

## Good morning

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A blind student leads the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind Raptors in cheers.  
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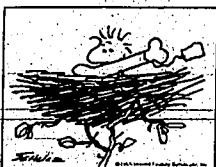
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# U.S. builds span to troubled town

Newspay

ZUPANJA, Croatia — Most of the 20,000 American troops headed to Bosnia will roll across the Sava River here, where the old bridge is a measure of the hatred that awaits them just down the road at Tuzla.

Instead of simply destroying the middle spans three years ago, the Serbs or the Muslims or the Croats — no one seems sure — blasted the two center concrete supports almost to the watertline. Now, 40 feet below the ruined bridge to Tuzla, preparations were being made over the weekend to repair a new bridge. "They have done this to all the bridges on the Sava because of their strong feelings," said Ivan Glavic, a Croatian construction worker. "It would take most of a year to repair the old bridge. But the Americans will make their own bridge in a few hours when they come."

With a massive shovel and bulldozers, Glavic and eight other

## Bosnians worry - A5

workers have cut a road for the U.S. Army's 40th Engineer Battalion and prepared the icy Sava river bank for a 350-yard pontoon bridge.

"This stretch of the river is the natural border between Bosnia and Croatia, and the Sava bridges were destroyed during almost four years of war."

In bridging the Sava later this week, NATO's Operation Joint Endeavor will be flexing its considerable muscle. "It's going to be a really big show," said Sgt. Major Rich Czizik, 38. He works at the southern Hungarian air base in Taszar with 3,000 American troops staging the two-month deployment of U.S. combat troops to Tuzla, less than 50 miles from the Sava bridgehead.

First across will be the M1 Abrams tanks of the 1st Armored Division's

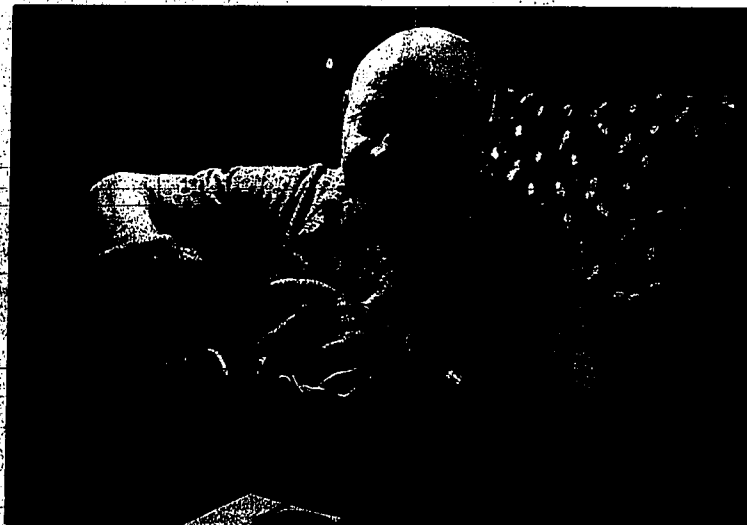
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AP photo

U.S. soldiers with the U.S. Army's 1st Cavalry are shrouded with steam as a train carrying 130 troops and armored vehicles prepares to depart from Kiskorpad, Hungary, en route to the Hungarian-Croatian border Sunday.

## Healing herbs



BUDDY CHARLES MANNING/The Times-News

Eighty-two-year-old dowser Frank Lintz shows how he uses a pendulum and herbs to evaluate and regulate his body's needs.

# Cuts threaten help for elderly

By Julie M. McKimmon  
Times-News writer

## How you can help

"BUHL — With a pendulum suspended from the index finger of one hand and a board containing various minerals, vitamins and other substances resting under the other, Frank Lintz can tell what your body needs.

If the pendulum swings in a wide circle over a card on top of your hand, then you're set. Too small of a circle, though, and Lintz may recommend a mixture from the 782 wild herbs he has gathered in a 52-mile radius of Buhl.

"You know you're helping somebody, and that's what we're here for is to help people," said Lintz, a health dowser who

daily checks on his own body's needs.

The 82-year-old bachelor has tried to help many people throughout his lifetime. But there are times when Lintz, a two-time polio victim who uses a wheelchair because of gout and arthritis, and other elderly people need help, too.

And with federal lawmakers looking for ways to balance the budget, the director of

the eight-county Office on Aging estimates funding for senior-citizen programs will be cut 10 percent.

That means more people will have to make sure their elderly neighbors are born, fed and safe, office Director Dick Boyd said.

"It's going to take a lot of community involvement," he said. "Quite honestly, that's the only option we have at this point."

Lintz was one of 71 elderly people interviewed by a council formed in April to find ways to improve service to homebound elderly people.

Besides recruiting volunteers of all ages, the council suggested last week that the ag-

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# Russians vote on democracy's fate

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Communists and right-wing nationalists who oppose Boris Yeltsin's democratic reforms face a big test Monday in parliamentary elections seen as a gauge of the president's success. Moderate parties struggled to stay afloat in many areas.

The leading parties, who want to turn back Yeltsin's free-market changes, were expected to win the most votes in elections for the State Duma, parliament's lower house. They are riding a wave of anger and despair in a country where life remains bleak — and people can now complain about it.

"Look at how many people have

confidence in the government," Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov said. "What kind of government can continue working in such conditions?"

The Central Election Commission said partial returns from Sunday's vote showed the Communist Party with about 23 percent of the vote in 45 of the country's 89 regions.

Although not expected to do well, ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy — who stands for reviving the Soviet Union and making its territory greater than before — was in second place with 13.9 percent, officials said.

Despite promising early returns, Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin's Our Home is Russia was

in third place with 7.8 percent of the vote, closely followed by the pro-former Yabloko bloc with 6.3 percent of the vote, the commission said.

Even if Communists and other hard-liners make a strong showing at the polls, it is unclear how much influence they will wield in the new parliament.

The president holds the real power in Russia, and Yeltsin has usually found ways to circumvent hostile legislators under the constitution. Yeltsin appoints the prime minister and Cabinet.

Mark Urnov of the president's analytical center estimated the Communists would win up to 170 seats in the 450-seat Duma. He said Zhirinovskiy's party would win 100 seats.

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# Dole, Clinton swap blame

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a sour prelude to the holidays, tourists blamed the politicians and politicians blamed each other Sunday for a partial government shutdown that left many attractions closed to the public and portended greater disruption in the new work week.

"I just hope that we can reopen the government tomorrow and then resume these talks in good faith," President Clinton said of the deadlocked balanced-budget negotiations that are at the root of the impasse.

"The president is playing politics," countered Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, who said he, Clinton and House Speaker Newt Gingrich could resolve the dispute in "about a day or less" if they sat down together.

From the State of Liberty in New York to the Hot Springs National Park in Clinton's home state of Arkansas, tourists felt victim to the political warfare.

"The government needs major help," said Chad Kachene, 19, of Milwaukee, locked out of the Gateway Arch, a National Park Service facility in St. Louis. "The public is going to have the last laugh when election time comes around."

"I came to St. Louis because I wanted to go up the Arch and see the city right before Christmas," said Robert Chosen of Houston. "Now I can't because of the government, and I won't even say what I think of it because it's not printable."

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# Worker remains critical

The Times-News

MALTA — A farm worker who lost both arms in a farming accident last week remained in critical but stable condition Sunday in Salt Lake City.

An operation to reattach the left arm of Javier T. Juarez, 23, proved unsuccessful Saturday. University of Utah Medical Center doctors had to remove Juarez's reattached arm because too much time had lapsed between Juarez's rescue and his arrival in Salt Lake City, said Matt Nilssen, resource nursing coordinator.

Doctors also had to amputate one of Juarez's crushed legs during the 15 hours of surgery Thursday. The other leg still is attached, Nilssen said.

Juarez was working at Traoy-Farms southeast of Burley near the Utah border on Wednesday when the accident occurred. He and Martin Juarez Vargas were digging a post hole while Harold Lee Trager was driving the tractor to which the digger was attached, according to the Cassia County Sheriff's Department.

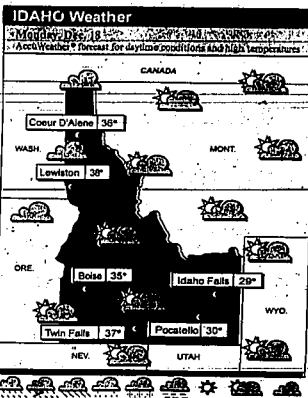
Juarez and Vargas placed their weight on the digger to help push it into the ground. Tracy looked away for a moment, and when he looked back he saw Juarez's shirt was hung up in the shaft, the report said.

Juarez's arms were torn from his body at his shoulders.



An election commission official explains the ballot choices to Russians voting at the Russian Embassy in Lithuania.

# Weather



## Idaho forecasts

**Magic Valley**  
Today mostly sunny. Highs in the mid-30s. Northeast winds 5-10 mph. Tonight clear. Lows 8 to 15. Tuesday fair. Highs in the mid-30s. The ultraviolet index forecast is one, a minimal exposure level.

### Extended regional forecast

Wednesday mostly cloudy with patchy fog. Chance of snow. Lows in the teens east to mid-20s west. Highs in the upper 20s to mid-30s.  
Thursday and Friday partly cloudy with areas of low clouds and fog. A slight chance of flurries. Lows 10 to 20 east and 20s west. Highs in the 30s.

### Wood River Valley

Today through Tuesday clear except patchy morning and late night valley fog. Highs around 30. Lows in the single digits.

### Treasure Valley

Today mostly sunny. Highs 35 to 40. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight clear east. Patchy fog and low clouds from Caldwell west. Lows around 20. Tuesday patchy morning fog and low clouds otherwise fair. Highs 35 to 40.

### Northern Nevada

Today mostly cloudy west with increasing high cloud east. Highs in the mid-30s to mid-40s. Tonight partly cloudy. Lows 5 to 15 west to teens to mid-20s. Tuesday partly cloudy with a chance of snow showers or flurries mainly over the mountains. Highs in the mid-30s to mid-40s.

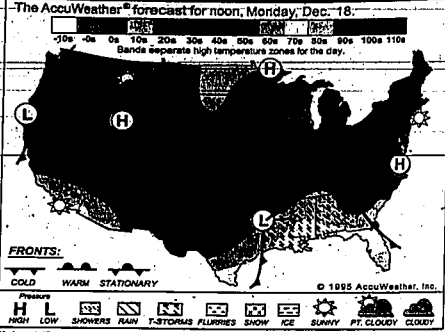
### Northern Utah

Tonight fair and cold. Lows near 20. Tuesday increasing clouds with a chance of snow by afternoon. Highs in the upper 30s. Chance of precipitation at Salt Lake City is 30 percent. Tuesday. Ogden temperatures: 19 39 18 38. The ultraviolet index forecast is one, a minimal exposure level.

## Idaho weather summary

Idaho was under mostly sunny skies Sunday except from the Magic Valley north to Sun Valley, where skies were cloudy to partly sunny. High pressure over Idaho will block eastern Pacific weather systems from moving over the state through Tuesday, but areas of night and morning fog and low clouds and normal temperatures are predicted.

## NATIONAL Weather



## National temperatures

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	40	36	03
Albany	29	15	.....
Boston	39	28	.....
Chicago	38	20	.....
Denver	29	26	05
Des Moines	37	30	.....
Indianapolis	44	37	08
Honolulu	87	75	.....
Houston	71	61	.....
Los Angeles	70	46	.....
Los Angeles	59	48	02
Miami Beach	77	75	.....
Milwaukee	31	19	.....
Minneapolis	31	19	.....
New Orleans	77	61	1.10
New York	45	35	47
Oakland	45	35	47
Omaha	38	33	.....
Phoenix	60	40	.....
Pittsburgh	42	27	.....
Portland, Me.	35	21	05
Portland, Ore.	43	40	01
San Francisco	59	43	07
St. Louis	48	36	06
Salt Lake City	42	30	.....
San Francisco	59	43	07
Seattle	49	42	11
Spokane	33	28	.....
Washington	43	33	.....

## Temperature extremes

Idaho: High, 48 degrees at Haigerman. Low, 8 degrees at Galena Lodge.  
Nation: High, 87 at McAllen, Texas. Low, 19 below at Presque Isle, Maine.

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## Almanac

Idaho	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	40	23	.....
Burley	39	29	.....
Fairfield	m	m	.....
Gooding	m	m	.....
Hagerman	m	m	.....
Idaho Falls	39	15	.....
Jerome	35	28	.....
Lewistown	42	31	.....
Madad	40	21	.....
Malia	38	28	.....
McCall	m	m	.....
Pocatello	35	19	.....
Salmon	31	18	.....
Stanley	m	m	.....
Sun Valley	m	m	.....

## Twin Falls

Yesterday	34	29	.....
Last year	39	24	.....
Normal	40	22	03

## Precipitation

Month to date:	1.71
Normal mo. to date:	.70
Water year to date:	3.95
Normal year to date:	2.85

## Comfort factors

Humidity at noon:	80 pct.
Barometer at noon:	30.17

## Skywatch

Sunset today 5:07 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 8:03 a.m.  
Lunar phase: Last quarter, Dec. 15; new, Dec. 21; first quarter, Dec. 28; full, Jan. 2.  
Visible planets: Morning, none. Evening: Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Venus.

## Span

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Task Force Eagle. They will be followed at a still unspecified date by a Russian brigade of 2,000 soldiers and their tanks, along with forces from six other countries to be deployed in the American sector of eastern Bosnia.

into the river mist as the boat swung broadside into the current. Water lapped over the gunnels of the ferry, which was overweight with trucks, cars and Christmas shoppers.

and to deploy Firefinder, radar that can pick up an enemy round almost as soon as it is fired. Firefinder will pinpoint the source and a 155 mm howitzer will answer instantly.

## Blame

Continued from A1  
Administration officials said the disruption caused by the shutdown would increase on Monday, when officials at nine Cabinet departments begin ordering an estimated 260,000 federal workers home for lack of federal funding.

might have a voice on the floor of both houses later on a measure pledging support for a seven-year balanced budget using Congressional Budget Office estimates while protecting Medicare and other key government programs.

"It takes real guts and real courage (to balance the budget) and they don't want to do it," he said of the Democrats.

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## Russia

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novak's Liberal Democratic Party could emerge in second place.

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BOISE (AP) — Anyone who wants to have their picture taken with House Speaker Newt Gingrich when he visits Boise next month will have to pay \$1,000 for the privilege.

## Help

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officer:  
Coordinate with other groups, businesses and volunteers to help alleviate limited rural services.  
Establish a group to research alternative funding for programs.  
Help resolve transportation problems by using taxi vouchers and exploring reimbursement methods for volunteer drivers.

They're using goofy math," said Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Budget Committee, appearing on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley."

## Idaho road report

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation reported icy roads in the Panhandle and ice or snow at higher elevations statewide Sunday.  
Road Conditions:  
U.S. 95 — Grangeville-Lewiston, wet; Lewiston-Moscow, dry; Weiser-New Meadows, dry, icy spots, broken snow floor, fog; Marsing-Oregon line, dry.  
U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Kootenai, wet; Kootenai-Lowell, icy spots; Lowell-Lolo Pass, CLOSED.  
Interstate 86 — Oregon line-Burley, dry; Burley-Utah line, wet.  
Idaho 55 — Horshoe Bend-New Meadows, icy spots, broken snow floor, fog.  
Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, dry, icy spots; Idaho City-Banner Summit, icy spots, broken snow floor.

U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, dry, wet; Fairfield-Carey, dry; Arco-Ashton, dry; Ashton-Montana line, icy spots, broken snow floor.  
U.S. 26 — Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, dry, icy spots; Blackfoot-Arco, dry.  
Idaho 51 — Dry.  
U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Carey, dry; Carey-Arco, wet; Arco-Salmon, icy spots; Lost Trail Pass, icy spots, broken snow floor.  
Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, dry; Galena Summit, icy.  
Interstate 86 — Wet, fog.  
Interstate 15 — Utah line-Pocatello, dry; Malad Pass, dry; Pocatello-Dubois, dry; Montida Pass, icy spots.  
U.S. 30 — McCammon-Antelope, dry; Montpelier-Wyoming line, icy spots.  
U.S. 91 — Dry.  
Idaho 28 — Dry, icy spots.

## Photos with

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## Corrections

An article Friday incorrectly identified Joe Mendive of Elko, Nev., as an accordionist.  
The Times-News regrets the error.  
A story Saturday contained incorrect family information for Warrant Officer-Zan D. Aslett, a helicopter maintenance officer deployed to Bosnia with the U.S. Army. Zan D. Aslett is the son of Bob Aslett of Buhl and Zan Aslett of Wendell. The officer is married to Cindy Aslett, the daughter of Leonard Mills of Hazelton. Zan and Cindy Aslett have three children.  
The Times-News regrets the error.

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# Insurance firms get around laws lengthening hospital stays

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kathleen Van Hollen was exhausted and bleeding after the emergency delivery of her baby to save his life.

But instead of resting, she was arguing on the telephone trying to get her insurance company to follow a new Maryland law allowing two days of hospital healing after childbirth.

She failed, joining thousands of women in three states who fell through the cracks of new laws designed to stop so-called "drive-through childbirth."

"It's not that the insurers are doing anything illegal — they're just simply ... trying to fatten their wallets," said Christopher Van Hollen, a Maryland senator who pledged to strengthen that law after his wife's experience.

Arguing in New Jersey Assemblywoman Barbara Buono in a letter to Congress: "The best way to plug up the loopholes ... is to enact federal legislation that is more encompassing."

"Today, many insurers pay for one day in the hospital after a normal birth or two days after an uncomplicated Caesarean delivery, saying there's seldom a medical need for longer stays."

Insurers insist they listen if doctors recommend a longer stay.

"I hear lots of people say they feel pressured," acknowledged Don White of the Group Health Association of America. "But I have yet to come across an HMO that says, 'regardless of what the attending health professional thinks, you need to go home.' ... That's just silly."

But many doctors and the American Academy of Pediatricians say it takes at least 48 hours for the mother to recover and to ensure the baby is healthy. Some conditions, such as jaundice, cannot be diagnosed during the first 24 hours of life.

Three states — Maryland, New Jersey and North Carolina — this year began mandating a 48-hour stay. But some new mothers who thought they were covered are getting a surprise.

State laws do not cover the self-funded insurance plans offered by more than half of employers, because a 1978 federal law exempts such plans from state regulation.

New Jersey law doesn't cover any companies that opt out of state, whether it is the insurer itself or, say, a Philadelphia-based law firm buying insurance for its New Jersey branch employees.

In Maryland, doctors who helped write the law originally intended that women stay 48 hours unless they chose to leave early and get a home visit from a nurse the next day. Instead, the law's language allows the insur-



Kathleen Van Hollen lost an argument with her insurance company to follow a new Maryland law allowing two days of hospital healing after childbirth.

ance company to automatically choose the home visit. Legislation pending in Congress could settle the issue by covering all insurers, although it is not expected to clear committee before spring.

But Massachusetts state Sen. Lois Pines is telling some of the 17 other states considering 48-hour stays how to close such loopholes themselves without waiting.

Effective Feb. 19, Massachusetts will force every insurer doing business there to cover a minimum 48-hour stay — by prohibiting hospitals from releasing a new mother earlier unless they meet strict safety requirements.

"This law gives birth to a minimum standard of care," she said. But keeping healthy moms in the hospital costs \$1,000 a day, a staggering sum considering there are 4 million births a year, insurers counter. In New Jersey, some insurers are asking hospitals to cut their rates because of the 48-hour law — from the current \$1,000 per day to a lump sum of

\$1,500 to \$1,800 for the entire 48 hours.

Amid the battle, some hospitals are offering a free second day.

"The cost ... pales in comparison to the cost of re-hospitalization of an infant," explained Dr. Keith Ghezzi of George Washington University Hospital in Washington, which started the program this month.

And it will help the hospital compete for patients, he added. Van Hollen thinks such plans will attract frustrated mothers.

Her own doctor said she needed two days to recover after she was rushed into labor when she ran out of amniotic fluid, endangering her baby. But after Alexander was born healthy, Van Hollen's insurer not only wouldn't confirm whether she was covered for 48 hours, but refused to ask her doctor about the diagnosis, she said.

"It was a very traumatizing experience," said Van Hollen, who went home rather than fight over the bill, but insisted on a home visit the next day. "I just didn't think they'd second-guess the doctor's judgment."

# Dole says Powell might take post

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Gen. Colin Powell would "answer the call to duty" and accept a request to join the Republican ticket as the vice-presidential nominee, Sen. Bob Dole predicted Sunday.

Dole, R-Kan., the front-runner for the 1996 Republican presidential nomination, acknowledged that Powell, the popular former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, would boost his chances to win the election.

Asked about Powell's statement not to seek national office in 1996, Dole told NBC's "Meet the Press": "I think with his concern about America, his service to America, and his concern about the future, bringing people together, blacks, whites, Hispanics ... my view is that he would answer the call to duty again."

Powell topped all announced and potential Republican candidates in the polls before his decision last month not to seek the nomination. At that time, Powell took himself out of the running for both the presidential and vice-presidential spots on the 1996 ticket. A Powell spokesman was not immediately reachable for comment Sunday afternoon.



Dole

Powell

leader, said his main campaign issue will be the balanced budget if Republicans and the White House fail to reach agreement on a seven-year plan to bring the federal budget into balance.

He said character issues, which plagued President Clinton during his 1992 run for the White House, would be on the table again, as would the ongoing Whitewater investigation.

"It's still bubbling out there," Dole said, referring to the latest dispute over whether Clinton should turn over notes his aides and lawyers took regarding the Whitewater inquiry.

"I think it's a question of credibility," Dole said. "There's almost the feeling out there that they may be hiding something. What are they hiding? The American people have a right to know."

# Boy flush with anger over game

Knight-Ridder News Service

Nine-year-old John Slovacsek is trying to keep a lid on his anger.

The Lafayette, Calif. fourth grader has dropped plans to sue toy manufacturer Parker Brothers and is now simply planning a boycott.

Why? Parker Brothers, perhaps trying to tap into kids' fascination for all that is repulsive, has come out with a new "electronic flush and burp" game. Its name: "Big John."

That's an insult to Johns everywhere, the lad says.

The new game features a face shaped like a toilet. Players throw green "scazzies" into the bowl, pull the toilet handle and are rewarded with computer-generated flushing sounds. The object: get rid of all your scazzies before "Big John" explodes.

In a letter he sent Friday to Parker Brothers president Robert Wann at the company's Massachusetts headquarters, John said he'd never been so mad in his life. "I don't like your game, 'Big John,' because my name is John, and it is an insult to call me a toilet," John writes.

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# Murders drop in 1st half of 1995

WASHINGTON (AP) — Murders reported to police plunged by 12 percent during the first half of this year, the largest drop in at least 35 years, the FBI reported Sunday.

The drop in murders was the most dramatic change in the FBI's preliminary figures for crimes reported to police during the first six months of this year compared to the same period of 1994.

Experts attributed the decline to a combination of the aging of baby boomers, police efforts aimed at drug gangs and their guns, and the development of state turf agreements between drug traffickers.

There was a 1 percent decrease in overall reported crimes and a 5 percent drop in violent crimes alone. Those two declines were similar to the reductions in those categories during all of 1994.

Property crime remained unchanged.

The FBI counts the violent crimes of murder, rape, aggravated assault and robbery and the proper-

ty crimes of burglary, larceny-theft and auto theft reported to police around the nation. Justice Department studies show more than half of all crimes, even violent ones, are not reported to the police. Murder, however, is thought to be

the most fully reported crime.

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# Times are changing

New York's famous Times Square cleans up its act

NEW YORK (AP) — The surest sign of the change in Times Square stands midblock on 42nd Street: a five-story color painting of the "Cat in the Hat," towering above a giant neon eye that once marked the entrance to Peep Land.

Here on the raunchy block known as the Deuce, they're making way for the Mouse. Disney is opening a \$34 million theater and store, and other developers plan a \$220 million hotel, a \$30 million Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum and a 25-screen movie theater.

But as Times Square evolves from a mecca for kung-fu flicks and live nude revues to a home for Mickey and Minnie, the city is facing a hard lesson in urban Darwinism: Survival of the fittest could include the area's hardest adult entertainment businesses.

Despite a new law that would force most of the topless bars and peep shows out of the "Crossroads of the World," joints like the Show World Center, Nimble Video and The Male Box have no intention of moving their quarter-a-pop operations.

A court fight is looming as city officials battle to remove Times Square's past from Times Square's future.

"It's almost like the city is trying to take away our fantasies," said Michael Musto, nightlife columnist for the Village Voice newspaper. "It's a misguided attempt to take away the risky element that is part of what makes New York unique."

Musto and other critics are crying censorship or First Amendment violations. They argue that Times Square is not vanilla — it's definitely rocky road, and the area's 47 adult entertainment shops (down from a high of 120 in the 1970s) are part of the milieu.

Ridiculous, says Joe Rose, whose city Planning Commission devised the law passed Nov. 1 to reconfigure Times Square.

"There are people who think (adult businesses) contribute to the city's character, that it's an asset," said Rose. "We don't believe that to be the case."

Times Square appeals to Disney and adult shops for the same reasons. More than 20 million tourists

visit each year to sample its eclectic mix of Broadway theaters, B-movie palaces and adult entertainment. Each day, 1.5 million people pass through on their way to work.

The peep shows and strip shops have one year to comply with the new law, which would limit where adults businesses could operate and require them to be separated by two city blocks.

The owners are seeking an injunction and plan a battle to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Efforts at zoning out adult establishments failed in the 1970s, although times were different then. This is New York in the '90s, where "quality of life" is the mantra and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani — conservative ex-prosecutor, family man — is leading the chorus.

"The Giuliani administration is trying to impose their morality on the rest of us," complained New York Civil Liberties Union head Norman Siegel, who walks through Times Square each morning to reach his office.

## State OKs prisoners' religious rite

DETROIT (AP) — Authorities have reversed a new ban on the lighting of Hanukkah candles in Michigan prisons after complaints that it violated inmates' religious rights.

"It looks like the Grinch didn't steal Hanukkah after all," said Rabbi Isaac Jaroslawicz of the Aleph Institute, an advocacy group for Jewish prisoners. He said the institute has not encountered such a ban in any other state.

Sundown on Sunday was the beginning of the eight-day festival of lights, which commemorates the victory of Jewish rebels over the Seleucid Greek empire in 165 B.C.

There are an estimated 45 Jews among the state's more than 40,000 inmates. Some prisons have previously allowed inmates to light candles or observe group candle lightings.

"This is going on a few years already without a problem," said Rabbi Yosef Weingarten of Grand Rapids, who serves as a volunteer chaplain to about 10 inmates at two state prisons.

## Clinton sends cards to ex-official

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Gov. Fob James had better hope Santa's Christmas list is more accurate than the president's. Of course, Santa supposedly checks HIS list twice.

Buried among the hundreds of Christmas cards sent to the governor's mansion were two from President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore — each addressed to James' predecessor, Jim Folsom.

"Either they haven't gotten word of the election last November, or perhaps they're in denial," James' spokesman, Alfred Sawyer, said. James, a Republican, defeated Folsom in the 1994 election, and has been in office since January.

Clinton, like Folsom, is a Democrat. "It looks like we're working off a bad list here," said Neal Lattimore, a spokesman for first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, whose office supervises the president's Christmas card operation.

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World

# U.S. delays worry U.N., Bosnians

**TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP)** — With Tuza Air Base shrouded for four days in a predictable fog, U.S. Task Force Eagle has yet to land, and U.N. and Bosnian officers are starting to worry aloud about American plans.

It's not just the fog, the officers say. They say the U.S. forces will have trouble moving their heavy tanks over narrow, mined roads. And they worry that the GIs will be trigger happy when they encounter unfamiliar Bosnians.

Several U.N. and Bosnian officers, all of whom spoke on condition of anonymity, said they had given advice to the Americans that appeared not to have been heeded.

The U.N. mission in Bosnia may have failed at keeping peace in the mid of war. But it was on the ground for three years, they argued, and learned a lot about the place and its people.

U.S. commanders said they solicited advice and made decisions based on their own needs.

Like a number of U.N. and Bosnian officers interviewed, a U.N. Nordic Battalion colonel said he saw little problem in the delayed arrival of the small airborne force that is to take command of Tuza air base before the main U.S. combat force arrives by land.

But, like the others, he said the failure to calibrate an instrument-guided system that would let them land in fog and at night suggested that U.S. commanders were not learning from local experience.

American officers said they were waiting for a clear day amid the usual Tuza fog to adjust their instruments, but would not explain why they failed to do so during a rare series of clear days last week.



**Bosnian soldiers, part of a brigade made up entirely of Srebrenica residents, go on patrol along their snow-covered front line near the town of Kladanj, southeast of Tuza, Sunday. Bosnian soldiers routinely patrol their lines as they wait for NATO troops to arrive to enforce the Dayton peace agreement.**

Norwegian Brig. Gen. Hagnar Haukland, commander of the U.N. force for which the Americans are taking over, was careful to avoid outright criticism in a farewell news conference, but he touched on the problems of getting NATO troops into place.

"It is important for IFOR (the Implementation Force) to deploy immediately," he stressed.

Asked to elaborate, his aides said they feared that the Americans' plan to build a 300-yard-long pontoon bridge across the Sava River and bring in heavily armored columns by road was likely to take far longer than expected.

U.S. spokesman Lt. Col. Bob Gaylord acknowledged that the Sava bridge would take "a couple of weeks" to build. Earlier, Americans said this would require only a few days.

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## Tel Aviv court refuses to postpone Rabin trial

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — While news organizations competed to buy an amateur videotape of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination, a court refused Sunday to postpone the trial of the man who confessed to killing him.

The Tel Aviv District Court said Yigal Amir's trial will start Tuesday as planned, despite defense lawyer Mordechai Offin's request for 60 more days to examine evidence against him.

Amir, a right-wing Jewish law student, was arrested at the scene of Rabin's murder after a peace rally in Tel Aviv on Nov. 4, and

said he killed the prime minister because he planned to hand over land to the Palestinians.

A videotape of the killing by a Tel Aviv man shows Amir shooting Rabin at point-blank range, according to witnesses who have seen it.

"Israeli" and "foreign" media that want to buy the broadcast rights are negotiating with lawyers for the unidentified cameraman.

Dan Mogulof, CBS-TV's bureau chief in Israel, said he was called by the cameraman's lawyer and given a private viewing.

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## Jewish holiday begins amid talk of peace

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Recent immigrants joined Israelis Sunday to light the first candle of Hanukkah, celebrating a Jewish victory over the Syrians 2,160 years ago even as the countries' modern-day leaders prepare to talk peace.

The eight-day "festival of lights," marked by Jews worldwide, commemorates the rededication of the Jewish Temple after an uprising against Syrian occupiers in 165 B.C.

This year, Hanukkah follows an agonizing month of reflection after the Nov. 4 murder of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin by a Jewish ultranationalist who opposed his peace policies.

Peace talks with Syria are to resume next week in Washington after a six-month break.

## Soccer fans riot in S. Vietnam

**HANOI, Vietnam (AP)** — Thousands of soccer fans, disappointed at their team's loss in the Southeast Asia Games, threw gasoline bombs and stones at police in Ho Chi Minh City in a rare incident of civil unrest in this Communist country.

Twenty-nine police were injured, six seriously, and 78 rioters were arrested during more than two hours of clashes Saturday night and Sunday morning, city police officials said.

A mostly youthful crowd began to gather on a few central streets of Ho Chi Minh City, formerly called Saigon, as early as 7 p.m., Nguyen Van Quy, head of the public order section of the District One police force, said by telephone.

They were hoping for a Vietnamese victory in the Southeast Asia Games soccer final played Saturday evening in Chiang

Mai, Thailand. But Thailand won 4-0, and the crowd's mood soured.

Youths began pulling down street signs and traffic lights, smashing telephone booths and burning advertising signs along the road, according to police and witness reports. Some raced motorcycles up and down the two main streets.

They threw stones, dirt and flaming bottles filled with gasoline at police who tried to stop them.

"Nothing like this has happened in recent years," Quy said.

He said police managed to disperse the rioters by 3 a.m. Sunday.

In addition to the arrests, officials at police headquarters said they confiscated 51 motorcycles from people who were racing them. One official said the seriously injured officers had been beaten by the crowd, but he declined to give details.

## Pope blesses thousands of nativity figures

**VATICAN CITY (AP)** — Pope John Paul II blessed thousands of infant Jesus figurines carried by children Sunday and offered a special prayer for the "littlest in the world."

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# Opinion

## Other views Legislatures should close taxpayer-subsidized lab

From the Idaho Statesman

Experts in three states doubt the Idaho Quality Assurance Laboratory can assure quality, and the farm industry that said it would support the lab fully through user fees keeps asking for taxpayer subsidies to continue its questionable operations.

This is absurd. The Legislature can put an end to this scientific and financial nonsense by refusing to allocate any more public funds for the lab. Lawmakers can let the farmers and commodity commissions finance it by user fees from testing, as they promised, or let it close.

Gov. Phil Batt temporarily closed the lab last week until the Agriculture Department could study the findings of experts in Idaho, Oregon and Montana. Those experts from similar laboratories questioned the validity of the Twin Falls lab's operations.

The \$2 million lab was constructed in 1992 to test commodities for pesti-

cide residues and other chemicals. User fees were supposed to pay the lab's way. But few farmers have used it, and the lab has required an additional \$550,000 of state funding to stay open.

Undoubtedly, the lab has done some important work. Earlier this year, it played a key role in tracing unregistered fungicide residues found on fresh Idaho potatoes to packaging materials. But that same kind of work could be performed at the University of Idaho in Moscow. Or tests could be done by out-of-state labs.

State Sen. Laird Noh of Kimberly, the Republican Resource and Environment Committee chairman, deserves credit for bringing the lab's problems to Batt's attention a year ago. Batt also deserves credit for getting an unresponsive Agriculture Department to provide information needed by one of the experts to complete his review.

Now lawmakers can also do the right thing by refusing any further subsidies.

## Waldholtz's stupidity good enough reason to oust

From the Seattle Times

Maybe old Watergate hands would call Rep. Enid Waldholtz's four hours of televised alibi-making the unlimited hang-out route. The Energizer bunny of wounded protests just kept going, and going and going.

This former corporate lawyer is scrambling to explain how her legal mind drew a complete blank when her husband infused her flagging congressional campaign with \$1.7 million of mystery money and financed \$4 million out of her daddy with no questions asked. They were just a cozy, land-swapping, cash-passing family.

The first-term Utah Republican was a lawyer in love who took her eye off the fine print at the wrong time and took up a gilded Georgetown lifestyle with many a second thought about household finances. Her husband took advantage of her diminished capacity.

In front of reporters, Waldholtz was

contrition with a codicil, humility with footnotes, putting careful, tear-stained distance between herself and the ne'er-do-well she wants to divorce, with dark hints of recent revelations of his poor lifestyle choices.

During her televised defense she was accompanied by her lawyer and her accountant. Where were they when she really needed them?

Waldholtz has demonstrated one of the fundamental character strengths of most politicians: zero capacity for personal embarrassment. If she really does embrace the laudable traits she campaigned on — personal responsibility, fiscal integrity and family values — she will resign and work to put her private life in order.

For Waldholtz to continue to argue she was so stupid that she ought to be allowed to stay in Congress to work on national problems is too much, even for television.

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## Letter

### Don't let readers be fooled

It seems as though Rep. Stubbs and Sen. Sandy are attempting to groom themselves for that steep climb up the salubrious ladder with one quick trip to the salt mines of New Mexico. Meanwhile, *The Times-News* praises the governor's nuclear waste agreement.

Is it not interesting that both lawmakers "intend to inform their colleagues in the legislature about their visit and to quiet public fears about the nuclear waste stored in Idaho Falls" (*Times-News* article, Dec. 9)? Diverting public attention is just as bad as lying. The truth is that Idaho citizens do have reason to fear the nuclear waste storage at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory as Gov. Batt's agreement with the federal government.

The facts are, even if they force New Mexico to open for Batt's "deal," none of the buried and leaking, cancer-causing plutonium particles from Colorado can ever legally go there. So why did *The Times-News* let them pretend that the New Mexico salt mine will solve INEL's cleanup problems with Colorado's plutonium?

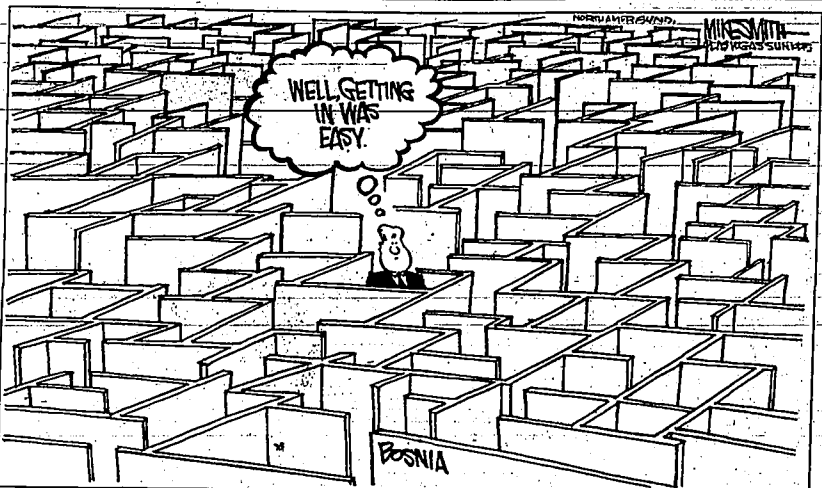
Stubbs claims, "If you're pro-cleanup, you would support the agreement. For Rickards to say, 'I support the cleanup' and to be against the agreement doesn't make sense." Dr. Rickards does make sense when he pointed out

the "cleanup" immediately reburies 10 percent of Colorado's plutonium over our aquifer. Batt's "deal" totally ignores all of the buried plutonium waste from Colorado. Why did Batt and Crippe refuse to ban the reburial, especially since it lasts for 240,000 years? Do we really want this dangerous radioactive waste buried above our water?

When Dr. Rickards asked the governor in Burley why he would not ban the reburial of Colorado's plutonium at the INEL, Batt had no real answer. Later Batt said, "It came before the Environmental Impact Statement and has nothing to do with my deal." Not only did his deal ignore the reburial but it dropped the state of Idaho's participation in the lawsuit on the incomplete impact statement. When Dr. Rickards pointed this out, why did *The Times-News* allow the governor to mislead us? Ignorance is bliss. *Times-News*, but most of us would prefer that you save your opinion for your endless editorials!

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## Season of giving lacks some gratitude

Sue Hutchison

I guess this "season of giving" business isn't always what it's cracked up to be. In recent weeks, I've heard other bemused remarks like those of the women at the salad bar. Apparently, generosity often comes with an etiquette price tag that is out of step with the times. Think about it. I live in a community where the local congressional candidates spew bile at one another, where football fans at the Oakland Coliseum behave like marauding Huns and where people are so rude to one another on the highways that I recently saw a well-coiffed woman in a Mercedes flip off an elderly man who was trying to pull his sputtering Chrysler into the breakdown lane.

And it's a likely bet that none of these people is homeless, hungry or out of work. Or that

they have been put in the uncomfortable position of accepting charity from strangers. So anyone expecting the recipients of seasonal charities to behave like the grateful wretches in a Dickens story is living in a fool's paradise.

Of course, it's human nature to expect some gratitude for a little generosity, and many charitable organizations have tried to smooth the path. But hey, if what you want is a moving, Tiny Tim-like display of gratitude when you offer charity, just look in the mirror. Think how grateful you'll feel when you leave the homeless single mother's donation drop-off and return to your warm house to eat dinner in front of "ER."

Sue Hutchison writes for the *San Jose Mercury News*, 310 University Ave., Palo Alto, Calif. 94301.

## Letters

### Give the gift of friendship

Some people chain themselves to trees for a bird. Others picket politicians' offices for a snail. How sad that some cannot have the same passion for the sanity of human life. Ms. Kipping and her Hemlock Society have this kind of disregard for the value of human life, saying that there are "many right ways." The fact is doctor-assisted suicide is a doctor's answer to not being able to live every day. This is his way to deal with his own frustration and perceived failure to his patients. By assisting in their suicides, he feels that he's at least doing something. But the great healer is not the doctor, as any Christian physician would agree.

I, too, have received many comments supporting my stand since my first letter appeared on this matter. But, Ms. Kipping, this is not a popularity contest. If I was a lonely voice crying in the wilderness, I would continue this endeavor, for you speak as well as mine. Throwing the politically correct word, "diversity," at me will not silence me. Hear me: Human life has value and worth, and no one has the right to take that away from anyone, not even your doctor, who will call it "dying with dignity" but has actually decided you'd be better off dead.

The second largest killer of our teen-agers today is suicide. How terribly lonely, dark and terrified a person must be to see suicide as the only answer to one's problems. In this Christmas season, let's not consider death but the life that Jesus' birth has given us.

I have a challenge for anyone reading this letter. Take 30 minutes this Christmas day and be a special light for someone sitting alone in a hospital, nursing home, hospice, or at home with no family to visit with them. Show someone his or her life has value. Ask your minister if you don't know someone you can visit, or call me. I'm in the book—it will be the best Christmas present you give this year, and you don't even need your credit card. May you all have a blessed Christmas.

SUE MAY  
Jerome

### Some should feel so lucky

I'm writing in answer to Cheryl Caspary's of Heyburn letter to the editor in the Dec. 13 *Times-News*.

First of all, thank God your husband has a job. There are so many who don't or are not able to work.

Secondly, Christmas is not about decorations or trees. Christmas, the very word, portrays

what Christmas is all about. Christmas is about a wee babe born in a manger almost 2,000 years ago. The wisemen brought him gifts, because it was his birthday. We give gifts to each other because it is a birthday we celebrate.

Thirdly, you can decorate your home with colorful papers, tins, evergreen garlands, baked cookies, string popcorn, etc.

Gifts to each other can be something simple but useful. You might make your own bags in paper after the rest of the family has gone for the day or after everyone is tucked in at night. The most remembered gifts are those made with loving care. Fancy papers and ribbons are nice, but why not put your gift in a decorated paper sack laid shut with a candy cane?

Fourthly, you mentioned a member who is waiting to get on welfare. I have to remind you that welfare is not the answer. As far as I'm concerned, there are too many on welfare who don't really need to be there.

Quit feeling sorry for your situation and do something about it! Give each other a hug, that's a good place to start.

EULALA WRIGHT  
Twin Falls

### Whomever has Maggie, be nice

This letter is intended for the person or persons who decided our little dog would be happier living with them. Maggie is a white, adult female West Highland Terrier. She disappeared from our rural Jerome home last week.

Since her disappearance, we've run lost-and-found advertisements offering a reward for her safe return but have had no response. We've scoured the area surrounding our home searching for her. Since it wasn't Maggie's stolen, we can only assume she's been stolen. Because she is or was a member of our family, we're concerned about her well-being with the people she's living with now, and to that end, we wanted them to know about her so she'll get the best possible care.

Maggie really loves to play ball. Long past the time you'll be tired of throwing and playing fetch with her, she'll be nagging you to throw it one more time. She is a lap dog. If you let her, she'll stay on your lap all evening or snooze next to you for hours. I've spent many evenings just that way. She also isn't happy unless she sleeps with a child. Our little girl has slept with Maggie on her bed for several years. She sleeps with a stuffed animal and a picture of Maggie now.

If you really want to give Maggie a chance, take her for a ride in the car. We rarely went

anywhere without her. But her biggest joy is camping. Make sure you take her camping with you. She likes to dig for ground squirrels. Not that she was ever successful, but she puts her whole heart in trying.

I'm doing this for my kids, you see. They are giving for Maggie and the only comfort I can give them is that the people she's living with now must have wanted her really bad to get her away from people that have loved her since she was a puppy. It's pretty tough for them, especially in this season when people are supposed to behave especially nice and do kind things for others.

There's lots of dogs out there that need loving homes that you could have adopted. Maggie already had one.

KATHY BAKER  
Jerome

### Educate Illinois kids on Idaho

Our fourth-grade class from Gifford Grade School is studying the United States. We would like your help.

We would like your readers to send us letters and postcards telling us about your state. Thank you for your help. Please send them to: Gifford Grade School, Fourth Grade, P.O. Box 70, Gifford, IL 61847.

LODD FRANZAN  
Gifford, Ill.

### Safety list, no matter the cost

I'm writing in response to the Dec. 6 article about the Idaho Transportation Department on the Hansen Bridge where a mother of two died from injuries on a frozen bridge top.

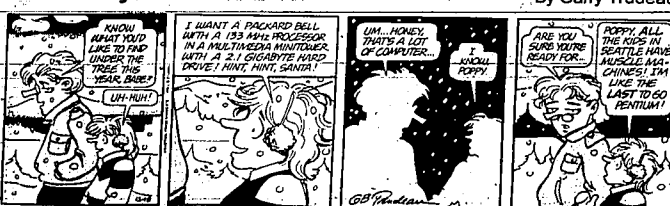
I worked until 2 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, and around 2:20 a.m. Wednesday morning I crossed the Ferriss Bridge. It was very slick, for I did around on top of it. So around dawn, maybe it was frozen. Did the Idaho Transportation Department sand it?

I always thought we the taxpayers of Idaho pay those employees' wages to clean and sand the roads and bridges to keep us safe. Yes, we even pay for the sand to be put on the roads and bridges. So what if it takes extra time to sweep it up? Come spring, we pay their wages anyway.

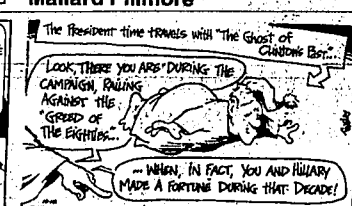
If in doubt, sand it. Where has our safety first gone to? I thought that we pay and have the Idaho Transportation Department for

HENRY CONKLIN  
Jerome

## Doonesbury



## By Gary Trudeau Mallard Fillmore



## By Bruce Tinsley



# Haitians cast presidential votes

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The apathy that marked Haiti's presidential campaign carried over to Election Day on Sunday as Haitians reluctantly chose a successor to their popular president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Voting ended peacefully at 6 p.m. with no major disruptions reported. Independent election monitors estimated turnout in the capital at between 10 and 30 percent — compared to a near-100 percent turnout in the 1990 elections won by Aristide.

"Why should I vote? I can't even earn enough money to buy my children meat," one woman yelled in Ravine Pintade, a Port-au-Prince slum.

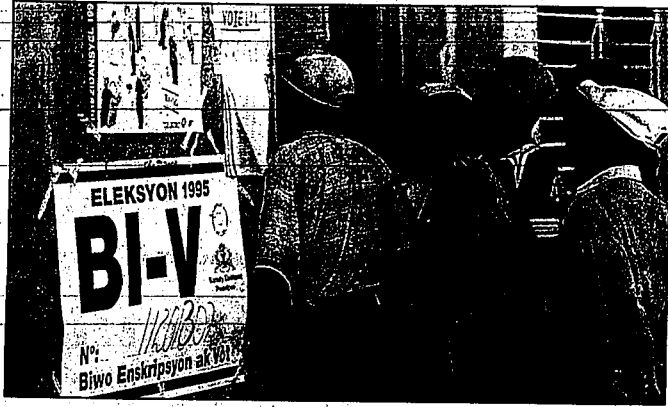
It was the first presidential election since a U.S.-led military force ousted Haiti's army dictatorship in September 1994 and restored Aristide, who was overthrown in 1991, to office. At stake is the first peaceful transition of power from one elected leader to another since independence in 1804.

The favorite among 14 candidates was Rene Preval, a former premier and candidate of Aristide's Lavalas Platform coalition. Official results weren't expected until Dec. 27.

"It is a big step for the establishment of democracy in Haiti... the first time in Haiti that one democratically elected president gets to vote for another president," Preval said, casting his ballot.

Still, voter apathy prevailed. Many Haitians said they weren't voting out of disappointment that one of the world's poorest economies hasn't improved despite the restoration of democracy. Many are angry that Aristide, by law, cannot stay on.

Haitians also were discouraged by the lackluster election campaign and an expected Preval victory. Aristide belatedly endorsed Preval.



Voters in Cite Soleil, a slum in Port-au-Prince, wait to cast votes in Sunday's presidential election. Voting started late at many stations due to organizational problems.

on Friday, ending weeks of speculation over whether the president would step down as promised on Feb. 7, inauguration day.

There was some expected disorganization at the polls. Some voters were sent from one ballot station to another, unable to find their names on voting lists. Other voting stations opened late because officials or voting materials hadn't arrived.

But the problems didn't approach the chaos that marred legislative elections in June, when tens of thousands of people were unable to vote.

An informal midday sampling by the International Republican

Institute put voter turnout at 15 to 30 percent. The institute is a federally-funded endowment affiliated with the U.S. Republican Party.

Its Democratic counterpart, the National Democratic Institute, put out an early estimate of 10 percent turnout in Port-au-Prince and just 2 percent in the central town of Hinche. The highest turnout, according to the NDI, was 36 percent in the northwest, where Preval's family is from.

Election monitors from the Organization of American States had said that Aristide's flirtation with the idea of remaining in power might reduce voter turnout. But the

United States applauded Aristide for abiding by the law and stepping down.

"I think a lot of skeptics in Washington thought this day would never come. This is a very successful (exercise) for democracy," said Brian Atwood, who led President Clinton's observer delegation and is chief of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

All but one of the major opposition parties boycotted the election, claiming the Electoral Council would rig the vote in favor of the Lavalas Platform coalition.

The exception was Victor Benoit, the Socialist Party candidate.

## Woman gets visa to help ill brother

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — An Egyptian woman previously denied a U.S. visa so that she could donate bone marrow for her severely ill brother was given the travel document Sunday after pleas from doctors.

The U.S. Embassy initially refused her application because the woman, Wedad Atefanous, did not present the proper medical documents, embassy spokesman Riek Roberts said. "She just applied for a tourist visa, without anything from the hospital, without explaining about the blood matching," he said.

## India warned about nuke test

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan warned archrival India on Sunday not to set off a nuclear test blast, saying that would jeopardize peace and stability in South Asia.

The New York Times reported last week that spy satellites filmed preparations for a nuclear test in India's Rajasthan desert in recent weeks.

India said the report, quoting unidentified U.S. government officials, was "highly speculative." It said routine army exercises were taking place in the region.

"The idea of a nuclear weapons test by India constitutes a serious setback to non-proliferation efforts in South Asia and it would jeopardize peace and stability in the region," a Pakistani Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

"Any test would have grave implications for ongoing efforts on the conference on disarmament to conclude a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty," the unidentified spokesman was quoted as telling the state-run Associated Press of Pakistan reported.

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## Fire sends toxic cloud over town

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — A toxic cloud created by burning sulfur floated over a residential community Sunday, injuring more than 100 people and forcing 2,500 to evacuate before it dispersed.

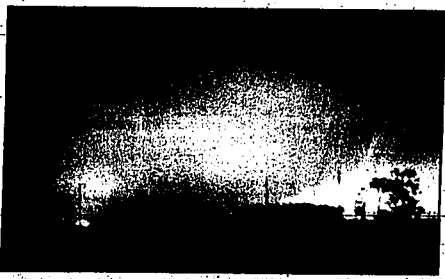
The huge red cloud of sulfur dioxide was released late Saturday when a brush fire ignited a giant sulfur stockpile at the AECI chemical factory just north of Cape Town, police said.

Emergency workers wearing respirators and heavy protective suits worked through the night, pouring water on the three-foot-high heaps of sulfur spread over an area the size of two football fields. All but a few pockets of fire were extinguished by Sunday.

State radio said the sulfur, a brittle solid used in the making of explosives, had been stored at the AECI factory for at least 20 years. Sanctions during apartheid prevented South Africa from buying weapons abroad, so the country built up a large arsenal of the chemical.

More than 100 Macassar residents were treated at hospitals for inhalation of sulfur dioxide, a corrosive gas that irritates the eyes, nose and lungs.

Doctors believe the stress of the incident may have contributed to two deaths, but the direct cause was not immediately clear. Medical staff



Colors of leaking poisonous sulphur and sulphur dioxide glow in the midnight sky over Macassar northeast of Cape Town Sunday. The leak started after a fire broke out at a chemical plant. At least 100 were injured.

said two Macassar residents in their 50s, brothers who both were asthmatic heart patients, were pronounced dead on arrival at Hottentots Holland Hospital Saturday night.

Regional fire chief Pitt Harries said the gas cloud had dissipated Sunday, and he told evacuated residents of Macassar they could return home. At least 2,500 people had been taken to shopping malls and

community centers to escape the gas.

"We cannot go on living like this," said Macassar resident Neil Sambaha. Chemical factories "do not belong near places where people live. They belong in deserts," he said.

Robbie Vermont, a spokesman for the AECI factory, confirmed the sulfur had caught fire, but provided no other details of the incident.

## ATTENTION TAXPAYER

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## Idaho/West

# Town lights up night sky

COLTON, Wash. (AP) — Almost before the Thanksgiving turkey is cold, Larry Kirpes starts his work.

Armed with metal wiring, electrical tape and hundreds of lights, Kirpes weaves and contorts visions of the holidays.

Others like Jim and Marilyn Dahmen, Bill Hall and Joyce Heitstuman, wife of Mayor Bob Heitstuman, are there too. Even more donate electricity that gives this town about 80 miles south of Spokane a warm glow through the cold winter months.

This year, more than 30 people — about one-tenth of the community's population — helped decorate thousands of lights to give the town a splash of color to rival any Fourth of July celebration.

By Dec. 6, Kirpes' son, Keith, and Rick Heitstuman were painting a frozen pond on grass with white paint, where three ice skaters, a penguin and a dog make their rounds.

"Everything fell into place this year," Larry Kirpes said. "It's not a one-man show, it's definitely a community effort and everything is original."

There are snowmen and an elf riding a rocking horse. Line Street is decked out like Candy Cane Lane. Poinsettias burst with color. Coming from Pullman, drivers on U.S. Highway 195 are greeted with safe traffic advice — a "SLOW HO HO" — trailing Santa's sleigh.

Marilyn Dahmen said the event "just kind of evolved over the years" with members of the town's holiday committee adding several new things every year.

The weekend after Thanksgiving is when the community gets to work with decorations and Jim Dahmen transports the town's Christmas tree that is placed in the park.

"This year was an excellent turnout," Marilyn Dahmen said. "It was probably our best group participation ever."

"It seemed like someone was always going into town for more lights. A lot of people have really gotten into the spirit."

Kirpes, who retired four years ago from the Postal Service, said he has been making light sculptures for a decade. Two years ago he made 20 figures, last year 11 and 10 more this season.

## Utah business trades stereo for firearms

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — There are 63 Taurus guns on the streets, and a lot more music, thanks to a pair of Salt Lake businessmen.

Brothers John and Gordon Mueller offered to trade new car stereos for working guns at their Performance Sound Locations in Salt Lake City and Murray. They figured they might get 20 or 30 takers. More than twice that number showed up.

Sixty-three people took their weapons to the Murray police, where the weapons were certified to determine if they worked. If they did, officers issued certificates which the owner redeemed at the Muellers' stores.

Police, meantime, planned to destroy the weapons.

Saturday evening, the Muellers totaled up 63 certificates — traded for a sawed-off shotgun, .22-caliber pistols, .38 specials and some nine-millimeter handguns.

And there were some touching stories that went with a few of the guns, John Mueller said.

"Two parents came in whose son had been involved in gangs and drugs. They found the gun on him. Now he's in rehab, and when he completes it, they'll give him the stereo as a gift," he said.

## Air controllers to go private

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Air traffic controllers will continue to pull shifts at the Ogden-Hinckley Airport, but they no longer will be Federal Aviation Administration employees.

Airport manager Jerry Taylor said that the northern Utah airport is one of about 100 air terminals nationwide being converted to contractor air traffic controllers as part of an FAA cost-reduction program.

## Boise State to cut positions in trimming \$1.5 million

BOISE (AP) — Boise State University will eliminate seven full-time faculty positions in response to Gov. Phil Batt's call for spending cuts.

"It ain't fun, and we have some unhappy campers. I know it hurts," Boise State President

Charles Ruch said.

Ruch on Friday announced a plan to trim \$1.5 million from the university's \$60.1 million budget to comply with state cutbacks and to make up for funding setbacks tied to a 1994 enrollment drop.

The plan also eliminates two part-time faculty positions and reduces hours for five others. Two full-time and one part-time support staff positions also will be cut, and five staff members will have reduced hours.

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# Magic Valley

## Around the valley

### Twin Falls Council eyes new softball fields

**TWIN FALLS** — The City Council may team up with Twin Falls School District 411 to make two new softball diamonds and relocate a soccer field on property near Sawtooth School.

The council meets at 4 p.m. today in City Hall to consider the joint project with the school district, an application for a state grant for Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements, an engineering agreement for securing airport fire equipment and the final draft of a community survey.

Public hearings begin at 6 p.m. on possible annexations to the city, and on Jerry Warren's rezoning request for an ice-manufacturing business at 1022 Second Ave. W. There will also be a public hearing on Clarence Piccard's request to have electric, amplified live music at a restaurant that will serve alcoholic beverages at 637 Filer Ave.

After the hearings, presenters will speak about storage of radioactive materials at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory and about Governor Phil Batt's recent agreement with the federal government.

### Red Cross sets blood drive next week in Twin Falls

**TWIN FALLS** — An American Red Cross blood drive is being held from noon to 6 p.m. Dec. 26 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 27 at the First Presbyterian Church.

To make an appointment, call 734-6946 or 1-800-274-4024, extension 337.

### Filer seeks comment on new budget for coming fiscal year

**FILER** — The city has proposed an amended budget for the 1995-96 fiscal year and residents are invited to comment on the proposal.

A public hearing begins at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 2 in the Filer City Hall, 300 Main St.

Detailed copies of the proposed budget are available at City Hall from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. on weekdays. For accommodation of disabilities of those wishing to review the documents or attend the public hearing, call the city office at 326-5000 at least 48 hours before the hearing.

### Filer city officials consider bring land into town property

**FILER** — The Filer City Council wants to annex two pieces of land and will hold public hearings on planning and zoning rules for those parcels.

The hearings begin at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 2 at City Hall, 300 Main St.

Wilfred and Randy Herrett own one of the properties, located on the east side of North Stevens Avenue, just north of the Filer limit.

The other property is owned by James L. LaRue and located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Highway 30 and Fair Avenue.

### Programs offer free eye examinations for seniors

**TWIN FALLS** — Low-income senior citizens can get free eye examinations and follow-up care from local ophthalmologists who volunteer for the National Eye Care Project.

To get a referral a local ophthalmologist who volunteers with the program, call 1-800-222-EYES from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Referrals are provided to citizens or legal residents aged 65 or older who are economically disadvantaged or do not have access to an ophthalmologist they have seen in the past.

Eye glasses, contacts, prescription drugs and hospital services are not included in the program, sponsored by the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

### Your birthday Dec. 25 or 26? Times-News wants to know

**TWIN FALLS** — Is either Dec. 25 or Dec. 26 your birthday, days when everyone you know is too broke or too pooped to care? Tell us about it.

The Times-News is preparing an article on Christmas Day and day-after-Christmas birthdays. If you'd like to share your story, call Steve Crump at 733-0291, Ext. 223.

Compiled from staff reports

# Dietrich fights neighbors' fires

## Town takes over rural responsibilities after 14-year-old volunteer unit disbands

By Julie M. McKinnon  
Times-News writer

**DIETRICH** — There were 75 paying households and plenty of volunteers near after some Lincoln County residents near Dietrich set up a volunteer fire-protection association 14 years ago.

Over the years, some of the original supporters have moved away. That meant fewer volunteers to fight fires and oversee the association — and less subscription money coming into its treasury, even though the

annual assessment dropped from \$100 to \$30 after the association's truck was paid for.

Support the last couple of years has been so low that the association hasn't been able to adequately fight fires. Its 1951 International pumper sits in a heated chicken coop in disrepair, and the association has dissolved, turning its assets over to the Dietrich City Fire Department.

And that leaves the city's volunteer department, which itself has just one operational fire truck and can't afford the more

than \$1,000 to fix another, with a moral obligation to respond to fires within a six-mile radius of Dietrich if it's able.

"It's something we've been doing anyway," said Dietrich Fire Chief Gayland Edwards, who also is a volunteer councilman, dog catcher and sanitation manager in Dietrich, which has about 60 households.

"In a small community, we can't watch and let our neighbors burn," he added. "By no means, the city isn't getting a bargain."

For a few years, the departments have responded to fires under a mutual-aid

arrangement. That terminated last year after the city department was advised there were legal problems because the rural association was private, but city firefighters continued to help fighting rural fires, Edwards said.

The association had tried to set up a taxing district, but voters rejected the idea, said Deloris Towne, who was treasurer of the association's board. The association couldn't even get enough petition signatures to get the move on the ballot a second

Please see FIRES/B3



Though one is deaf and the other visually impaired, Raptor mascot Jared Hillam and cheerleader Julianne Frazier have worked out their language barriers to cheer on their team.



Jared Hillam is the face behind the lizard.

## Raptor, friend

### I ISDB cheerleader is visually impaired; the other's deaf

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

**GOODING** — Consider Jared Hillam's dilemma, trapped as he is inside a dinosaur with an attitude.

The mascot for the Idaho State School for the Deaf and the Blind Raptors is deaf and fluent in sign, the language of the deaf. Ever tried to sign in six-inch talons?

"I haven't quite got that part down yet," confesses Hillam, an 18-year-old senior from Ashton.

"But Julie and I manage to communicate somehow."

Julie is Julianne Frazier, the school's only cheerleader. She's visually impaired, and together they make up the smallest, and most remarkable, spirit contingent in Magic Valley high school sports.

"They're quite a team," said June Stryker, the cheerleaders' adviser at the state school. "What they do isn't easy."

It wasn't supposed to be a duo

act. By vote of the students last year, the school changed its nickname from the Redskins to the Raptors, the hottest mascot in sports these days because of the 1993 movie "Jurassic Park."

The new identity, everyone assumed, would spark interest in ISDB sports. Turned out everyone was right.

There were five cheerleaders last year, and those who didn't graduate opted to play sports this year instead.

So when the time came to try out, Julianne, a 14-year-old from Boise who's been in Gooding only since last spring, was the only candidate.

"I thought, 'Am I going to be the only one out there?'"

She wasn't. Hillam, who's spent most of his school years in Gooding and has been active in sports here, had already been tapped as the first raptor mascot.

"On the day the mascot costume arrived, I went and got him

Please see FRIENDS/B3

# Official: No nuke train worries

By Steve Koehler  
Times-News correspondent

**GOODING** — There is little cause to worry about railroad accidents involving casks of highly radioactive waste, says the head of the state's nuclear watchdog agency.

"Transporting spent nuclear fuel really is not a problem to the public or the environment, in my opinion," said Robert Ferguson, administrator of the INEL Oversight Program — the state's watchdog over activities at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory.

"There are some things that are a problem, but transportation is not one of them," Ferguson told Gooding High School science students.

In a videotape of experimental crashes, nuclear waste casks — similar to those that bring spent reactor fuel from the U.S. Navy to INEL — were subjected to a variety of punishments.

The stainless steel casks traveled at 70 to 80 mph on radio-controlled trucks that slammed into a massive concrete wall backed by a hill of compacted dirt. The trucks were smashed, but the casks remained intact.

In one crash test, a cask on a flatbed truck astride a set of railroad tracks was struck by a 120-ton locomotive traveling 80 mph. The truck was shredded, the front of the locomotive crushed — it could be seen collapsing against the cask — yet the cask was barely dented.

In the worst accident in the history of transporting spent reactor fuel in the United States — 24 years ago this month — a tractor-

## How nuclear waste is shipped

The Times-News

The U.S. government uses three types of casks to ship highly radioactive spent U.S. Navy reactor fuel. The casks usually are mounted on special railroad cars.

The M-130 cask weighs 214,500 pounds loaded. It is 13 feet tall, 7 feet in diameter. It is cylindrical lead shell 10 inches thick on the sides and 9 1/2 inches thick on the bottom, covered inside and out with 1-inch thick steel.

The lid is 5 1/2 inches of lead and 7 inches of steel.

The M-140 casks weighs 375,000

pounds loaded. It is 16 feet tall and 10 1/2 feet diameter. It is made of stainless steel with 14-inch thick walls and a 12-inch thick bottom. The lid is 17 1/2-inch thick stainless steel.

The M-160 cask weighs 235,500 pounds loaded. It is 16 1/2 feet long and 6 1/2 feet in diameter. It consists of two concentric steel cylinders — one inside the other — with a 9 1/2-inch space between them that is filled with lead. The outer shell is 1 1/2-inch thick steel. The inner shell is 1-inch thick steel. The bottom is 7 inches thick and the lid is 15 inches thick.

If a cask should rupture, Ferguson said, the crash site would be roped off with a several hundred foot radius to protect the public from gamma radiation, and the perimeter would be monitored. The fuel is solid metal and would not leak. The cask would be patched with lead and steel and hauled away.

By law, the casks may not carry liquids, Ferguson said.

Gov. Phil Batt this fall signed an agreement with the federal government that opens the state to 1,133 shipments of radioactive waste to be stored at INEL. In return the government promised to remove the some of the waste in 40 years.

INEL has served as a government nuclear waste dump since the early 1950s.

## Jerome EMS unit deals with budget cuts

By H. R. Weixel  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** — The county Emergency Medical Service needed some emergency treatment of its own to continue operating.

"We requested \$220,000 to pay salaries this year, but only got \$182,621 when the budget was approved by the commission-ers," EMS director Larry Wood said.

"Being short almost \$40,000 meant we had to make some quick changes in how we do things and hope the number of calls doesn't go up," he said.

In reducing the EMS budget, the commissioners "couldn't see that a full-time administrator (Wood) much less two administrators (Wood and assistant director Clinton Wolf) was necessary," commission Chairman Roy Prescott said.

"There is value in Larry going out on runs. We felt administrative work could be done while he was on a shift."

The budget request had been further reduced after salary requirements were recomputed on actual salaries, plus a 2 1/2 percent increase for each employee. Part-time salaries were based on prior experience. This made a more accurate estimate of salary requirements, said Cheryl Watts, Clerk of the District Court.

Wood said he worked with the county commissioners, who agreed he would have

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# Bombing range proposal worries environmentalists, sheep advocates

**MOUNTAIN HOME (AP)** — Environmentalists and bighorn sheep advocates are concerned about the potential effects on recreation in a forthcoming training range proposal for Mountain Home Air Force Base.

But the Air Force proposal, to be unveiled in mid-January, will not involve the prized Owyhee Canyons and is half the size of a previous plan that was withdrawn in May amid fierce opposition.

Air Force Secretary Sheila Widnall disclosed on Thursday that a new range of 12,000 to 15,000 acres south of the air base will be proposed. She said the tract has yet to be chosen, but representatives of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep said Friday that Air Force officials displayed a map showing possible sites for the range during an October meeting with environmentalists.

Two major areas were circled, said the foundation's Herb Meyer of Mountain Home. The areas are about 40 miles south of Mountain Home between the Brunau River and

Idaho Highway 51, and roughly 30 miles southeast of that site, between the Jarbidge River and Clover Creek.

Either area could accommodate mock targets for planes from a 366th Wing at Mountain Home Air Force Base. The planes now practice at the Saylor Creek Range, southeast of Brunau, and at ranges in other states.

But it is not clear yet whether targets also might be placed in several small sites shown on the map west of Idaho 51, the sheep foundation's Bob DiGrazia said.

# How Idaho lawmakers voted

House	Chenoweth	Crapo
<b>1) INTERIOR DEPARTMENT</b> The House on Wednesday approved 245-81 a bill providing \$1.25 billion for interior Department programs for 1996. The bill was passed after a budget plan for some federal lands was tabled and the House voted 210-218 to proceed with the bill.	Yes	Yes
<b>2) BOSNIA 1</b> The House on Wednesday rejected 210-218, a bill cutting off funds for the Bosnia peacekeeping mission.	Yes	Yes
<b>3) BOSNIA 2</b> The House on Wednesday approved 210-218, a bill cutting off funds for the Bosnia peacekeeping mission.	Yes	Yes
<b>4) DEBT LMT.</b> The House on Thursday approved, 235-103, with 77 Members in dissent, a bill barring the President from using federal trust funds to pay interest on the national debt.	Yes	Yes
Senate	Craig	Kempthorne
<b>1) FLAG DESECRATION</b> The Senate on Tuesday approved 68-30, a bill amending the law allowing the federal government to ban the physical desecration of American flags.	Yes	Yes
<b>2) BOSNIA 1</b> The Senate on Wednesday rejected 22-77, a bill cutting off funds for the Bosnia peacekeeping mission.	Yes	Yes
<b>3) BOSNIA 2</b> The Senate on Wednesday rejected 49-51, a bill cutting off funds for the Bosnia peacekeeping mission.	No	Yes
<b>4) BOSNIA 3</b> The Senate on Wednesday approved 68-30, a resolution expressing support for the Bosnia peacekeeping mission, but stating that troop deployment should be limited to one year.	Yes	Yes

## This week at CSI

The following is a schedule of meetings and events that will take place this week at the College of Southern Idaho.

**TODAY**  
Overeaters Anonymous meets at 3:30 p.m. in Desert 112.  
CSI Board of Trustees meets at 5:30 p.m. in the Taylor Building board room.  
Practical Nursing honors ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. in Aspen 108.  
Pep Band rehearsal will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Fine Arts Auditorium.  
"The Forgotten Christmas Carols" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

**TUESDAY**  
Military testing will be held at 6 p.m. in Shields 201.  
Alcohol Education and Traffic Safety School will be held at 7 p.m. in Shields 117.

**WEDNESDAY**  
District IV school superintendents meet at 9 a.m. in Desert 113.

**SATURDAY**  
Military testing will be held at 10 a.m. in Shields 201.

## On the agenda

Following is a list of governmental meetings that are scheduled this week in the Magic Valley. This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

**TODAY**  
Burley City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall.  
College of Southern Idaho Board of Trustees, 5:30 p.m., board room, Taylor Administration Building.  
Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.  
Hansen School Board, 7 p.m., high school.  
Jerome County Commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.  
Keichum City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.  
Kimberly School Board, 7 p.m., Kimberly High School library.  
Twin Falls City Council, 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., City Hall.  
Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

**TUESDAY**  
Castelford School Board, 7 p.m., high school.  
Filer School Board, 7 p.m., elementary school library.  
Hagerman City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.  
Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Blaine County Hospital Board, 7:30 p.m., hospital conference room.  
E-911 Regional Board meeting, 7 p.m., at the dispatch center, 911 E. Ave. H. Jerome.  
Minidoka County Planning and Zoning Commission, 8 p.m., courthouse.  
Gooding County Memorial Hospital Board, 7 p.m., conference room.  
Sun Valley City Council, 3:30 p.m., City Hall.  
Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.  
Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

**FRIDAY**  
Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Minidoka County School Board, 7:30 p.m., call the central office for meeting place.  
Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.  
Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.  
Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., school district's office.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Blaine County Hospital Board, 7:30 p.m., hospital conference room.  
E-911 Regional Board meeting, 7 p.m., at the dispatch center, 911 E. Ave. H. Jerome.  
Minidoka County Planning and Zoning Commission, 8 p.m., courthouse.  
Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

**THURSDAY**  
Gooding County Memorial Hospital Board, 7 p.m., conference room.  
Sun Valley City Council, 3:30 p.m., City Hall.  
Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.  
Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

**FRIDAY**  
Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

## Services

Leo E. "Trip" Triggler, of Twin Falls, 10:30 a.m. today, Twin Falls LDS 6th Ward Chapel, 667 Harrison St. Viewing from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. today at the church, (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Ivan Leo Mink, of Gooding, 11 a.m. today, Demary's Gooding Chapel.

William "Bill" Roemer, of Twin Falls and formerly of Rupert, 11 a.m. today, Trinity Lutheran Church, 909

Grace I. Novak, of Twin Falls, 10 a.m. Tuesday, White Mortuary Chapel, Viewing, 4 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Larry Ann Steeking, of Carey, 1 p.m. Tuesday, Carey LDS Chapel. Friends may call one hour before the funeral at the church, (Wood River Chapel in Halley).

## Hospitals

**MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**  
Some names are omitted at patients' request.  
Admitted  
Leslie Bodley of Twin Falls and Michelle Hester of Jackpot, Nev.

Released  
Angela Anderson of Wendell, Michelle Bremers of Buhl, Jason Everitt of Kimberly and Marvyl Wagstaff of Gooding.

**CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**  
Admitted  
Deval Butters, Janet Caldera, Lori Hoard, Gerald Larson, Eric Manning, Dorothy Seymour and James Shell, all of Burley, and Emma Butts of Heyburn.

Released  
Wallace Briggs, Beryle Ambrose, Donna Blake, Marcia Foust, Willis Gerrard and Lori Hoard, all of Burley, Candelaria Casias of Rupert and Terry Aldrich of Heyburn.

Born  
A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hoard.

**MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
Some names are omitted at patients' request.  
Admitted  
Gus Pappas of Heyburn and Jose Ortega of Rupert.

Released  
Vanessa Dela Cruz and Eva Hoyne, both of Rupert, and Delbert Wright of Heyburn.

## Obituary

**Lydia Hannah Johnson**  
Lydia Hannah Johnson, 78, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died Saturday evening, December 16, 1995 at her home. Lydia was born December 29, 1916 in Loveland, Colo. to Michael and Elizabeth Moser Reichert.  
She grew up and attended schools in Colorado and married Irving V. Johnson in Missouri, Mont. on January 29, 1939. Irving preceded her death in 1960.  
Lydia lived in several western states including Colorado, Montana, and Washington before moving to Twin Falls, Idaho about five years ago to be near her children.  
She was a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls. Lydia loved her flower gar-

dens and took great pride in her flowers and her home. Her grandchildren were the joy of her life.  
Survivors include two daughters, Pat Pelletier and Peggy (Terry) Veis, both of Twin Falls; one son, Bill Johnson of Blackfoot; nine grandchildren, Michael (Karen) Johnson, Kim (John) Johnson, Kris (John) Johnson, Craig (Lucy) Dolezal, Kelly (Joshua) Bressler, Kathleen Dolezal, Karl Dolezal, Bart Veis, Kristen Veis; eight great grandchildren and one brother, Ernest Reichert of Colorado. She was preceded in death by four brothers and seven sisters.  
A funeral mass will be held Tuesday, December 18, 1995 at 11 a.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Friends may call Reynolds Chapel today from 3 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

## Death ruled a homicide

**MIDWAY, Utah (AP)** — Wasatch County sheriff's investigators Sunday were seeking the identity of a young woman whose nude body was found near an isolated county road north of Midway.

An autopsy showed the woman, in her late teens or early 20s, suffered severe blunt trauma to the head.

Her body was found Saturday morning by ranchers in the area of the North River Road, near the Provo River about two miles out of town. The medical examiner's office placed the time of death as sometime early Friday evening.

The woman was nude but there was no obvious sign of sexual assault. "That's not to say it didn't happen. There was just no physical evidence," VanWagoner said. No clothes were found.

The deputy said evidence indicates the woman was probably killed where the body was found.

The woman had several tattoos.

# Hailey eyes new housing

**By Charlotte Giles**  
Times-News Correspondent

**HAILEY** — Though the City Council easily approved one final plat and one replat Monday, it still has unresolved issues about a third plat.

Owner Elliot Caplow has been seeking approval of the final plat for Northridge V Subdivision for more than 1 1/2 years. One issue concerns two streets whose names already being used in the valley. Both need to be renamed, changed on the plat and signed.

Another delay is irrigation. Hailey is requiring irrigation limitation language in Northridge's covenants; codes and restrictions for water conservation. City Engineer Mike Choate reported on the city's main concern — the well.

Northridge representatives hired Charles Brockway to find a site for the well and drilled 190 feet before hitting bedrock. The optimum well would have been deeper and thus not contaminated by surface water.

But Northridge was not so lucky. Not only is the well not deep enough, it does not pump the 2,000 gallons per minute of drinking water required by the city. Also, the water contains too much iron. Therefore, the gallons-per-minute with air removed will be closer to 900 gallons per minute.

Brockway's report suggests removing excess air from the well water by dropping pingpong balls in the well.

The subdivision will first perforate the present well to remove air, as well as increase water capacity. If the capacity is not sufficient, a second well may have to be drilled. According to Northridge representatives, this could be prohibitively expensive.

Despite Caplow's protests about the cost of the delay, the council voted to table the final plat approval until the respective street names are changed, irrigation is limited, the subdivision well or wells can pump approximately 2,000 gallons per minute and the water quality meets federal, state and local codes.

"It won't kill anybody if we wait one more month," Mayor Steve Kearns said.

The council approved the final plat of Bartonwood Condominiums and the replat of the Warehouse West Condominiums.

The Hailey City council will take a short holiday recess and meet again at 6 p.m. Jan. 8.

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# Winter lays down thin covering of snow, ice during weekend

By Kevin Miller  
The Times-News

ALBION — Though winter is taking its time getting to most of the Magic Valley, a wintry driving conditions blanketed roads into the mountainous portion of northern Cassia County over the weekend. The first winter-weather related auto accidents of the season were reported Saturday as a week's worth of wet weather, followed by a weekend of cold, made roads slippery. It has been a somewhat belated appearance by the dangerous road conditions. "Usually before now we have had some weather-related traffic accidents," Cassia County Cpl. Michael Schiers said.

Most drivers didn't swoop into the area with a vengeance, but they did give a hint of what is sure to come. A four-wheel drive sport utility vehicle headed up Albion-Grade on Highway-77 slipped off the road Saturday morning the first of several weather-related accidents that had the Cassia County Sheriff's Department jumping. All weekend, a thin sheet of ice covered the road as it snakes up to Albion and past the Pomerelle Ski Area. Ice roads also contributed to a semi-trailer truck overturning on Interstate 84, according to the Idaho State Police. Every year, the interstate down into Sweeter Canyon is among the

most dangerous patches of road to cross in the winter, Schiers said. Cross winds make the stretch hazardous even in the summer, but when winter strikes and ice builds up, the interstate can be treacherous. "Most of our major problems are on I-84," Schiers said. Snowstorms can cause traffic problems everywhere, Schiers said, but icy conditions are most common outside the Burley area. In addition to Highway 77 into Albion, roads from Burley to Oakley and Malis are prone to be slippery this time of year. Traction device requirements are only posted for Howell Canyon Road up to Pomerelle, Schiers said, but the sheriff's department recommends driving only when it is absolutely necessary during cold spells.

# Idaho measures help potential candidates, restrict initiatives

BOISE (AP) — If the Idaho Legislature goes along with proposed election law changes pre-filed in the House, it will be easier for a candidate to get on the ballot and tougher for sponsors of initiatives to win ballot status. One bill eliminates the requirement that candidates gather a certain number of registered voter signatures to qualify for the ballot. Instead, candidates could simply pay the filing fee and sign a declaration though if approved as introduced, the tab for running would double — to \$300 for the U.S. Senate down to \$30 for the Legislature. A candidate could still opt to do it the old way, collecting up to 1,000 signatures for U.S. Senate, governor or other statewide office, 500 for Congress, 50 for the Legislature and 5 for county offices. The filing fee would be waived. But if enacted — and the changes have to be approved early in the session this Jan. 8 to effect next year's election — don't look for many prospective candidates to use it. Collecting signatures on nominating petitions shows at least a

minimum degree of support. And the list of names provides a ready-made roster of people to call for contributions or volunteer work. There's also the image problem. That looks better, a hopeful that simply plunks down cash for the right to run or someone who can produce a list of supporters? That can be carried to extremes. In the 1970s, it was common for major candidates such as Democratic Sen. Frank Church and Gov. Cecil Andrus to produce up to 15,000 signatures on nominating petitions. A couple of times, candidates staged big parades to the secretary of state's office, with people bearing boxes of nominating petitions. That buried election workers and led to a law declaring that if candidates turned in 20 percent more than the minimum number of signatures required, they don't have to be checked by county clerks, to make sure the people are registered voters. But last year, the court's essentially struck down that work-saving provision so the Legislature has to come up with some alternative after it convenes on Jan. 8. Less likely is that the Legislature will accept a proposal

that could make it much tougher to get initiatives on the ballot. Idaho has fairly lax laws on qualifying initiatives, and the voters seem to like it that way. One bill calls for limiting the number of signatures that can be collected from any one county to 15 percent of the vote cast for governor in the last election. That could curtail the growing practice of paying signature-gatherers to attend functions like the Boise River Festival or major regional fairs, concentrating on the population centers to get most of their names. But more importantly, the legislation would require that at least 2 percent of the people who voted for governor in the last election sign petitions in each of Idaho's 44 counties. While that isn't many signatures — just 34 in Teton County for example — the sheer logistics of that would make it unlikely that any future initiative could qualify for the ballot. Historically, the Legislature has been very reluctant to tamper with people's rights to put initiatives on the ballot. Look for that bill to die a quiet death in the House State Affairs Committee.

# Fires

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time, she said. The association had liability insurance on its truck, but not on its volunteers, Towne said. The association never had all of the area's residents subscribe to the fire-protection service, and people who weren't subscribers but had fires didn't always pay the association back for its help, she said. "That doesn't help, either," Towne said. The only thing holding the city back from responding to rural fires is having only one operational fire truck, a 1956 Ford in good shape. The city won't respond to rural fires unless it has enough equipment to keep behind, Edwards said. "We can't respond out into the

rural and leave our city unprotected," said Edwards, who has been crucial in helping build up the department in the last five years. In July, the department's rating went from a Class Nine — the lowest — to a Class Six, he said. One resident told Edwards that upgrade allowed him to save \$200 on his annual fire-insurance premium, Edwards said. The city fire department has 12 volunteer firefighters, including Edwards and two people who have been in the rural association. Three of the firefighters are teachers, which helps because they are in town during the day and school administrators allow them to respond to fires during school hours, Edwards said. There have been five rural and two

city fires in the past two years, Edwards said. The city's other fire truck, an old military vehicle with a tank, lost its transmission — a frequent event — during a response to a rural fire, he said. The city is trying to find an affordable cab and chassis to put a tank on, Edwards said. "It probably won't be until after the first of the year that Edwards will be able to assess the association's truck, Edwards said. Towne said she understands the city department is obligated to Dietrich's residents first, but she always knows it will try to help rural residents. "I think they'll really do their best," she said. "I think it will work better."

# Burley water system on computer

By Jennifer Bunch  
Times-News Writer  
BURLEY — The city's water system is being mapped on a computer program, and its possibilities are limitless. Jesse Mabry, city water superintendent, said the map will help keep the six road maps used by city employees up to date with information, such as locations of water line shut-off valves. In the past, all the maps have been updated by hand, Mabry said. The computerized map will require only one computer entry, and six updated printouts will follow, he said. The map also will help the water department prepare for future growth, he said. It will show what size pipe is needed to accommodate water pressure as well as the effect of expanding the water system in certain directions would have on water flow, he said. The computer model will be used in identifying a new well the city will be drilling, he said. But that is not all the map can do. "What you put into it is what you get out of it," Mabry said. Tracy Ahrens, an engineer with JUB Engineers Inc. in Twin Falls, is working to put the map together. The city also can use it to determine the type and size of piping in specific areas, he said. "It gives you a very good record," he said. Should the city decide it wants more features to its map, it can add the sewer and electric systems, the planning and zoning map and anything else it wants, Ahrens said. One of the biggest benefits to the city would be computerizing a map of its electrical system, he said. The computer quickly can tell city crews information they need about downed transformers, such as what type of parts they take, he said. An enhanced use of the map, that

requires a computer program called a Geographic Information System, would allow the city to analyze map data. If the city wants to know how many six-inch water line pipes it has installed, or if Overlook Park Avenue, the program can compute the data, Ahrens said. Many cities start out a

Geographic Information System at their cemetery, which is about the simplest form of a Geographic Information System, Ahrens said. The program can help locate for example all of the Smiths buried in the cemetery, should a person be researching a family history, he said.

# EMS

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to change hours employees worked without reducing services nor increase costs for the ambulances. The EMS director will work three shifts instead of one per week. Wood will work three shifts instead of two, Wood said. The increased hours the two directors, who are paid on a regular 40-hour week

basis, spend on EMS duty shifts will reduce salary requirements by the equivalent of 1/2 employees," Wood said. Six ambulance operators volunteered to stay within a five-minute response time in the event a second ambulance was required, instead of being called into the ambulance office, which would mean the employees would be paid a full salary. The ambulance and crew

located in Eden would also be used as backup when necessary, Wood said. "Any decision we made in handling the budget crunch had to be based on two things — first, what is in the best interest of the patient and second, in the best interest of the taxpayer," Wood said. Calls for ambulance service increased to 1,500 in 1995 from 587 in 1992, Wood said.

# Friends

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out of class on some pretext," Stryker said. "When we walked into my office, the lizard head was sitting there and he was so excited: He had to try to run right away." The mascot costume, custom-made by Carl Kemerer of Los Gatos, Calif., transformed Hillam into an instant celebrity on the ISDB campus; especially among the elementary school students who make up much of the state school's student body. "I get to entertain a lot of little kids," Hillam said. "That's kind of fun." But the business of being a raptor in the cracker box gymnasiums of the Northside Conference is trickier. "My costume has a long tail, and if the tail flops over the sideline and onto the court, we could get a technical (foul) called on us," he explained. "There have been no illegal-tail fouls so far, but it's hard to get Jared's attention when he's into his raptor persona, Julianne allows. "His head is in this box and he can only see out of the raptor's mouth," she said. "You almost have to limit his vision and the fact

that she's only been working on them for a few weeks, Julianne has most of the basic functions of cheerleading down cold. But that's not all the job involves. "Since most of our students are deaf, our cheerleaders have to sign what they're saying," Stryker said. "And Julianne has really only been signing since she arrived last spring. "There's a lot we still have to learn," she said. When they have time, Julianne and Jared study videos, practice cheers and check out the competition, like the College of Southern Idaho cheerleaders and their feathered Golden Eagle mascot. "I think seeing the male cheerleaders at CSI gave Jared a little more confidence," Stryker said. "There is a boy cheerleader at Buhl, but I don't know of any at other high schools around here. ISDB's basketball teams typically get a big following at their home games. But sometimes the cheerleaders' biggest challenge is just getting the fans' attention. "Some of the gyms are so small that they make Jared and Julianne stand down at the end of the court," Stryker said.

A typical work week for Jared and Julianne involves a slate of junior varsity and varsity basketball games on Tuesday and Thursday nights, plus putting up posters and handling most of the other student-spirit activities. And since ISDB students usually go campus from Sunday night through Friday morning, that's a load, Stryker said. "They basically do this by themselves," she said. "It can be grueling physically. When you help Jared off with his raptor helmet after the game, you can just feel the heat pour out." Both Jared and Julianne say their cheerleading days are likely over after this season. "It's possible that we've done everything we can do for Julie here at the school, but she wants to stay until after basketball season," Stryker said. "And Jared is going to college." There he'll study computers, he says, but probably not applied vertebrate paleontology. "I worry about what we'd do when they're gone," Stryker said. "But, you know, since that costume showed up, quite a few kids have come and said, 'If Jared doesn't want to be the raptor anymore, we



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# Sports

## Bills, 49ers clinch conferences

### Cowboys end 2 game-losing streak

The Associated Press

Chris Boniol saved Dallas, Thurman Thomas took care of Buffalo and Carolina did the job for San Francisco in the NFL on Sunday. The Cowboys ended a two-game slide as Boniol's fifth field goal of the game, a 35-yarder with no time left on the clock, beat the New York Giants 21-20.

### Pro football

Thomas ran for 148 yards as Buffalo battled its way to the AFC East title with a 23-20 victory over Miami, nailing down the Bills' sixth division title in eight years. San Francisco took a more leisurely path to the NFC West championship. The 49ers, waiting for a Monday night date with Minnesota, backed into the NFL West when Carolina upset Atlanta 21-17.

In Saturday's games, Pittsburgh gained a first-round playoff bye and ended New England's postseason chances with a 41-20 victory over the Patriots, and Green Bay clinched a berth by beating New Orleans 34-23.

Troy Aikman converted three critical third-down passes in Dallas' winning drive, setting up Boniol's 22nd straight successful field goal. Brad Daluiso kicked a go-ahead 27-yard field goal for New York with 5:17 remaining before Aikman and Boniol brought the Cowboys back.

Boniol had field goals of 27, 32, 23, and 45 yards before his game-winner.

Rodney Hampton rushed for a career-high 187 yards for the Giants (5-10).

Miami twice battled back from a 10-point halftime deficit to tie the Bills. But Buffalo finished the Dolphins with Steve Christie's third field goal after an interception by David White deep in Miami territory.

Thomas' big day — he scored twice — completed a turnaround for the Bills, who missed the playoffs at 7-9 last year following four straight Super Bowl appearances.

### Panthers 21, Falcons 17

Atlanta blew a two-touchdown lead at Carolina losing to the expansionist Panthers when Kerry Collins hooked up with Willie Green on an 89-yard touchdown pass.

Carolina, already the winniest expansion team in NFL history, clinched its seventh win of the season by stopping Atlanta on a fourth-down play with 67 seconds left, severely damaging the Falcons' postseason hopes.

### Eagles 21, Cardinals 20

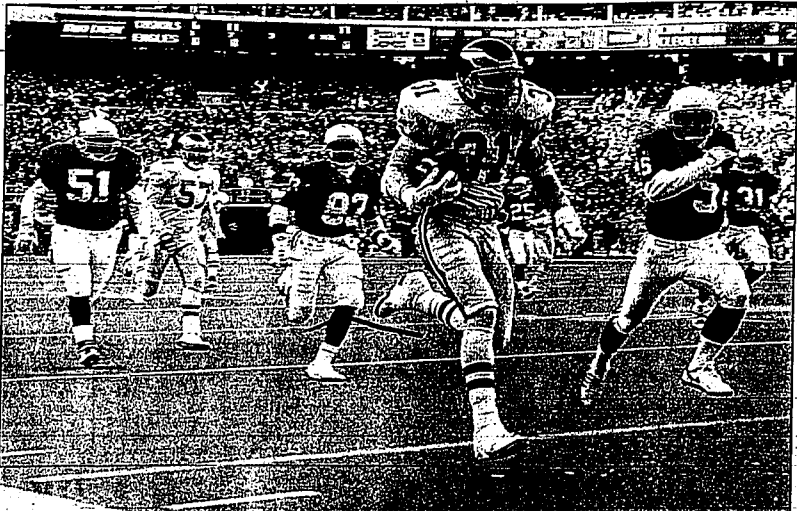
Philadelphia overcame a 17-point deficit and clinched a wild-card playoff berth using a huge defensive effort to beat Arizona. The Eagles forced five second-half turnovers and Rodney Peete's 37-yard touchdown pass to Calvin Williams in the fourth quarter provided the winning margin.

### Lions 44, Jaguars 0

Barry Sanders ran for two touchdowns and Scott Mitchell passed for two more as Detroit routed Jacksonville for its sixth straight victory. The Lions have scored 190 points in their last six games and will be the playoffs if Minnesota loses Monday night at San Francisco.

### Chiefs 20, Broncos 17

Steve Bono threw for one touchdown and ran for another in Kansas City as the Chiefs won John Elway's fumble for another TD as Kansas City locked up a first-round playoff bye. The AFC West champion Chiefs can secure home field throughout the playoffs if they beat Seattle or Pittsburgh in their next game.



Above, Philadelphia Eagle Derrick Witherspoon (31) returns an Arizona Cardinals kick for an 88-yard touchdown in the second quarter of Sunday's game in Philadelphia. Philadelphia won 21-10.

At right, Chicago Bear Kevin Minniefield (24) deflects a pass intended for Tampa Bay Buccaneers Horace Copeland (88) Sunday in Chicago.

### Chargers 27, Colts 24

John Carney kicked a 43-yard field goal with three seconds to go as defending AFC champion San Diego won its fourth straight game and kept its playoffs hopes alive. It was Carney's second field goal in the final two minutes and sandwiched a 50-yarder by Cary Blanchard of the Colts, which tied the score at 24 with 48 seconds remaining.

### Bears 31, Bucs 10

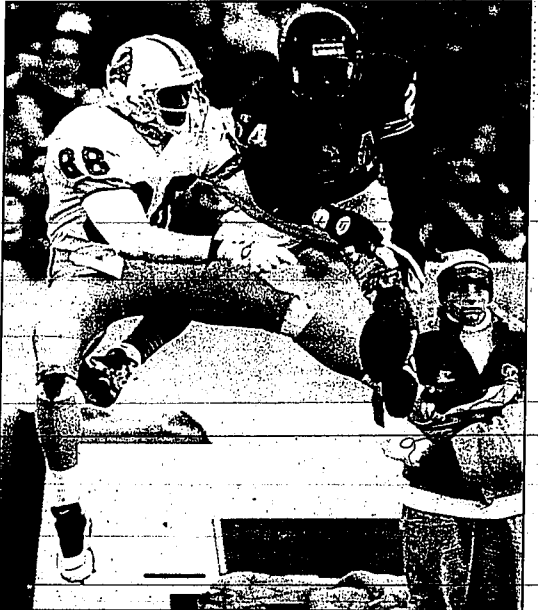
Rashan Salaam rushed for a career-high 134 yards and three touchdowns as Chicago kept its playoff hopes alive. The Bears remained a postseason possibility thanks to Carolina's victory over Atlanta. Chicago would qualify for the playoffs if it beats Philadelphia next week and Atlanta falls to San Francisco and Minnesota loses one of its final two games, against San Francisco and Cincinnati.

### Browns 26, Bengals 10

The Browns played what may have been their final game after 50 years at Cleveland Stadium and ended a six-game losing streak by beating Cincinnati. Cleveland had not won since the announcement the franchise would move to Baltimore next season.

### Redskins 35, Cardinals 23

Tom Carter and Tony Woods scored defensive touchdowns for Washington as St. Louis lost for the eighth time in the last 11 games. In the last four, the Rams have been outscored by a combined 152-69. Mark Rypien passed for 340 yards, his second straight 300-yard game for St. Louis.



### Oilers 23, Jets 6

Rookie Steve McNair threw a 35-yard TD pass in his first NFL start and Al Del Greco kicked three field goals in what may have been Houston's last game in Texas. Oilers owner Bud Adams is expected to buy out the remainder of the team's lease and move to Nashville next season.

### Seahawks 44, Raiders 10

The Seahawks still are soaring toward the playoffs, while the Raiders might be reeling right out of them. Chris Warren ran for three touchdowns and Seattle made its longest playoff chances more of a reality with a 44-10 victory over the Oakland Raiders on Sunday night.

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**A guy from England is coming to kick his butt.**

—WBC boxing champion Frank Bruno, referring to his upcoming fight with Mike Tyson

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### Briefly

#### Tyson's next fight won't be on free TV

PHILADELPHIA — The next time Mike Tyson visits America's living rooms it will cost arm-chair fans.

A free Mike Tyson became a figure of the recent past Saturday night when he knocked out Buster Mathis Jr. and cleared the way for his first step toward a goal of again becoming the undisputed heavy-weight champion.

It will be a pay-per-view journey, and, if you believe Frank Bruno, it will be a bad trip.

Tyson's challenge to WBC champion Bruno, public knowledge for some time, was formally announced Sunday for March 16 in the MGM Grand at Las Vegas.

The live audience paid as much as \$500 a ticket. A nationwide audience paid nothing to watch on the Fox Network. Philadelphia was not blacked-out.

#### Phillips to return if NFL passes in 1st round

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska tailback Lawrence Phillips, sidelined for six games after beating a former girlfriend, said he'll probably return for his senior season if he isn't projected as a first-round NFL draft pick.

Phillips said he has sent a letter requesting a draft projection to an NFL committee that advises underclassmen on where they might be picked.

Phillips was considered a leading Heisman Trophy candidate after rushing for 359 yards and seven touchdowns in Nebraska's first two games. But he was suspended by coach Tom Osborne after beating former girlfriend Kate McEwen at a Lincoln apartment Sept. 10.

Phillips pleaded no contest and was found guilty of misdemeanor assault and trespassing. He was sentenced to one year of probation, ordered to pay restitution and continue counseling to control his anger.

#### NAIA football coaches can vote on overtime games

TACOMA, Wash. — If the NAIA football coaches want overtime in the future to settle their championship games, they can vote it in, an NAIA official says.

NAIA public relations director Kevin Henry, who is based in Tulsa, Okla., said coaches have had an opportunity to change the current system every year, but so far haven't.

There were 96 unhappy players and two unhappy coaching staffs on Saturday in the Tacoma Dome after Findlay of Ohio and Central Washington played to a 21-21 tie in the NAIA Division II title game.

With the bowls now decided by overtime, the small-college players and coaches have complained loudly about their fate. One Seattle sports columnist said the NAIA was the NA-tie-A.

Compiled from wire reports

### Sportslate

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High school girls' basketball  
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High school boys' basketball  
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Kimberly at American Falls, 7:30 p.m.  
TFCA at Murtough Jr, 5:30 p.m.

## Playoff possibilities left with 1 week remaining

The Associated Press

The Buffalo Bills clinched their sixth AFC East title in eight years Sunday with a 23-20 victory over the Miami Dolphins.

The Bills (10-5) beat the Dolphins (8-7) a blow to their playoff hopes and will play at home in a wild-card round game on Dec. 30 or Dec. 31.

Buffalo joined Kansas City and Pittsburgh as AFC division winners. The Steelers, who beat New England 41-27 on Saturday and the Chiefs, who edged Denver 20-17 Sunday, have secured first-round byes.

Oakland failed to secure a playoff spot by losing Sunday night's game with Seattle. Still alive for wild-card berths in the AFC are San Diego, Indianapolis, Miami and Denver, although the Broncos (7-8) barely have a chance.

San Diego strengthened its chances when it defeated Indianapolis 27-24.

Also assuring itself an NFC playoff berth—and a first-round home game if it is a wild card — was Philadelphia, which edged Arizona 21-20. The Eagles, who lost their last seven games last year, have won nine of their last 11 under first-year coach Ray Rhodes.

Already in from the NFC are San Francisco, Dallas and Green Bay. The 49ers were handed their 12th NFC West crown since 1981 — and their fourth in a row — when Carolina beat Atlanta 21-17.

The Falcons (8-7) probably face the unenviable prospect of having to defeat San Francisco in their season finale to have a shot at the playoffs. Atlanta has lost its last three games to the 49ers by a combined 106 points.

The Cowboys, who squeaked past the New York Giants 21-20, will win the NFC East by beating Arizona on Christmas night, or if the Eagles lost at Chicago next Sunday.

The Packers secured a postseason berth on Saturday with a 34-23 decision at New Orleans. The Lions (9-6), who extended their winning streak to six games with a 44-0 victory Sunday against Jacksonville, remain in strong contention for a playoff berth. If Minnesota loses Monday night at San Francisco, the Lions will make the playoffs for the fourth time in five seasons.

Even if the Vikings win, the Lions get in with a victory next week at Tampa Bay.

Barely alive in the NFC is St. Louis, which fell 35-23 to Washington. At 7-8, the Rams must beat Miami next week and get help elsewhere. Loss of help.

For the Rams to qualify at 8-8: • Minnesota must lose its last two games, on Monday night against San Francisco and next week against Cincinnati.

• Atlanta must lose its finale against San Francisco.

• Chicago must lose its final game against Philadelphia.

## Couples proves singular winning Jamaica title

The Associated Press

MONTEGO-BAY, Jamaica — Fred Couples proved a singular winner in the 1995 World Championship at the Tryall Club in Montego Bay, Jamaica, Sunday. Couples beat out Vijay Singh and Loren Roberts



Fred Couples of Dallas celebrates winning the Johnnie Walker World Championship at the Tryall Club in Montego Bay, Jamaica, Sunday. Couples beat out Vijay Singh and Loren Roberts following a three-way tie and a two-hole playoff.

Couples, the tournament's first winner in 1991, was three strokes behind Roberts and two behind Singh with two holes to go.

He began his remarkable comeback with an eagle on the par-5 17th. Then, with Roberts off the course and Singh making a birdie to share the lead, Couples hit a 20-foot birdie putt, forcing a playoff with all three players at 5-under-par 279.

Each parred the first extra hole, but Couples prevailed on the par-4 18th with a birdie to win the second playoff in the tournament's five-year history. The other came in 1992, when Nick Faldo defeated Greg Norman.

Couples, who closed with a 71, won \$50,000. Roberts had a 69 and Singh of Fiji a 70. Each earned \$250,000.

British Open champion John Daly completed the tournament with striking consistency, shooting rounds of 80-80-84-80 for a 324 total that left him 45 strokes off the lead in the 19-player field.

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Summary of NFL game results including scores and key players.

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Table listing individual player statistics for various NFL teams.

Sports on TV/Radio

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Large table listing sports events, stations, and times for TV and radio.

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Table listing high school sports events, schools, and times.



Orlando Magic center Shaquille O'Neal sticks his tongue out as he shoots over Toronto Raptors forward Ed Pinckney during first quarter NBA action in Toronto Sunday.

Toronto stuns Magic in Skydome, 110-93

Article about Toronto Raptors' victory over Orlando Magic in the SkyDome.

Pro basketball

Summary of professional basketball games and player performances.

76ers 101, Timberwolves 99

Article about Philadelphia 76ers' win over Minnesota Timberwolves.

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Article about Milwaukee Bucks' win over Indiana Pacers.

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Johnnie Walker World Championship scores

Table showing scores for the Johnnie Walker World Championship.

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Table listing women's college basketball games and scores.

No. 12 Georgia nips No. 18 Bama, 88-83

Article about Georgia Tech's victory over Alabama in a basketball game.

# Texas questions Big 12's ability to offer fairness

Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — The University of Texas may reconsider its membership in the new Big 12 Conference if the league allows recruits who meet neither the NCAA minimum standardized test score nor grade-point average.

The potentially explosive issue will be discussed at a meeting of league chief executive officers Jan. 7 in Dallas. UT officials believe eight of the Big 12 schools must agree on the policy for it to take effect.

University president Robert Berdahl says Texas will not accept a policy with non-qualifiers in the mix. "I am hopeful it can be worked out," Berdahl said. "It is in the interest of the conference to do so. If the conference approves a policy which creates such an uneven playing field ... it would be very difficult for us. We would have to review our options at that point."

"I know they (Texas) are saying such things," Missouri chancellor Charles Kiesler said of UT possibly leaving the Big 12. "I don't know if that's a political process of attracting such votes."

There are no signed binding agreements keeping any school in the league, but they are being developed. If Texas were to seek conference membership elsewhere, there remains a standing offer from the Pacific-10 Conference. Said Pac-10 assistant commissioner Duane Lindberg: "They know if they have problems, they can come calling."

Partial qualifiers lack either the minimum standardized test score for immediate eligibility or the minimum GPA in core courses. They can practice and receive athletically related financial aid as freshmen.

Non-qualifiers have attained neither the necessary test score nor GPA. They can't practice or receive athletically related financial aid as freshmen.

The four Southwest Conference schools heading into the Big 12 — Baylor, Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech — take neither partial qualifiers nor non-qualifiers under a policy adopted by the SWC in 1991. UT plans to allow a limited number of partial qualifiers, wanting to preserve what it sees as academic integrity.

The Big Eight Conference, the other league that will help form the Big 12, has no conference policy on the issue. It simply allows its members to decide their own policy.

Nebraska officials and football coach Tom Osborne have argued that the league will be denying opportunities to a large pool of players if nonqualifiers are not allowed and putting itself at a competitive disadvantage nationally. "All I can say is we are going to try and work it out," said Kansas State president Jon Wefald. "We will work very hard to get them (Texas) in."

Two proposals on the issue have been brought before conference presidents.

One, from UT's Berdahl, would allow conference schools to annually accept four total partial qualifiers — two in men's sports (one in football, one in another sport) and two in women's sports (no earmarking of sports). It is similar to current policies in the Southeastern and Atlantic Coast conferences.

Berdahl's proposal is acceptable to UT officials because of increased NCAA standards to go into effect next fall — that make partial qualifiers better graduation risks.

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Michael Jordan went into this season determined to show that he's still the best basketball player in the world. As it turns out, he may not even be the best in Chicago.

"It's Scottie Pippen's team," Jordan says. "He's made unbelievable strides. There used to be inconsistency to his game that people criticized. But now, he's alleviated the inconsistency. He's got to be one of the best players in the game, if not the best."

"He's learned how to challenge himself every night. When one phase of his game is not clicking, he's contributed in other areas. That's a sign of greatness."

Lately, all phases of Pippen's game have been clicking for the Bulls, who have won nine consecutive games and have the NBA's best record — 19-2.

He had 33 points, 13 rebounds and six assists Saturday, when the Bulls improved to 10-0 at home with a 108-88 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers. Two nights earlier, Pippen's 30 points, eight rebounds and eight assists led Chicago to an easy victory at Atlanta. Wednesday, Pippen had 26 points, eight rebounds and six assists in a win over Orlando.

Pippen is playing better now than he did when he was clearly Jordan's understudy in the championship years of 1991, 1992 and 1993. And he's probably even playing better than he did as the Bulls' only superstar during Jordan's 17-month retirement.

Though Jordan's scoring average is 29.7 points compared to Pippen's 21.1, Pippen's all-around excellence has earned him the title of team catalyst in coach Phil Jackson's eyes.



Chicago Bulls Michael Jordan, shown here passing the ball during Saturday night's game against the Los Angeles Lakers in Chicago, regards teammate Scottie Pippen as the Bulls' true leader.

It is the 6-foot-7 Pippen who usually brings the ball up the court and distributes it. It is Pippen who usually collects the rebounds

ally defends the opponent's best non-center. And it is Pippen who usually collects the rebounds

Dennis Rodman misses. All that, and Pippen still finds the time to be a big scorer.

Still, he's uncomfortable about Jordan's contention that the Bulls are his team.

"I don't feel like that," Pippen said. "Phil runs the offense through me, so I'm kind of the floor leader out there. But Michael is still our leader. I think he's being very modest saying I'm the leader. We're both leaders on the court in our own way."

Pippen, scheduled to make his second Olympic Dream Team appearance next summer, is often "a dominant player," Jackson said.

"Scottie's got a nice feel for the game," the coach said. "He waits until the opportunities arise or there's an energy drop and he picks up the level of his game."

Such was the case Saturday against Los Angeles. Jordan dislocated the finger on his shooting hand and took a seat on the bench next to Rodman, who has been bothered by calf injuries. Pippen scored nine of the Bulls' next-11 points as Chicago took control of the game.

"When Michael hurt his finger, we knew there was going to be a change in our attack," Jackson said. "So Scottie took it upon himself to be more aggressive offensively."

Led by Pippen, Jordan and Rodman — "quite a triad," Lakers coach Del Harris said — the Bulls have been THE story through the first quarter of the NBA season. On pace to post the league's best record ever, they are averaging an incredible 10 points more than their opponents.

"I think it's pretty easy, especially when we work hard," Pippen said. "We're just playing very well together. We're a real good team with real good players. We should win our games."

## Knaus gets 1st giant slalom victory

ALTA BADIA, Italy (AP) — Austrian Hans Knaus was doubly successful Sunday, getting his first World Cup victory and his biggest paycheck ever.

Knaus, a 24-year-old from Schladming, beat race favorites Michael Von Gruenigen and Alberto Tomba in the giant slalom and collected \$62,500.

"It's the biggest money I ever won, and it comes at the right time, so I can buy many Christmas presents," Knaus said.

"But what I really care, is that I have won my first World Cup race at one of the most prestigious Cup venues."

His victory in the Italian Dolomite mountains was not surprising, however. The Austrian skier had showed an impressive form and a crescendo of good results earlier this season.

Third in a giant slalom at Park City, Utah, last month and again third in a Super-G at Val D'Isere last week, Knaus skied aggressive-

ly down the steep Gran Risa course clocking the fastest time on both runs for an unbeatable aggregate of 2 minutes, 35.34 seconds.

Knaus is of a family of Austrian skiers. His elder brother, Bernhard, is one of the most successful skiers on the U.S. professional circuit.

Von Gruenigen, a Swiss giant slalom specialist who had won the three previous giant slalom races, finished second with a gap of .69 seconds.



Michaela Dorfmeister from Austria speeds down on the way to her victory in the women's Ski World Cup Downhill race in St. Anton, Austria, Saturday.

## Austrians dominate on home turf

ST. ANTON, Austria (AP) — A big weekend for the Austrian women-ended Sunday when Elfi Eder won the slalom and teammate Anita Wachter claimed the combined, giving their team three World Cup victories in two days. Eder, an Olympic silver medalist, completed the two runs with

a combined time of 1 minute, 40.95 seconds, collecting her second slalom victory of the season.

—Michaela Dorfmeister won the downhill Saturday as Austrians took the first two spots and tied for the third with American Picabo Street.

Street finished sixth among the nine combined skiers to complete the slalom. She placed fifth overall, with a total time of 3:25.05.

"We had such good training in the fall and the entire team has improved so much," Dorfmeister said. "These victories have given us all a lot of confidence."

## Samaranch strengthens Olympics

Los Angeles Times

When Juan Antonio Samaranch of Spain became the International Olympic Committee's president during the 1980 Summer Olympics at Moscow, no one was certain whether congratulations or condolences were in order.

Terrorism in 1972 had turned Olympic villages into armed encampments; the Montreal Games in 1976, lost \$1 billion for the federal, provincial and city governments; the United States and other countries were boycotting the Moscow Games; and the only city that bid for the 1984 Summer Olympics, Los Angeles, would not agree to cover debts from the Games if they occurred there.

Fifteen years into Samaranch's reign, however, the Olympic movement is stronger than ever. At least 10 cities from five continents have indicated they will bid for the 2004 Summer Olympics; multinational companies spend \$20 million to become sponsors; the inclusion of professionals has created more worldwide interest; and, within the last four months, NBC has agreed to pay the IOC \$3.57 billion for U.S. television rights to the five Olympic Games between 2000 and 2008.

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# The Year in Review

If I had to pick two words to summarize 1995, those words would be "reasonable doubt."

What I mean is, any reasonable person has to have serious doubts about whether this year should have been allowed to occur.

A big reason, of course, is that this was the year when we had to endure The Trial That Lasted At Least A Century. Don't get me wrong: I'm not complaining about the verdict. If a jury of 12 citizens, after thoroughly considering all of the evidence for approximately 20 minutes, honestly came to the conclusion that O.J. Simpson had not been proven guilty of committing the crimes in question, then far be it from me to point out that they have the collective intelligence of beef jerky. We operate under a jury system in this country, and as such as we complain about it, we have to admit that we know of no better system, except possibly flipping a coin.

No, it was not the verdict that was the problem with this case. The problem was — and here I must search for precisely the right word to describe a very complex and subtle flaw in our current system of lawyers. There were way too many of them. There were at least six of Barry Check alone.

The sheer mass of lawyers overwhelmed poor pathetic Lance Ito, who, during the course of the trial, was buffeted by a relentless gale of lawyer-generated wind that gradually started eroding him, so that he became smaller and smaller as the months wore on, until finally he was just this nervous little fringe-bearded face poking up over the top of his desk, praying for this awful ordeal to end before he completely lost his mind and started shouting obscenities at himself via a Cookie Monster puppet.

And of course the courtroom lawyers were just the beginning. There were also the TV lawyers, who — courageously overcoming the handicap of having no real idea whatsoever what the jury was actually thinking — provided us with endless hours of detailed expert commentary on every facet of the trial. ("Tom, if you look at this...")

Marcia Clark taking the question about the age of the Simpson dog, you'll notice that she is gesturing with her LEFT hand, which is a change from yesterday when she used her RIGHT hand, which could be an attempt to sway juror No. 7, who is probably left-handed. Judging from the way she picks her words, she's using the same token Clark's gesture could actually OFFEND some of the right-handed jurors, with the exception of juror 2, 5, 8, 9 and 11, who appear to be asleep, which could indicate that they are responding positively to a series of strategic lies emitted by defense attorney Johnnie Cochran, although on the other hand Cochran may have hurt his side with a post-lunch stretch (early?).

In summary, the lawyers came off as a group of pompous, overbearing, condescending, self-promoting, obnoxious, unprincipled, slimy, misleading and at times flagrantly lying scumbags. But of course that is their job. We here in the nation, who should have no such excuse. We were just plain despicable. Oh, we put on our frostiest faces and acted sad, and every three weeks or so we reminded everybody, in somber tones, that this was NOT entertainment; this was a terrible, terrible tragedy with real human victims, Nicole and whatevsname. But the stone truth is that we were thrilled to have this great, plump, juicy Thanksgiving turkey of a story, providing us with endless leftovers that we could whip up into new recipes to serve again and again. Not that you might after night ("Tonight on Inside Hard Edging — an exclusive interview with the woman who took O.J.'s dental X-rays").

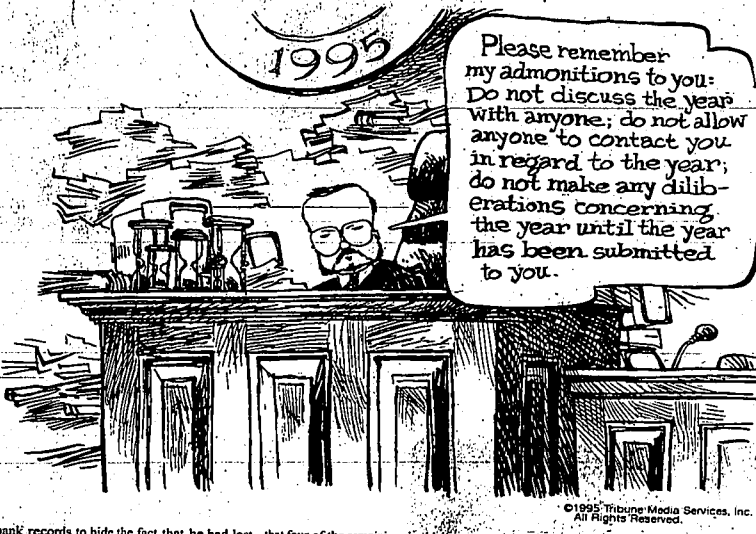
Of course you, the public, snarked these tasty tabloid dishes right down and looked around for more. Not that you would admit this. No, you all spent most of 1995 whining to everybody within earshot about how sick and tired you were of the O.J. coverage.

Sure I believe that I believe that you did NOT ATTENTION to the O.J. trial. I believe that you spent your time reading the works of Marcel Proust. I also believe that Kato Kaelin is the next Robert De Niro.

Come on, let's be honest: NOBODY came out of that trial looking good. And I'll tell you who she had to be: 1995. The international banking industry. I am thinking here of two stories that should strike a chord in the soul of any bank customer who has ever been treated like a serial killer for trying to cash an out-of-state check.

In February, the British investment bank Barings PLC collapsed because a 26-year-old trader named Nick Leeson lost \$1 billion — that's with a "b," followed by an "illion" — in futures trading.

In October, an employee of the New York office of Japan's Daiwa bank, Yoshihide Iseki, admitted that he doctored



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bank records to hide the fact that he had lost \$1.1 billion.

Do you know what I think about when I read these stories? I think about my ATM machine. My ATM machine is hooked up electronically with my bank, which in turn is hooked up electronically with all the other banks and financial institutions all over the world. So when I am using my ATM machine, I am interfacing with the global international financial network. And do you know what my ATM machine is always telling me? It's always telling me: YOU CANNOT WITHDRAW THAT AMOUNT. It tells me this even when I KNOW I have enough of my own personal money in the bank to cover the withdrawal.

"This makes me crazy. WHY CAN'T I HAVE MY MONEY?" is what I want to scream. "DO YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE THERE'S MYTY ON HAND IN CASE SOME 78-YEAR-OLD TWIT NEEDS TO LOSE IT?"

But I don't scream at the ATM, because if I did, people would have reasonable doubt about my sanity. Speaking of which, it's hard to believe that ANYBODY is still some- after the year, we've all just been through. Just in case you forgot what happened, let's swallow our anti-nausea medication and take a trip back in time, starting with...

## January

... when, as the nation rang in the new year, an estimated 25,000 newly elected Republican congressmen solemnly swore to the Congress With America, descended on Washington, D.C., and immediately began a series of marathon late-night sessions, passing over 200 major new pieces of legislation before it was pointed out that they would not legally take office until Jan. 3. Meanwhile, President For Now Bill Clinton, refusing to play "second fiddle" despite the GOP congressional takeover, met with a number of top world leaders to discuss possible ways in which they might get appointments with News Ginchrich.

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that four of the remaining six delegates were sick. Meanwhile, in what was billed as one of the most archaeological finds of the century, explorers in southern France discovered a cave containing 20,000-year-old vivid drawings depicting animals, human hands, and what appeared to be a primitive Internet address.

In sports, the National Hockey League season finally resumed, fueling speculation that the 2000-year-old vivid drawings depicting animals, human hands, and what appeared to be a primitive Internet address.

In a true February aviation news item, South African Airways airliner, heading from London to South Africa, was forced to turn back when its fire alarms were triggered by methane gas released by 72 pigs in the cargo hold.

Speaking of pig influenza, in the Trial of the Century, the O.J. Simpson defense team produced an expert medical witness who testified that Simpson, as a result of injuries sustained during his playing career, no longer contains DNA. And speaking of sports, in...

## February

... the crippling baseball strike dragged on into its seventh brutal month, forcing many desperate players to sell some of their Ferraris as they waited for emergency Red Cross shipments of gold chains. Meanwhile in Washington, the House of Representatives, continuing to ignore the voters' vote to repeal all the even-numbered amendments to the Constitution. In other political news, Dan Quayle, in a statement that shocked observers because, virtually all the words spelled correctly, announced that he would not run for president. Dozens of humor columnists committed suicide.

Elsewhere on the political front, President Clinton, in yet another politically questionable appointment, plausibly said his choice to head the scandal-plagued CIA was Mikhail Gorbachev.

In the Trial of the Century, the specter of a mistrial arose when it was reported that some jurors, in between recesses and sidebar conferences, might have heard some actual testimony. An angry Judge Ito sternly instructed them to disregard it.

In space, crews of the Russian space station Mir and the American shuttle Discovery attempt a historic docking maneuver while orbiting the Earth, but are forced to abort when they realize, at the last instant, that they are orbiting in opposite directions.

On a lighter note: In Palm Springs, President Clinton plays a historic round of golf with former presidents Gerald Ford and George Bush, resulting in 17 deaths.

On the educational front, critics concerned about the "dumbing down" of America objected to a new version of the book "The Little Women" in which the famous scene where Beth dies is replaced by a scene where Beth dies in a more dramatic fashion. In Wall Street, the Dow hit yet another record high, although of course every stock you personally own went directly into the toilet. And speaking of high finance,

## March

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In sports, Michael Jordan announced that he would quit playing basketball and return to what made him famous in the first place: Wheaties commercials. And speaking of big business, in...

## April

... the baseball owners and players graciously agreed to re-sume making millions again. Fans vowed to boycott the games, but the lure of being able to sit at \$4.50 per seat in the bleachers in unshaven men sprit proved too strong to resist. In other financial news, Lee Iacocca and billionaire Kirk Kerkorian tried to buy the Chrysler Corp. for \$21 billion, but the deal fell through in a dispute over whether the price included floor mats.

In Washington, the House of Representatives finally decided to take a break after discovering that it had voted without debate in favor of amending the U.S. Tax Code to include the rules to "Chutes and Ladders." In other federal action, President Clinton announced that he was putting the Ex-Lax refund department in charge of handling the Mexican peso crisis.

In the sad news department, Ginger Rogers twirled gracefully off the stage; Howard Cosell went to that Big Sky. In a true consumer news item, The First National Bank of Chicago announced that it would start charging customers \$3 if they wanted to do business with a human teller instead of an ATM. "This is the wave of the future," explained the bank's CEO, Leo Mullin, moments before what appeared to be a computer chip fell out of his left nostril.

On the animal-rights front, Alan beings landed in Washington state and announced that they wanted to return Gov. Mike Lowry to his planet of origin. Meanwhile, Lolita the Killer Whale, squeaking through a spokesperson, announced that she wished to be set free and had needless to say renined the services of Johnnie Cochran. In the Trial of the Century, Judge Lance Ito dismissed four more jurors for snoring. And speaking of justice, in...

## May

... a major blow against crime was struck in New York's Central Park, where two city police officers — this is a true item — cited a grand-mother for allowing her 4-year-old grandson to urinate behind a bush. Theonsists of joyful New Yorkers, ur far free to leave their homes and walk the city without fear, danced in the streets, where most of them were killed instantly by taxis.

In international news, the Clinton administration toughened its policy regarding Cuban refugees, triggering an angry reaction in Miami, where protesters attempted to disrupt traffic, but were forced to give up when they realized that they couldn't screw things up any more than they already were.

In Washington, Sen. Bob Packwood, having been accused of trying to stick his tongue into the ear of every female in Washington, D.C., for the past 25 years except Barbara Bush, found himself fighting for his political life when the Senate Ethics Committee, after a two-year investigation, released a report charging that the letters in "Sen. Bob Packwood" could be rearranged to spell "Don Neck, Paw Boobs." Elsewhere in the nation's capital, the Secret Service, increasingly concerned about protecting the White House,

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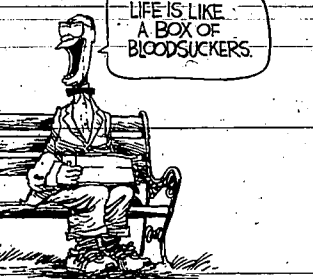
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## Farrakhan Gump



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legislating without sleep, voted to sell the Grand Canyon to Microsoft.

In other domestic news, the city of Denver was forced to again delay the opening of its multi-billion-dollar new airport when a study showed that, due to an engineering error, both main runways would be located inside the terminal. In the Trial of the Century action, Judge Lance Ito dismissed three more jurors when it was discovered that, in an effort to beat the competition, they had already published books giving their first-person accounts of the trial, including the verdict.

On the health front, researchers for the Center for Science in the Public Interest, who had previously issued scary reports about the fat content of Mexican, Italian and Chinese food, as well as movie popcorn, announced that sandwiches also are dangerous. "Waters is still OK," stated the researchers, "but we're keeping an eye on it."

Speaking of the human digestive system, here's another true March item: Authorities in Washington were searching for a Seattle-area man who disappeared eating an enormous amount of food from the manufacturers of Ex-Lax. The man had written a letter demanding a refund of the \$1.99 he spent for the product, which he claimed didn't work; the manufacturer accidentally sent him a check in the amount of his ZIP code.

In the Academy Awards, the American movie industry heaped honors on "Forest Gump," the heartwarming story about a person who succeeds in life despite having the same IQ as the target audience of the American movie industry.

And there was absolutely true item: Philip Morris Inc. recalled eight billion-cigs cigarettes because — get ready — the filters contained a contaminant that might cause "temporary discomfort, including eye, nose and throat irritation." Please see **REVIEW/95**

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# Review

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dizziness, coughing and wheezing." And speaking of unbelievable but true stories, in...

## June

... the launch of the space shuttle *Discovery* was delayed because the big external tank had been damaged by — really — woodpeckers.  
On a happier note, Air Force pilot Scott O'Grady was rescued six days after being shot down in Bosnia, where he survived by eating insects. News of the rescue caused widespread rejoicing everywhere in the United States except the Center for Science in the Public Interest, which issued a report warning that insects contain a lot more fat than people think.

In other consumer news, the Abalone brothers, operators of the nation's largest narcotics-trafficking operation, announced that they were recalling 3.7 million grams of crack cocaine because it contained a chemical impurity that "could cause post-nasal drip."

In Washington, the U.S. Senate, deeply disturbed by the proliferation of pornography on television and the Internet, voted to burn the Packwood diaries. Meanwhile, Sen. Alan Simpson of Wyoming, making his first public senior-citizen lobby, held the first of what he promised would be several hearings on alleged abuses by the American Association of Retirees. For real news, the *Times-News* found the next day welded inside a 55-gallon drum filled with denatured adhesive.

The Trial of the Century, dragging into its seventh month, suffered another setback when an obviously exhausted Judge Ito, attempting to dismiss the jurors good morning, accidentally dismissed five more of them. Elsewhere on the legal front, Lolita the Killer Whale, finally headed for home after 25 years in captivity, was stolen on the way to the Miami Airport.

In the entertainment industry, charming British actor Hugh Grant, who makes the most outrageous guys everywhere want to puke, got caught looking in an act of close companionship with a woman named Divine Brown. (This is not her real name. Her real name is Divine Brown, and her organizations immediately pulled all available personnel out of Bosnia to cover this story. The publicity barrage did not go unnoticed by other actors wishing to get in the news. Miss Brown received many requests for her services that she was finally forced to start walking on an unlisted street.)

In sports, the International Olympic Committee, ending a bidding war hotly contested by Salt Lake City and cities in Sweden, Canada and Switzerland, announced that the winner of the 2002 Winter Olympic games was the Nike corporation. Elsewhere on the international front, the United States, angered by Japanese trade practices, threatened to impose huge import tariffs on Japanese luxury cars, but backed down when the Japanese threatened to make VCRs even harder to program than they already are. And speaking of luxury cars, in...

## July

... professional basketball players, who make millions of dollars a piece, announced that they were thinking of going out on strike. "We have no idea why," they said. "It just seems like the professional thing to do."

Speaking of rich people, *Forbes* magazine released its annual list of the world's richest billionaires, headed for the first time by two Americans: Bill Gates, who controls a vast software empire; and Louise A. Sneeple, who was being paid by the word as a stenographer in the O.J. Simpson trial.

In government action, the House of Representatives celebrated the Fourth of the July, as it has for the past 25 straight years, by passing an unconstitutional anti-flag-desecration bill. Congress also held hearings into the Whitewater scandal, which continued to burgeon and as of this writing has been traced back to before the Civil War. President Clinton came out against so, at least on TV. Elsewhere in politics, Sen. Bob Dole, testily denying that he was too old for the job, announced that he would "seek the Republican nomination forum, for, ummm, for... the whaddya-call-it."

The troubled space program was dealt yet another setback when a judge declared the shuttle *Discovery* to be a federally protected woodpecker preserve.

Jerry Garcia went truckin' off to his final gig. In weather news, the East Coast was battered

by hurricanes Alma, Bibba, Chester, Denise, Earl and Francine, which did a combined total of \$350 million damage, most of it to the hairstyles of TV newscasters who insisted on remaining on the beaches so they could do dramatic on-the-scene reports. Meanwhile, the Midwest was gripped by a heat wave so severe that the news media ran completely out of all forms of the verb "swelter" and were down to obscure past participles for "baked."

Ahead, France threatened to test nuclear devices in the South Pacific, but backed down at the last minute when the United States threatened retaliation by executing Jerry Lewis. Not everybody felt that we got the better end of this deal. And speaking of big movie stars, in...

## August

... Kevin Costner finally came out with his long-awaited, spectacularly expensive rielation picture "Waterworld," which is set in the future, after some kind of horrible calamity has struck the Earth and wiped out all traces of acting ability.

On the legal front, the Trial of the Century hit another snag when Judge Ito, seeking to let off steam by dismissing a few jurors, was informed that there were none left. Angriely, he ordered a bailiff to go borrow some from the Mendez trial.

In weather news, the East Coast was battered by hurricanes George, Henrietta, Jocko, Karen, Lester, Melvina, Norm and Olive.

In sports, Mickey Mantle struck out swinging. And in another touching story line, totally rehabiliated boxer Mike Tyson, released from prison

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academy where, courageous specimens of Southern manhood receive the rigorous training and character development they need to be able to fight any enemy, meet any challenge and face any danger — many courageous manhood specimens became extremely upset when, for a little while, they had to go to school without a GIRL! Oh, NOO! COOTIES!

In fashion, Calvin Klein was "forced" to cancel a major new advertising campaign after many consumers objected strongly to the use of highly suggestive photographs of a semi-dressed Bob Packwood. In a far more successful marketing campaign, millions of computer users purchased Microsoft's amazing new "Windows 95" program, which provided an instant boost to the nation's economy in the form of the enormous phone bills generated by users calling Customer Assistance in a desperate mass effort to get this amazing new program to work.

In a tragic reminder of the perils of a brush fire raged in Long Island's exclusive, Hamptons, causing an estimated \$583 million damage to Ralph Lauren's main gazebo. And speaking of tragedies, in...

## September

... a beleaguered Bob Packwood, finally throwing in the towel, announced that he was resigning from the U.S. Senate to apply for a job as a waiter at Hooters.

In a more uplifting story, on Sept. 5, a nation starved for heroes saluted Cal Ripken after he set a Major League baseball record — unlikely to ever

ing every single item that they wanted to pack in their suitcases, left their hotel, passed briefly to a verdict and rushed out of the courtroom to meet with their book agents, almost knocking over the legal experts explaining to the TV cameras why the deliberations would probably be a long one. A first man again, immediately began his relentless search to find the real killers, taking his ceaseless search to the fairways as well as the golf course, leaving no divot unturned.

Speaking of sports, in the World Series the Atlanta Braves defeated the Cleveland Indians, thanks in large part to a brilliant pitching performance by four-time Cy Young award-winner Colin Powell. Meanwhile in New York City, the two best chess players in the world, Gary Kasparov and Viswanathan Anand (whose name, incidentally, can be rearranged to spell "Anand Viswanathan"), faced off in a world championship match, with the winner earning the right to beat Mike Tyson. In an emotionally dramatic and spiritually uplifting story, Pope John II visited New York City and spent a star-exciting, historic and intensely emotional day stuck in traffic trying to leave the airport.

In another historic event, an unprecedented gathering of African-American men — estimates of the crowd size ranged from 43 people (the National Park Service) to 956 trillion (the Nation of Islam) — heard the Rev. Louis Farrakhan deliver a speech that is expected to be completed in March of 1998, at which point it will be translated into English.

In October stories, the East Coast was battered by hurricanes Xanthippe, Zoe, Aaron, Boutros Boutros and the hurricane Formerly Known as Prince.

In international events, the United Nations, celebrating its 50th anniversary, held a party that went on until 4 a.m., when police were called to break up a big fight that started when Sweden threw up on Cameroon's date. Brazil won the limbo contest. In another major international story, the voters of Quebec went to the polls and, in a historic vote with deep significance for Canada's future, elected Colin Powell prime minister. And speaking of nations in turmoil, in...

... Congress and President Clinton were unable to agree on a budget, resulting in a shutdown of the federal government that caused massive traumatic nationwide disruption for maybe eight ordinary citizens. The present-anxious that he was the 200,000 "non-essential" federal employees (Al Gore was halfway to Tennessee before he found out that this did not include him), was "non-essential" being officially defined as: "Any federal employee whom you can observe at work for several weeks without detecting a single clue as to what his or her job is."

The big stumbling block was a disagreement between the president and the Republican leadership over whether to pretend that the budget would be balanced seven years from now, or pretend that it would be balanced 10 years from now. The two sides were finally able to reach a compromise when they realized that they will all

be safely retired, with pensions, before the public realizes that nobody is ever going to balance the federal budget. Meanwhile, in a story that received less publicity than the budget crisis, but will, in the long term, have a much longer-lasting and far more serious impact on the American public, Bill Waterston announced that he was going to stop drawing Calvin and Hobbes.

On the crime front, in yet another example of why living in Dade County is nothing whatsoever like living on the planet Earth, police were investigating three drive-by shootings in which the victims were attacked by a motorist wielding — this is an absolutely true item — a CROSSBOW.

But all was not gloom and doom in November. It was also time for the return of the Boonies to take a nostalgic trip back to "Strawberry Fields" as ABC-TV broadcast a much-ballyhooded three-

part documentary on the Beatles, featuring the debut of two never-before-released songs performed by Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr, George Harrison and — through the miracle of electronics — Colin Powell. Elsewhere in the media, in what some critics charged was an example of undue influence by the tobacco industry, the respected TV news show "60 Minutes" reported that cigarettes "cure sore AND baldness."

And speaking of good news in...

## December

... grateful taxpayers learn that over the past 20 years CIA has spent \$20 million employing spies to help get the job done. Although the spies failed to sense that, for example, the Soviet Union was collapsing, they were credited with helping field agents locate "at least six" lost sets of car keys.

On a far more serious note, President Clinton, in one of his most difficult and controversial decisions of his presidency, announced that he would deplore U.S. troops to prevent the Browns from leaving Cleveland. In other federal action, the nationwide special session of 55 federal judges lifted, although the odds are nobody will pass this information along to whatever federal agency is responsible for procuring the "SPEED LIMIT 55" signs, the result being that the government will continue to purchase these signs for at least the next 40 years. The U.S. troops to prevent the federal emergency helium reserve.

In sports, the troubled University of Miami athletic program was dealt a serious blow when

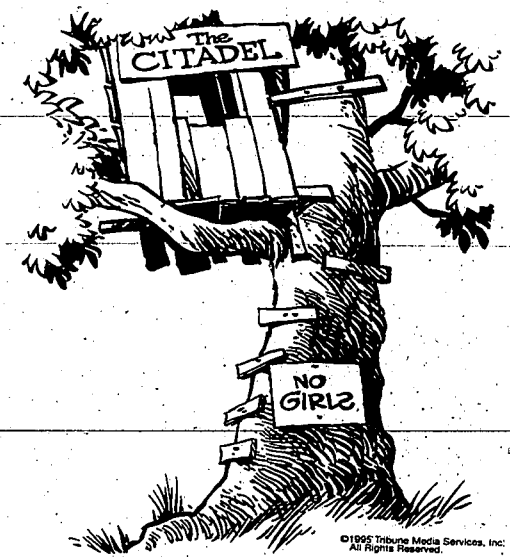
the NCAA imposed stiff sanctions under which the football team, for the next three years, will be restricted to only semi-automatic weapons. Meanwhile, in Philadelphia, the annual season of public support for replacing legendary coach Don Shula with (I promise this is the last one) Colin Powell.

On the entertainment front, the Disney company — which has been under fire from conservative groups for allegedly undermining family values — finally had reason to celebrate with the huge success of its big holiday movie "Toy Story." The delightful and heartwarming tale of a cowboy named Woody who becomes very jealous when his master, Andy, starts sleeping with a specimen named Buzz Lightyear, who... No! Wait! It's not what you think!

Anyway, as 1995 draws to a close, we need to remember that, despite the foregoing stories, it was not a total waste of a year. There WERE some positive developments. For example... let's see... hummm... OK, I thought of two: Roseanne and Tom Arnold did not get back together. And I'm sure there were many other happy developments, including some I haven't even mentioned that involved you.

And so as 1995 staggers off into history, let's just be grateful that we got through it. And let's also hope that 1996 will be a WHOLE lot better. Although we have every reason to doubt it.

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and taking his first major step on the comeback trail, took his first 90 seconds to knock out a nun.  
On the political front, President Clinton announced a major new administration initiative to combat teen smoking after Chelsea set fire to the Lincoln bedroom. Meanwhile, all 58 leading GOP-presidential hopefuls trooped down to Dallas to appear before a big United We Stand convention and sincerely pretended that they don't care who wins the election.

At the Citadel — the South Carolina military

broken — by playing in two consecutive games without adjusting himself on-camera. The Miami Heat hired superstar coach Pat Riley out of New York with a contract worth \$4 million per year, the bulk of which will be paid in the form of hair gel. In politics, Pete Wilson drops out of the Republican presidential race, candidly admitting that his name could be rearranged to spell both "Pete's Towel" and "We're Not Lovers."

In weather news, the East Coast was battered by hurricanes Pete, Quercus, Ralph, Samantha, Todd, Uma and Victor.

On the culture scene, The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame opened in Cleveland with a spectacular all-star concert featuring Bruce Springsteen, Chuck Berry, Bob Dylan and Colin Powell.

William Kunstler died, but immediately filed an appeal.

The Washington Post and New York Times published the Unabomber Manifesto, which was so lengthy, dull and unintelligible that it will probably win several important journalism prizes.

In the Trial of the Century, after nine grueling months, the defense rested its case, leading to a moment of unprecedented drama when O.J. Simpson rose to his feet and announced: "I hushed courtroom, that bit butt hurt."

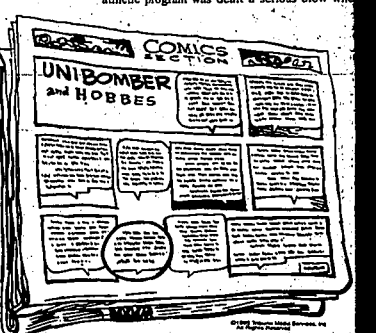
On the educational front — this is a true item — a San Bernardino, Calif., off-duty police officer admitted that he had been in an elementary-school classroom where he was giving a presentation on gun safety. Unfortunately, there is a tragic side to this story. The bullet, after passing through the wall, did not hit Mark Fuhrman. Speaking of whom, in...

## October

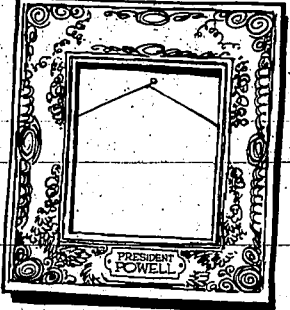
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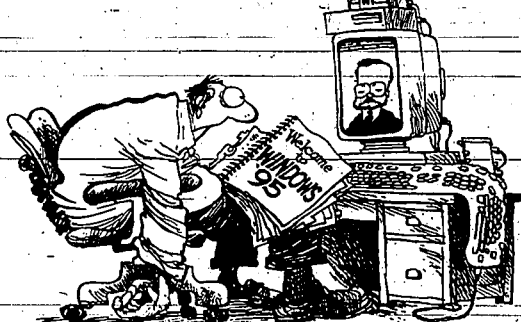
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101 LOST & FOUND

FOUND: In Knottling/Kingslee area, white long hair X, 734-4323.

LOST Long Hair Shamese X. Black collar w/whites. Answers to Satsa. 733-8336 or 738-8720.

LOST West Highland Terrier, White (Scotch) SV of Jerome, 12/28/95. Child's best friend. REWARD! 324-9434.

LOST female Chihuahua white with brown spots. Lost on Rock Creek Rd. No. of Hansen, 423-8443.

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604 UNFURNISHED APTS/DUPLEXES
GOODING - New 2 Bdrm 1...
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607 OFFICE & RETAIL SPACE
OFFICES/RETAIL - located on Kimberly Rd...
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611 FARMS FOR RENT
RICHFIELD 1000 acre...
for rent water, 23 virgin...

702 DAIRY EQUIPMENT
575 heavy duty International...
all manure spreader, like...

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you can receive and haul...

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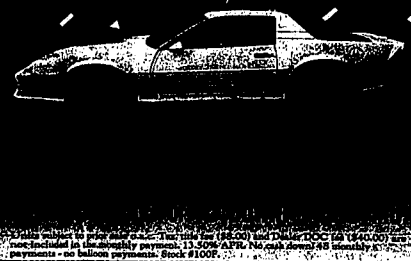
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# Health & Fashion

## Bad-news bugs

### You'd be surprised what foods can make you sick

By Joan Larsen  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — Food-borne microbes have gotten America's attention in the past few years.

*E. coli*, campylobacter, salmonella, hepatitis A — they've all caused high-profile food poisoning cases, in many cases in restaurants and with foods that most people don't associate with problems.

Letuce, for example.

That was a possible culprit in an *E. coli* infection that occurred in Chili's Restaurant in Boise earlier this year.

"We really weren't aware that could happen," said Larry Fields, general manager of Chili's in Twin Falls, which has no problems with food poisoning. "And now that we know that it could, we've taken some steps."

State food inspectors and Chili's never specifically identified the source of the *E. coli* poisoning of 17 people in the Boise restaurant late last summer, but all of them had eaten salad, Fields said.

He said his staff now uses a rinse made especially for bacteria on produce. Surgical gloves are worn to further prevent microbes from contaminating the food.

Mary Valentine, environmental health specialist with the South Central District Health Department, said gloves create a barrier, in case the food-handlers' personal hygiene isn't adequate.

But local food inspectors and restaurant argue that preventing food-borne illness is largely a matter of using common sense and good sanitary practices. That means handling not only the meat, fish and poultry with care, but also the vegetables.

*E. coli* 0157:87, a bug that causes vomiting and diarrhea and sometimes shuts down the kidneys, lives in the intestinal tracts of warm-blooded animals, Valentine said. Dairy herds are fed antibiotics, and resistant strains of bacteria survive until the cattle are slaughtered, she said.

Then the contents of their intestines sometimes get into the meat.

Because of that, ground beef should be cooked at 155 degrees, Valentine said, which means it's no longer pink in the middle and the juices are running clear.

"And, they should wash their hands after they've handled it because if you forget and then go to make the salad, you cross-contaminate the letuce," she said.

Letuce should be thoroughly cleaned by taking it apart and placing it in a sinkful of water. Rinse each leaf, and dry the letuce in a salad spinner or with a towel, before putting it into the refrigerator.

Jerry Kokko, kitchen manager at Elmer's Pancake and Steak House in Twin Falls, said *E. coli* is not a problem with steaks and roasts, although it can exist on the outer surfaces of these cuts of meat.

"The problem you have with ground beef is it's on the outside of the meat," he said. "But when they grind it all up and it gets all mixed up, this is where it gets into the internal part."

Kokko said that's why eating rare steak won't give you *E. coli* poisoning. The broiler, or the grill, is hot enough to kill the microbes.

But whatever the cut, all meats should be stored on the lowest shelf of the refrigerator, he said. If it's on the top shelf and the package opens and allows a little blood to drip into the vegetable crisper, that can contaminate the salad.

Salmonella is another bacteria that can be present in meat, poultry, eggs and dairy products. If you're infected, you'll know within six to 72 hours.

Symptoms include abdominal pain, diarrhea, fever, nausea, vomiting and malaise.



Photo illustration by LUDY CHARLES MANOHE

### How salmonella makes you sick

Salmonella bacteria live in normal and human intestines. Normally the immune system controls them; an infection develops when they take over.

#### WHAT HAPPENS

► Salmonella produces enzyme-like toxin, irritates mucous membrane of colon (large intestine)

► Normal absorption process  
Colon removes water from food that has been digested

► Infection  
Colon stops absorbing water, which passes through system, causing diarrhea



#### How salmonella spreads

From humans  
Bad hygiene. Infected humans can spread bacteria up to 6 months after outbreak

From animals  
Bad hygiene in slaughterhouses

SOURCE: Aarhus (Denmark) Kommune Hospital

#### Controlling bacteria:

► Healthy body: Bacteria colonies kept at a harmless minimum  
► Weakened immune system: Bacteria increase dramatically

#### Symptoms:

► Stomach pain  
► Diarrhea  
► Dehydration

#### Worst case:

► Can be lethal to person with impaired immune system

#### Treatment:

► Drink salt water, in severe cases, take medication

#### From animals

Bad hygiene in slaughterhouses

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People often claim they had "the stomach flu," Valentine said. Actually, they're run afoul of staphylococcus poisoning or campylobacter.

Steph can be passed into the food from infected cuts, she said.

"It's a bacterial toxin that is passed into the food by the sick worker, rather than by coming in on the food," Valentine said.

Staph symptoms come on fast, she said.

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### Spotting a clean restaurant

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — Dining out during the holidays? It's a good idea to check more than just a restaurant's menu.

"The No. 1 reason people choose restaurants now is the cleanliness," said Jerry Kokko, kitchen manager at Elmer's Pancake and Steak House in Twin Falls. "It used to be the food. Well, now it's the cleanliness."

Twin Falls area restaurants are well-inspected, said Mary Valentine, environmental health specialist with the South Central District Health Department. But in general, she advises caution when there's an obvious lack of maintenance.

If floors, counters and tables are dirty, that's an indication that the back room and cooking area are even worse, she said.

"And I usually look in the restrooms," she said. "That gives me a real good idea as a consumer what kind of cleanliness practices they have."

Watch that the servers don't put their hands on the eating surfaces of the cutlery or dishes, Valentine said. And they should look as if they practice good hygiene and have no open sores or obvious illness.

Hand-washing is important, Kokko said.

"We have all our waitresses, after they clear the table, wash their hands and use a sanitizing lotion," he said.

The appearance of the building is also a good indicator, said Larry Fields, general manager of Chili's Restaurant in Twin Falls.

"If the paint is chipping — just in general, if you don't feel good about the upkeep of the building, their kitchen probably looks pretty bad too," he said.

"They probably don't take a lot of precautions or a lot of pride in what they do back there."

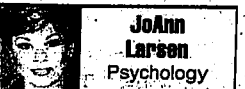
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### In praise of a day that works

Christmas is the day on which we're reminded of the attachments and love we have for those about us, feelings that often go unexpressed as we face the stresses of each day of the rest of the year.

"Christmas reminds us we are not alone," Donald E. Westlake reflects. "We are not unrelated atoms, jouncing and ricocheting amid aliens, but are a part of something, which holds and sustains us."

"As we struggle with shopping lists and invitations, compounded by December's bad weather, it is good to be reminded that there are people in our lives who are worth this aggravation, and peo-



JoAnn Larsen  
Psychology

ple to whom we are worth the same," he continues. "Christmas shows us the ties that bind us together, threads of love and caring woven in the simplest and strongest way within the family."

And those ties that bind may come from surprising people, not within one's family, who give out of the goodness of their hearts and souls.

Enna Lu Thyne, for example, writes of a story of Jan Cook, a friend, who told her about a Christmas experience she had when she and her husband lived for three years in southern Africa, during the 1984 film, "The Gods Must Be Crazy" was shot.

Jan's husband's work had taken him and their three small children there, and, as they happened to be the only Mormons in the area, any church meetings they attended took place in their own living room with only themselves as participants.

By the third Christmas, Jan, who was very homesick, confessed this to a good friend, a Mennonite, how much she missed her own people, their traditions, even snow.

Her friend sympathized and invited her to go with her the next month to the Christmas services being held in the only Protestant church in the area, saying there would be a reunion there of all the Mennonite missionaries on the continent.

"It took some talking for Jan to persuade her husband, but there they were, being swept gently to the front of a small chapel," Thyne says. "It felt good, being in a church again on Christmas. The minister gave a valuable sermon on Chili's, the congregation sang familiar carols with great vitality."

Then, at the very end of the meeting, a choir of Mennonite missionaries from all over Africa rose from their benches and made their way to stand just in front of Jan and her family. Without a word, they began singing.

Without a leader, without music, without text, they sang the Mormon hymn, "Come, Come, Ye Saints." Every verse.

"When the choir finished, Jan's friend said simply, 'For you, our gift.'"

Jan's Mennonite friend had sent to

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### Looking good

#### To the nines: A roundup of some of the season's dressed-up looks

Dallas Morning News

Few times of the year are as party-packed as the holidays. Between now and the final fit is in, the calendar is apt to include everything from casual family dinners to office parties to black-tie galas. And that's not even counting New Year's Eve. So, here, just in time for the holiday whirl, is our roundup of some of the season's best dressed-up looks for a range of assorted occasions.

#### New Year's Eve

The biggie. The one night a year when you really want to shine. The key this season: a no-frills shape in a high-gloss fabric. Sleek suits and body-baring dresses abound in satin, shantung, panne-velvet, lame and shimmering synthetics, with short hems and low necklines and back lines upping the dare factor. As for color, black is the safest choice. But who wants safety on New Year's Eve? A head-to-toe wash of red, gold, white or a pale-pastel ensures you'll stand out in the crowd.

#### The office party

File in the "Out" box: Anything, overly sexy or



Photo courtesy: Susan Rindbeck Co.

Paint it black: Velvet gowns, velvet ensembles and men's classic suits fit most holiday season social occasions.

bare. No matter what the business-related gathering — even one that serves champagne — it's important

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### Health notes

#### The bottom line

From the-if-you've-got-it-flaunt-it department: Asked by Newsweek magazine how she would introduce the use to her new flu-fighting apparatus, Suzanne Somers, who previously was a Thighmaster, said she would not be ashamed or embarrassed or, like her character in the old sitcom "Three's Company," all giggles and titers. "I say, 'It's a Buttmaster, Your Holiness.'"

#### Let the sunshine in

Don't let your sunset years be sunset years. Old people stuck at home and deprived of sunlight may suffer a previously unrecognized vitamin D deficiency, causing bone loss, pain and weakness, a new study says. Sitting by a sunny window won't help, adds the report from Union Memorial Hospital's Division of Geriatrics in Baltimore, because glass filters out a part of ultraviolet light needed to produce the vitamin on the skin.

#### Jug banned

Forget about "Jogging in a Jug." The Federal Trade Commission has ruled that a drink so named provides no health benefits as claimed and can no longer be marketed as a health product. The ruling barred sellers from promoting claims that the vinegar and apple and grape juice mix relieves ailments including

lethargy and heart disease and provides the same healthy benefits as jogging.

#### What would grandma say?

Now, just in time for the cold and flu season, you can get chicken soup in a pill. The capsules, called Chicken SoupHerb, contain the chicken, carrots, onions and other ingredients, plus extra Vitamins C, A, E and zinc and selenium, according to U.S. News & World Report. They cost \$16 for 60 pills.

#### Genetic suicide

A team of researchers at Detroit's Henry Ford Hospital has identified, for the first time, the crucial first steps in congestive heart failure, a degenerative condition that affects millions of Americans. The team found that some heart cells, with no apparent injury, begin to shrink and die, leaving a scarred residue that thickens the heart and makes it work less efficiently. "This gives us a bridge to understanding why patients get worse over time," said Hans Sabah, director of cardiovascular research at Ford. "If we can stop this process... we can salvage heart muscle cells." The research will be published in the January 1996 issue of the American Journal of Pathology.

# 'Fabric of royalty' has become as common as synthetic fabrics

Knigh-Ridder News Service

MIAMI — Before someone figured out you could toss it into the washer on "delicate," before the Chinese began cranking it out as \$10 T-shirts, silk reigned as the fabric of royalty and the royalty of fabrics.



This Chinese paisley print robe with satin trim and matching chemise, at left, and emerald green satin robe, at right, are two of the many manifestations of silk.

for women's panties. "Shantung is very much in vogue for pantsuits, dresses, jackets," adds Rubin. "It's got a sheen, and wonderful surface interest."

Since publishing his first catalog in 1983, Wintersilk, a mail-order company that specializes in silk-knit underwear, has grown to a \$30 million-a-year business, said Chris-Vig, vice president.

Initially, the public "took some convincing" about the concept, said Wendy Be, the company's senior art director. "When people think of silk, the tendency is to think of raw silk or satin; the 'old school' of silk thought. Now, with knits and sweaters, it's not sheeny. It's more nubby."

But the hardest sell was "getting people over the perception that you have to tend it to the dry cleaner."

For this development, New York's Go Silk Co. can take credit. "We invented washable silk and washed silk," says president Jerry Hirsch.

China now produces about 80 percent of all silk garments, followed distantly by Korea, India and Italy. It has swamped world apparel markets with low-priced items, many with a quality to match.

It shrinks less than cotton: about 2 percent. It holds body heat as well as wool, without being scratchy. And it "breathes," which makes it a much healthier choice than nylon

# Taking the heat out of heartburn

Orlando Sentinel

In the beginning there was spit. Plain. Free. Readily accessible. By no stretch is it nature's most complicated fluid; it's not even the most vital.

But the salivary glands produce the best acid neutralizer ever concocted; doctors say, capable of quelling the fire-of-acid indigestion, a condition commonly called heartburn.

Despite that distinction, saliva has more competitors than Carter has pills. They are up and down the pharmacy aisles: liquidy pink stuff, white stuff, chalky tablets, minty and fizzy ones.

"When people complain of heartburn they're talking about what we medically refer to as esophageal reflux," said Dr. George Everett, associate project director of internal medicine at Orlando Regional Medical Center. "The discomfort is usually felt in the chest, therefore the term heartburn is applied."

Pharmacologist and author Joe Graedon is a tad more graphic. He calls it splash back. "If you think about what heartburn is," Graedon notes, "we're talking about nasty stuff."

That burn can be caused by any number of stom-

ach fluids, including hydrochloric acid, the most caustic. When the sensation continues, millions of Americans (an estimated one-fifth suffer from heartburn) turn to one of the hundreds of products that are called antacids — pharmaceutical shorthand for anti-acid.

Doctors have found that people past age 60 are among those most likely to suffer heartburn. Aging studies show relaxation of the sphincter muscle at the opening of the stomach and the end of the esophagus, allowing stomach contents to slosh upward.

Pregnant women are prime targets for heartburn because fetal growth puts pressure on everything, pushing the stomach upward and straining the esophagus.

Antacids, doctors say, essentially neutralize acid, quelling the fire, much the way saliva does. The medications have been around for more than a century.

Some of the cruder versions, medical historians say, were nothing more than baking soda mixed in water.

Some of what now is on pharmacy shelves contains calcium (Tums, Chooz, Roloids, for example) or aluminum and magnesium compounds (Maalox, Mylanta II, Gaviscon).

# Larsen

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Salt-Lake City for the music to the hymn she knew Jan loved, had had it duplicated to every Mennonite missionary in Africa; they in turn had learned it very carefully in order to bring the spirit of Christ to their own reunion, where foreigners of their faith would be waiting to learn.

Jan's Mennonite friends demonstrated what might be termed the "true spirit of Christmas" — an attitude that it would behoove us to keep all year long.

Reflecting on the giving of "gifts of love" to others throughout the year, Morris West says, "Wouldn't it be great if at least on Christmas Day we could all wake up and know that just for those 24 hours, nobody was being tortured in a prison cell, contracts were honored, people were happily leaving one another, and the shadow of the mushroom cloud was erased for a while from our memories?"

"It's a pipe dream, I know," he continues. "However, I'll accept a small truce — one that starts at my front gate and stretches across the street to my neighbor's — and from him to the next one down. I'll take it without gift wrapping, and I'll pass it on without a price tag."

And when Christmas has passed, when the sales are over, when the ornaments and lights have been put away, and the trees disposed of, there is what Howard Thurman calls "The Work of Christmas."

"When the song of the angels is stilled,  
"When the star in the sky is gone,  
"When the kings and princes are home,  
"When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
"The work of Christmas begins:  
"To find the lost,  
"To heal the broken,  
"To feed the hungry,  
"To release the prisoner,  
"To rebuild the nations."

"To bring peace among brothers,  
"To make music in the heart."  
JoAnn Larsen, who grew up in Kimberly, is a Salt Lake City family counselor.

# Sick

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as soon as 30 minutes after eating something with the toxin in it. What follows can include violent vomiting, diarrhea and cramps. It can be serious in youngsters and older folks, because of dehydration.

Campylobacter is a fairly common food-borne illness, with bloody diarrhea and abdominal pain. Valentine said it's caused by handling raw poultry or meat, and it's found in raw milk.

It can last from one to seven days, and can make the victim very sick. Botulism, one of the most dangerous toxins known to man, is rare, Valentine said. And it happens almost always with home-canned food.

Symptoms include nausea and vomiting, and they difficulty breathing. That's because the nervous system is affected. There are also headache and visual disturbances.

It's virtually impossible to tell whether a home-canned product is infected with botulism, but once you've eaten it, the symptoms will show up in six to 24 hours.

# Enjoy the nog, but lose the eggs

The Times-News

TWIN-FALLS — Drink your nog this holiday season, but hold the egg — at least if the nog is homemade.

That's because salmonella bacteria love eggs too. Conventional wisdom used to be that if the outside of the shell were washed before the egg was sold to grocers and restaurants, the egg was safe, said Mary Valentine, environmental health specialist with the South Central

District Health Department. Not necessarily so, she said. Salmonella bacteria have been found inside of egg shells too.

As a result, the health department now requires that eggs be refrigerated to keep the bacteria from growing, she said. To kill salmonella, there's a new requirement that the eggs must be cooked at 145 degrees.

"Raw eggs can no longer be used in Caesar salad, egg nog and egg-fortified beverages," Valentine said.

Twin Falls County Extension office.

"There are so many different pathogenic organisms that can be in food," Valentine said. "It's kind of scary when you start listing them all."

# Looking

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to keep a degree of professionalism. A basic black dress, as long as it's not too short or bare, is just what you need. It's a tailored skirt or pant suit, glamorized with dressy accessories or dazzling all on its own in a special fabric such as shiny sequined, satin or metallic-shot tulle. Add to the festive mood with a change of hair and makeup. An Audrey Hepburn upswep and touch of smoky eyeliner looks elegant but not extreme.

# The family dinner

Festive but not too fancy is the fashion goal here. And feeling comfortable — even after a second helping of mashed potatoes — is key. Start with a pair of easy pants, all the better if they're in a soft fabric, and pretty color like ivory or seashell pink. Top with a cozy sweater set (cashmere if you're lucky), silk tunic or slippery satin shirt.

# The black-the-gala

Black tie can mean almost any-

thing these days, from a short cocktail dress to a full-blown floor-scraper or head-to-toe stink of beads. But the newest looks turn down the glitz in favor of cleaner, simpler lines: Architectural gowns in heavy duchess satin offer a modern update on the bias-cut slip dress.

Or borrow an idea from sportswear and try separates: a full, sweeping skirt in taffeta or tulle topped with a simple stretch velvet turtleneck or luxurious sweater set.

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# Researchers begin new gene therapy for leading genetic killer of children

The Baltimore Sun

**BALTIMORE** — In the latest attempt to conquer the leading genetic killer of children, researchers at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions have inoculated their first patient in a trial of a gene therapy for cystic fibrosis.

The scientists hope to overcome problems that have plagued researchers at other universities—who also have used gene therapy to fight the disease, which afflicts some 30,000 children and young adults. Patients suffer from abnormally thick, sticky mucus that clogs their lungs and produces fatal infections.

The gene therapies have employed a common strategy. Scientists equip viruses with copies of genes that instruct cells to perform activities vital to healthy lungs. The viruses act as Trojan Horses, carrying the genes inside cells in the process of infecting them.

Scientists involved in six previous efforts have used a weakened form of the common adenovirus to carry mucus-fighting genes inside respiratory cells. In its unaltered state, the virus causes colds and flu-like symptoms.

Although the trials have not been declared outright failures, many did not deliver the gene to adequate numbers of target cells. Several provoked inflammation and triggered immune system attacks that killed cells carrying the healthy genes.

Dr. Terence Flotte, an assistant professor of pediatrics at Hopkins, said the latest trial could be a turning point in the hunt for a successful gene therapy because it employs a different virus — one that resides naturally inside most people without ill effects.

The Hopkins researchers have chosen the adeno-associated virus (AAV) as their delivery system, hoping it will prove "a non-toxic way to transfer genes into these cells without triggering inflammation," Flotte said. This virus actually has little relation to its supposed relative.

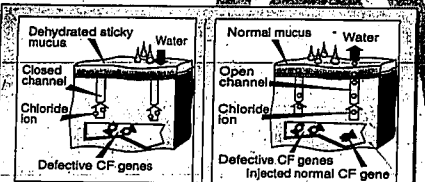
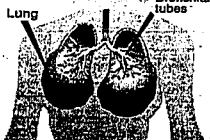
The disease once killed the vast majority of children by the time they reached their teens. Many now survive into their twenties and thirties,

## Gene therapy for cystic fibrosis

An experimental gene therapy is being tested on a small number of cystic fibrosis patients at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute in Bethesda, Md.

### What is cystic fibrosis?

Cystic fibrosis is an inherited lethal disease caused by a defective gene present at birth. It causes the lining of the lungs' bronchial tubes to produce excessive amounts of mucus. The mucus leads to frequent lung infections and other breathing and digestive problems. Median survival is 29 years.



**Abnormal cell**  
The defective genes produce a faulty protein that blocks channels through which chloride ions normally exit lung cells. The buildup of chloride pulls sodium ions and water into the cell, producing a dehydrated, sticky mucus.

**Corrected cell**  
If injected genes function properly, then the normal protein would be produced and chloride ions could exit the cell. The departure of chloride would allow water to exit the cell, resulting in production of normal mucus.

### The therapy

A defective adenovirus (cold germ) that has been genetically modified to contain normal cystic fibrosis genes is sprayed as an aerosol into the patient's nose and bronchial tubes. The adenovirus carries the normal cystic genes into the cells lining the patient's airway. The normal genes, if successful, dissolve mucus and alleviate symptoms.

SOURCES: National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute; Howard Hughes Medical Institute; Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

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with small numbers living beyond that. Longer survival is attributed to better anti-infectives and techniques of physical therapy.

The Hopkins trial is limited to

adults with mild to moderate forms of the disease. By choosing relatively healthy people, scientists should have an easier time distinguishing side effects from disease symptoms.

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## Valley happenings

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**TWIN FALLS** — The Grain Millers Retired Sugar Workers have planned a no-host dinner meeting for 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Prime Cut Restaurant, 611 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. All former workers and their spouses are invited.

### Pastors will hold program in Episcopal Church gym

**TWIN FALLS** — Pastors Johnny and Heidi Hansen are hosting the second annual Christmas program by the Eternal Life Christian Center at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the gym at the Episcopal Church, 210 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

### Optimist Club forms new chapter in Twin Falls

**TWIN FALLS** — A new chapter of the Optimist Club is forming in Twin Falls, and a meeting for all interested people is planned for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Mc N. Ed's on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

### Homemade paper works on display in December

**TWIN FALLS** — Works of homemade paper by Heidi Solom are on display through December at Javy Blue in the Centennial Square on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

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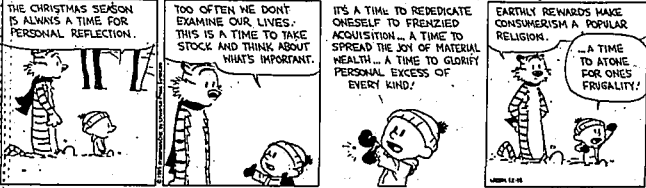
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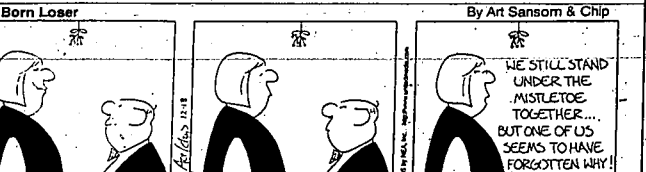
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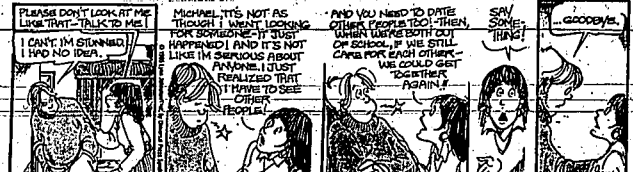
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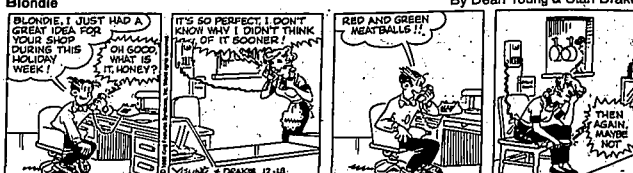
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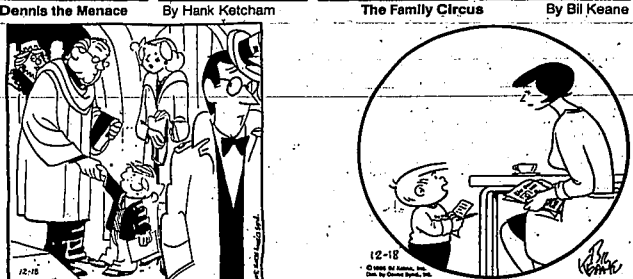


Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham

The Family Circus

By Bill Keane



## Average weight rose 110 pounds

The great physical fitness drive isn't over. But the weight of the average American aged 25 to 30 in the last several years nonetheless has gone up about 110 pounds.

It has been suggested that when you don't know what you really want, it's probably diet. Q. Which American general ordered his men to march in their underwear? A. Zachary Taylor did that, historically. In the war with Mexico. The weather got hot. Some invading Americans said they feared they couldn't go on. Taylor rode up. They went on. One out of three retail food prices ends in the digit 9, research reveals. Longest title of a film to win Best Picture in the Academy Awards had six words. Six films so titled won. Your assignment, if you will accept it: List those six films. You won't? Okay. "All Quiet on the Western Front," "The Best Years of Our Lives," "Around the World in 80 Days," "The Bridge on the River Kwai." "In the Heat of the Night." "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." It was David Letterman who said of whomever: "Sometimes when you look into his eyes you get the feeling that someone else is driving." Footnotes in some music texts indicate Presidents Wilson, Coolidge and Eisenhower played harmonicas. "The Alley of the Kings" is in Mexico's Guanajuato. It's so narrow you can touch both walls with outstretched arms. Beatles above come even closer. So close, in fact, that lovers standing on opposite balconies can lean to kiss, whence the name. Q. Isn't a swordfish as fast as a kangaroo? A. Twice as fast. You can't unwrap an ancient Egyptian mummy.

## L.M. Boyd

What's what?

## Lyndy Omarr

Horoscope

IF DECEMBER 18 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You possess secret of appealing to people in all walks of life; you also are fascinated by what occurs in countries other than your own. In some cases, you are an authority on nations of the world. Distance, language barriers do not deter you. You are a natural performer, capable of reaching beyond current limitations. Social activities accelerate during remainder of December. Arts, Lima persons play significant roles in your life. Your most profitable, memorable month of 1996. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Breakthrough in real estate business in connection with high finances. Individual close to you finally opens up about costs, accounting procedures, possible insurance. Leo involved. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get references, priorities in order. You might be called to account for expenditures. Get article focused on reviews around home, family, marital status. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Shake-up. Employment situation flexible, could amount to shake-up. Have alternatives at hand, make inquiries and insist on answers no evasions. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Love relationship highpoint, this marks testing period. Rebuild, rewrite, renovate, get rid of old-fashioned material that reeks with cliché. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Write your own ticket! Check percentages, mortgage rates, become cognizant of neighborhood values. Many rely upon you, report facts and let chips fall where they may. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Focus on family; home; decision relating to security. AVOID (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Powerful Cycle high, focus on organization, authority, promotion, power play. You could hear those words, "I love you but I'm also afraid!" Capricorn seeks your services, is willing to pay. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Mission completed! Secret message received that you're not finished. You're finished - time to relax, celebrate. Overcome distance, language barriers. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Obstacle-hitter! You're not finished - you're clean - strive for fresh start in new direction. Winning ways, you gain friendship of powerful people. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Review Scorpio, Capricorn messages. Pay heed to hunch, refuse to participate in family dispute concerning money. Marital status figures prominently, involves Cancer native. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Focus on art, literature, music could be involved just what you need. You'll be consulted regarding opinions on restaurants, motion pictures.

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# the lesson page

## Exercise and fluids

Replacing the fluids your body loses through perspiration is essential in hot and cold weather alike.



Neglecting to compensate for lost fluids can cause lethargy and nausea; dehydration often associated with endurance activities like long distance running and cycling can produce heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

- These essential electrolyte fluids have been replenished, so drink at regular intervals
- Before you drink 40-50 degrees (F) are absorbed more quickly than lukewarm ones
- Cool drinks (F) are absorbed more quickly than lukewarm ones

**VS. HO**  
in the cold

**IN HOT WEATHER**  
During exercise, the body can lose more than a quart of water per hour.  
■ Before: Drink 16 to 20 ounces two hours prior, then eight ounces 15 to 30 minutes just before.  
■ During: Drink 4 to 8 ounces every 10 to 20 minutes.  
■ After: Drink enough to replace amount excreted off.

**IN COLD WEATHER**  
It's easier than you may think to become dehydrated, as the body's ability to regulate temperature is hindered even further, drink before, during and after exercise.  
■ Dehydration triple threat:  
1. Body loses fluids due to sweating.  
2. Body needs fluids to regulate temperature for warming and moistening cold air inhaled.  
3. Body loses fluids because of increased urine production.

Sports drinks do not offer much of an advantage over water, which the body absorbs more efficiently than any other beverage.  
Sports drinks are about six to eight percent sugar (even higher in fruit juices and soft drinks); the drinks tout the ability to replace lost sodium and potassium, but their sugar content slows the absorption of fluid from the digestive tract.



Athletes involved in endurance activities may experience less fatigue when consuming carbohydrate (sugar)-loaded sports drinks over plain water.  
...however, fluid replacement is more critical than restoring lost carbohydrates and minerals, which can easily be replaced by diet.

SOURCES: The Wilderness Medical Society, research by Roy Kaltschmitt

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# Attention unwary restaurant diners: Percentage of frogs in food jumps

It's getting worse. When I say "it," I am referring to the worldwide epidemic of frogs showing up in food, which I documented in a recent column describing two worldwide incidents, one involving a frog baked onto a pretzel, and the other involving a frog in a frozen Chicken Cordon Rouge dinner.

When I say "it getting worse," I am referring to a shocking new development that occurred Nov. 5 in Orange, Calif.; according to a superb story in the Orange County Register, written by Lori Basheda and sent in by many alert readers.

The story states that on Nov. 5 a man named Patrick McGowan and his family were eating at a chain restaurant called, El Torito. McGowan had ordered the No. 7 Combo, and noticed that the taco was chewier than it ought to be.

"So I spit it out, and there was a frog," McGowan is quoted as saying. "I couldn't believe it. I bit the damn head off."

The McGowans said they asked for a manager, but nobody showed up, so Marlina McGowan started walking around informing the other diners: "I wouldn't eat here. There's frogs in the food."

A manager then appeared, and after a few words with the McGowans, wound up taking the frog away. The McGowans demanded custody of the frog, but the restaurant refused to surrender it.

The McGowans were checked for diseases. Marlina McGowan is quoted as saying, "We called our doctor and he said, 'Get the frog.'"

If you know anything at all about the United States of America, then you know what happened next; namely, lawyers. According to Basheda's follow-up story, the McGowans' attorney sent El Torito a letter stating: "The frog pieces will be crucial evidence if this matter proceeds to litigation. You are advised to maintain custody of the frog and insure that it is not lost, altered or destroyed in any manner."



ly put frogs, and sometimes, even snails, into food, then disguise them with so-called "French" names such as "escargot" (which means, literally, "They are paying to eat this! Ha ha!"). When ordering at such a restaurant, make sure you ask your waiter probing questions about the menu ("Pierre, this so-called 'frogmeat' — any frogs in that?"). When your food arrives, examine it closely by flashlight and do not hesitate to take precautions ("Hey, Pierre, how about you take the first bite of these so-called 'legumes.'")

When preparing your own food at home, be sure to check the list of ingredients carefully — and not just for frogs. I say this because recently an alert reader named Gary Osburn sent me a food product, which he purchased in Singapore, called — I am not making this up — "Thick Soup of Snake."

The information on the Thick Soup of Snake box is printed in both Chinese and a language that is sort of, but not quite, English. For example, the box states that in addition to "snake meat," the ingredients include "hot perfume" and "special odour first-class soup material."

In an act of unselfish journalism courage for which I should get, at minimum, a Nobel Prize, I actually made Thick Soup of Snake, with the help of my son, Rob. This was not easy, because the directions (or, as the box calls them, the "Food of Way") include such statements as: "Allocate the materials becoming starch shape with the a little cold water," and "you will get a pot of heavy fragrance."

I'll try we did. I do not believe I have ever experienced a fragrance that heavy outside of an unserviced portable toilet.

"What would it take to get you to eat this?" I asked Rob. "A new car," he said.

But I was determined to try it. I got a spoonful of Thick Soup of Snake and brought it to my lips. "I'm going to throw up," I told Rob.

"No, you won't," he said, helpfully. "Just forget it's snake."

I finally ate a little bit, and so did Rob, and we agreed that — once you get past the fact that it smells disgusting and looks like something that had been swept from the floor of a stable full of very sick horses — it is truly awful. I honestly think I would prefer frog.

But the point is that we're having an epidemic, and until it's over, you should be very careful about what you eat. You should consume only those foods that it would be difficult for reptiles or amphibians to hide in. Probably your safest bet is to eat nothing but M&M's.

And even then, you should steer clear of the green ones.

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# To dye for: Hair-color horror stories

**DRAB PAULA:** I'd like to give you a helping hand on a question you received from a reader. ... Vicki of Ohio asked you for a source of reddish brown mascara, and I have tracked down two: A company called Just for Redheads makes a mascara called Ginger Red. Their number is (800) 831-8240. The other is Max Factor High Definition Mascara, which comes in Deep Auburn.

"A few more comments, if you don't mind."  
Terrible product: Elizabeth Arden's Basic Block Nonchemical Sunscreen SPF 21. It separates, leaving a glob of oily liquid in your hand. There you need to squeeze very hard to get the rest of the product out. It reminds me of cottage cheese.

Ciairo! Brights turned my formerly undyed hair to straw, even though I followed the instructions exactly. I did write to Ciairo with my complaint and even returned the product box at my expense. They sent me a form letter advising me to use

**Cosmetics Q & A Paula Begoun**

Ciairo! Conditioning products to improve the texture of my hair. Thanks a lot, Ciairo! I would have preferred a warning on the box. By the way, my purchase price was not refunded.

About RuPaul, personally I think it's kind of fun to have him in the M.A.C. ads. He adds some bite, glamour, and a touch of science fiction. I feel he fits the M.A.C. image. Every other company just offers pretty faces we've seen a million times before, so it's nice to see something different. —Maire, Taipei, Taiwan

**DEAR MAIRE:** Thank you for taking the time to share your information and product recommendations with

me. It was greatly appreciated, particularly coming all the way from Taiwan. I will pass on your mascara research. I wish all permanent hair dyes came with warnings that said you could end up with dried-out, damaged hair if your hair is fragile, over-processed, or sensitive to chemical processing. But that is never going to happen. The hair-care companies want women to believe there is no risk to dying their hair, and that is just not the case. My strong recommendation to first-time hair dyers, especially those who are using a permanent hair dye and making a drastic color change, is to go to the hair salon before venturing out on your own. At the very least, if you do it yourself at home, do a strand test first so you can see and feel the results before you process the rest of your hair. By the way, your point about RuPaul is interesting although I find it hard to accept. But maybe M.A.C. is gambling that more people agree with your perspective than with mine.

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**PERSONAL BACKGROUND**  
I was raised on a ranch in British Columbia, Canada. After receiving my pre-chiropractic training at BYU, I earned my doctorate of chiropractic at Western States Chiropractic College, in Portland. I have received extensive training aimed at getting people well (where proper) without the use of drugs or surgery. I am also highly trained to help the limitations of my profession, and to make referrals to the appropriate type of doctor, when indicated. I feel strongly about treating patients the way I would want to be treated. This includes sending them somewhere else if I feel they could be better helped by someone outside my field of expertise.

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# Planning ahead may prevent holiday stress

**DEAR ABBY:** The holiday season can be especially difficult for people who have suffered recent losses. Feelings of despair, isolation and loneliness may become magnified. Unresolved issues of grief may re-emerge. Consequently, there is increased potential for depression.

It's important to plan preventive measures in advance, because once depression sets in, one loses sight of hope and tends to minimize the positive aspects of situations. To put it bluntly, depression cripples one's ability to identify constructive alternatives.

We should all be alert to the signs of depression, not only in ourselves, but in others as well, and be prepared for the holiday doldrums.

Make a list of resources available during the holidays and use them, if necessary. Stress contributes to depression, so prioritize your obligations with the thought of eliminating some of those at the bottom of the list.

An important technique for keeping depression at bay: Be good to yourself!  
— ANTOINETTE L. HIGGINS, HAMPTON, VA.

**DEAR ANTOINETTE:** Thanks for an important letter.

While the holiday season is a time of joy and celebration, it is a difficult-time for many. Attempting to create the "perfect" holiday, or having unrealistically high expectations, can result in emotional pressure that can trigger an episode of serious depression, leaving an individual debilitated and unable to function normally.

(Major depression strikes at least 15 percent of the population, and the incidence among women is about twice that of men.)

The National Foundation for Depressive Illness suggests the following tips for coping with holiday stress:

1. Keep your expectations reasonable, so you won't feel "let



**Dear Abby**  
Abigail VanBuren

down" when the holiday festivities are over.

2. Plan pleasurable activities for after the holidays. The end-of-season drop in activities can trigger depression.

3. Don't overspend or rug up huge credit card bills. The anxiety about paying these bills can also trigger depression. (Make a budget and stick to it.)

4. Keep drinking to a minimum. Alcohol may seem to improve your mood in the short term, but it's actually a mood depressor.

5. Try to maintain your usual sleep patterns.

If you feel hopeless, helpless, sad or suicidal, call the National Foundation for Depressive Illness' toll-free hotline: (800) 245-4381 (in the United States).

The hotline carries a recorded message describing the symptoms and treatment of depression and how to send for a complete information packet — including a referral list (by state) of doctors who specialize in treating depression, as well as a list of local support groups.

Almost everyone experiences depression at some time — particularly after the loss of a loved one of any age. Friends who say, "Snap out of it" or "Cheer up," mean well, but they do a grave disservice if it delays someone from seeking professional help. If a depression lasts two weeks or longer, seek medical attention as soon as possible. Effective treatments are readily available.

# Noise can be hazard in children's toys

The Washington Post

Christmas shoppers beware: Some children's toys are so noisy they can cause permanent hearing damage in youngsters and their playmates, according to a study released last week.

The researchers conclude that parents should add decibels to their list of toy-safety concerns during this holiday season.

Kathleen Yaremchuk, an otolaryngologist at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit and a mother of three children, got interested in toy noise while watching — and listening to — television ads for various toys. She had previously conducted a study of noise in health clubs, finding that in those purportedly healthful places it often exceeded 120 decibels, a level that can damage the inner ear.

Yaremchuk and her colleagues went into a national chain toy store and selected 23 popular toys recommended for children 6 months to 6 years old, including bicycle horns, musical instruments, cap guns and beepers. They used sound meters to measure decibel levels one inch from the surface of the toy (to simulate what happens when a child holds a toy to his or her ear) and also at a distance of 10 inches (a child's approximate arm length).

The clamorous results: Ten of the toys were louder than 115 decibels — a volume typical of some rock concerts and power boats and deemed by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration as unsafe even for brief exposures in the workplace.

Several other toys emitted noises above 85 decibels, a level that can cause damage in adults after several hours of exposure, Yaremchuk reported Friday at a meeting of the American Speech and Hearing Language Association in Orlando.

Other than a Consumer Product Safety Commission requirement that caps not exceed 158 decibels and that those louder than 138 decibels carry warnings, there are no safety standards for children's exposure to noise. The CPSC has the authority to recall loud toys.

**... If it seems too loud to the parent, it quite likely is.**

— Kathleen Yaremchuk

but — has never done so, a spokesman said. "We often hear about teenagers being exposed to loud noises from Walkmans' and concerts," Yaremchuk said. "But we have to be aware that it starts much earlier in childhood." She said she was surprised to find that some of the worst offenders were not fancy electronic devices but old-fashioned noisemakers such as bicycle horns with large rubber bulbs and pop guns that send teth-

ered corks into the air. Yaremchuk favors the creation of federal standards for toy noise, although "it seems too loud to the parent, it most parents don't do their gift shopping with a portable sound meter in tow. Meanwhile, she said, "it seems too loud to the parent, it quite likely is."

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