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## Good morning

**Today's forecast:**  
Sunny but patches of morning fog. Light winds. Highs 30 to 35 degrees. Lows 5 to 15 degrees.

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## Magic Valley

### Compassion swells

Well-wishers are flocking to the University of Utah Hospital, bearing gifts for a farmworker who lost arms and a leg in Malta.

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### Powering up smoke sniffers

Dietrich residents receive batteries from neighbors who know that smoke detectors can save lives.

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## Sports

### Bruins make it 3 in a row

Twin Falls High School boys' basketball defeated Eagle, 57-47, to take a three-game winning streak into the holiday break.

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### Hornets defeat Panthers

The Oakley Hornets protected their No. 1 ranking by defeating Class A-4 opponent Carey, 68-48, Friday.

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### Tomba triumphs

Alberto Tomba raced to his second straight World Cup slalom win Friday.

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### Angels — and more angels

They've formed a committee.

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### Have a merry anyway

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The search is on — for more Dead Sea scrolls.

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### Mentors help youths

Troubled youngsters get by with a little help from adult friends — called mentors — in a new Twin Falls County program.

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# Anti-abortion initiative stalls



Walton

The Associated Press

**BOISE** — The Idaho Supreme Court ruled unanimously Friday the ballot titles drafted by Attorney General Alan Lance's office for the Idaho Citizens Alliance's anti-abortion initiative are insufficient.

The court said that means all signatures collected so far for the proposed November 1996 ballot measure invalid and the process must start over.

Initiative sponsors have until next

July to collect 41,335 signatures of registered voters to put the proposal on the general election ballot. But the process cannot start until new petitions are prepared and receive preliminary approval.

Kelly Walton of Heyburn, chairman of the Idaho Citizens Alliance, said Friday's ruling would eliminate well over 10,000 signatures. And he questioned why it took the high court five months to reach its decision.

"It's definitely a setback. It's just really frustrating to collect that many

signatures and have a third party just throw them out," Walton said. "We're viewing this as a major speed bump. It has the potential of keeping us off the ballot, but we are going forward."

The alliance is proposing an initiative that changes and imposes new criminal and civil penalties for most abortions. As required by law, the attorney general's office prepared a short and long-ballot title for the proposal.

Walton said the Idaho Citizens Al-

liance would use the titles supplied by the Supreme Court, but that the impact of Friday's decision could continue for some time.

"One of the major factors is we distributed petitions all over the 1st Congressional District in November. People who don't get the word on this will still be circulating the old forms, so this could affect a lot more names before it's over," he said.

Even if the setback keeps the anti-abortion initiative off the November

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## An early Merry Christmas



BUDDY CHARLES HAYGREN/TA Times-News

Twin Falls Police officer Tom Fleming surprises Maria Acosta and her 9-year-old daughter, Carla Marin, with an early Christmas gift of a 12-pound turkey, other food and stuffed teddy bears Friday. After soliciting names through an Email message, Twin Falls Police handed out donations to 12 local families, said Mark Mervin, president of the Twin Falls Police Benefit Association. Four bicycles were also given away.

## Woman sues mover for dropping piano on her

By Julie M. McKinnon  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Susan Carr claims her wrist and forearm were crushed and fragmented into 25 pieces by her 500-pound baby-grand piano because a Boise moving company was negligent.

Compton Transfer & Storage Co. insists it is Carr's own fault that the 1936 Chickering fell from a moving truck's ramp onto her, because Carr assisted their worker.

A jury might be asked to decide whether Compton should give former Twin Falls resident Carr more than \$1.5 million for the July 1993 accident. A trial date has not been set.

After Carr moved from Boise to Twin Falls, she contacted Compton and asked the company to take the piano out of storage and bring it to Twin Falls, according to lawsuit documents filed over the past five months in 5th District Court.

The driver, who told Carr it was his first day on the job, arrived at the woman's residence without helpers, according to the documents. The driver couldn't find the straps and tools he needed, and he put the blanket-covered piano in an "abnormal upright position" on a dolly without securing it, documents say.

Carr repeatedly asked whether he should get help, but he replied that he could do it alone and had to do it to get to Utah later that day, documents say. After he got two of the dolly's wheels over a hump and onto the ramp, he asked Carr to help, documents say.

Then Carr, "out of concern for both the (driver) and her private property, as it appeared to be at a point of no return" assisted the driver, the documents say. After the dolly's other set of wheels went over the hump between the truck and ramp, the piano wobbled and pushed Carr off the ramp, documents say.

Carr hit the ground with her knees, then

the rest of her body and the side of her head, documents say. The piano then fell on her, grazing the top of her head and landing on her left forearm and wrist as it was hanging over the curb, documents say.

Along with punitive damages for gross negligence, Carr is asking for:

- Compensatory damages of \$30,000 for medical bills; \$50,000 for property damages; and \$100,000 for personal injury.

- Punitive damages of \$375,000.
- Out-of-pocket expenses and \$1 million for further expenses that may occur because of her injuries.

Carr also injured her neck, broke a finger on her left hand and suffers from headaches, documents say. She also has abnormal diminution of eyesight, as well as hearing loss in the ear on the side of her head that hit the ground, documents say.

The piano was beyond repair, documents say. Carr apparently has moved to Texas.

## Family of Colombia crash survivor torn by grief, relief

The Associated Press

**SOMERVILLE, N.J.** — Suspending between relief and mourning, relatives of a family aboard Flight 965 gathered by a darkened Christmas tree and listened nervously to radio reports of the search for survivors of the plane crash in Colombia.

Elated that Gonzalo Dussan Monroy and his 6-year-old daughter, Michelle, survived the crash, family members and friends clung Friday to the hope that his wife, Nancy, and 13-year-old son, Gonzalo Jr., might also be alive.

Initial reports listed the wife and son as survivors, but American

Airlines said Friday they were presumed dead. The father and daughter were hospitalized in Cali, Colombia.

"We're confused. We don't know what's going on. You don't know what to feel," said Anna Gutierrez, 19, whose stepfather is Gonzalo Dussan's brother.

Anna and her mother, Miriam Mera, had stayed behind in the white clapboard house they share with the Dussans as Gonzalo, 36, his 35-year-old wife and the children headed to Cali to join other relatives for Christmas.

About 15 people gathered in the house Friday, mostly around a table in the pink-walled living-din-

ing room with a radio in the middle tucked to a local relay of a Colombian radio station.

Anna and her sister Angela, 20, took turns giving interviews to English-speaking reporters as other relatives spoke to one another in Spanish. Some moved to the kitchen to smoke or escape the journalists. A giant-screen television showed CNN but the sound was off as news from Washington filled the screen.

Anna said that when they first heard about Wednesday night's crash, they hoped the Dussans had missed the flight, since their connecting plane from Newark was



AP photo

Gonzalo Dussan Monroy, his wife, Nancy Dussan Delgado, and their son Gonzalo Jr., 4, and daughter Michelle, 6, are shown in this family portrait.



Nation

# House ethics panel names special counsel in probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Ethics Committee pushed its protracted probe of House Speaker Newt Gingrich to a new level Friday, naming a former Justice Department prosecutor as special counsel.

James M. Cole, whose 13 years at Justice included successful prosecution of a congressman, will lead the investigation into allegations that Gingrich, R-Ga., improperly used a college course for political purposes. Cole, now a partner in Washington law firm, will assist the ethics panel's investigative subcommittee in examining the Gingrich case.

If evidence warrants, Cole will have the authority to broaden the probe beyond the narrow issue of whether Gingrich improperly used the college course's tax-exempt status to fund political activity.

The committee believes Mr. Cole has the experience and integrity to serve the committee and the House well," said Rep. Nancy Johnson, R-Conn., the committee chairwoman.

Johnson announced the appointment after emerging from a closed-



Cole

door ethics committee meeting in the basement of the Capitol. He declined to comment further.

Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash., the panel's vice chairman, said only that he agreed with the decision.

Cole had no comment Friday on the appointment, said Daniel Schwartz, manager of the Washington office of Cole's law firm, Bryan, Cave, McPheeters and McRobert.

Gingrich was not immediately available for comment and his spokesman did not immediately return calls seeking reaction to the announcement.

At the core of the investigation is the course, "Renewing American Civilization," that Gingrich taught at Reinhardt College in Waleska, Ga.,

beginning in 1993. Gingrich continued giving lectures every Saturday, even after becoming speaker last January, but announced later in the year that he would not participate in the fall semester.

Georgia Democrat Ben Jones, who ran against Gingrich last year, filed the ethics complaint asserting that the course was a thinly disguised political recruitment program that was improperly benefiting from federal tax-exempt status extended to education programs.

The course is available not only to Reinhardt students but, via television, to about a dozen other colleges. It also is distributed via satellite to 26 million cable subscribers on the Mind Extension University and 10 million on National Empowerment Network.

Earlier this year, The New York Times quoted Gingrich as acknowledging that the course came close to the line between education and politics. "Goes right up to the edge," Gingrich said. "What's the beef? Doesn't go over the edge. Doesn't break any law. Isn't wrong."

## Top-NBC reporter dies after surgery

NEW YORK (AP) — Tom Pettit, an award-winning TV reporter who was the only broadcaster on the scene and on-the-air when Lee Harvey Oswald was killed in Dallas, died Friday following complications after surgery to repair a ruptured aorta. He was 64.

Pettit, who retired from NBC earlier this year, captured three Emmys, a Peabody Award and the Polk Memorial Award during a career that stretched from the Eisenhower era to the Clinton administration.

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## Notes show Whitewater interest

WASHINGTON (AP) — As early as 1993, President Clinton's attorneys inside and outside the White House were trying to find out what was going on in the investigation of Whitewater, according to notes released Friday after weeks of dispute.

Republicans said they are now even more suspicious that the White House improperly gathered confidential information about the criminal investigation to help chill the Whitewater controversy and brief Clinton's private lawyer, The White House said the notes proved the opposite.

"We will undoubtedly consider the issuance of additional subpoenas," said Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., chairman of the Senate Whitewater Committee. "It leads to more and more questions, and it really goes to the gravamen of what we are concerned about."

A committee source, speaking on

condition of anonymity, said White House lawyer William Kennedy, author of the notes, and others likely will be called before the panel again to explain a host of intriguing entries in the notes. Kennedy didn't return calls to his Little Rock home Friday.

The 12 pages of Kennedy's barely legible notes point out that Clinton friend and attorney Vince Foster killed himself on the same day that the subpoenas were issued to raid the office of chief presidential accuser David Hale. The raid took place the next day.

"July 20th: FBI issues subpoena and took records of municipal judge named Hale. Also: VF killed himself 'Factor'."

It was unclear why Kennedy, an old friend of Foster and Clinton, noted the raid and Foster's death in the same section of his notes. White House spokesman Mark Fabiani

said Kennedy was referring to speculation in the press that Foster's death was linked to Whitewater.

Such speculation "has since been thoroughly disproven," Fabiani said. A White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Kennedy has told aides he did not think Foster's death was Whitewater-related.

At one point the notes say, "Vacuum Rose Law Files ... Documents never go out quietly." The committee official said the entry carries "major implications," given allegations that Whitewater files and documents kept by first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's law firm were destroyed.

Kennedy had told his former colleagues that the word "vacuum" referred to the lack of Whitewater documents at the law firm and other places when Clinton's associates were trying to research the issue, the White House official said.

## Device was a bomb, officials say

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A 30-gallon plastic drum left outside the Internal Revenue Service office building here was packed with explosives, but authorities refused Friday to say what type.

The New York Times reported Friday the 100-pound bomb contained ammonium nitrate and fuel oil — the same type of ingredients used to blow up the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City on April 19.

The Times, citing unidentified law enforcement officials, also reported that the bomb was enhanced by an explosive powder packed in a length of pipe.

Bob Stewart, resident agent in charge of the Reno office of the

U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, would say only that preliminary laboratory results confirm the device was a bomb.

"As far as the contents of the device, we won't discuss it," Stewart said. Senior resident FBI agent Jerry Hill also refused to comment.

An IRS employee arriving for work discovered the bomb Monday morning in a side parking lot at the building in southwest Reno.

The white plastic drum was wired to a hand truck with muddy wheels and left behind a blue Oldsmobile bearing government license plates. The fuse had been lit, but fizzled before a full explosion occurred.

If it had gone off, the blast would

have caused serious damage to the building and cars in the parking lot and could have killed anyone in the vicinity, Stewart said.

Bomb experts dismantled the device before taking samples of its contents for analysis. The rest was taken to the desert east of Reno and destroyed.

White authorities are concerned about growing anti-government sentiment in Nevada, Hill said there is no evidence linking the IRS bomb to three other bombings in the past two years.

The Bureau of Land Management building in Reno was bombed on Halloween 1993. The building, empty at the time, suffered heavy roof damage.

## Sweeping welfare bill likely to die

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate approved a wide-ranging Republican plan to overhaul the nation's welfare system Friday, but the bill went to President Clinton without enough votes to override his threatened veto.

"This version of the welfare bill will not see the light of day," Rahm Emanuel, White House director of special projects, said after the 52-47 vote.

The bill would replace federal guarantees to the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program with block grants that states could use to fashion their own welfare

plans. It also would cap the amount of federal funding over the next seven years.

Programs that would be cut include food stamps and aid to immigrants, disabled children, drug addicts and alcoholics.

The plan includes an experimental change in the federal school lunch program that would allow seven states to try other ways to provide nutrition to school children.

Overall savings have been estimated at \$58 billion over seven years. Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kansas, urged senators to "try to persuade the president this is a bill

he should sign."

The vote was far short of the two-thirds majority needed to override a veto. The House, which made welfare reform part of its "Contract with America," approved the bill 245-178 on Thursday. This vote was also short of the support needed to override a veto.

The measure was a compromise version of differing bills passed earlier this year by the House and Senate. Some senators who supported their original bill turned against the new version, saying child protection and other important provisions had been eliminated.

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Nation

Congress rejects veto of lawsuit measure

Briefly

U.S. sees signs of N. Korea crackdown

WASHINGTON — North Korea's military is tightening its grip on power and assuming more police functions, suggesting the communist regime fears an outbreak of food riots or other civil unrest, a U.S. defense official said Friday.

Haitian killings prompt aid freeze

WASHINGTON — A group of House Republicans said Friday the Clinton administration may be withholding information on the murders of about two dozen Haitians whom they described as political opponents of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Actor Stewart injured in fall at home

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Jimmy Stewart suffered a minor head injury when he tripped and fell in his home and he stayed in a hospital today for observation, spokesmen said.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate joined the House Friday in overriding President Clinton's veto of a bill restricting investors' ability to sue companies in which they own stock.

It was the first time Congress overturned one of Clinton's vetoes. The 68-30 vote assures the bill will be law despite the president's objections.

After the vote, a White House spokeswoman said Clinton "hopes that the unintended effects of the legislation will be to grow and create jobs."

Snow trucked for Alabama kids

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. (AP) — It was a simple matter of supply and demand. Michigan and Ohio had the supply of snow; Alabama had the demand.

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Briefly

Israel almost admits nuclear weapons

TEL AVIV, Israel — Israel on Friday went further than ever before toward admitting it has nuclear weapons, but agreed the Middle East should be free of such arms.

2nd cover-up found in nuclear accident

TOKYO — Caught red-handed, nuclear plant operators admitted Friday they concealed a second dramatic videotape showing extensive damage from a recent accident.

Car bomb kills Spain army major

LEON, Spain — In the latest of a string of attacks authorities blamed on Basque separatists, an army major was killed and his daughter injured Friday when a bomb exploded under his car.

Quebec separatist takes step toward leadership

TORONTO (AP) — Cheered by a surge of support for independence, Quebec separatist Lucien Bouchard took his first formal step Friday toward becoming leader of the French-speaking province.

Bouchard, the province's most popular politician, filed documents in Montreal declaring his long-expected candidacy to become leader of the separatist Parti Quebecois.

Cult members may have planned mass suicide

GENEVA (AP) — Evidence of the Order of the Solar Temple, a cult founded in the 1970s, suggests they may have planned another mass suicide.

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# Religion

## Sameness of Christmas is welcome

Every Christmas I struggle to come up with a column that will uplift, inspire and comfort, but this year I have nothing to write.

It's the same old Santa Claus, the same wrenching concern for the poor, the same baby Jesus gurgling in the manger. People scurry about trying to find the perfect gift. I get Christmas cards from old friends and return a greeting if I have time. We get a few cookies baked and then, bingo, it's all over and everyone sets out on the road to recovery.

I'm not depressed by this sameness. If Christmas changed every year, we'd all be angry. Clip one whisker from Santa's beard and half the population would be outraged.



**Clark Morphew**  
Faith today

In fact it is that sameness that makes Christmas such a noble holiday. In a world where not much can be counted on to stay the same, Christmas does. And it's celebrated with pure American gusto precisely because we have seen it come and go for so many years. It's like an old friend coming for a visit.

But after 25 years of writing sermons and columns about Christmas, I have nothing new to write. I remember one year I wrote about people suffering at Christmas, and my parishioners complained so vociferously that no negative word ever again came from that pulpit on Christmas Eve. I thought they were going to storm the altar.

Another year a colleague told a little story about a pathetic rabbit in lieu of a traditional Christmas sermon. By New Year's they had the young pastor by the hide and were ready to toss him in a snowbank.

There isn't a preacher alive who has the stamina and emotional muscle to change Christmas. The faithful hordes will get you every time. They want their Christmas just like it was all the years before.

For instance, I pity those preachers who feel compelled every year to rant about how commercialized Christmas has become. I wonder if they realize their parishioners are going to bolt out of church at the first opportunity and head for the mall. And they'll spend infinitely more on the mall than they'll toss in the offering bucket. A negative sermon at Christmas does nothing but erode the preacher's authority.

Sure we spend lots of money at Christmas, and most of us do it happily and lovingly. That will never change. So relax, preachers, and don't come to me in a ginging mood. We know they are in need of some help. Do your charitable giving carefully, but please, do it faithfully as well.

I remember stepping outside a restaurant in California one evening shortly before Christmas and being surprised by a blind musician plucking on a guitar and singing Christmas carols. He had a bad location that didn't offer much foot traffic. There were hundreds of cars whizzing by on the street but few pilgrims walking past the restaurant.

I stood there for a few minutes listening to his songs and watching the tired expression on his face. It was a cold evening for Southern California. His fingers were red and swollen and his face showed the pain. But he persevered.

I wondered why he was there. Was it to make enough extra money to buy a few presents? Or was he simply taking advantage of the giving season and getting to people when their defenses were down?

It also occurred to me that I was the luckiest man on the face of the earth. I had it all. And I knew it in an instant, it was only a twist of fate that made him sight-impaired and me a seeing person.

I decided it didn't matter if I was a sucker for this scene. I had a few bucks left after shopping so I dumped them into his old guitar case and walked away feeling like a king. Somehow that memory is Christmas for me.

Clark Morphew is an ordained clergyman and is religion writer for St. Paul (Miss.) Pioneer Press.



Santa, played by Craig Draper, leads a Christmas chorus line including, from left, Katelyn Draper, Sara Arndt, Kessie Mealer and Marie Gibson as they sing and dance to a joyful Christmas song in the play 'A Committee of Angels.'

## Angels investigate Christmas

By H.R. Weikel  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** — Alarming reports have been reaching heaven: Christmas nativity scenes are being banned on earth, and more children believe in Santa Claus than in angels. These emergency reports have made it necessary to organize a committee of angels to decide which one of the group should go to earth and investigate the rumors.

This is the story behind a play titled "A Committee of Angels," to be presented on Christmas Eve at the First Presbyterian Church of Jerome.

With a cast of 30 Sunday School students, the program will be directed by Jody Draper, assisted by Kristi Patterson. Marie Gibson is playing the bumbling junior angel, preoccupied with earning her wings, who is sent to earth on the emergency mission.

Elizabeth Gray is in charge of backstage activities, Katharyn Stebe and Brandy Nance are pianists.

Senior angels on the "committee" are Cody Aslett, Jodi Benson, Doug Benson, Kessie Mealer, Wes Kerr and Kim Traugber. This is the crew that ponders the problem that seems to exist on earth.

"Can it be that Christmas has come to mean presents under the tree, winning Christmas lighting contests, having the best recipe for sugar cookies and just getting through it the best you can?" they ask.

Throughout the drama, no one notices the plight of a homeless family, portrayed by Hank Gibson, Elizabeth Stebe and a baby (doll, not real), as they sit shivering in an alley. The bag lady, Stephanie Allison, is living in a box and refuses to share one of the two blankets she has found. Shoppers rush by the family. Even Santa, played by

### Performance time

"A Committee of Angels" will be presented at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church of Jerome.

Craig Draper, has no time for the homeless parents and the child.

The bakers, Jessica Barleucus, Andrea Brown (also the maintenance angels) and Katelyn Draper don the chef hats and aprons donated by the Jerome Maverick store and busily prepare Christmas goodies.

Just as it begins to seem that mortals on earth have forgotten the real meaning of Christmas, the postman, played by Tanner Patterson, offers the homeless family a house that needs repairs.

The homeless man says, "I am a carpenter," then offers his services to repair the home. This solves the homeless family's dilemma, and everybody changes their attitudes and motives.

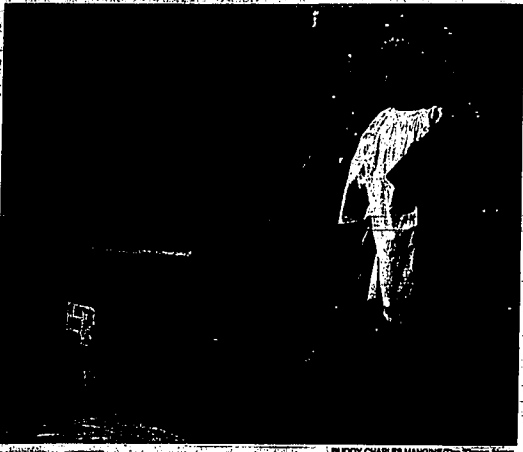
Throughout the play, the old man angel, played by Chris Horgan, keeps track of everything that is happening on earth as he looks down from heaven — the church choir loft.

The junior angel continually looks for people who can remember the real meaning of Christmas. But, in reporting to the angel committee, she tells them she found none.

In her report, she says, "I even forgot all about earning my wings."

The Old Man angel replies, "Exactly, and when you became so concerned about others that you completely forgot what you wanted, your heart grew wings: Angels can fly because they take themselves so lightly."

Also acting in the play are Sara Arndt,



A junior angel, played by Marie Gibson, asks a homeless person, played by Stephanie Allison, about the real meaning of Christmas.

Jessica Barleucus, Andrea Brown, Richard Stebe and John Ricketts. Gibson, Jeff Horgan, Trevor Patterson, Melissa Ruby, Leslie Thomason, Kathleen Gray, Chris Pool, Dusty Allison, Will Gibson, Anne Correll, Halley Thomason, Chris Aslett, Celeste Draper said.

## Volunteers hunt for more Dead Sea Scrolls

By Arich O'Sullivan  
The Associated-Press

**QUMRAN, West Bank** — The hunt for more biblical-era Dead Sea Scrolls got under way Monday as teams of volunteers shoveled earth out of four newly discovered man-made caves.

The first scrolls, written at the time of Jesus, were discovered not far from the caves in 1947 by a Bedouin shepherd and helped shed light on the origins of Christianity.

"We may see history in the making again," said Angela Crow, of Kansas City, Mo., one of a dozen American, Canadian and Israeli volunteers digging Monday under blue desert skies.

Archaeologist Hanan Eshel from Bar Ilan University found the four undisturbed caves this summer. That took his colleagues by surprise, because the area had already been extensively surveyed and excavated.

Eshel has said there is a sense of urgency to the work, because Qumran may be handed to Palestinian control as part of peace negotiations.

Even before the latest excavation,



Jeremy Schipper empties a bucket filled with earth outside a cave in Qumran.

tions began, Palestinian authorities demanded that Israel stop digging in the West Bank, which they call "last-minute plundering."

The fate of Qumran is to be determined in negotiations scheduled for May, said Yitzhak Magen, the chief Israeli archaeo-

logical officer in the West Bank. Until then, the Israelis will continue to dig.

Eshel said Monday that the caves, their openings smothered in rubble, were very likely to hold the treasures.

Please see SCROLLS/A7



Nily Grichev helps lift a bucket filled with stones out of a cave where archaeologists believe there is a good chance of finding more of the ancient Dead Sea Scrolls.

Church news

Heather Hanchey to speak at services... KIMBERLY - Heather Hanchey of La Marque, Texas, will speak at special services planned for 10 a.m. Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church at the Eternal Life Christian Center, 112 College Way.

Rupert church celebrates holidays... RUPERT - Christmas will be celebrated at special services for 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday and 10:30 a.m. Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 Eighth St.

Christmas service features bells, skit... RUPERT - Two Christmas services are planned for Sunday at Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church, Sixth and J streets.

Wise-men drama, music scheduled... MURTAUGH - "Three Wise Men," a drama and Nativity with songs and carols, will be performed as the 11th Annual Christmas Community Program, 6 p.m. Sunday at the Murtaugh United Methodist Church on Fourth Street North.

Children will 'Shine Like Stars'... KIMBERLY - Children will "Shine Like Stars" for Jesus during a special Christmas Eve service beginning at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 312 Irene St.

Lutherans plan 2 holiday programs... EDEN - Special programs are planned for the holiday season at Trinity Lutheran Church, two miles south of Eden on Eden Road.

Candlelight service includes puppets... BURLY - St. James Episcopal Church is hosting a candlelight service at 8 p.m. Sunday at the church, corner of 20th and Oakley.

Burley Methodists set special service... BURLY - A Candlelight Christmas Eve Service is planned for 8 p.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St.

Nazarene church holds communion... TWIN FALLS - The First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N., is hosting a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

Christian Center aims to reach unsaved, unchurched people

'Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever' - Hebrews 13:8... Christian Center was founded during the Charismatic movement in 1972 as an interdenominational church with members from a wide variety of backgrounds.



What We Believe Jim Sommer

A look at the Magic Valley's various religious faiths

are praying (Acts 2:42), worshipping (Acts 2:46-47), communing (Acts 2:46, 4:32-35), witnessing (Acts 4:33, 8:4), caring (Acts 2:44-45, 6:1-7), spirit led (Acts 2:42).

2 babies in the manger

By H. R. Wexel Times-News correspondent

Commentary

Journey to the eastern slopes of the Ural mountains in a Russian city called Chelyabinsk. Located on the border of Europe and Asia, Chelyabinsk is a bustling industrial city with a population of more than two million people.

Jesus was born and placed in a manger. Throughout the story, the children and orphanage staff sat in amazement as they listened. Some sat on the edges of their stools, trying to grasp every word.

to repeat the story very seriously. For such a young boy, who had only heard the Christmas story once, he related the happenings accurately - until he came to the part where Mary put the baby Jesus in the manger.

'52 Christmas sermon in POW camp has enduring message

By Gerald S. Goldman Providence Journal

Often in this season of peace and goodwill, Charlie Bechold, 67, says, "I remember a time when I was in a POW camp in North Korea, and I had a message that was as enduring as any I have ever heard."

Briefly

BYU president gives farewell address... PROVO, Utah - Rex E. Lee, the 10th president of Brigham Young University, administered 5,500 students and faculty members in a farewell address to lift their eyes to life's miracles.

duty to pull their children from sex education programs that promote condoms to avoid pregnancy or AIDS. A Vatican document issued Wednesday.

Missionary



RUPERT - Elder Mike Harrison has been called to serve a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Brazil, Porto Alegre, South Mission. He will speak in sacrament meetings similar to one of the earlier caves.

Scrolls

Continued from A6... The caves are about 200 yards north of the ancient village of Qumran, which was inhabited by the Essenes, some believe by many, to have written the scrolls.

of a scroll can help to reconstruct how they lived. The prospects so excited Magen Broshi, former curator of the Dead Sea Scrolls collection at Israel Museum, that he stepped up to help.

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**Religion**



The Rev. Billy Graham walks with Dr. Edward Beattie, left, and Dr. Patricia Villamena as he is released from a Manhattan hospital Friday in New York.

**Graham goes home**

NEW YORK (AP) — Ten days after suffering rib and shoulder injuries in a fall in his hotel room, the Rev. Billy Graham was released from a hospital today to head home to North Carolina for Christmas.

Walking from Beth Israel Medical Center with a cane, the 77-year-old Graham hugged a nurse and said he felt "fine."

In a statement, Graham praised his doctors and said, "Overall, I am still in good health and expect to have several more years to preach the gospel."

Graham fractured four ribs when he fell in the shower of his Manhattan hotel room Dec. 12. He had come to town to receive an American Bible Society Award.

Dr. Edward Beattie, the head of his medical team, said the injury

was "temporarily very disabling," but Graham was making a complete recovery. Doctors said the fall was not related to Graham's Parkinson's disease.

Graham planned to spend the holidays at home with his wife, Ruth, and family in Asheville, N.C.

Graham does not have public engagements for several weeks. He still plans a worldwide television broadcast in April and crusades in Minneapolis-St. Paul in June, and in Charlotte, N.C., in September.

In June, Graham suffered a bleeding colon and spent four days in the hospital in the midst of a long-planned crusade in Canada. A month later he suffered a severe back injury while vacationing in France.

**Star of Bethlehem does not require scientific explanation**

By Jennifer Graham  
Knight-Ridder News Service

Normally, I welcome any endeavors to marry science and religion, or at least to get them conversing politely with each other.

At this time of year, however, maybe they need a little distance. Case in point: the star of Bethlehem.

Like its counterparts across the county, our local planetarium is offering a "traditional" Christmas program: a look at the rational explanations for the magical star that tradition says led the magi to the Christ child. The program, the planetarium's recording says, will "take us back to 3 B.C. to see what sky events could possibly explain the mysterious star of Bethlehem." Everyone, it seems, wants to explain away the mysterious star. There's even a 200-page book on the topic, called "The Star That Astonished the World."

In it, Ernest Martin hashes and reshapes scientific commentary on the event described in the second chapter of Matthew.

He concludes that this most famous of stars wasn't a star at all, but probably the rare pairing of the planets Jupiter and Venus in 2 B.C.

The planets were billions of miles apart, but about this time appeared as a single twinkling "star" in the western sky, Martin cites astronomer Roger Sinnott in the journal Sky and Telescope as saying only the sharpest eyes would have been able to split them. "The fusion of two planets would have been a rare and awe-inspiring event."

Scholars quibble over which planets are involved (some say Saturn and Jupiter) and what year the celestial show took place (anywhere from 3 B.C. to 6 A.D.), but something definitely was up.

Writes Martin, "There is no question that the astronomical occurrences which took place from 3 to 1 B.C. did, in fact happen, and they represent some of the most spectacular celestial displays that either astronomers or the general public could ask for to introduce a newborn king into the world."

"If there were any design to it at all (and I believe that there was), most people would think that someone of great importance was

then being announced to the world." Fine and dandy. On this we agree.

Martin continues: "What is needed is a serious scholarly consideration for this scientific approach in identifying the star of Bethlehem." Here, we part company.

When it comes to a magical star hovering over a newborn baby, I can do without the serious scholarly consideration and scientific approach. I prefer the footnote in my Bible, the New International Version, which says, "Probably not an ordinary star, planet or comet."

Who could believe otherwise? Why would God permit an ordinary star, an ordinary planet, to herald such an extraordinary event? If we are to believe that a virgin gave birth, and that the almighty God was the infant's father, that angels sang above a field of bewildered shepherds, why can't we have a miraculous star that burst forth for merely a day, a month or a year?

Why must we explain it? "Scholars, and often the clergy ... are peculiarly reluctant to concede the innate human capacity to accept the marvelous, to delight in wonder and respond to the strongest claims made on the imagination," wrote Rachel Trickitt in an essay in "God Incarnate: Story and Belief."

Like many of you, I go to a late-night service on Christmas Eve, and afterwards, sometimes pause to consider the midnight sky.

The stars, if they show, are tiny amid the blackness, but it takes little imagination to envision a big one in their midst: a glorious spot of white, beckoning me to a place I know nothing of. A place where it is safe to accept the marvelous. And to delight in wonder without question.

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**Bosnia decision disputed**

By John Yearwood  
Dallas Morning News

President Clinton's decision to send American troops to Bosnia has created sharp divisions among the country's religious leaders, with at least one calling the decision "wrong-headed and tragically doomed."

"Bosnia provides American Christians with their most significant moral dilemma on the global scene since the Gulf War," said Robert Parham, executive director of the Baptist Center for Ethics in Nashville, Tenn.

"As American troops prepare for deployment, some religious leaders argue that their mission should be scrapped because it does not fit often-referenced 'just war' principles."

Other religious leaders and scholars say the troops are necessary to prevent further bloodshed in a war that has already claimed more than 200,000 lives and led to the first international war-crimes indictments since Nazi Germany's leaders were tried after World War II.

And they say that making peace —

as the president said he is committed to doing — is reflective of the teachings of Jesus Christ.

"You should talk to your enemy and do conflict resolution. That's in the Sermon on the Mount," said Glen Stassen, professor of Christian ethics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. "If you have a conflict with your neighbor, you should go to them, and make peace."

The American Jewish Committee and the United States Catholic Conference agree with Stassen.

Both organizations have issued strong statements in support of the troop deployment, and the committee has even bought advertising in a Washington newspaper and lobbied Congress in support of the mission.

"We have been distressed over the atrocities that have taken place in Bosnia over the past several years," said Arthur S. Berger, a spokesman for the American Jewish Committee. "We watched, like other Americans, with horror and shame that we haven't been able to do anything to stop this war."

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**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**

At left is the new official logo for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and the old logo is at right. LDS officials say the new logo looks 'less corporate' and is intended to stress the faith's allegiance to Christ.

**Study: Books reinforce old gender roles**

By David Briggs  
The Associated Press

The live Nativity scene was a typical one — a little girl playing Mary holding a baby representing Jesus.

But when the baby started to cry and the girl was unable to console him, the girl handed him over to a boy playing Joseph and went out in the audience to find the real mother who had his bottle.

The setting people at the church were left with for a few minutes was of Joseph alone holding the baby Jesus, a Nativity image almost never portrayed in art or textbooks.

The scene last December jarred the Rev. Gail Murphy-Geiss out of what she called her Christmas pageant complacency, and intrigued her enough to begin a study of picture, kindergarten and first-graders see in Sunday school curricula.

What she discovered was that more portraits of women clergy and caring fathers are finding their way into Sunday school materials, but in general the pictures children see at the beginning of their religious education reflect traditional gender roles.

In her research, Murphy-Geiss, a doctoral student at Hill School of Theology in Denver, reviewed pictures from 21 different Sunday school resources published since 1991 for children in kindergarten or first grade. In all, she looked at 960 pages of curricula depicting 1,119 scenes and 3,902 adults.

What first became clear is that most people are shown in roles such as sitting in a congregation or being members of a crowd that are not specific to either sex.

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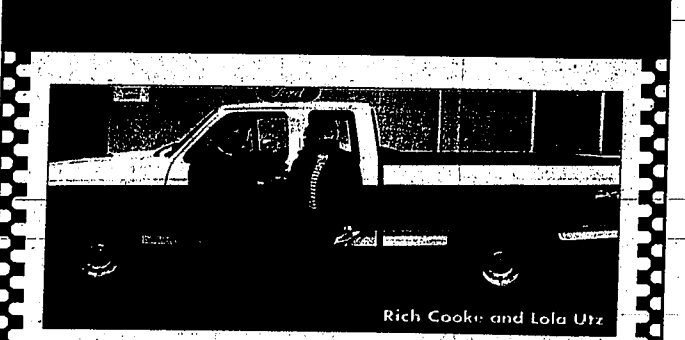
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## Around the valley

### Wanna hear bells? You'll have to pay

**TWIN FALLS**— Shoppers who feel it's just not Christmas without the tinkle of Salvation Army bells can put their money where their ears are today at the Magic Valley Mall.

The bells will ring whenever someone puts money in a collection kettle, mall managers say.

"In order that the Salvation Army has the resources for the holiday season and beyond, the Magic Valley Mall invites all shoppers on Saturday to donate and ring the bells," said a mall news release. In an agreement with the mall, the army has declined to ring bells inside the shopping center for most of this year's holiday season. The mall also donated store space to the charity, so it could organize its annual gift collection drive.

### Twin Falls restaurants, bars won't serve liquor Sunday

**TWIN FALLS**— Don't expect to buy liquor in Twin Falls County bars Christmas Eve. The county's ban on liquor-by-the-drink sales on Sundays doesn't make exceptions for the biggest party days of the year, according to County Clerk Robert Fort.

The state gives counties the option of allowing liquor sales on Sunday, but Twin Falls County voters have said "no" three times in approximately the last 15 years, Fort said.

On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve this year, the county's bars and restaurants can sell beer and wine but "none of the good stuff" said Chad Miller, bar manager at The Sandpiper Restaurant.

### Range squadron plans to track Santa's voyage

**MOUNTAIN HOME**— The range squadron of the U.S. Air Force's 366th Wing will once again track Santa's Christmas Eve voyage.

For the past nine years, members of the range squadron have used their radar systems for the Santa watch, and they pass the information along to anyone who's eagerly waiting for Santa's arrival.

For a report on Santa's progress updated hourly, call 828-6348 between 6 and 10 p.m. on Sunday.

### \$4.7 million available for jobs in rural Idaho communities

**BOISE**— Rural Idaho communities will have nearly \$4.7 million in loan-guarantee funds next year to create — or save — jobs, the Idaho Rural Economic and Community Development office announced.

The amount of funds for Business and Industry loan guarantees has increased for the third year in a row. The 1995 allocation for Idaho was \$3.28 million.

Typical projects that receive the loans include manufacturing plants, retail stores and outlets. The funds guaranteed may be used for working capital, construction, equipment or upgrading machinery, equipment and inventories.

### Red Cross schedules blood drive Dec. 28 in Jerome

**JEROME**— The American Red Cross has scheduled a blood drive for 1 to 6 p.m. Dec. 28 at the Moose Lodge on North Lincoln.

Types O negative and O positive are especially needed.

For more information or to make an appointment, call Jamie at 324-4124.

Compiled from staff reports.

## Utah donors help farm worker

The Times-News and The Associated Press

**SALT LAKE CITY**— Moved by the plight of a Malia farmworker who lost two arms and a leg in a post-hole digger accident, well-wishers are flocking to the University of Utah Health Sciences Center bearing gifts.

Hospital spokesman John Dwan said that on Thursday alone, cash, checks, baby clothes, toys and a baby carriage were given to the family of Javier Tellez-Juarez.

"Some guy showed up with three kids in tow and gave two \$100 bills and just walked away. Nobody had any idea who he was," Dwan recalled. "It's just been incredible."

A group of 50 Hillcrest High School students, most of them varsity football players, raised \$500 within a few hours Thursday and presented it to Javier's wife, Norma, the couple's 3-month-old daughter, Christina, and Javier's father, Melcicio Tellez Cordova.

### How you can help

Donations to help Javier Tellez-Juarez and his family may be sent to the Javier Tellez-Juarez Fund, First Security Bank, 937 E. Main St., Burley, ID 83318. Other First Security branches can also accept checks for the fund.

Small-tractor owners can help Tellez-Juarez and improve the safety of their tractors at the same time with a phone call to Six States Distributors in Ogden. The number is 1-800-453-2022. His hospital bill is rising by an estimated \$5,000 per day.



Tellez-Juarez

Norma could only cry and nod about all the generous offerings. "Much help," the 17-year-old mother said as tears streamed down her face. Melcicio was equally emotional. "People are out there; people of good will are helping us," he said.

Javier, a 23-year-old documented worker from Mexico, remained in critical but stable condition Friday. He was flown to the U of U of Dec. 13, after his arms were torn

off and his legs were crushed by a tractor-powered posthole digger on a farm near southern Idaho's Malta.

His employer, Tracy Farms, carried a worker's compensation insurance on its employees. Tellez-Juarez's bills have already topped \$100,300, and are rising by an estimated \$5,000 per day.

In the wake of the accident, an Idaho-based company has offered to help American farmers upgrade their equipment to prevent such accidents.

The firm, which has offices in five states, will replace any "agricultural power take-off" drive shaft that does not have a safety shield on it and fit with a shield to prevent future tragedies.

"We can donate money to the family, but that's not going to solve the problem. We please see HELPF/3

## A wish for safety



From left, Tabitha, Nicole, Mandi and Jennifer Miller mailed 9-volt batteries for smoke alarms to every household in Dietrich on Friday.

## Dietrich family powers up safe Christmas for their neighbors

By Steve Clump Times-News writer

**DIETRICH**— Jennifer and Tabitha Miller remember waking up in dead of night to smoke, flame and terror.

It happened in 1981, in the house they were visiting in the western Idaho town of Parma.

The home had no working smoke alarms, and both Jennifer, now 17, and Tabitha, 15, suffered burns that required skin grafts.

So when the carbon monoxide alarm went off the other night in the Millers'

home here, it brought back some bad memories.

"We wondered how many homes there were that had smoke detectors with dead batteries, or batteries that had been removed," said the Millers' mother, Cheri. "So we decided to do something about it."

Cheri and her husband, Howard, along with Jennifer and Tabitha and their sisters Mandi, 10, and Nicole 7, decided to raise enough money to buy a 9-volt battery for every household in Dietrich.

So they approached the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition, and through the

coalition found a source of batteries through Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

"We had budgeted about \$450, figuring we'd have to buy them at retail prices," Cheri Miller said. "Fortunately, the hospital's marketing company came to our rescue."

The Millers also sought and received financial backing from the Dietrich Fire Department, the Dietrich Merc, Dietrich's Eagle's Nest restaurant and Farm Bureau Insurance. The Safe Kids Coalition and the Dietrich School provided logistical

Please see SAFETY/B3

## Blaine tries to relieve jail pressure

By Barb Neiwert Times-News correspondent

**HAILEY**— In just nine months, the price tag for a new Blaine County jail has risen by \$350,000.

"There are very few things, particularly construction costs, that are less expensive than they were a year ago," said commission Chairman Leonard Harlig.

Harlig and his fellow commissioners approved a \$7.25 million bond issue this week. The issue will go before voters on Feb. 6.

A \$6.9 million jail bond issue in May fell 19 votes short of passage. A previous bond proposal, which failed in 1993, carried a price tag of \$5.9 million.

With the price rising as time passes, county officials hope their third attempt will succeed.

Despite the rising cost, commissioners estimate that the increasing valuation of property throughout Blaine County would let taxpayers cover the jail's cost with tax bills similar to what they would have had if the 1995 bond issue had passed.

Growth in the county and an increase in felony crimes frequently fills the existing 25-bed jail. The jail has drawn lawsuits from the American Civil Liberties Union for overcrowding and for unsatisfactory inmate conditions.

Sheriff Walt Fleming said Blaine County has seen an 85-percent increase in felony jail days since 1993. Statistics reveal 6,500 jail days were logged during 1993, as compared with 7,800 in 1994 and 9,200 during 1995, according to Fleming.

The felony prisoners fill the jail's beds, leaving the county and county to become creative in housing other inmates.

"Basically there's no room for misdemeanor-type offenders at the jail," he said. "The space shortage also leaves district judges with little choice but to sentence lawbreakers to community service, work-release programs or fines."

To provide temporary relief, the county just completed renovation of its work-release center for use as a minimum security facility. The project used \$40,000 and more than 900 hours of time from inmates in the sheriff's work program.

The sheriff views the minimum-security facility as a stop-gap measure only. With one unarmed deputy responsible for as many as 18 men, and with non-locking doors and a stand-up here and there, there won't be an escape," Fleming said.

But only non-violent inmates will be sent to the minimum security facility, Fleming said. If voters approve the jail bond issue, the county could build a facility capable of housing 64 inmates, including those temporarily held at the converted work center. The county has purchased land for the jail near the Friedman Memorial Airport.

## Gooding city department heads required to attend more meetings

By Sharon Metcalf Times-News correspondent

**GOODING**— City department heads are now required to attend more meetings than ever before and should get comp time for the bimonthly work sessions recently implemented, council member Isabel Cahoon said.

Councilman George Daines responded: "I thought that's what they were getting the higher wages for." With the exception of Daines, council members approved comp time during the same pay period for department heads whose presence is required for agenda items discussed during work sessions. The work sessions were begun late this year in an effort to reduce the amount of time spent in discussion at actual council meetings the first and third Mondays. Work sessions are held the second and fourth Mondays of each month and are

open to the public.

In other business, the council: Reviewed liquor licenses in the city and issued annual approvals.

Discussed how to officially hire Jim Keller as city engineer. Keller would be paid hourly rates and relieve the city from going through the bid process each time it had a potential project. An agreement will be made with Keller to provide engineering services for the period of one year. The agreement will include an option to break the agreement at any time.

Unanimously approved the purchase of turnouts and self-contained breathing apparatus for \$6,220 by Fire Chief Pat Bishop. This is a pre-approved budget item.

Changed City Council meeting dates in January to Jan. 2 and Jan. 16, 1996. Work sessions will be held Jan. 8 and 22, 1996.

## CSI vocational program considered 'success' in Hansen

By Margaret Jones Times-News correspondent

**HANSEN**— Fourteen students will complete the introductory diesel mechanics class offered by the College of Southern Idaho at the end of this semester.

Class instructor Bob Reichel informed the school board the class had a "B" average and felt this program had been a success. The students will receive four credits towards their high school graduation that can be transferred to CSI or other vocational schools in the state.

Reichel stated this class will prepare the students for the technology and vocabulary in any college. He said the students will be able to research service manuals for the needed information. Diesel service manuals in 1960 con-

tained around 5,000 pages, in the year 2,000 mechanics can expect repair books to contain in the neighborhood of 1.5 million pages, he said.

Because it is impossible for a mechanic to remember so much information, it is necessary to be able to locate the needed information in the repair library.

Jerry Lockwood and Todd Bates approached the board about allowing patrons and alumni to play basketball in the gym on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 5:30 and 6:30 a.m. After talking to the young men, board members said they thought they would leave the gym in good shape, so granted permission.

The board discussed giving junior Bob Waymet extra help for the games. Please see CSI/B3

## WANTED in the Magic Valley

Name: Maria Ramos Gonzalez  
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Wanted on: Charge of violating her probation on a grand theft conviction.  
Last known location: Wendell.  
Anyone with information should call the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department at 738-4100.



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Magic Valley

Lost, then found



Capt. Randy White shows off some of the guns recovered last week when Minidoka County Sheriffs officials served two search warrants and found evidence that helped solve several recent burglaries.

Minidoka deputies recover stolen goods

By John Thompson Times-News writer

RUPERT — Minidoka County Sheriffs deputies have recovered close to \$6,000 worth of stolen guns, tools and various other items on two search warrants.

Sheriff Paul Fries said two male juveniles ages 14 and 16 were arrested and charged with three counts of burglary each. The charges were filed in connection with a string of break-ins in the Mini-Cassia area over the past several months.

The sheriff declined to say where the stolen property was recovered, saying only it was in the southern part of the county. He added that the arrest and recovery information was kept under wraps since Dec. 14 when the arrests occurred because deputies were checking burglary reports and trying to match the report information with the recovered property.

Fries said the arrests helped clear up at least two unsolved burglaries in Cassia County. Deputies recovered an all-terrain-vehicle and a Chevrolet engine at the scene of the arrests, he said.

**'One pipe wrench looks the same as the next.'**

— Minidoka County Sheriff Paul Fries on stolen tools

Some of the items recovered were expensive guns stolen from the Cedar Canyon Hunting Club, west of Paul on Dec. 9. There were also several hundred dollars worth of hunting knives and computer equipment stolen from the club that have not been recovered, as well as about \$1,250 in cash.

The total take from the gun club burglary was \$11,436, which included clay targets, boots, television sets, ammunition and various office equipment, according to a sheriff's report. The burglars also vandalized the clubhouse, breaking windows and glass cases.

During a county commissioners' meeting Friday, Fries said he thinks the suspects had a "fence" or dealer for the stolen goods in Jerome County or Twin Falls County. Other charges in connection with the case are pending, he added.

Fries also told the county commission that burglaries of farm shops in the county are becoming more frequent. He said stolen tools are difficult to identify and return to their rightful owners.

"One pipe wrench looks the same as the next," he said.

Heyburn church opens kitchen with celebratory holiday feast

By Kevin Miller Times-News writer

HEYBURN — The Gentle Shepherd Alliance Church commemorated the creation of its first soup kitchen Friday with a celebratory dinner remembering another birth.

Nearly 100 people — needy and not — sat down to an early Christmas dinner of turkey, ham, pumpkin pie and other trimmings at the church.

Bruce Baughman of Rupert said the dinner was the "best meal I've had in a long time." He has no family in the Mini-Cassia area, and he said he didn't know how, or where, he would spend Christmas.

For Baughman and others like him, the new soup kitchen may be the closest thing to the family atmosphere at Christmas.

"We're looking for folks who have a need, or even if they come just for the fellowship. There are lots of types of need," Gentle Shepherd Alliance Church Pastor Mike Gill said. "There's a need for food, there's a need for money, there's a need for friendship and family."

"We'll be their family for the day," he said.

By mid-January, the church will be serving meals four days a week. But Christmas seemed to be the appropriate time to get things started, soup kitchen cook Edith Chugg said.

"We do this every Christmas, ever since we got involved with Helping Hands (Mission in Burley)," Chugg said.

Edith and her husband Ray Chugg had planned to spend Christmas helping the needy at the Community Oasis Outreach, a homeless shelter in Rupert. The shelter was closed on Dec. 1, forcing the Chuggs to look for another outlet for their good will.

Representatives from Oasis said earlier that a lack of food forced it to close shortly before Christmas. The building the Oasis operated out of also was temporarily closed in July for fire code violations.

Immediately after the Oasis closed in December, Ray and Edith Chugg set out to find a new location for their soup kitchen.

"We felt there needed to be a Christmas meal. We've been working on it from then until now," Ray Chugg said.

He met with Gill at a local prayer meeting and gave him a pitch to open a soup kitchen. Gill, who said he has never been involved in a soup kitchen, agreed because of the destination he saw in the area saddened him.

"We don't see a lot of homeless people because we don't travel those circles. We don't often see the home-



Rupert resident Bruce Baughman doesn't have any family in the Mini-Cassia area, but he enjoyed Christmas dinner with friends at the Gentle Shepherd Alliance Church Friday. The church opened its new soup kitchen with the holiday feast.

less. But it's bigger than people think. I've been astonished at how many people are homeless or almost homeless," Gill said.

Several of those people stood in a quickly moving line for dinner Friday.

"It's been full. We couldn't handle any more," Ray Chubb said. "We could have used another table or two."

Plan sends truants back to class

By Eric Goodell Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — The Minidoka County School District is cutting down on the time it takes to get truant students back in the classroom.

Instead of the students being out of school for several weeks, the students, with their parents' help, might be in-class the day after being declared habitually truant.

At Tuesday's meeting of the School Board voted to allow school-resource officers Steve Hobbs and James Wardle to sign petitions of truancy with the juvenile court and hand deliver them to students' parents.

The petitions will be printed in the parent to have the student to school the following day.

The procedure will dramatically cut the time it has taken in the past, Superintendent Mike Bishop said.

"At Tuesday's meeting of school for three or four weeks while waiting to see a judge. When the students were later allowed back in school," their grades were pretty well," he said.

In an interview, said juvenile Judge Larry Duff is serious about the new effort to get students back in school quickly.

"He wants kids to get an education and be successful citizens," Bishop said.

Though habitually truant students will be asked to attend school the day after their parents receive the petition of truancy, they will still need to see Judge Duff at a later time. Also, Bishop said Duff, in levying sentences to the students, will take into consideration whether they obeyed "the order to attend school as directed in the truancy petition."

In other matters, board members approved a request to advise for the district's agent of record for the 1996-97 school year. Insurance committee head Tom Duff said the advertisements will be printed in several area newspapers. Insurance agents wishing to view for the position must turn in letters of intent by Jan. 15.

Trustees emphasized their wish to keep teachers in the classroom as much as possible.

Though agreeing to let teachers Donna Burch and Shelly Rasmussen travel to New Jersey for the "Head Smart" training session for four days in mid-January, board chairman Bill Hephworth said there are many good activities that teach-

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Jan. 4, 5 and 6. Back-to-back games on these dates make it hard to have the gym ready for classes the next morning.

The board decided to post signs asking those attending the games to not walk on the gym floor in street shoes in an effort to cut down on the maintenance on the playing floor. Additional trash cans will be placed in the gym for the spectators use.

Superintendent Dennis Coulter said the district will be hiring a technology aide for the elementary school for the next semester.

Secondary Principal Rick Abel said the scholastic team will compete in the INEL scholastic competition. The team will compete in Oakley on Jan 13, in Minico on Jan. 27 and in the Regionals Feb. 8-9. These contests are open to the public.

"Being in the business he is in, he just thought here's a way to help prevent this from happening again," Wood said. "Quite frankly, we're going to lose money on each one, but if we have to buy an advertisement to get the word out, we will."

The firm has branches in Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Oregon and Washington.

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"see these accidents all the time," said Tom Wood, of Six States Distributors' Ogden office.

The deal the company is offering through March 31 is simple: The company will charge only for the cost of the drive shaft parts — estimated between \$100 and \$300, depending on the type of tractor equipment used.

Labor costs will be waived, but the firm plans to include a 10 percent surcharge per shaft. The company will match that 10 percent, and donate the total amount to Javier's family. The match will bring the family between \$20 and \$60 per shaft.

Company president Ralph Hafer, at corporate headquarters in Salt Lake City, came up with the idea

after reading about Javier's accident. "Being in the business he is in, he just thought here's a way to help prevent this from happening again," Wood said. "Quite frankly, we're going to lose money on each one, but if we have to buy an advertisement to get the word out, we will."

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support.

"We came up with a list of 200 addresses to send batteries to," Cheri said. "Every household in Dietrich, plus kids who live outside of Dietrich and attend the school here."

"We hope they arrive on Saturday," Cheri Miller said. "And that people will take time to install them on Saturday."

Blossom Mathews, coordinator of the Safe Kids Coalition, said it's

common for folks to disconnect the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when the batteries grow weak and the detectors start to beep.

There are reports from firefighters about finding smoke detectors at the scenes of fires with the batteries still attached," Mathews said. "A lot of people remove them, especially in the kitchen."

The Millers have five smoke and CO alarms in their house, all of which work.

"Since we started this three or four weeks ago, I've talked to so many people who've said, 'Gee, I have a smoke alarm that hasn't worked for a year because I've never got around to replacing the batteries.'" he said. "I hope it will encourage people to test their smoke alarms and replace the batteries."

"Maybe this will save somebody's house," she said. "Maybe it keeps somebody else from having to go through what we went through."

Vicki Weaver's family still wants justice

FORT DODGE, Iowa (AP) —

Jean and Dave Jordison say they've never blamed their son-in-law, white separatist Randy Weaver, for their daughter's death during the standoff at Ruby Ridge, Idaho.

"But they do want someone held responsible for what we think a Senate report this week gives them that."

"You sometimes think that if somebody had admitted they'd made a mistake, it wouldn't have snowballed like it did," Jean Jordison said Thursday in her Fort Dodge home.

Vicki Weaver, 42, was shot in the head by a federal sniper on Aug. 22, 1992, the second day of an 11-day standoff between her husband and federal agents. She was standing in the doorway of the family's remote mountaintop cabin, holding her infant daughter.

On Thursday, a Senate panel released its report on the siege at Ruby Ridge.

The report concluded that the shot by sniper Lon Horiuchi that killed Weaver was unseasoned. It did not address whether he should be prosecuted.

"Sometimes I wonder how high in the FBI it is going to get justice. We think that somebody

should be held responsible," Dave Jordison said.

Vicki's death came one day after her 14-year-old son, Sammy, and a deputy U.S. marshal were killed in an exchange of gunfire between marshals and Weaver family friend Kevin Harris. The marshals were scouting Weaver's property in anticipation of arresting him on a weapons charge.

Harris and Randy Weaver were acquitted of murder charges in the marshal's death. No charges have ever been filed in Vicki or Sammy Weaver's deaths.

Randy and Vicki Weaver both grew up in Iowa, and in 1983 they moved from Waterloo to Idaho. Randy Weaver has since returned to Iowa and lives in Grand Junction with his daughters.

"This is something you just don't let go over," Jean Jordison said. "I mean, it's twisting you a little. One thing you can say, too, is that maybe it will keep from happening to someone else."

Pocatello museum sets March opening

POCATELLO (AP) — No memorial to the legacy of the founder of Garrett Freightlines is more fitting in Steve Port's eyes than a new museum set to open March 2 in Pocatello.

The Clarence Garrett Transportation Museum caps Port's nearly three-decade obsession with Garrett Freightlines — particular and trucking in general.

It will honor Garrett, a giant in the early American trucking industry.

Port, 33, has collected enough memorabilia over the years to fill the museum with everything you would want to know about motor carriers and their impact on the Intermountain West.

"It was the vision of men like Clarence Garrett that has made this country what it is. People don't realize it, but the free enterprise system wouldn't work without transportation," Port said.

"Everything you use on a daily basis has at one time in its life been on a truck. The effect that trucks have on the nation is phenomenal. If they didn't exist, truck down in the United States for a week, it would bankrupt the country."

A lot of western truck companies will be featured in the museum, but Garrett will dominate.

At its peak in 1966, the company employed about 3,000 people with 1,700 working out of its terminals and general offices at Pocatello, Idaho. Garrett declined in driving amid the truck in Pocatello because the truck he used in his business was being

**Idaho**

# Governor: Tax limit initiative may pass

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Phil Batt faces there's a definite possibility that tax activist Ron Rankin will succeed in getting Idaho voters to approve his initiative to limit property taxes.

While the odds probably are against Rankin getting his proposal on next year's general election ballot, and winning voter approval, it could happen, Batt said Friday.

He was interviewed for KTVB's "Viewpoint" program to be telecast in the Boise area Sunday.

With the possibility of a tax limitation bill that would cut \$270 million in property taxes, Batt said there will be little enthusiasm in the 1996 Legislature for tax increases.

"We certainly will refrain from raising any other taxes while that is in the air," he said.

But that opposition doesn't extend to raising the state fuel tax and motor vehicle registration fees.

Batt said he is "very supportive" of a legislative proposal to increase the state fuel tax by 4 cents per gallon, to 26 cents, and boost vehicle registration fees an average of 30 percent. That would raise \$34 million per year, half going to the state Department of Transportation and the rest divided between cities, counties and highway districts.

"That's a different matter with me," he said. "Those are user taxes. Unless they are adjusted for inflation periodically, they lose their buying power."

Batt said he has no plans to submit his own highway funding bill. He said he's learned in the past that if competing measures are introduced in the House and Senate, it's likely that nothing will be approved.

He said fees paid by highway users are different than taxes on sales and income, which tend to grow with inflation.

"Highway taxes do not with infla-



Rankin

tion and have to be adjusted," he said.

"Batt said if Rankin's property-tax limitation measure becomes law, the Legislature might have to look elsewhere for revenue. But he said he doubts there is enough sentiment in the Legislature to approve local option taxing authority."

"I see no more enthusiasm for them in the Legislature than there ever has," he said.


## Donors give charity the golden touch

BOISE (AP) — The Salvation Army in Boise usually collects kettles full of small change and bills for the needy, but it has struck gold this holiday season.

They discovered a total of seven valuable gold coins across town Wednesday. The donors have not been found.

The coins have been appraised at \$388 each, or more than \$2,700. The money will be used to buy Christmas turkeys for needy people.

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# Green Bay and Pittsburgh prepare for finale

The Associated Press

The site is Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wis., and a division title is on the line. The date is Dec. 24. The question is, what year is this?

The Packers are 10-5 and haven't won 11 games in a season since they were 12-2 under Vince Lombardi in 1966, but this isn't the '60s anymore. This is the 1995 Packers, and they face Pittsburgh Sunday with a lot riding on their season finale.

"I'm glad this game means something," said Packers coach Mike Holmgren, whose team clinched its third straight playoff berth with a victory at New Orleans last week.

Now, the NFC Central Division title is at stake for Green Bay, while Pittsburgh (11-4) would earn the home field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs with a victory.

"I don't think we'll rest any of our players," Steelers coach Bill Cowher said.

The Packers haven't won the NFC Central outright since 1972, and Lambeau Field would be a likely place for Pittsburgh's eight-game winning streak to end. The Packers have won 16 of their last 17 at Lambeau, including a victory over Detroit in the playoffs last season.

The NFL schedule has three games on Saturday — San Diego at the New York Giants; Detroit at Tampa Bay and New England at Indianapolis.

Sunday's schedule has Houston at Buffa-

lo, Seattle at Kansas City, Cleveland at Jacksonville, San Francisco at Atlanta, Philadelphia at Chicago, New Orleans at the New York Jets, Minnesota at Cincinnati, Carolina at Washington, Denver at Oakland and Miami at St. Louis.

Dallas is at Arizona in the season finale Monday night.

Pittsburgh already has earned a first-round bye in the playoffs, but because the Chiefs kick off at the same time Sunday, the Steelers won't know if Kansas City is willing to hand them home-field advantage until they're both done playing.

Despite the loss of Rod Woodson and the offseason departure of tight end Eric Green, the Steelers have the NFL's second-ranked defense and the seventh-rated offense.

Carnell Lake shifted from strong safety to cornerback after Woodson went down and joined linebacker Greg Lloyd, center Dermontti Dawson and Yancey Thigpen as Pro Bowl players. Linebacker Kevin Greene and wide receiver Sean Taylor are alternates.

If Green Bay loses, and Detroit beats Tampa Bay on Saturday, the Lions and Packers wind up tied at 10-6. Detroit wins the division tiebreaker and the division in that case. The Buccaneers were eliminated from playoff contention last week.

Carnell Lake won six in a row since owner William Clay Ford handed coach Wayne Fontes his "playoffs-or-else" ultimatum. The Bucs are the lowest scoring team in

the NFL and are 27th in total offense despite coach Sam Wyche's reputation as an offensive innovator and developer of young quarterbacks.

Second-year pro Trent Dilfer has thrown only four touchdown passes this season.

The Chiefs (12-3), meanwhile, stand in Pittsburgh's way to the home-field advantage, but they face a red-hot team on Sunday, gamely the Seahawks (8-7). Seattle, meanwhile, could go to the playoffs with a win.

Seattle is 6-1 in its last seven games, and Kansas City has noticed.

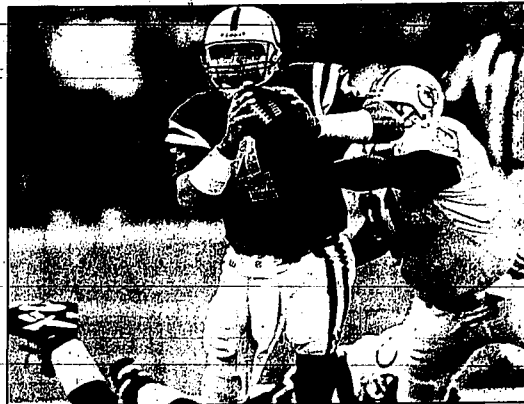
"People would have thought I was nuts, but the way they're playing, the Seattle Seahawks are a lot like the Dallas Cowboys," Chiefs linebacker Derrick Thomas said.

Kansas City is unbeaten at home this year.

Fortunately for Atlanta, the Falcons are still in the playoff chase. Unfortunately, they need to beat San Francisco to get in. And even more unfortunately, the 49ers have something at stake, too.

Both San Francisco and Dallas have 11-4 records going into their season finales and are fighting for the home-field advantage in the NFC.

The silver lining is, even if Atlanta loses and ends up 8-8, it could make the playoffs if the three other teams still in the chase for the final NFC berth lose. They are Minnesota, Chicago and St. Louis.



Jim Harbaugh enters the final regular season game against the New England Patriots today looking to lead the Indianapolis Colts into the playoffs. Harbaugh started the season a bench warmer.

## Aikman, Switzer exchange differences

IRVING, Texas (AP) — A philosophical rift between star quarterback Troy Aikman and Dallas coach Barry Switzer has their relationship on the rocks, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Friday.

This isn't the first disagreement for Aikman and Switzer. Aikman played as a freshman for Switzer at Oklahoma before transferring to UCLA after a difference in philosophy.

Switzer, who says he will remain with the Cowboys next year, downplayed the disagreement, saying "outsiders" have long tried to poison his relationship with Aikman.

"Troy gets squeezed all the time by people who have their opinions of me," Switzer said. "People who pretend to be his friend are trying to create a separation."

"Troy's got to filter through that and understand we're on the same team."

Switzer has talked over some issues with Aikman. Owner Jerry Jones plans to confer with Aikman after the season.

"All Troy wants to do is win,"



Aikman

Switzer

Jones said. "His concerns have to do with the direction we're heading more than with personalities."

"The bottom line is, Troy and I walk in the same shoes here. He has as much at stake in the Dallas Cowboys as I do."

"I know it's totally a business," Aikman said. "It will get the spirit of competition, the camaraderie with the guys, the emotions. But beyond that, everything that's happened has taken a lot out of me."

"At some point, there will be a physical reason (to retire). Or there will be the fact that it's just no fun."

How soon that comes, I don't know."

Although he is only 29, Aikman has experienced back soreness and knee problems, ailments that could drive the five-time Pro Bowl player and Super Bowl MVP to an early retirement.

"At this time, it's ridiculous for me to say I'd retire," Aikman said. "For 60 minutes, I get to do what I enjoy."

"But this has not been an enjoyable year for me, in regard to things outside the field."

Aikman, who likes the area, the fans and the lifestyle, has no desire to play elsewhere.

Jones predicted that Aikman's views will not lead to the end of his career with the Cowboys and doesn't believe they will bring a premature end to what he believes is a bright future in Dallas for Switzer.

"I remember when Troy tolerated (former coach) Jimmy (Johnson) when he was unsure of the direction we were going," Jones said. "That took time then, and it can be expected to take time in other situations too."

Switzer believes that he and Aik-

man, who earns \$6 million per year, will be able to work out their problems.

"Some of this comes with the territory, but he's making millions," Switzer said. "We've all got (stuff) we've got to put up with. He shouldn't dwell on the negatives."

But Aikman said that money will not keep him playing longer than he wants.

"I played here in 1989, was making a lot of money, but we went 1-15 and it wasn't enjoyable," Aikman said. "I paid my dues. Then we built something very special. The money is nice, but I will never play for just a paycheck."

Aikman called commitment more important than money.

"I can't predict what's going to happen this off-season," Aikman said. "But what I've always believed is that we all need to be committed to reaching our potential, and if we're ever doing less than that I don't want to be a part of it."

## Houston mayor, Rockets owner discuss new arena

HOUSTON (AP) — Mayor Bob Lanier and Houston Rockets owner Leslie Alexander have spent the past week discussing a new 18,000- to 24,000-seat downtown arena, sources told the Houston Chronicle.

Public funds would cover part of the \$100 million needed, but Alexander and the Rockets' fans also would contribute.

A source close to the negotiations told the newspaper Thursday no deal would be struck without the approval of Houston Aeros owner Chuck Watson, who owns the lease to the city-owned Summit, where the basketball team is committed to play through 2003.

Watson has proposed about \$45 million in improvements to the 20-year-old Summit, including the installation of at least 40 luxury suites and new club seats.

Watson and Lanier maintain

that The Summit has an airtight lease that would keep the two-time NBA champions there, unless Watson agreed to let the team go.

Alexander has been cool about remaining in the 16,265-seat stadium, skeptical that it could be updated to keep Houston on the same level as other cities' building state-of-the-art facilities.

Serious negotiations on a new arena began after Alexander warned Lanier that he would consider offers from other cities, sources told the Chronicle. The message, sent within the past month, said Houston had until the end of the year to respond, the sources said.

Lanier declined to comment Friday, his spokeswoman Sarah Turner said. Rockets vice president John Thomas also refused comment.

## Tomba wins 2nd straight slalom

KRANJSKA GORA, Slovenia (AP) — Italian star Alberto Tomba posted a sensational time in the first heat en route to his 885th consecutive World Cup slalom victory Friday.

The defending World Cup champion was clocked in 47.46 seconds for the first run, a half-second faster than any other skier. Starting in 15th place in the second run, he attacked the course, and his time of 49.38 gave him an overall clocking of 1:36.84 — a whopping 1.21 seconds ahead of runner-up Jure Kosir of Slovenia.

"I have no secrets," Tomba said. "I skied aggressively, but I had to hold back a bit in the bottom section because the course was so ruined."

On his 29th birthday Tuesday, Tomba earned his first victory of the season — and the 46th of his career — in a slalom at Madonna di Campiglio, Italy. There, too, he dominated the race, winning by 1.55 seconds.

"I'm skiing excellent now," he said. "I'm happy with my results so far."

Tomba has said he doesn't care about winning the World Cup title,

and his ultimate goal is the World Championships at Sierra Nevada, Spain, in February.

While Tomba has won the Olympic gold three times and the overall World Cup title once, he never has won at the World Championships. Now he appears to be peaking at the right time.

By winning Friday, Tomba passed France's Sebastian Amiez to gain the lead in the World Cup slalom standings.

Tomba has a total of 260 points after four races, while Amiez, who finished third Friday, has 240.



Pernilla Wiberg from Sweden carves a turn on the course on Friday to her 12th career World Cup slalom victory Friday in Veysonnaz, Switzerland, Her way.

## Win breaks Wiberg's losing streak

VEYSONNAZ, Switzerland (AP) — Ending a streak of bad luck and poor performances, Sweden's Pernilla Wiberg won a World Cup slalom Friday for her first triumph of the season and the 12th of her career.

The two-time Olympic champion combined exquisite form with a powerful second run which vaulted her from 13th place into victory.

She overcame a .77 seconds first-run deficit in posting an overall

time of 1 minute, 14.42 seconds.

Slovenia's Uska Hrovat, runner-up in the previous slalom at St. Anton, Austria, was second at 1:14.72. She was followed by first-run leader Kristina Andersson of Sweden, at 1:14.73.

"In the second run I felt I had nothing to lose, so I just attacked," Wiberg said, as the joyously hugged teammates in the finishing area.

The results left the top of the overall standings unchanged. Austria's Alexandra Meisnitzer — win-

ner of Wednesday's super-G but who does not compete in the slalom — leads with 488 points, followed by her compatriot Anita Wachter with 463.

However, Germany's Martina Ertl, winner of Thursday's giant slalom and sixth in the slalom, overtook teammate Katja Seizinger for third place overall with 433.

Friday's result was in sharp contrast to this season's domination of the women's races by the Austrian and German teams.



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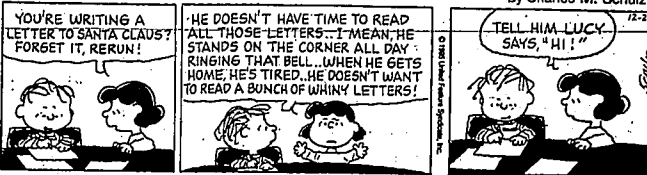
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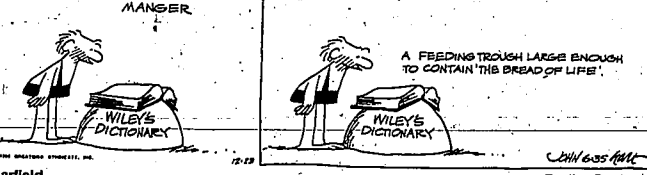
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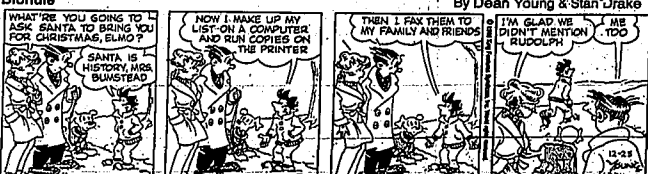
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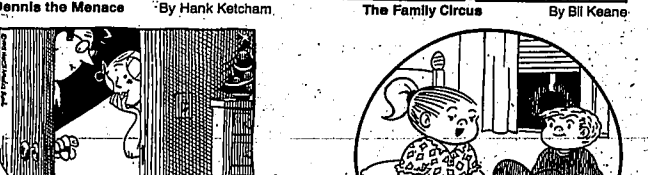
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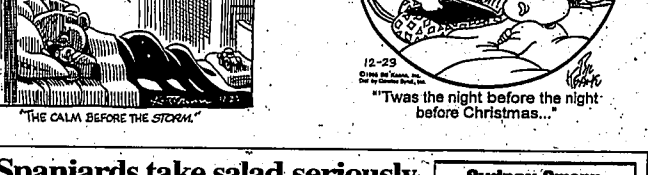
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## Spaniards take salad seriously

How do you rate yourself as a salad maker? Would a Madrid chef approve your technique? The Spanish say, "A good salad maker must be a miser with vinegar, a spendthrift with oil, and a maniac in mixing."

In a recent, modern, musicologists now label Diane Schuur as "The New First Lady of Jazz." Who was she? Not sure she is famous, it doesn't hurt to grow up in the neighborhood. Among graduates of Hollywood High, list Meredith Baxter Bixby, Carol Burnett, John Ritter, Susanne Kurz, Stefanie Powers, Robert Carlock, Linda Evans and Charlene Tilton. Who've I missed? Psychologists still say the best way to predict future behavior is to study past behavior.

In ancient Rome, the lower classes used four fingers and thumb to pick up food, the upper classes two fingers and thumb. In just about all societies, a guess, mealtime has been the primary place to put class distinctions on display. The Romans paused there for one day.

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## L.M. Boyd What's what?

about reportedly have gone up 42 percent in the last five years, and for pizza, 12 percent. Italian cookery is still on the rise.

To put the computerist on the superend in a paperless office - never mind, we'll get there - some software programs come with about 2,000 pages of printed instructions.

Richard Dreyfuss was scheduled first to play the TV reporter in "The China Syndrome." But there was a sex change. In the role, I mean, and Jane Fonda wound up playing that part.

Claim is most of the words you use in your everyday conversation were already in your vocabulary by age 5.

No need all the historians know that Pennsylvania's Lancaster once served as the U.S. capital. Only for a day, though. Congress in flight from the British paused there for one day.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Another Scorpio helps rebuild material demolished during storm, quake. Relative involved, short trip necessary if proper papers are to be obtained.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Spotlight on communication, style, panache, flirtation that lends spice. Financial status figures in talks, missing key located. Gemini's about signed agreement, marriage.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stay close to home if possible - you'll be notified of any approach. Independent with design, architecture, entertainment, music. Domestic transformation dominates.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): If you don't know what to do, do nothing. Element of deception involved, play waiting game. Secret meeting reveals the boxer is being deported.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Lunar position relates to friendship that could be transformed into sexual attraction. Don't play games with emotions - high-light integrity, creativity. Capricorn plays major role.

Money and Classified

Skip the resolutions - make a plan

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — For anyone who wants to start out 1996 with a truly fresh approach to money matters, Marysue Wechsler has a suggestion: Don't make any New Year's resolutions.

Resolutions are famously easy to break because they are usually too sweeping and grandiose, says Wechsler, a Washington, D.C., consultant and the 1996 chairperson of the Institute of Certified Financial Planners, a professional association based in Denver.

Besides, she suggests, money problems are best attacked not with philosophizing, but with judicious planning — and action.

"A resolution is not an action plan, it's a dream," Wechsler observed in a recent interview. "There is a real need to be doing some planning. We encourage people to recognize how responsible they are for taking care of themselves. It's not going to get done by wishing it."

So instead of resolving, say, to

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save more and spend less, Wechsler recommends simply taking a clear-eyed look at your situation.

This involves determining for yourself and other household members what you need or want to accomplish — in Wechsler's words, defining "a goal instead of a dream."

Then, she says, you can ask yourself what you have to do, and what you are willing to do, to give yourself a shot at reaching that goal. "At least then there's a sense of working toward something," she says.

Unlike many resolutions, a financial action plan can be based on

practical steps toward cutting spending and managing money better.

"Instead of focusing 'no vacations,' for instance, an individual or family might scale back a planned trip to four or five days instead of seven or 10. Instead of declaring "no more big purchases," the new car or home entertainment system can simply be postponed for a while.

"People can ask themselves, 'what could we give up now that really wouldn't be so painful?' How can we do it so that we don't feel deprived?" Wechsler says. "Quite often, people don't have to give up as much as they fear."

One especially helpful way for many people to cut their expenses is to reduce or eliminate credit-card balances on which they pay interest.

This may involve a short-term spell of belt-tightening as cash is diverted into paying down debts. But the effort will be well worth it, since interest paid out month after month brings no benefit at all in goods or services. And at the lofty interest rates that

still prevail on many credit-card accounts, it can be a major drain on your budget even if the balance doesn't look very big.

Of course, it is just as easy to procrastinate on working up a plan of action as it is to default on a New Year's resolution. But as Wechsler points out, there is a powerful incentive to get started on planning for your future needs, such as retirement and children's education, as soon as possible.

That's because all savings programs come easier when you have time on your side — time to let money build up and compound.

Wechsler says financial planners like herself can always approach clients in their 20s and early 30s as a clerical challenge, because they still have plenty of time to get their money working toward their goals.

But as each year passes, the power of compounding toward a fixed date in the future diminishes sharply. From the point of view of a financial planner, Wechsler says, "the later they come to you, the harder it is."

Briefly

Spud commission rules Idaho ad firm

BOISE — A Boise ad agency considers it sort of an insult that the Idaho Potato Commission is considering only California companies for its national advertising account.

"There are a number of Idaho firms that could do the work as well as anyone, if not better," said Russ Stoddard, president of the Boise communications company of Oliver, Russell and Associates. "The commission appears to be spellbound by the big-city, California advertising agencies. They won't even let us compete for the business."

But Mel Anderson, executive director of the Potato Commission, an industry promotion and regulation board, said Friday that Stoddard's company wasn't even listed in a director of agencies that do national food promotion accounts.

He said the commission announced in October that it would be doing its customary five-year review of its advertising accounts. Since then, he said, he has been receiving presentations from companies with experience in national food promotions.

Budget-talk hopes buoy stocks

NEW YORK — Stocks gave up substantial early gains Friday to end slightly firmer, amid continued hope that the White House and Congress would soon agree on a budget package.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended up 1.44 at 5,097.97, after relinquishing nearly all of an earlier 30-point gain. The blue-chip index lost 78.76 points over the week.

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Dear Mr. Wolff: At duplicate partner deals and opens four diamonds — a big one — and I hold a five-card major headed by the A-K, another ace and the singleton diamond ace, should I gamble on the major-suit game or should I settle for five diamonds?

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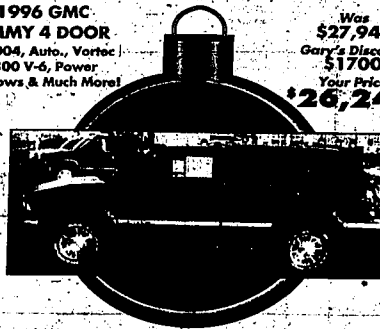
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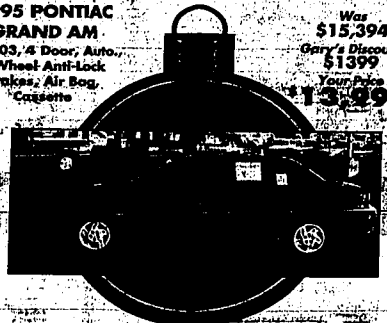
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