendered than converts won.

Traditional religious groups that suffered under communist oppression are trying to solidify their privileged position in the new era of religious freedom. Although conservative Christian missionaries are reporting the greatest success in converting eastern Europeans, it is religious sects and cults who have made easy targets for groups lobbying for laws to limit religious freedom in several east European countries, according to two scholars who have traveled throughout the region.

"The visibility and fear is put on the new religious movements, who are really statistically insignificant," said Eileen Barker of the London School of Economics. "Nobody gets any bad points for attacking cults. They're really fair game."

Barker and J. Gordon Melton, director of the Institute for the Study of American Religion in Santa Barbara, Calif., addressed a recent seminar of the American Academy of Religion on new religious movements.

Groups from the Church of



Alexy II, patriarch of Moscow and all Russia, reviews an honor guard assembled at a church dedication earlier this month. Orthodox leaders have been trying to restore the church's role as one of the main pillars of Russian society.

Scientists to Hare Krishnas are trying to take advantage of the new religious freedom to spread their teachings throughout eastern Europe, they said in interviews.

But while there are no hard numbers, researchers say, new religious movements seem to be

having little success.

The groups that are successful are evangelical Christian organizations who are flooding eastern Europe with missionaries. Researchers report massive revivals, large churches being built and some evangelists, in a strategy

used successfully in the United States, taking to the airwaves.

Some 40 million Bibles have been distributed in Russia alone, Melton said. Among the groups doing well, there may be as many as tens of thousands of Pentecostals in eastern Europe, he

said. Baptists also have been particularly successful.

In another sign of the times, 3,000 Russians became Jehovah's Witnesses in a mass baptism.

But the flood of "foreign missionaries is not sitting well with religious groups who struggled to survive during the years of socialist rule. Many groups emerged weak, disorganized and badly financed, and argue members should not be stolen from them by better-financed groups from outside.

"We should have the first chance of regaining our faithful" is the claim made by faiths native to the region, Barker said.

In Russia, Russian Orthodox leaders have been trying to restore the church's traditional role as one of the main pillars of society. Patriarch Alexy II, head of the church, administered the oath of office when Boris Yeltsin was sworn in as Russia's first president in June 1991, and it has become common practice for the patriarch to bless major political events, including praying for success at U.S.-Russian summits.

"The turf war" is evident in part in legislation that would limit religious freedom in various stages of consideration in Armenia, Russia, Hungary, Poland and Romania.

In Hungary, legislation is being considered to change the religious registration laws to limit the appropriation of state taxes for religion to groups that have been in the country for a certain length of time.

"There's not only resentment, but there's money at stake,"

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Melton said.

In Russia, President Yeltsin forced lawmakers to drop the idea of a total ban on foreign missionaries, but parliament passed a law in the summer that would have granted the Ministry of Justice the right to deny permission for foreign religious groups to operate if they engage in "coercive proselytizing or offend the religious feelings of Russian citizens." In part because of an appeal from President Clinton, Yeltsin did not sign the legislation.

If they are not outlawed, Melton said, the future is bright for evangelists in eastern Europe. In a nationwide poll in Russia, 22 percent of all respondents, and nearly a third of Russians under age 25, said they once were atheists but now believe in God.

Atheists, once officially approved of throughout eastern Europe, are keeping a low profile. "Generally speaking, it's more PC to be a than," said Barker, former president of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.

Christmas holiday is season to give, forgive

At this Christmas season, again, we see heaven has its say. 'Tis the season to be forgiven. It is also the season to give.

God so loved that he gave - his son (John 3:16). The truth of a babe born in a manger in the small village of Bethlehem (House of Bread) is very reassuring, comforting and joyful as we experience the accomplished fact that the plan, path, prophecy and purpose of God's love call from heaven is that we respond to Jesus Christ to God's grace.

The Christ child was God in human flesh, born of flesh that we might be born of the spirit.

And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the father), full of grace and truth (John 1:14).

The virgin birth, the manger, the law of taxation, the angels, the shepherds, the guiding star and the wise men all were related to an event which would not be complete until that babe born in a manger had grown to manhood and fulfilled his mission of mercy - being crucified on a cruel cross.

Even as the son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28).

From the cradle to the cross, we follow Jesus' earthly life to its very end, and we see the Messianic prophecies fulfilled in his life as well as his death.

Christmas is the joy of life, the joy of



Clergy corner
The Rev. James C. Hicks

giving, because God has given us eternal life through Jesus Christ his son. We can know the absolute evidence, the deliberate testimony of God's love toward us: "God so loved he gave."

The privilege of boldness is that we firmly accept the gift of God's grace and walk in faith as we receive his pardon. Just as fortitude develops maturity, tried integrity produces the confident joy of knowing that Jesus Christ has been born in your heart and life.

I trust that you know you have been acquitted and made righteous, justified and brought into a right relationship with God the father through the birth, blood and resurrection of his son Jesus Christ.

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We rejoice at this blessed season because we personally know the Christ of Christmas. He is our savior and our lord, and we experience his holy presence each day.

About the Rev. James C. Hicks

James C. Hicks is the Christian education director at First Assembly of God Church in Twin Falls. He is a retired pastor, having served the Twin Falls church for seven years, as well as churches in Emmett and in Washington and California.

He and his wife, Phyllis, live in Jerome. They have three children and 14 grandchildren. A daughter, Debbie, is the wife of Dan Miller, the pastor at Faith Chapel in Jerome.

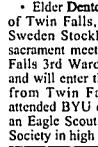
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Missionaries



Three young people have been called to serve missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Sister Melanie Glenn, daughter of Derald and Lois Glenn of Kimberly, will serve for 18 months in the Italy Rome Mission. She will speak in sacrament meeting at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Kimberly 1st Ward chapel north of Kimberly and will enter the Mission Training Center in Provo, Utah, Feb. 2. Glenn graduated from Kimberly High School in 1990 and attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. She is currently a senior majoring in elementary education.



Elder Denton Whitney, son of Diana Whitney of Twin Falls, will serve for two years in the Sweden Stockholm Mission. He will speak in sacrament meeting at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 3rd Ward chapel on Elizabeth Boulevard and will enter the MTC Jan. 5. Denton graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1993 and attended BYU during the summer and fall. He is an Eagle Scout and was a member of the Honor Society in high school.



Elder Matthew David Johnson, son of David and Connie Johnson of Twin Falls, will serve for two years in the North Carolina Raleigh Mission. He will speak in sacrament meeting at 2:20 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 10th Ward chapel on Park Street and will enter the MTC Jan. 5. Johnson graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1993 and attended the College of Southern Idaho. He has been employed as a shift manager at McDonald's and has also worked part time at Shopko. He is the grandson of Homer and Freda Johnson, both deceased.

The Times-News welcomes news of church missionaries. Send information to Ellen Thomason, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

You can talk to angels, many believers say

By Tanya Barrientos
Knight-Ridder News Service

Hark! The herald angels sing, and apparently speak, too. That is, if you are spiritually attuned enough to hear them.

So say the believers. Angels have come to help us make the world a better place. And to give us advice about our careers, our relationships and even our investments.

But only if you believe.

'I have a garden and I ask the angels to come in and look after it. Last winter my garden was the last one to freeze in my whole town.'

— 'Angel Joan' Fericy

So the new-age angel-watchers believe the heavenly spirits have come to help men and women find their spiritual way.

There certainly is no disputing that angels have found their way into the shopping malls. This Christmas season shoppers can find dozens of products taking advantage of the angel craze.

There are at least eight books about angels with titles such as "Ask Your Angels" and "Angel Letters" and "Angel Voices" on the bookstore shelves. There are also countless angel dolls and charms, calendars and notecards on sale. Angels also have hit the popular-culture stage with a bang. There is an angel newsletter based in Mountainside, N.J., an angel graces the cover of the rock group Nirvana's recent album "In Utero," and Broadway has been electrified by the play "Angels in America"; "Millennium Approaches" and its sequel "Angels in America: Perestroika."

For about \$8, a person can get a deck of 52 angel cards designed to help with angel communication. The instructions say to meditate, ask an angel for guidance and then pick a card. The cards, about the size of a return-address sticker, contain words like "trust" and "grace" and "compassion."

Joan Fericy, minister of her own new-age church in Somerset, N.J., said she uses angel cards when she talks to her angels.

She said angels have helped her with just about everything in her life since she started talking with them several years ago.

"I have a garden and I ask the

angels to come in and look after it. Last winter my garden was the last to freeze in my whole town," said Fericy, whose nickname is Angel Joan.

People who claim they've spoken to or seen angels, or at least seen evidence of their power, are convinced that angels send divine messages that many people write off as "good luck," intuition or coincidence.

One of Burnham's books, "Angel Letters," is a collection of letters from readers who claim to have been visited by angels.

So what's the difference between a ghost, a spirit and an angel?

"Normally angels do not deal with mundane matters," said Alma Daniel, one of three co-authors of "Ask Your Angels," a book that she said was dictated to the authors by angels. "One of the differences between spirit guides and angels is that spirits are more concerned with material matters and angels are more universal with their advice."

Daniel leads angel-communication workshops out of her New York apartment. She used to run a flotation tank business until one day the tank burst and flooded her downstairs neighbor's apartment.

It was then, Daniel wrote in her book, that her guardian angel, named LNO, encouraged her "to view the loss of my flotation tank business not as a disaster, but as an act of God."

In her book, Daniel gives readers an easy five-step method of contacting angels. She calls it the GRACE method. It involves meditating, tuning in to "chakras" (energy points in your body), and

sometimes using "runes" (divination stones).

Daniel writes that some people can even converse with their angels through their computers. "Clear your desk of all the normal clutter and paraphernalia, place a lighted candle, a crystal, or a fresh flower on it, and boot up."

Not everyone agrees.

"You know, we have asylums filled with people who have spoken to angels, and Napoleon and others," joked Msgr. Thomas J. Herron,

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academic dean of the theology department at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Overbrook. "My impression is that these people have made it all up."

True, Msgr. Herron said, the Catholic Church does teach the belief of angels. And the Bible has passages that clearly define angels bringing messages to mere mortals.

Common people can get spiritual guidance from angels by praying to God, the Monsignor agreed, but "you don't talk to angels in a sense of a dialogue."

Church news

Shoshone pair earn award

SHOSHONE - Two young women from Shoshone recently received gold medallions for completing requirements to earn Young Women's Recognition awards.



Roberts

Gadeborg

Lacy Roberts and Ruth Gadeborg, both of the Shoshone LDS Ward, received the awards during a special program in their honor. Both girls completed several service hours and projects and have served in various church leadership positions.

Gadeborg is a graduate of Shoshone High School and was recently married in the Boise LDS Temple. Her school activities included journalism, choir, band, sports, National Honor Society, drama and speech.

She received awards in all categories. She plans to continue her

Students visit seniors

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MARSHAL'S SALE
United States of America, Plaintiff vs. Dean A. Gilbert, Co. No. 82-0075-S U.S. Attorney's No. S-81-0165.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 4th day of January 1994, at 3:00 p.m. of said day, at the front steps of the Cassia County Courthouse, Burley, Idaho, the United

States Marshal will, in obedience to the Order of Sale and Decree of Foreclosure, sell the following-described real property to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, Farmers Home Administration's p.m. of said day, for the market value of \$69,500.00. If you have any questions, please

contact Deo' Saemona, County Supervisor, FMHA, at (208) 436-0118.
TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, CASSIA COUNTY, IDAHO
Section 32; part of the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of said Section 32, more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at the Northwest corner of the NW

LEGAL NOTICE

1/4 NE 1/4 of said Section 11, within which shall be the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.
Thence South 0°04'36" West along the quarter section line for 871.20 feet to a point marked by an iron pin; Thence North 89°48' East for 800.00 feet to a point on section line marked by an iron pin; Thence South 89°48' West along said section line for 400.00 foot to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
Dwelling (2,334 sq. ft.), dairy facility and cattle housing on approximately 10 acres. Commonly known address is: 700 S. 550 W., 1903 through January 3, 1994.

THE ACES ON BRIDGE BOBBY WOLFF

"Never give a sucker an even break."
— Edward F. Albee.

"Not even on Christmas Day can I get an even break," complained a not-so-jolly South. "If Santa wouldn't come through for me today, what can I look forward to for 1994?"

"Your Santa came and went," replied North. "You never even heard the reindeer."

Dummy's diamond ace won, trumps were drawn, and the ace and another club were played in less time than it took to say, "Dasher, Dancer and Prancer." It took even less time to post the score: down one in a vulnerable slam that should have made.

How should South have overcome the unfriendly break in clubs? The slam is as cold as Santa's nose on a windy night if South guards against the possibility of a 5-1 club break.

After taking dummy's diamond ace, South should ruff the diamond queen and draw trumps. Dummy's top spades are cashed and South ruffs dummy's last spade to eliminate spades and diamonds. Finally, he leads a low club toward dummy, intending to duck if West plays a high honor. When West follows with the deuce, dummy ducks and East's queen wins. If East has two clubs (king and queen), the suit will run. If they are not 2-2, East must offer a ruff and discard.

Happy holiday season to all my readers.

NORTH 12-3-A
♦ AK Q7
♥ K J 7 3
♦ A Q
♦ A 9 4

WEST 10 8 6 4 2
♥ 4
♦ J 10 8
♥ K 10 2

EAST 13 5 3
♦ 5 2
♥ K 7 8 5 4 3
♦ Q

SOUTH 10 9 8 6 5 4 3 2
♦ J 8 7 6 5 3

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: North
The bidding:

North East South West
2 NT Pass 6♥ All pass

BID WITH THE ACES 12-3-B

South holds:
♦ J 9 5
♥ 5 2
♦ K 7 6 5 4 3
♦ Q

North South
1♠ 2♠
3♦ ?

ANSWER: Three spades. A minimum raise with little extra to announce.

Send bridge questions to The Aces, P.O. Box 12282, Dallas, Texas 75211, with self-addressed, stamped envelope for reply.
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101 LOST & FOUND

Found: Female black Lab in Shreve, 324-5125.
Found: Female weeping dog, black, white on neck, MV Mail, Shopko parking lot, 12-23-93, 324-3555.
Found: Male gold lab, well muscled, maybe 4 or 5 years old, good temperament, 734-2978.

105 PERSONALS

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106 HAPPY ADS

I lost 6 steel gsd started on the holidays before they got started on you 237-7357.

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Expanding live rock bands beginning & intermediate bands to play at a NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY. Must play 45 min. (country, class, & rock preferred). Call Emmet at 764-2230.

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Part-time. Energetic, outgoing and flexible individual needed to recruit, educate and coordinate volunteers in the areas of home health care, fund raising and health care. Experience in the health related field helpful. General background in behavioral and social sciences preferred. Work 20-24 hours a week as needed. Application deadline: December 28, 1993. Send resume to: Magic Valley Staging Inc., Attn: Administrator, PO Box 1625, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

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AREA SUPERVISOR
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The Times-News Customer Service Department wishes to thank all its readers and customers for their patronage in 1993. We eagerly look forward to serving you in the coming year.

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GARY'S WESTLAND MOTORS	739	3	11
THEISEN MOTOR INC.	678	4	12
RANDY HANSEN CHEVROLET	496	5	25
CON PAULOS CHEV/PONT/GMC	321	6	44
KIM HANSEN CHEV/OLDS INC.	268	7	51
WILLS MOTOR CO.	266	8	52
DICK DEY OLDS/BUICK INC.	159	9	68
YOUNG FORD	150	10	74
GOODE MOTOR INC.	142	11	78
CHRIS JORDAN VOLKSWAGEN	135	12	80
CANYON MOTORS	99	13	96
WORKMAN PONTIAC/CADILLAC/GMC	65	14	13
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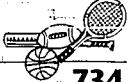
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3:30 p.m. — Channel 7, NFL football, Oilers at Oilers
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Briefly

Record-setting runners given surprise drug test

BEIJING — Chinese women distance runners who surprised the track world with record-breaking times earlier this year were themselves surprised by being given unannounced drug tests.

A team sent by track's governing body, the International Amateur Athletic Federation, flew into northern Liaoning province last week to administer the tests to the women runners, including Wang Junxia, who set the world record for the 10,000 meters and 3,000 meters in September.

The official Xinhua News Agency, which reported the visit, did not give the results of those tests. Xinhua also reported that 24 athletes, including a former women's weightlifting world record holder, tested positive for use of performance-enhancing drugs this year.

None of the women distance runners who repeatedly shattered world records was on the list issued by the Chinese Olympic Anti-drug Committee.

Tennis star considers quitting after slide to 19th ranking

NEW YORK — Ivan Lendl, who is finishing out of the top 10 rankings for the first time since 1979, says he might call it quits after one more year. "I'm going to have another crack at it," Lendl told the New York Times, "but if I play lousy, there's a good chance 1994 could be my last year."



Lendl

The 33-year-old Lendl, who is 11th on the money list with \$1 million this year, fell from eighth to 19th in the ATP rankings, and won only two titles, Munich and Tokyo.

"I don't think I belong out of the top 10 yet," he said, "but there are reasons why it happened I couldn't control."

Lendl, who once held the No. 1 ranking for 270 weeks, longer than anyone else, had a 33-23 match record in 1993 and had first-round defeats at the Australian and French Opens.

Rivals said Lendl seemed "a step slow," but also remarked on his forehand and the occasional flashes of his old play.

Horse trainer still critical after being hit by horse

PASADENA, Calif. — Thoroughbred trainer Jeff Lukas, who was hit by a runaway horse, remained in very critical condition Friday as doctors began intravenous feedings.

Lukas contracted pneumonia Monday and remains in a coma. "They are keeping a close watch on the pneumonia," said Peggy Yost, business manager of D. Wayne Lukas Stables and spokeswoman for the Lukas family.

Compiled from wire reports

Sportsquote

"This is not meant as a shot at Michael, but he didn't win three titles by himself."

—Chicago Bull Scottie Pippen on missing Michael Jordan

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Tennis officials deny Becker's claims on drug use

The Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany — Boris Becker's allegations that some players on the ATP Tour are getting away with drug use is unfounded, four officials association said Friday.

A published report quoted the three-jime

Wimbledon champion as saying that it was a "joke" that no tennis player had been punished for drug abuse by the ATP.

An ATP statement said that "to this day, no player has been confirmed positive for the use of any substance which would have resulted in a suspension."

"The ATP Tour has made a commitment

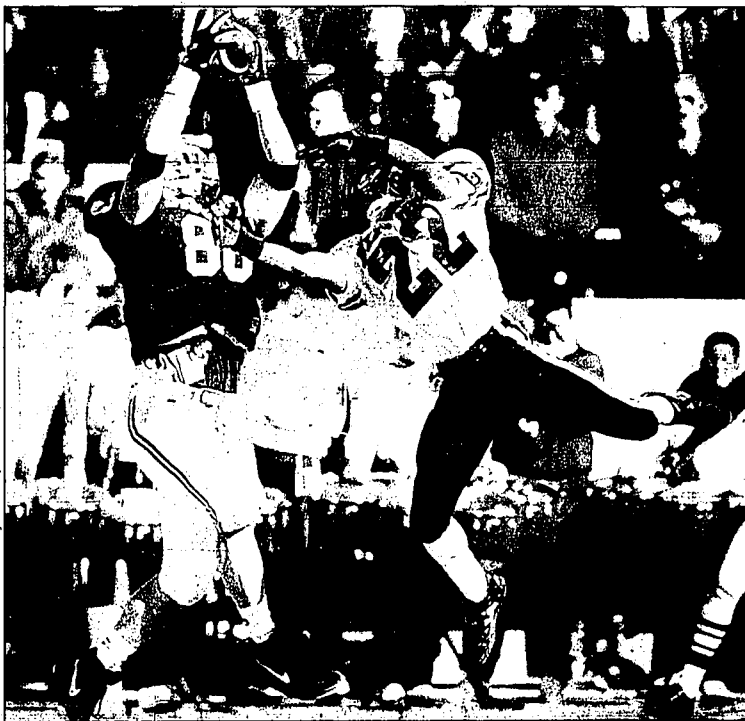
to maintaining an anti-doping program second to none among amateur and professional sports bodies around the world," Mark Miles, chief executive of the ATP Tour, said Friday in the prepared statement. "We believe we have a clean slate."

The ATP said that it tested at nine events this year, and overall, 431 tests were con-

ducted, covering 231 players. The ATP, said that 19 of the top 20 men's singles players were tested, 17 more than once, some more than three times.

Among singles players ranked No. 21 to No. 100, 68 were tested, 46 more than once.

Please see TENNIS/D2



Oklahoma tight end Rickey Brady catches a pass for a touchdown past the outstretched hands of Texas Tech cornerback Cat Adams during first-quarter action of Friday's John Hancock Bowl in El Paso, Texas.

Sooner QB leads Oklahoma past Raiders despite 6 sacks

The Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas — Gale Gundy withstood a ferocious pass rush and threw three touchdown passes, leading No. 19 Oklahoma to a 41-10 victory Friday over Texas Tech in the John Hancock Bowl.

Gundy, who was sacked six times and endured several rattling hits, completed 15 of 26 passes for 215 yards to dominate the Red Raiders for the second time. He set school records for consecutive completions (12) and passing yards (341) in both teams' 1992 central opener.

Gundy, the most prolific passer in Oklahoma history, set another school record

Friday for most passing TDs in a bowl game and was named the bowl's MVP.

The Sooners (9-3) came close to backing up their claim made earlier this week that they should be named Southwest Conference champions. Oklahoma plays in the Big Eight, but convincingly won four games against SWC opponents this season.

Tech, which finished second in the SWC and had won five straight, fell to 6-6.

Gundy's throwing was complemented by the running of freshman Jerrod Moore. The Texas native rushed 15 times for 85 yards and two touchdowns, a 32-yarder midway through the fourth quarter and a 6-yard burst as the game ended.

The running back who drew the most attention entering the game, Tech's Byron "Bam" Morris wasn't a factor. He rushed 27 times for 95 yards and Red Raiders' only touchdown.

It was only the second time Morris, the nation's second-leading rusher, was held under 100 yards this year.

The Sooners established dominance early, scoring on their first two possessions and never relinquishing the lead.

Oklahoma led 28-3 at the half after shuffling off a surging Tech defense and taking advantage of linebacker Mike Coats' interception of a Robert Hall pass.

Playoff positions on line in key NFL matchups

The Associated Press

With the playoffs approaching and the AFC West and NFC Central having two of the tightest races, some of the key teams in those divisions face each other Sunday.

Kansas City is at Minnesota, with the Chiefs in position to clinch the AFC West with a victory. A Vikings loss would put them in a difficult spot in the NFC Central.

The Los Angeles Raiders are at Green Bay, with both teams needing wins to remain in control for a wild-card spot and stay in the division race. Tampa Bay is at Denver, and the Broncos need a win to stay ahead of the AFC wild-card field.

The one game involving all NFC Central teams, Detroit at Chicago, also is critical. The Lions are tied with the Packers atop the division at 8-6, with the Bears and Vikings at 7-7.

"We just have to win these last two games and the first one is the Green Bay Packers," said Raiders coach Art Shell, trying to simplify the always complicated playoff scenarios. "It's going to be a tough game. We understand that."

"I would certainly like to win Please see NFL/D2"



Miami celebrates Dolphins coach Don Shula's record-setting 325th victory in November. Since then, the team has lost its last three at home and slipped a game behind Buffalo in the AFC East.

Oilers count on reserves in meeting with San Francisco

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Backups have played a front-line role in Houston's run of success and the Oilers will be counting on them again in their Christmas Day confrontation with the San Francisco 49ers.

"Really, that's been our salvation," Houston coach Jack Pardee said. "All year long, when we've lost someone, we've had their backup come in and do a good job. Not just play, but do a good job."

Houston (10-4), which secured the AFC Central title by beating Pittsburgh 26-17 last week for its ninth straight win, has seen Gary Brown rush for more than 100 yards in four of six starts for the injured Lorenzo White.

But the Oilers face another challenge this week in trying to replace the lost production of Webster Slaughter. He was leading the club with 77 receptions for 904 yards and five TDs when he suffered a season-ending knee injury during the Pittsburgh game.

Gary Wellman and Pat Coleman will fill in for Slaughter.

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"They've been here three or four years. They know the system. They haven't been regulars, but they have to do it now. They've got to come through," Pardee said.

In the secondary, Bo Orlando and eighth-round pick Blaine Bishop have come on for free safety Marcus Robertson and cornerback Darryll Lewis, both out with season-ending knee injuries.

With strong safety Bubba McDowell hobbled by a knee bruise, left cornerback Chris Dishman may be the only starter Saturday from the four-player unit that began the season. If McDowell can't play, he'll be replaced by Terry Hoag, added to the Houston roster following his release from San Francisco three weeks ago.

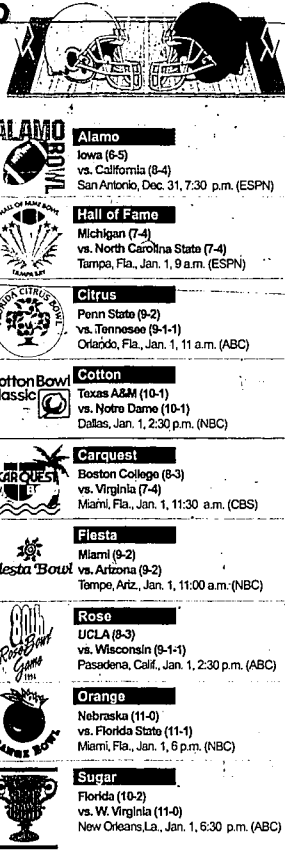
Despite the injuries, Houston comes in with the league's third-ranked offense and a defense that has helped drive the club's longest winning streak since 1961.

"I don't think there's any question Houston is the class of the AFC."

Please see GAME/D2

College Bowl lineup

Las Vegas Ball State (9-2-1) vs. Utah State (6-5) Las Vegas, Nev., Dec. 17, 6 p.m. (ESPN)	Alamo Bowl Iowa (6-5) vs. California (8-4) San Antonio, Dec. 31, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
John Hancock Texas Tech. (6-5) vs. Oklahoma (8-3) El Paso, Texas, Dec. 24, 12:30 a.m. (CBS)	Hall of Fame Michigan (7-4) vs. North Carolina State (7-4) Tampa, Fla., Jan. 1, 9 a.m. (ESPN)
Aloha Fresno State (8-3) vs. Colorado (7-3-1) Honolulu, Dec. 25, 1:30 p.m. (ABC)	Citrus Penn State (9-2) vs. Tennessee (9-1-1) Orlando, Fla., Jan. 1, 11 a.m. (ABC)
Liberty Michigan State (6-5) vs. Louisville (8-2-1) Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 28, 6 p.m. (ESPN)	Cotton Bowl Classic Texas A&M (10-1) vs. Notre Dame (10-1) Dallas, Jan. 1, 2:30 p.m. (NBC)
Copper Wyoming (8-3) vs. Kansas State (8-2-1) Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 29, 6 p.m. (ESPN)	Carquest Boston College (8-3) vs. Virginia (7-4) Miami, Fla., Jan. 1, 11:30 a.m. (CBS)
Holiday Bowl Brigham Young (6-5) vs. Ohio State (9-1-1) San Diego, Calif., Dec. 30, 6 p.m. (ESPN)	Piesta Miami (9-2) vs. Arizona (9-2) Tempe, Ariz., Jan. 1, 11:00 a.m. (NBC)
Freedom Southern Cal. (7-5) vs. Utah (7-5) Anaheim, Calif., Dec. 30, 7 p.m. (Raycom)	Rose UCLA (8-3) vs. Wisconsin (9-1-1) Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 1, 2:30 p.m. (ABC)
Independence Virginia Tech. (8-3) vs. Indiana (8-3) Shreveport, La., Dec. 31, 10:30 a.m. (ESPN)	Orange Nebraska (11-0) vs. Florida State (11-1) Miami, Fla., Jan. 1, 6 p.m. (NBC)
Peach Clemson (8-3) vs. Kentucky (6-5) Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 31, 4 p.m. (ESPN)	Sugar Florida (10-2) vs. Virginia (11-0) New Orleans, La., Jan. 1, 6:30 p.m. (ABC)
Gator Alabama (8-3-1) vs. North Carolina (10-2) Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 31, 5 p.m. (TBS)	



AP/Ed De Gier

NFL secures key players before dollar crunch hits

The Associated Press

The NFL is spending more than \$100 million to satisfy some of its stars before restrictions limit them next season when the league's new salary cap becomes a reality.

The biggest winner Thursday — the deadline for offering future contracts that won't be counted against the cap — was Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman.

He got a record \$50 million, eight-year contract. The 27-year-old quarterback will get an \$11 million signing bonus and salaries ranging from \$1.75 million in 1994 to \$7.5 million in 2000.

"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," said Aikman, who led the Cowboys to a Super Bowl victory last year and a playoff berth this season.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said Aikman has a true understanding of the team's goals.

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

Meanwhile, the news was not good for the Philadelphia Eagles, a team already hurt by player defections prior to this season. The Eagles failed to resign defensive stalwarts Clyde Simmons and Seth Joyner.

"Unfortunately, we were unable to get it done, even though we worked very diligently," general manager Harry Gamble said. "But this doesn't mean we've given up on them and it doesn't mean that we are not going to make every effort to get them back here for next year."

Last week, Simmons, a defensive end, rejected an \$11 million, four-year offer. Joyner, a linebacker, turned down \$10 million for four years. Both are eligible for free agency.

The Eagles were successful in signing wide receiver Calvin Williams, center Dave Alexander, running back



Aikman Lachoy



Robinson Talley

Herschel Walker and cornerback Mark McMillian and Ben Smith.

Dallas also agreed to a three-year extension with tackle Erik Williams. The San Francisco 49ers agreed to deals with nine players. Like the Cowboys, they renegotiated 1993 salaries to increase payments that won't come under the cap.

Wide receiver John Taylor got \$7.74 million for four years, and tight end Brent Jones \$6.95 million over four years. Cornerback Eric Davis signed for \$2.4 million over two years and safety Horton Hanks signed for \$2.8 million for three years.

Running back Johnny Johnson and the New York Jets agreed to a \$5 million, two-year deal with a club option for 1996.

San Francisco guard Derrick Deese received \$622,000 over two years, safety Damien Russell \$920,000 over three years, guard Russell Tamm \$3.1 million over three years, wide receiver Nate Singleton \$687,500 over three years and defensive end Karl Wilson \$855,000 over two years. These deals all included 1993.

Washington agreed to a five-year deal with tackle Jim Lachey and a

"... this doesn't mean we've given up on them and it doesn't mean that we are not going to make every effort to get them back here for next year."

— Harry Gamble, Eagles' official, on the failure to sign 2 stars

three-year contract with wide receiver Ricky Sanders. No terms were released.

Free safety Eugene Robinson (\$1.2 million over two years), linebacker Terry Wooden and fullback Trey Johnson (both \$3 million over three years) agreed to new contracts with Seattle, while kicker Chris Jacke agreed to a three-year extension with the Green Bay Packers.

Free safety Eddie Anderson and kicker Jeff Jaeger agreed to three-year extensions with the Los Angeles Raiders. Cornerback Terry McDaniel also got a new deal. Terms were not announced.

Kicker Greg Davis and the Phoenix Cardinals agreed to a three-year deal for \$1.5 million, and linebacker Darryl Talley and the Buffalo Bills agreed to a two-year contract. Safety Anthony Newman agreed to a two-year deal with the Los Angeles Rams and offensive lineman Carlton Haselrig got \$2.4 million over three years from Pittsburgh.

Atlanta Falcons negotiated contract extensions with linebacker Jessie Tuggle and kicker Norma Johnson, but failed to reach new agreements with Pro Bowl guard Chris Hinton or wide receiver Michael Hayes.

Pro Bowler Tuggle, who had one year remaining on his contract, agreed to a three-year extension. Johnson, in the final year of his contract, got a two-year extension.

Johnson defends call while crushing Jets

The Baltimore Sun

ASHBURN, Va. — Jimmy Johnson is known for not having second thoughts or regrets.

He has lived up to that reputation this week.

The Dallas Cowboys coach was criticized by Coach Bruce Coslet of the New York Jets on Saturday after Johnson called a double safety blitz, leading 28-7 with 5:44 left in the game.



Johnson

"Why would he pick that time to do it?" Coslet said. "Trying to hurt my quarterback (Boomer Esiason) when we have more games to go? I guess we'll never know."

Johnson, who was sometimes accused of running up the score at the University of Miami, said that he plays the game all out for 60 minutes.

"I guess I ought to send a memo out to all the 27 other teams that if they try to score, we're going to try to stop them," he said. "I don't care how much time is left in the game. I'd do it again. If somebody would tell me what defenses we're supposed to play at the end of the game, I'd appreciate it. Something new comes up all the time as far as what I'm supposed to do."

Johnson said he was amused, not annoyed, by the controversy.

"I really don't think that anybody has ever heard me complain about a team running up a score on me. Because if they run up a score on a team that I coach, it's my fault; it's not their fault. It's not their fault that they're better. I promise you I've had plenty of games that the other team put up some big number against me, but it wasn't their fault. It was my fault because our team did not play as well."

Johnson said he discussed the matter with his players this week.

"I said, 'Hey, listen, if a game's out of hand and a team is blitzing, I'll put (third-string quarterback) Jason Garrett in.' I don't know if he'll like that, but the players got a big kick out of it," Johnson said.

Johnson won't have to worry about the Redskins complaining Sunday when the teams meet at Texas Stadium.

Offensive coordinator Rod Dowhower said if the Cowboys try to blitz, the Redskins will try to beat it with a big play.

"It's hard for me to complain about those things," Dowhower said. "It gives you an opportunity to score."

Johnson said he doesn't even like having his offensive players kneel down to run out the clock at the end of a game.

"I think that's as awful a play as you have in football, especially when you've got the other team calling timeouts," he said. "They ought to rule it out, because the people watch it on TV and it's pretty boring. They ought to be trying to gain some yards, but since it's traditional, that's what we do occasionally."

Johnson's "traditional" remark was a reference to the fact that he often goes away the way things are traditionally done in the league.

He also defended his decision not to allow Leon Lett to talk to members of the media after he cost the Cowboys a game against the Miami Dolphins on Thanksgiving Day. Lett mistakenly touched a blocked field-goal attempt that should have won the game for Dallas.

Packers' coach OKs game scores for Sunday matchup

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Coach Mike Holmgren, whose Green Bay Packers are fighting for a playoff spot, is going to allow scores of all NFL games to be shown to players and fans Sunday.

Last year, when the Packers also were trying to make the playoffs, Holmgren did not allow scoreboard operators to show scores of other games during the home finale against the Los Angeles Rams because he thought it would be a distraction.

But he's reversed himself for Sunday's pivotal game against the Los Angeles Raiders.

"We'll just let it be and play our game," Holmgren said. "Human nature is that everyone will glance up there. But regardless of what else happens, we have to win."

The Packers (8-6) can clinch their first playoff berth since the 1982 strike season Sunday if they win and one of the following happens:

- The Minnesota Vikings lose or tie.
- The New Orleans Saints lose or tie.
- The Detroit Lions lose.

The Packers play at noon. The Saints (7-7) play at Philadelphia (6-8) at noon, the Lions (8-6) play at Chicago (7-7) at noon, and the Vikings (7-7) entertain Kansas City (10-4) at 7 p.m.

The Packers are tied with Detroit for the Central Division lead. They would win the division title outright by defeating the Raiders, then winning Jan. 2 at Detroit.

Bills, Oilers find harmony in discord

The Associated Press

Who says internal bickering tears teams apart?

Look at the Buffalo Bills and Houston Oilers, the protagonists in last year's unforgettable playoff game.

The Bills all but clinched the AFC East on Sunday, the Oilers clinched the Central and they could be headed for another matchup this year... in the AFC championship game.

Back to a bit.

At the start of the season, Buffalo was in the network that used to be reserved for Denver. After three straight Super Bowl losses by increasing margins, people were muttering "Anybody but Buffalo."

As recently as last week, after three losses in five games, people in upstate New York were reviving the "bickering Bills," 1989's great underachievers.

Bickering? Five games into the season, after a 35-7 loss in Buffalo, Houston was 1-4 and seemed to have the bickering market cornered.

Offense was stumbling with defense, right up to the coordinators, Kevin Gilbride and

"We overcame a lot of things."

— Oilers Ernest Givins, after the Steelers' defeat

Buddy Ryan. Coach Jack Pardee, caught in the middle, seemed headed for the unemployment line.

After Sunday's 26-17 squashing of Pittsburgh, the Oilers are 10-4 with a nine-game winning streak, the NFL's longest of the season. At last glance, Pardee still had his job and probably will get a number of votes for coach of the year that's all but awarded to the Giants' Dan Reeves.

"They said Houston couldn't win in the cold, they said Houston couldn't win outside," they said Houston couldn't win in Pittsburgh and they said Houston couldn't win the division," said wide receiver Ernest Givins, one of the offensive players most critical of the defense after the 1-4 start.

"We did all that. We did some things here we haven't done in the past. We've overcome a lot of things."

What they overcame Sunday was not only the Steelers but a death early Tuesday morning of defensive tackle Jeff Alm, who shot himself after a friend was killed in the car he was driving.

Buffalo, which came back from a 35-3 deficit to beat the Oilers 41-38 in overtime in last year's playoffs, is also 10-4. But it hasn't been a pretty 10-4, particularly on offense, making Sunday's 47-34 win over Miami even more gratifying.

Although two of the touchdowns came on defense, the Bills still scored 31 points in seven minutes and 16 seconds, or as many points as Indianapolis has in its last FIVE GAMES!

They have the Jets at home and the puncheonless Colts on the road to end the season and could have home field for the playoffs if the Chiefs or Oilers lose another game.

Amidst the bickering, the Bills were lost, like the five turnovers the Bills forced against the Dolphins gave them a league-high 42 for the season, or an average of three per game. Teams that get three takeaways win 80 percent of the time.

Which makes bickering a lot less important.

Expansion teams stay mostly mediocre Jacksonville, Charlotte fans: Read on for dose of reality

By Richard Rothschild Chicago Tribune

Settle down, you football fans in Jacksonville.

Charlotte, if you're still partying after being awarded a National Football League franchise Oct. 26, better ease off.

Ever since the NFL and the old American Football League merged in 1966, expansion has not been the ticket to success.

Unlike major-league baseball, where the expansion-New York Mets, Toronto Blue Jays and Kansas City Royals have combined for five World Series championships and the California Angels and Houston Astros have both won multiple division titles, only the Miami Dolphins among the post-merger NFL expansion group have enjoyed consistent success and fan support.

Let's look at the record:

Atlanta Falcons (1966): The Atlanta market in the mid-1960s was considered what Charlotte is today; a booming, untapped region that would be a cash cow for any team that located there.

The AFL wanted to make Georgia's capital its ninth team, but when the NFL entered the picture, city fathers ditched the newer outfit for the most prestigious league in sports.

Nearly 30 years later, the Falcons are a sorry story.

The team has made just four postseason appearances and has never advanced past the division playoffs. Following Atlanta's recent upset over the Dallas Cowboys, defensive back Deion

Sanders complained there were more Cowboys rosters in the stands than Falcons players. Thanks to the three-time NFL West champion Braves, baseball, long considered an afterthought to football in the South, now rules the Atlanta sports scene.

If Atlanta were such a hot commodity today, would NFL owners have sandwiched it with an expansion franchise to the north (Charlotte) and one to the south (Jacksonville)?

Grade: C-minus.

Miami Dolphins (1966): Hard to believe that the most successful of the post-merger expansion teams only made it into pro football after Atlanta spurned the AFL. The league wanted a ninth city, so Miami was it.

The Dolphins of the early 1970s (five Super Bowls, two wins) were one of football's glamor teams. Miami went to two more Super Bowls in the 1980s and could become only the second team to go to Super Bowls in three different decades. This season, Don Shula set an NFL record for all-time victories by a head coach. Joe Robbie Stadium is considered one of the nation's best football facilities.

Grade: A.

New Orleans Saints (1967): The Saints were born not in the backrooms of the NFL's Park Avenue

office but in the halls of Congress, where the late Rep. Hale Boggs, D-La., promised to ease the NFL-AFL merger through Congress if the newly merged entity would award a franchise to New Orleans. No problem, said Commissioner Pete Rozelle.

The Saints' sad history is well documented: no winning season until 1987, no playoff appearance until 1987 and no postseason wins, ever.

The Louisiana Superdome only sells out when the Saints play a quality opponent. But the league allows the Saints to cover up any attendance deficiencies by permitting it to list less-than sellout crowds as N.A. (not available).

Grade: C-minus.

Cincinnati Bengals (1968): The Paul Brown-run franchise qualified for the playoffs in its just third season, an NFL record. Cincinnati was never a champion, but it was a quality team for most of the 1970s and went to two Super Bowls during the 1980s. But when Brown died, a great spirit left the franchise. Cincinnati rarely sells out in football-mad Ohio these days, and the team continues to practice at Spinney Field, a gloomy, outdated facility that is a huge albatross in this era of free agency.

Grade: C (and sinking).

Seattle Seahawks (1976): The Seahawks have qualified for only

one conference championship game (1983), and playoff appearances have been few and far between. But the fans of the Pacific Northwest are loyal, and Seahawk tickets remain hard to come by. Wide receiver Steve Largent's record-setting autumn brought a touch of class to the franchise.

Grade: B-minus.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1976): A disaster. The Bucs climbed to the NFC championship game in just their fourth season, but they have made just two brief playoff appearances since 1979. Despite plenty of high draft picks, Tampa Bay hasn't registered a winning season since 1981, and Tampa Stadium only fills up if there is a Super Bowl in town. There's talk the Bucs could be headed out of town.

Grade: F.

And a word of caution to the cities not picked in the expansion sweepstakes: Wooing an established franchise to your neighborhood is not a winning formula. In the last 10 years, two franchises have changed addresses: the Baltimore Colts to Indianapolis in 1984 and the St. Louis Cardinals to Phoenix in 1988.

Indianapolis has qualified for just one postseason game, and the Hoosier Dome no longer sells out for every contest. The Cardinals are still parental in ways on the field and at the box office.

Perhaps NFL expansion franchisees should come with a warning label. Caution: This team could be hazardous to your love of pro football.

Seattle Seahawks (1976): The Seahawks have qualified for only

Business

A global booster shot? Economists optimistic about GATT and NAFTA

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The global economy staggered through 1993 with a wide range of maladies, from recession in Japan to high unemployment in Western Europe and inflation in Russia. But economists see a healthier future as they pin their hopes on expanding world trade.

The 117-nation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, in particular, is expected to provide a strong economic boost by eliminating many tariffs that impede the free flow of goods and services. The pact was seven years in the making and finalized in mid-December.

The 400-page GATT agreement is scheduled to take effect in 1995, though only after it's ratified by the participating nations. The formal signing will be in Marrakech in April.

Economists say it couldn't come sooner. Entering 1994, unemployment is ravaging Western Europe, weak oil prices are hurting OPEC nations and inflation is gripping the former Soviet republics and Eastern Europe.

Meanwhile, the United States is moving further out of recession, though higher interest rates could derail its fragile recovery. Latin America and Africa also are looking toward renewed growth after emerging from the "Lost Decade" of debt crisis and the scarring African drought.

In Asia, the "Small Tigers" of Singapore, Taiwan, South Korea, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Thailand, growth champions for years, are finding themselves overshadowed by the "Big Tiger" of China, which expanded at a double-digit pace.

Western Europe had pinned its economic recovery on the creation of a separate 17-nation free trade zone embracing 380 million people from the Arctic to the Mediterranean in January 1993. The pact, though, was not ratified until December.

About 18 million people remain jobless in the 12-nation European Community, equaling an unemployment rate of 10.6 percent. Economists predict it could reach 11.3 percent by 1995.

Jacques Delors, president of the EC's executive commission, said the EC would have to bring more people into the job market — or face the end of the European way of life, with 30 million unemployed by the end of the century.

EC Economics Commissioner Fleming Christophersen predicted the EC economy would grow 1.3 percent in 1994, following a 0.4 percent contraction in 1993.

"The recovery must mainly come from trade with third countries," he said. "But which countries?"

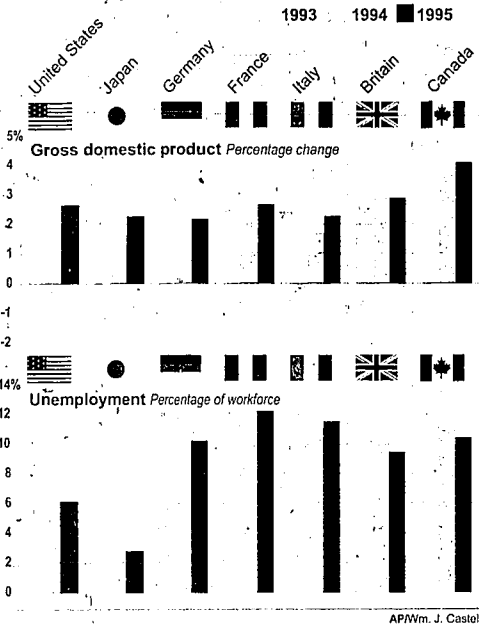
Japan, with unemployment rising while corporate profits, auto exports and the stock market are all plunging, faces a bleak prospect in 1994.

Despite a tradition of lifetime employment, Japanese companies have resorted to firing workers. Bank of Japan Governor Yasuhiro Mieno said in December that there were still no signs of a recovery.

The United States, on a stop-and-go recovery since the last recession ended in March 1991, faces modestly favorable prospects in 1994. The American economy will grow about 2.8 percent in 1994, the same as 1993, the National Association of Business Economists forecast.

World economic projections

Projections by the Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation of 1993-95 growth rates and unemployment rates for the world's seven richest industrialized nations:



AP/Wm. J. Castello

The United States, Canada and Mexico joined together in the North American Free Trade Agreement in December 1993. That agreement, like the European free trade zone, might provide a sobering forecast of GATT's outcome. NAFTA comprises 360 million consumers and about 57 trillion a year in annual production.

In South America, the Third World's biggest debtor, Brazil reached a deal with creditor banks on a major part of its \$120 billion foreign debt. It was the last major Latin American country to do so under a U.S.-sponsored plan.

"When completed, the agreement will mark the end of the Latin American debt crisis," which had plunged the region into economic stagnation in the 1980s, said bank negotiator William Rhodes.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries seemed to be entering an economic crisis of its own. Unable to agree on a production cut-to-raise prices, the 12-nation cartel decided at a November meeting to leave its crude output uncut at 24.52 million barrels a day.

With the oil market glutted, said Ian Seymour, editor of the Middle East Economic Survey, OPEC faces the possibility of prices moving even lower next year. That would help restrain inflation in the developed world, but Seymour said it "would obviously be catastrophic on the finances of OPEC."

Meanwhile, parts of Asia anticipated more torrid growth in 1994. Deutsche Bank of Germany predicted a gross domestic product growth rate of 6.2 percent in Taiwan in 1994, 5.8 percent in South Korea, 7.2 percent in Singapore and 4.5 percent in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong, a British colony to become part of China in 1997, saw its economy grow 5.5 percent in 1993, and its per capita output surpassed Britain's.

Thailand is estimated to grow 8.5 percent in 1994 on top of 7.5 percent in 1993.

Other East Asian economies are hotbeds of economic growth. Merrill Lynch & Co. forecasts 7.8 percent growth for Indonesia in 1994, and 8.3 percent for Malaysia. Only the Philippines lags in the area with 3.8 percent growth forecast for 1994.

Briefly in business

Idaho airline opens flights into Midwest

COEUR D'ALENE — Empire Airlines, the only air carrier based in Idaho, has launched passenger service between St. Paul and Chicago.

More routes are in the works, but the Hayden-based company may not keep them open for more than a year.

"We're a sprinter," Empire President Mel Spelde said. "We basically go after isolated types of contract work that goes from six months to 18 months."

That is the safest strategy in the cut-throat airline industry, where price wars turn many routes unprofitable. Spelde said his company's goal is to build niche routes, then get out before competition becomes too severe.

Empire took a beating in Washington markets, where fare wars in Spokane and Seattle forced it to bow out. Its passenger service to Olympia, the Tri-Cities and Spokane was halted last month.

Doing business as Capital Air, Empire last week started three daily routes between St. Paul and Chicago's Midway Airport. Capital Air President Al Clascman said his company enlisted Empire to establish the route.

"But once we mature enough to get along on our own, we'll take over," Clascman said.

Spelde said similar contracts are in the works in the Southwest and Northwest. Empire serves Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston and Boise. A major part of its work is to provide parcel service out of Spokane International Airport.

Can manufacturing plant opens under new ownership

SMITHFIELD, Utah — The former Del Monte Foods can manufacturing plant here resumed operation this week under the ownership of Silgan Containers Corp., said manager Gene Baron.

The plant had ceased operations just prior to Thanksgiving while the transfer of ownership was finalized.

Baron said the facility is running full shifts as of Wednesday.

Del Monte spokesman William Spain said that no personnel changes at the Smithfield plant are anticipated.

Silgan officials said they bought the plant and eight other can manufacturing sites from Del Monte Foods for \$72.8 million.

Written into the sales agreement is a provision that Silgan will be a long-term provider of food containers to Del Monte.

The local can manufacturing facility provides cans for Del Monte plants in Franklin, Idaho, and Toppenshi, Wash.

Suit contends Hooters should hire men for customer work

CHICAGO — Hooters, a restaurant chain that has drawn criticism from women's groups and others for its scantily clad waitresses, was sued Thursday in Chicago federal court by a man who accused the chain of sex discrimination by hiring only women to wait on tables.

The suit challenged what it called Hooters' nationwide policy of refusing to employ men in "front-of-house" positions such as the wait staff, host and bartender.

Savino Latuga, who brought the suit, sought a job last January as a waiter at a Hooters restaurant then opening in southwest suburban Orland Park, Ill.

Latuga, a Crawford, Ill., resident who had previous experience as a waiter, filled out an application but never heard back from the manager, according to the suit.

The suit, which is seeking class-action status, alleged that other males who have applied for work at Hooters locations throughout the country have been denied jobs.

In a circular to potential franchisees, Hooters referred to "the female wait-staff," the suit said.

Latuga sued Hooters Inc., a Clearwater, Fla.-based company that owns the chain's Chicago-area restaurants, but not Hooters of America Inc., the Atlanta-based restaurant chain.

Neil Kiefer, chief executive officer of Hooters Inc., was unavailable Thursday, and no one else would comment on the suit.

USDA recalls Wilson Jumbo Franks due to undercooking

WASHINGTON — Wilson Foods Corp. of Colton, City is voluntarily recalling 40,000 pounds of its Wilson Jumbo Franks because some were undercooked, the Agriculture Department said Tuesday.

The recall covers 1-pound packages of Wilson's "Our Jumbo Franks," made with chicken and pork, with the following codes printed on the edge of the label: F6 ESTP-4225 SELL BY FEB 05; G6 ESTP-4225 SELL BY FEB 05; F6W ESTP-4225 SELL BY FEB 05; and G6W ESTP-4225 SELL BY FEB 05.

No illnesses have been reported.

Compiled from wire reports

'Mystery' firm ready for business

INEL scientist silent about spinoff company

The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS — An Idaho National Engineering Laboratory employee has created a high technology spinoff company, but he won't say who his customers are or what he makes.

The new business, Global Technologies, will attract more foreign dollars to eastern Idaho, predicts founder Francis Tsang.

Tsang, senior nuclear scientist with INEL, contractor Westinghouse Idaho Nuclear Co., was nominated for a prestigious U.S. Department of Energy award in 1989 for his arms control work.

He has worked in his spare time since August, using his own money, to found Global Technologies, the first spinoff company created by an INEL employee.

He has two contracts in the works with customers in Europe and the Far East, but agreements with them require him to get details secret.

The work involves developing advanced radiological systems used in "sampling and characterizations for potential projects" in the countries, said Tsang.

The company's Idaho-based work, Tsang said, will contribute to the market share the U.S. desperately needs to balance trade with foreign countries.

"President Clinton has mandated to DOE ... that we take a more active role in the economy of the United States by creating jobs, increasing global competitiveness and stimulating the regional economy. This kind of a spinoff is a good example of a way to do that," said Rich Rankin.

He's with WINCO's Center for Research and Technology Commercialization.

The center was set up this year to encourage new ventures such as Tsang's.

He has no paid employees, but other INEL employees helping to cash in on the technology Tsang is marketing are investing time into getting the company started.

After the foreign dollars start rolling in, Tsang plans to start paying back his local creditors and hiring helpers. He'll be looking for qualified eastern Idaho scientists.

"I'm looking toward Poacello to search for good candidates from schools to participate in future exchanges as well as projects," Tsang said.

WINCO's commercialization center is working to identify other technology and expertise at INEL with spinoff potential for markets in the U.S. and abroad, Rich said.

Network marketing propels hygiene firm

The Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Think of it as a sippy version of Amway: tens of thousands of dentists and veterinarians selling mouthwash, deodorants and pet shampoo, thus convincing their friends to do the same.

But distributors of Oxyfresh USA products are also selling the network marketing theories of Richard Brooke, who took the struggling company and embarked on an ambitious plan that he says will eventually result in \$1 billion in annual sales.

Brooke is president and chief executive officer of the company that started out selling only toothpaste and mouthrinse, but which last year had sales of \$13 million for more than 20 different hygiene products.

"Success Magazine quoted me as saying we expect sales of more than \$400 million a year by the year 2000, because they refused to believe what I really said," Brooke said. "Our goal is actually higher: \$1 billion."

In its March 1992 edition, the magazine characterized Oxyfresh as one of the nation's top network marketing organizations.

The company, which was in debt when Brooke came on board in 1986, expects sales of \$26 million this year, with nearly 14,000 distributors in the U.S. and Canada.

The secrets to the company's success are enlisting professionals and business people who can sell a lot of products and who can recruit other successful people, said Brooke, 38.

"It sounds absurd for a company to grow at 100 percent a year, but it's really easy," Brooke said. "You just need each of the key distributors to just find one person a year to produce at their level."

Oxyfresh distributors are dentists, veterinarians, doctors and lawyers, who not only buy into the products, but also into the multi-level marketing strategy that pays them a commission for every new distributor who comes aboard after them.

The concept of multi-level, or network



Richard Brooke, head of Oxyfresh USA of Spokane, Wash., uses professionals and businesspeople in network marketing. He expects to sell \$26 million of his personal hygiene and pet care products in 1993.

marketing is that each new independent distributor in effect becomes the head of a company, recruiting more distributors into his or her "downline," who in turn recruit others.

The company sells distributorships and the network marketing concept as much as its dental care, pet care, laundry detergent and skin and health care products, Brooke said.

Dentists push toothpaste, mouthrinse, breath mints and oral irrigators, while veterinarians and pet stores offer mouthrinse that eliminates doggy breath, pet shampoo and an all-purpose deodorizer. There are also lines of detergent, bath and beauty products.

Although patterned after Amway, the Ada, Mich.-based giant, Brooke said Oxyfresh is different than most other network marketing organizations.

Their business strategy is the plan works equally well for everybody from every walk of life. They tend to over-promote the possibilities and under-promote the work required," Brooke said.

"Our approach is, we specifically target business people and health care people," he said. "A housewife is just not going to sell as much dental products as a dentist."

About 200 people each month attend two-day "leadership" training and motivational seminars led by Brooke. The seminars are a

key to the company's successes, Brooke said. "They're strictly business, we don't hold hands and sing songs," Brooke said. "We approach this as a business. It's a profession that needs to be learned. You succeed by studying and working hard."

Oxyfresh doesn't promise its distributors they will get rich quickly. It takes at least four years before income success is achieved, Brooke said.

Plans are to add as many as 20 more products to the company's lines next year. The new products often are suggested by distributors and their customers.

"Our marketing department is our customers," Brooke said. "Our whole market line was created from them."

An example is a new bubblegum flavored toothpaste that will be introduced this year. The company, looking for a flavor that children would like, considered cinnamon and licorice before settling on bubblegum.

"I would have tried it, but our groups told me kids actually love the taste of bubblegum," Brooke said.

Most Oxyfresh products contain a pharmaceutical grade, stabilized chlorine dioxide product, which acts to break down sulfur bonds that cause odors. The trademark ingredient, called Oxygene, is the basis for the company's nonalcoholic and sugar-free dental care products.

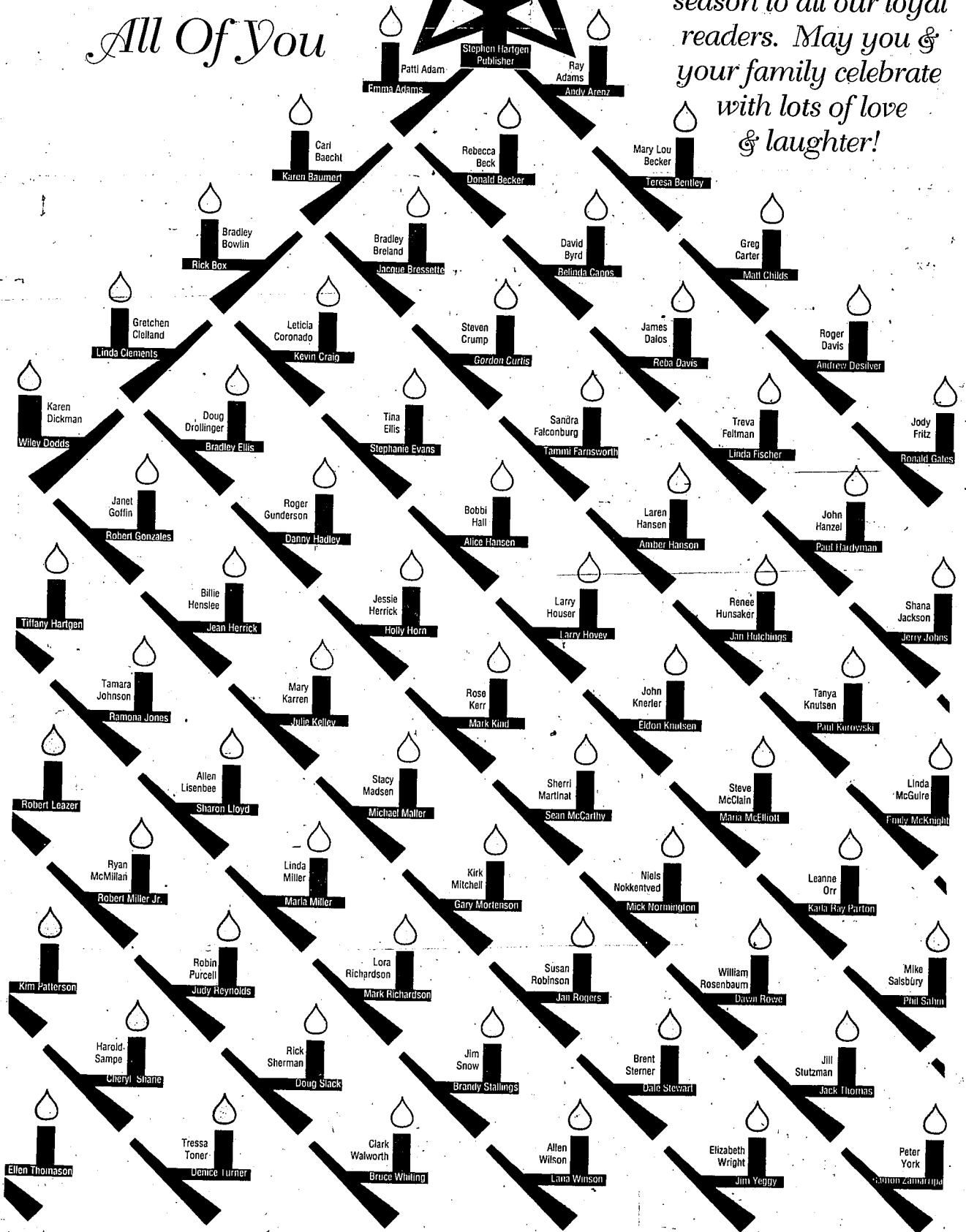
The company employs 28 people at its headquarters here. The products are manufactured and distributed from Omaha, Neb., and Atlanta. There are plans to expand into Mexico next year.

Under his theory of leadership, Oxyfresh distributors are not only committing to making money for themselves, but also for all of those "downline" who they recruit, Brooke said.

"We transform that dentist...to also having a commitment to contribute to the personal and financial freedom of 500 other people," Brooke said. "It goes way beyond having a successful dental practice."

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