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## Good morning

**Today's forecast:**  
Mostly sunny with highs in the lower 30s. Tonight mostly clear with lows 5 to 15.

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### Historic theater reopens

Halley's historic Liberty Theater reopens with more than \$1.5 million worth of renovations.

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Teddy Bear, crosses and names left on a fence in front of the site of the bombed Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City are being stored until a permanent memorial can be built.

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Police found the charred remains of 16 bodies believed to be members of a doomsday cult who have been missing.

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### OPERATION MISTLETOE: ACCOMPLISHED!



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# Volunteers make friends with youths

By Virginia S. Gerber  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Struggling with medical problems and a quick temper, Jeremy Daniels used to rely on shoplifting to win friends. He stole small items — pencils or breath freshener — to give away, he explains.

Once he was caught with 14 decks of stolen cards.

After more than a year on probation, Jeremy still wouldn't stay out of trouble. Now on probation again, with the threat of incarceration looming, the 12-year-old says he's ready for a change.

He wants to take a run at athletics, track, despite an early-childhood illness that threatened to keep him from walking. He emerged victorious from a children's Christmas choir audition, and he's learning how "not to be alone at recess."

"I just want to grow up to learn how to control my temper," Jeremy said.

Jeremy has had an encouraging companion since October, when Ray Strolberg was recruited for the county's new TEAM program — Teens Encouraged by Adult Mentors.

Amber Cossen, the county's volunteer coordinator for juvenile corrections, organized the local TEAM program this summer as part of statewide juvenile-justice reforms.

TEAM's success is evidence of the community reaching out to its youth — not a new phenomenon, but one that's been "facilitated" recently by Cossen, Strolberg said.



BUDDY CHARLES MANNING/The Times-News

Mentor Ray Strolberg and his 12-year-old companion, Jeremy Daniels, enjoy Christmas festivities at a recent Lions Club party.

Now Jeremy and Strolberg, an insurance-agency partner, are together two or three times a week.

"It's been real fun," Jeremy said. He said there are "just a couple things" he couldn't discuss with his older friend.

"It's very warm — I think Jeremy's learning he can trust me," his mentor said. Occasionally, Strolberg confronts Jeremy about lying.

They've raked leaves, shopped together and enjoyed outings to restaurants, basketball games and Strolberg's cabin in the South Hills. During one party in their holiday whirl, Jeremy dressed in elf green for Strolberg's Santa act.

Strolberg wants to find some reading topic that will arrest Jeremy's attention. Jeremy's thank-you notes — for hand-me-down clothes

## To be a mentor

Teens Encouraged by Adult Mentors has about 22 kids "at risk" of getting in trouble or already on probation who are still waiting for volunteer mentors.

Volunteer Coordinator Amber Cossen does background and reference checks and extensively interviews prospective mentors. But the program has turned down only three volunteers since it started in June, she said.

Most new mentors complete a gang-awareness program and other training and tour the local juvenile-justice facilities.

Mentors and kids are required to spend about eight hours a month together — most spend more. Those who can't commit to an extended, one-on-one relationship can volunteer to lead group outings for some kids in the detention center or teach special one-time classes, Cossen said.

For more information, call Cossen in the county's juvenile probation department at 736-4215.

From Strolberg's staff members — soon will be written in cursive.

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## Funny faces



Photo courtesy DIANE VAUGHAN

It's a group shot that no child can resist: Diane Vaughan of Twin Falls captured (from the left) Daniele, 3, Kelsey Vaughan, 5, and Michelle Coleman, 4, making their silliest faces for the Times-News Holiday Photo Contest. For the winner and some of our favorites, see page C1.

# Commander says those who shot at NATO forces better 'knock it off'

Dallas Morning News

TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — A U.S. plane and a British helicopter came under hostile fire near Sarajevo in the first known attack on NATO forces trying to implement the Bosnia peace agreement, U.S. and British officials said Saturday.

The small-arms fire at the aircraft, which were on humanitarian missions Friday when they were attacked, did not cause any injuries, said Adm. Leighton Smith, the senior NATO commander, during a visit to U.S. troops at the Tuzla Air Base.

Smith said NATO had not determined which factions fired the shots, which were apparently fired near the front lines outside of Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital.

"This is very disappointing," the NATO commander said. "I hope the parties will knock it off. It's stupid, and it's very dangerous. I put the onus on the leaders to find out who did it and to stop it from happening again."

Despite the incidents, and delays in the arrival of troops and heavy equipment because of snowy weather, civilian and military officials said Saturday the first week of the NATO deployment was gone extremely well. They cited the willingness of the formerly warring Bosnian Serbs to let NATO forces enter their territory as a positive sign.

"I met with the Bosnian Serb political authorities in Pale yesterday and got full assurances of their cooperation," said Carl Bildt, the senior European Union envoy to the former Yugoslav state. "There have also been joint military meetings. So far so good. In some

## Christmas in Bosnia part of the job

New York Daily News

TUZLA, Bosnia — Peace never keeps itself, which is why the airborne will be patrolling the barbed wire again this Christmas with weapons at the ready, as they have for so many holiday seasons past.

"Just doin' our job, man. No big deal. We just do it," said Spec. James Chios, 23, of Malverne, N.Y.

His curt remarks amounted to a speech in the airborne, where a grunt and a shrug are considered running off at the mouth, and his buddies from the 3rd Battalion, 325th Infantry Regiment (Airborne Combat Team) let him know about it. Comely. "Just doin' our job, man."

ways it's going better than expected."

He said, however, that it would not be possible for the NATO peace mission to completely pacify Bosnia in the allotted one-year time frame.

"There has been war here for four years, and in some respects it will take a generation, or two to heal the wounds. It can't be done fully in one year, but it can be put on track," he said.

The suits in Washington and Paris had decided that American G.I.s were the missing ingredient in the formula for peace for a region sundered by a three-sided war whose roots traced back a millennia.

No big deal. The airborne way is all the way, all the time. They would take care of business, and let the politicians sort out the rest. Christmas could wait for another year.

"I'm used to it. I've missed plenty of Christmas in my eight years in the Army," said Sgt. Jorge Castro, 27, of the Bronx, N.Y. "I was screwing up back in the States, and the Army provided me with an opportunity to change my life."

Now, he is career Army.

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peace accord because it calls for the city to be unified under the control of the Muslim-Croat federation.

The bullet hit the cockpit of the plane — which is coated with bulletproof Kevlar — and ricocheted into the cargo bay, officials said.

The British Sea King helicopter was on a medical evacuation mission when it too came under small-arms fire, Smith said.

British officials said the helicopter was transporting two ill infants and their mothers from Tuzla — the U.S. headquarters in Bosnia — to Sarajevo for treatment.

# Clinton begs for budget solution

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — President Clinton predicted Saturday that he and Republican lawmakers will find a way to balance the federal budget within seven years, but insisted on an approach that "reflects our most fundamental values" and does not hurt "those who need and deserve our help."

In his weekly radio address, the president called upon Congress to re-open the federal government, which has been partially closed for eight days in the second shutdown since the 1996 fiscal year began on Oct. 1.

The time has come to end the financial and economic relationship turmoil inflicted upon approximately 280,000 furloughed federal workers and some 460,000 who are working but not receiving paychecks, he said.

"In the spirit of the holidays, we should do everything we can to put these people back to work and resume critical services the American people need and deserve," Clinton said.

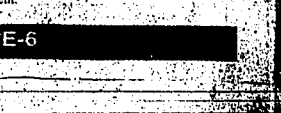
Clinton and GOP leaders held their last pre-Christmas budget negotiating session at the White House on Friday, and they are not expected to meet again until at least next Friday. Staff discussions are expected to resume on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Negotiators have reached common ground on some issues, but they remain divided over proposed tax cuts and spending reductions affecting Medicare, Medicaid and other federal programs. The Republicans want deeper cuts in future growth of assistance programs, while Clinton is seeking more modest reductions. He has urged GOP leaders to shelve their tax-cut proposals instead.

"We have to balance the budget in a way that reflects our most fundamental values: increasing opportunity, asking everyone to assume responsibility, strengthening our families and the economy, and recognizing the duty we have to each other — to our parents, our children and those who need and deserve our help," he said.

Offering a Republican response to the president's address, Rep. Ron Lewis of Kentucky urged Clinton to "negotiate in good faith" to end the budget impasse, based on economic projections developed by the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office. Clinton has been reluctant to embrace the CBO calculations because they would require bigger spending cuts than the more optimistic estimates of the White House Office of Management and Budget.

"Congress and the president have the chance to present America's children with a great Christmas gift — a balanced budget," Lewis said. "Children don't have a say in the matter, but they will be stuck with the debts run up by an out-of-touch federal government."





Nation

# 'Gone With the Wind' actress dead at 84 after kerosene fire

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Butterfly McQueen, who played Scarlett O'Hara's dimwitted maid in "Gone With the Wind" and later dropped out of acting, unhappy with dumb roles, died after a kerosene fire in her home.

McQueen, 84, was critically burned while trying to light a heater Friday and died about 10 hours later at Augusta Regional Medical Center.

Neighbors cried as they recalled seeing McQueen's clothes in flames. Neighbors and two passing Boy Scouts eased her into a mat and pulled her out of the house onto the sidewalk. "All I can tell you, she was the sweetest and best person I ever met," said Mary Green, who likened herself to McQueen's daughter.

No relatives called and her body will be donated for medical research, a hospital spokesman said.

But lots of friends and admirers did call. Dozens of people from around the country called the hospital Friday, sometimes in tears, burn center nursing director Butch Dorfman said.



McQueen

body is donated for research, Dorman said. He did not know of plans for a memorial service.

Born Thelma McQueen in Tampa, Fla., to a stevedore and a domestic, McQueen studied nursing in New York, then a teacher suggested she would be a good actress.

McQueen's career spanned Broadway, the movies and television. But for better or worse, her immor-

ity rested on her small role in the 1939 film "Gone With the Wind."

Hers was a role no black performer could relish — a slave, and a dimwitted one who gets slapped by Scarlett.

But few seeing "Gone With the Wind" could forget the half-patetic, half-comic Prissy, admitting, just as Melanie was about to give birth, that she had lied about being a midwife.

"Miss Scarlett, I don't know nothin' 'bout birthin' babies!"

"I hated it. The part of Prissy was so backward," McQueen told an interviewer in 1986. "I was always whining and complaining. ... But now I'm very glad I made the film because it made a living out of it. You wouldn't be here if I hadn't been Prissy."

In later years, she frequently made personal appearances in connection with the film, reminiscing and signing autographs. McQueen got the nickname Butterfly early in her career after dancing the Butterfly Ballet in a production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

## Parents abandon boy 2 weeks before holiday birthday

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The father and stepmother of a 12-year-old boy abandoned him at a bus station less than two weeks before his Christmas birthday, leaving him with a letter saying they could no longer care for him.

The youth wandered the city for six days before walking into a state youth services office Wednesday. He wore clean clothes and was carrying a bed roll, backpack and duffel bag.

The boy, whose name wasn't released, asked for a place to live and gave workers a letter, apparently written by his stepmother and signed by both parents.

The boy also carried a birth certificate and told social workers he is a "blizzard baby," born on Christmas Day during a winter storm in one of the Mountain states.

The boy is staying in a state shelter and will spend Christmas and his birthday there.

Juvenile Judge Margerie Oddone will decide Tuesday whether he should go to a foster home.

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# Nation

## GOP threatens Clean Water Act, other environmental regulations

Los Angeles Times

DULUTH, Minn. — The mercury at 2 p.m. one recent day reads 12 below zero, and the gloom of a cloudy, wintry northern dusk has already settled in. The only sound in Lincoln Park is the snow-muffled murmur of Miller Creek, tumbling beneath a crust of ice toward Lake Superior.

The creek begins in the wetlands behind the ridge that overlooks this old port city, where corporate steel and paper once specked their detritus into the largest of the Great Lakes. Now the mills and mining are mostly gone, and those industrial operations that remain have largely cleaned up their acts.

The federal Clean Water Act, widely credited with restoring America's waterways to their best condition in decades, is the chief reason.

Now the House of Representatives has passed a bill that would soften many of the act's provisions. Of particular consequence here, the bill would ease protections from the silt and industrial pollutants carried in storm water from rooftops and parking lots and construction sites.

The ultimate shape of the legislation when it emerges from the Senate, probably next year, is in question. Advocates of tough envi-

ronmental standards hope that Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, will oppose some of the more sweeping steps voted by the House.

The Clean Water Act is following the same course through which the

**'Their intent is to roll back the progress of the last 25 years.'**

— Carol Browner, administrator of the EPA

Republican-led Congress is taking much of the nation's environmental policy. That has left the future of environmental protection in the United States murky as the frigid, silt-thrusted streams of northern Minnesota after a storm.

This much is apparent: In 1995, with the modern environmental movement in its third decade in the United States, there has been a sea change in the public debate.

Although pollution is still considered an evil, Congress now finds it

acceptable to question whether it can be eliminated and to challenge whether a clean environment is worth the considerable economic sacrifice that environmental regulations impose.

Carol Browner, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, said of Congress' Republican leadership: "Their intent is to roll back the progress of the last 25 years."

The Republicans leading the campaign to soften the environmental movement's impact on business have set their sites on a variety of targets.

National parks? Let's think about closing some, a vociferous minority in Congress has said. Oil drilling in the Alaskan wilderness? Go for it.

Cutting timber in Alaska's Tongass National Forest, one of the few temperate rain forest in North America? You bet.

Roll back the EPA's authority to crack down on toxic emissions from oil refineries? By all means.

None of this has happened yet, with each proposal having run into protest.

"They went too far," says Bob Neuman, a Democratic political and public relations consultant. "When it gets to safe water and clean air, they ... don't have public support."

## Man arrested for having castor bean poison kills self in prison

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A man arrested on a biological weapons charge for having a lethal extract of the castor bean plant committed suicide Saturday in his jail cell.

Thomas Lewis Lavy hanged himself sometime overnight, said his attorney, Sam Heuer, who did not give any details. He was pronounced dead at 7 a.m. at University Hospital.

"This man never had any intentions of harming a soul," Heuer said. "He was a very-peaceful law-abiding citizen."

Lavy was arrested Thursday at his farm in northern Arkansas and charged with possession of a toxic substance, ricin, with intent to use it as a weapon.

The FBI lists ricin as third in tox-

icity behind only plutonium and the botulism toxin. It has no known antidote.

At a hearing Friday, Lavy was ordered held without bail.

Heuer said Lavy could have been driven to suicide by the possibility of life in prison, which was the maximum sentence if he had been convicted under the Biological Weapons Anti-Terrorism Act of 1989.

"Can you imagine being 54 years old and never arrested in your life and being incarcerated and told you're facing potential life imprisonment on a situation that he was totally innocent of?" Heuer said.

U.S. Attorney Paula Casey confirmed the death Saturday, but said it was under investigation and she

could not give details.

Prosecutors didn't buy Lavy's claim that he was trying to carry some of the poison from Alaska into Canada because he wanted to bring it to Arkansas to use it to kill coyotes that threatened chickens on his farm.

"It would be tantamount to saying you can use a thermonuclear device to protect your property from break-in or burglary," said prosecutor Robert Govar.

Canadian customs agents who searched Lavy's car at a border crossing in 1993 found 130 grams of ricin, \$89,000 in cash, four guns, more than 20,000 rounds of ammunition and a quantity of white powder, FBI Agent Thomas Lynch testified. Analysis of the powder showed it was ricin.

### U.S. agrees to flights

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The United States and China Saturday signed an aviation agreement that will allow the first nonstop service between the two countries.

Transportation Secretary Federico Pena said Saturday that Northwest Airlines will begin nonstop service from Detroit to Beijing as early as April 1996.

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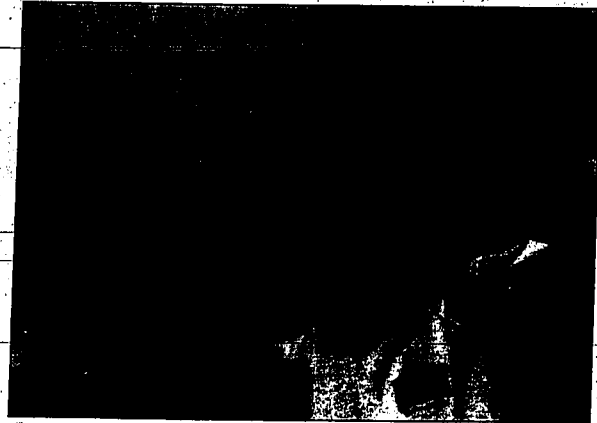
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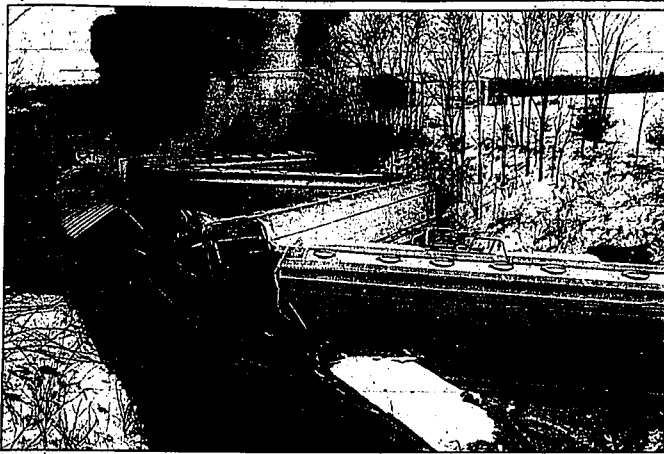
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Wreckage from a collision involving three freight trains near Effingham, Ill., continues to burn late Saturday morning.

## Rescue crews still seek workers missing following train collision

EFFINGHAM, Ill. (AP) — The threat of a toxic chemical release at a three-train wreck and fire eased Saturday, and most of the evacuees were allowed to return home.

The Friday night collision killed one train worker, and two others were missing. Another of the six workers involved was injured slightly.

About 30 of the 100 homes ordered evacuated remained sealed off Saturday evening as crews waited for a fire propelled by leaking diesel fuel to burn itself out, said State Police Sgt. Mark Doris.

The missing crew members — a conductor and engineer — were "apparently in locomotives that were

heavily involved in the fire. Obviously, we're not optimistic," Conrail spokesman Bob Libkind said Saturday.

Officials believed two of the trains were westbound, both headed to St. Louis, and that one rear-ended the other on a Conrail track one mile west of this south-central Illinois town.

"The rear-most cars of the first train then crashed onto an adjacent track and into the path of an eastbound train headed from St. Louis to Pittsburgh.

State police said 53 cars derailed, and 40 cars caught fire. "You heard a rumble, then there was a second ka-boom. There was a flash, then it lit

up the sky," said Mike Wilson, who lives nearby.

About 100 homes within a two-mile radius of the crash site were evacuated for more than 12 hours because the trains carried oil, plastics and hazardous chemicals, Libkind said. He did not know what chemicals were aboard. "We now don't feel those are going to be a danger," he said by late afternoon.

Libkind said the cause of the accident was not yet clear. Company and federal officials were investigating.

Libkind identified the man who was known dead in the crash as conductor Rolla Allen III, 51, of Indianapolis, who had been with Conrail since 1968.

## American history museum to reopen

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Museum of American History will reopen Tuesday despite the partial shutdown of the federal government after officials shifted private trust fund money to pay some workers.

About 28 of the Smithsonian Institution's employees will return to work for one week, museum officials said.

"We are doing this on a minimal

basis with just the minimum amount of staff we need," said David Umansky, communications director for the Smithsonian.

The National Museum of American History employees will temporarily become "trust employees" for the holiday opening, he said.

The National Air and Space Museum, which generates revenue through its IMAX Theater and the Einstein Planetarium, will also be

open from Dec. 26 through Dec. 31. None of the Smithsonian museums charges admission but the Air and Space Museum charges for the theater and planetarium.

The Air and Space Museum has remained open during the current shutdown but had been closed during the shutdown last month. Umansky said a decision was made to keep it open this time to generate income for the Smithsonian.

## Tonya Harding weds on yacht

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Tonya Harding plans a mellow life after her second marriage Saturday aboard a yacht.

The former figure-skating champ said she looks forward to starting a family with machinist Michael Smith and someday living on a farm.

"I'm very happy, and I hope to keep it that way," Harding said.

The two were to marry on the Willamette River, with only a few friends and relatives invited. A no-liquor reception was planned at an Elks Club.

It was to be the fourth marriage for Smith, 29, and the second for Harding, 25.

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## Brother: Victim suspected faulty heater

CLEVELAND (AP) — A family that was killed by carbon monoxide had visited a doctor earlier in the week, suspecting the deadly gas had made them sick, and were told it was just the flu, a relative said.

A bird's nest in a furnace flue at John Reed's home forced carbon monoxide into their house, fire investigators said. Reed, his three children, a family friend and the

Reeds' dog were found dead in the home Thursday night.

Reed's brother, Mark, said he accompanied Reed and the children, 13-year-old Kristen, 11-year-old Megan and 10-year-old John Jr., to Fairview Hospital on Monday night because the family had been sick for about a week.

"I asked the doctor three times: 'Could it be carbon monoxide poi-

soning?' He said: 'No way. It's the flu,'" Reed recalled.

"My nephew, John Michael, was not in this world. He was delirious, tired, nonfunctional. This doctor should have known by the symptoms of John Michael alone."

The bird's nest was found Friday inside the flue leading from the furnace to the house's roof, fire investigator John Yanson said.

## Disguise leads to man's arrest

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — For several months, investigators distributed a rough portrait of a bank robber who stole nearly \$50,000 from 10 banks.

But in the end, it was a discarded piece of paper and a partiality to medical disguises that nailed the suspect — who just happened to be living under the noses of authorities in a halfway house.

Shannon L. Sapp, 32, was arrested Thursday and charged in two bank robberies, on Oct. 18 and Nov. 9. An investigation is continuing into the eight other robberies.

"With the disguises he used, it was hard to come up with a true likeness," said FBI senior agent David Maloney. "He moved around to different banks. He did his homework. And he was living in a halfway house — not out in the street flashing money."

Investigators linked the 10 robberies because in each one, the robber disguised himself as a doctor, wearing surgical masks or bandages on his face.

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# There's just something about that name



Christmas makes us contemplate things some of us may try to avoid the rest of the year, such as family and religious, and the most fascinating person who ever lived: Jesus, whom some call "the Christ."



will be given except the sign of the prophet Jonah."

Two British geologists say they have discovered the ancient cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. These supposedly wise men conclude that Lot's wife was not turned to salt because she disobeyed God. No, she became salt because of the briny nature of the Dead Sea. The geologists say it was saturated soil and highly flammable bitumen, not God's wrath, that caused the demise of the twin cities of sin. Different frequency.

Faith is never solely a matter of evidence, otherwise all would believe in the evidence that has been revealed. Faith is a matter of the will. People choose to accept or reject evidence. (Recall the public and jury response to evidence presented in the O.J. Simpson trial.)

The Communists worked hard to kill faith in Jesus, but they failed. And so will the scholars.

Last week in New York, I saw the "Christmas Spectacular" at Radio City Music Hall. The show concluded with a magnificent Nativity scene. Over a scrim ran the words to the poem "One Solitary Life," which noted the obscurity and powerlessness of Jesus' birth (nothing has less power than a baby).

In summarizing His life, the writer said, "Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure for much of the human race. All the armies that ever marched and all the navies that ever sailed and all the parliaments that ever sat and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as this 'One Solitary Life.'"

Others may seek more proof this Christmas. That's enough for me.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

## Christmas through a child's eyes

CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE, Md. — David Maseng With a prodigiously talented 3-year-old, some of the first blush, base about the news.

The news was that on Sunday night a stranger, a jolly fat oddly dressed man, would be coming down David's chimney with a sack full of toys, many of which would be strewn about beneath the tree in the living room, for David to enjoy, and for David to resist sharing with friends, as he resists sharing everything, other than germs.

David's response to this — one would have thought — astonishing news about the toy-strewing stranger was suitably wide-eyed, and yet he took it in stride, as additional evidence that people really do have more fun than anyone. Turn out, it is difficult to astonish a child, either because everything astonishes, or — which may be much the same thing — because nothing does.

For example, is it not just a bit peculiar that the adults at David's house, who make the rules and are supposed to make sense, and who get cranky if you bring into the house so much as a dead mouse, suddenly hauled a tree into the living room?

The strangeness of that act was surpassed by the weirdness of the dispute about what to hang on it. Father wanted to hang 28 glass balls bearing the emblems of major league baseball teams. Mother didn't. Mother won. So the tree is decorated with angels and elves and trains and gingerbread men and other bric-a-brac that presumably



add up to something, but they seem to the untutored eye to be so much flapdoodle.

Of course nothing much adds up to children, for whom the flapdoodle quotient of daily experience is large.

Their lives consist largely of looking at, and maneuvering through, a forest of adults' knees, so the world is bound to seem strangely constituted. And given the fact that these tall people voluntarily give little people food, shelter, clothing and television, it is understandable that the little people think the world is organized for their pleasure and that toy-laden people popping down chimneys is just part of the plan. Besides, once a child has experienced the central event on the child's calendar of bliss — Halloween — and learned that there is such a thing as a free lunch after all, and that it is 95 percent sugar, the sheer goodness of life becomes a given.

H.L. Mencken was disgusted because "the average American, whether young or old, simply lacks the mental stamina to face the concept of the irremediable." Maybe so, but Christmas, as the average American family practices it, is a

splendid part of the cheerful adult conspiracy to keep children unaware, for a while, of the terrors that life puts on desiring.

Presumably at his school, where he is in a class called Bechivers and is majoring in Lego blocks and minoring in advanced tricycle, David is acquiring a keen sense of reality — nature red in tooth and claw, and all that. Already he seems to have a vocation, for working with words. Unlike the novelist Peter De Vries, who said he liked everything about writing except the paperwork, it is the paperwork that pleases David. At his mother's knee — she often works at home — has become, by emulation, a worldly child of Washington.

"What are you doing David?" asks his father as David pushes a pencil across a tablet. "Writing speeches for Bob Dole," replies David, matter-of-factly. Writing a list for Santa should be a snap.

Next year he will reach the list stage. Last year the ribbons and wrappings and boxes were as diverting as the gifts. This year he is content to let Santa bring what he will, although David is showing an aptitude for becoming a proper American boy, fascinated by Power Rangers and other toys suggestive of mayhem.

It has been said that a teacher can never be adequately paid because a teacher gives the gift of truth, for

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# Items left at bomb site saved for memorial Clinton, Dole top money race

## Officials plan permanent site for tributes

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The teddy bears, crosses and impromptu notes left as humble tributes to the federal building bombing victims have been taken away, placed in storage until a permanent memorial can be built.

Only a few Christmas wreaths, withered flowers and faded ribbons still hang on the chain-link fence surrounding the empty space once occupied by the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, pulverized by a bomb that killed 169 people.

And the remaining tattered remembrances will be coming down soon.

"This was really pretty last week," one woman said recently as she showed the site to an out-of-town relative.

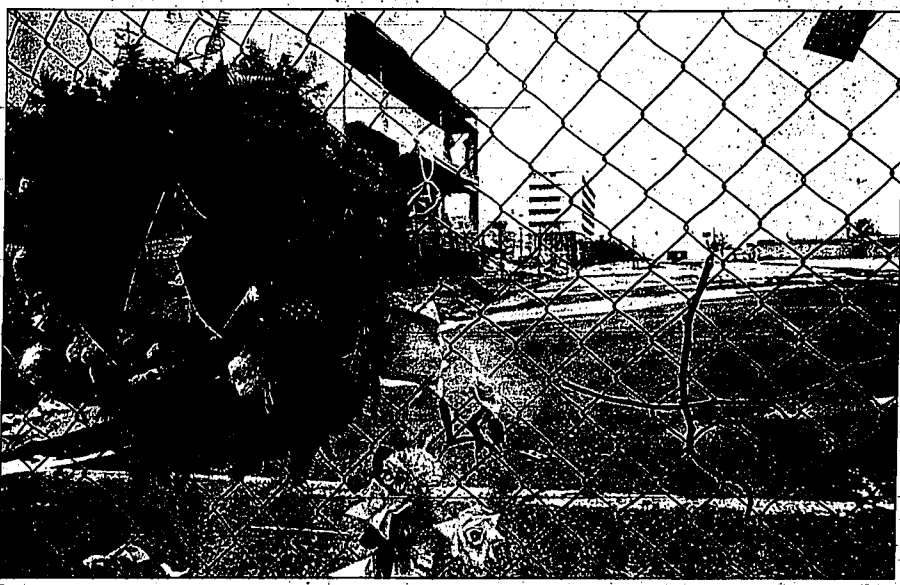
A new wreath was attached to the chain-link fence last week, and blowing snow melted on a laminated card that read: "Merry Christmas, Bayle, and to all who died. My prayers are with you all."

Bayle Almon turned 1 on April 18, the day before the bomb killed her and the other victims. A photograph of her limp, bloodied body in the arms of a stunned rescue worker carrying her from the rubble appeared on newspaper front pages around the nation.

Through the spring and summer, thousands flocked to the downtown site to mourn the victims and to watch workers clear away the wreckage of the nine-story building.

Their cars bore license plates from as far away as Florida and British Columbia. Their voices carried messages ranging from the gentle drawl of the deep South to the staccato rhythms of Japanese.

Just before the ravaged hulk of the building was demolished on May 23, brought down by a carefully planned set of blasts, crowds at the fence for one last look were 10- and 15-deep. Many people brought their children to see the site of the attack.



A newly placed Christmas wreath and other items still remain on the fence that surrounds the Oklahoma City Murrah Federal Building. Federal authorities are storing items that have been left on the fence and will eventually include them in a memorial to the 169 people killed in the blast.

The site became a tourist attraction that lured some people hundreds of miles off planned vacation itineraries. When lush new sod covered the emptied lot, the fence itself became an attraction, its makeshift exhibits changing every day.

Tokens left by visitors ranged from the prosaic to the bizarre. The fence bore teddy bears, flags, T-shirts, flowers, crude crosses made of sticks, business cards and written

testimonials — both formal and impromptu. One visitor tied a baby's diaper to the fence, possibly in memory of the infants who died in the building's second-floor day-care center.

Now the small remembrances wait for the Murrah Memorial Task Force to organize them for a rotating exhibit at a blast memorial, which is still in the planning stages.

The diaper remains on the fence.

But most of the remainder is in a closet at the office of Kathy Wyche of the General Services Administration, which is in charge of federal buildings.

"The closet is only temporary storage. We are making arrangements for space in a warehouse with climate control. We are concerned about things deteriorating," Ms. Wyche said.

The archives committee of the

task force will classify them and archive them until we have a memorial concept," she added.

Ms. Wyche said the material was removed because visitors to the fence were removing things, and because the GSA is considering a change in the way that the public is kept off the building site.

After the holidays, she said, even the Christmas decorations will come off the fence.

## Dole top money race

WASHINGTON (AP) — If the race to raise campaign funds equaled the battle for the Republican presidential nomination, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole already would be preparing to face President Clinton in next fall's election.

As 1995 draws to a close, Dole, the GOP front-runner, holds a commanding advantage — both in money raised and cash remaining — on the eve of the 1996 GOP primary season.

Dole's GOP competitors can only envy the Kansan's campaign cash as they struggle with smaller bankrolls. Most, like commentator Pat Buchanan and former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, are carrying debt and expect to be scraping for every dollar come January.

Dole will close out 1995 having raised more than \$24 million, according to campaign finance director Jo Anne Coe. He also will enter 1996 with a negligible debt, a minimum of \$4 million in the bank, and eligibility for at least \$9 million in taxpayer-backed federal matching funds — just as campaign expenses begin to accelerate.

"We feel very comfortable in terms of the financial advantage we have over other campaigns," Coe said. "And while that's a nice asset — literally — we believe that our best asset really is the candidate."

In fact, Dole's only real money rival is President Clinton, who will raise at least \$26 million by the end of 1995 and apply for \$10 million in matching funds.

"The directive we had from the president was to raise it quickly and spend it slowly, and I think we're on track for both," said Ann Lewis, a spokeswoman for the Clinton-Gore re-election campaign. "We're enormously pleased with the kind of support we've received."

Of the Republicans, Buchanan, at least, has seen his fund raising increase for each of the four reporting periods in 1995, with total of his \$6.5 million yearly total coming during the past three months.

## Foster parents host 50 children for holidays

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EASTON, Pa. — Talk about an extended family.

So many children have lived here in the warm, cozy home of Pam and Ken Kleedorfer that they've stopped counting.

The children have arrived abused, neglected or abandoned, some with physical and emotional wounds so deep that years of counseling are needed. They have come from parents who couldn't afford them, couldn't handle them, sometimes couldn't stand them. They've come scared, and they've come in desperate need of love.

But this is a story about hope. It is about an average couple of modest means who opened their home to some 100 foster children during the last 19 years. The beauty of it all is that they are sure to know what they're doing.

"They led me in the right direction," said 19-year-old Jason, who lived with the Kleedorfers for five years and is now in college. "If it wasn't for them, I don't know where I'd be right now."

Jamie arrived in a hospital gown after a late-night call from a childcare worker. Then 3, Jamie had been seriously abused and was released from the hospital with nowhere to go.

The Kleedorfers fell in love with her and eventually adopted her.

"Everybody was so loving and caring. It was a big change," recalled Jamie, now 16, her light-brown eyes shining at the memories of her early days with the Kleedorfers. "They just gave me a kind of hope."

On Christmas Eve, Jason and Jamie will be joined by many of their foster siblings — Paul, 10, who has been living with the Kleedorfers since February; Debra, 24, who will bring her husband and their 23-month-old daughter; Dawn, 29, who was married in September with her foster mother as her matriarch of honor; Dennis, 29; Connie, 26; Gary, 26; and Jeremy, 20, the Kleedorfers' only biological child.

All of these people, and many more, will be at the Kleedorfers' home in the rolling countryside of eastern Pennsylvania, munching on cold cuts and Christmas cookies, exchanging gifts and catching up. As many as 50 are expected.

"People ask me why we do this," said Pam Kleedorfer, 43, a dark-haired woman with deep brown eyes that filled with tears when she spoke about the joys and the sorrows of becoming so intimately involved with children through the years. "The reward is my children."

## Truck driver remains in jail after pleading innocent to deaths

CINCINNATI (AP) — A truck driver accused of gunning down three co-workers before calmly surrendering to police pleaded innocent to murder charges.

Gerald Lee Clemons, 53, did not speak at his arraignment Friday.

His lawyer entered the plea. Clemons remained jailed without bond. He could face the death penalty if convicted of aggravated murder in the Dec. 15 shootings at a Trans-Continental Systems office in the Cincinnati suburb of Evendale.

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# Magic Valley

## Lawmakers neglect farmworkers

By Karen Tolkkinn  
Times-News writer

MALTA — Javier Tellez-Juarez's world was destroyed in seconds just days before Christmas.

Juarez lost his ability to work, walk, or feed himself as a tractor-powered posthole digger snagged his clothing, spun him around, ripped off his arms and crushed one leg.

His case has stunned the country and dramatized the sudden violence that can befall farm workers. His name will almost certainly arise in the Idaho Legislature next session as lawmakers struggle with the issue of requiring farmers to provide worker's compensation insurance for their employees.



Javier Kempton Cameron

Idaho farmers have been exempted from the law since it began in 1917. Over the past few years, the Legislature has defeated several efforts to force farmers

to pay worker's compensation; agriculture remains the only industry exempted from the law. Only seven other states do not require injury insurance for farm workers.

Some lawmakers predict that passing a worker's compensation law will be easier this year in light of the Malta accident. "The accident was certainly not a usual situation, but a very sobering accident," said Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, a sheep rancher.

But even as Juarez lay near death last week in a Utah hospital, some local lawmakers and the state's most powerful lobby

group, the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, said they are still reluctant to pass a bill that would add expense for farmers and perhaps limit their ability to provide other compensation for their workers.

### Benefits

If Juarez had been working on a hole-digging crew for the city or with a fencing business, he would have been covered by worker's compensation.

Either the state insurance fund or a private fund would have paid all his medical bills, rehabilitation costs and any retrain-

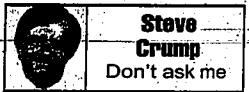
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## Don't teach your kids to add

Amey Vanderbilt could have come to our place on Christmas morning, taken a load off her Italian-made designer pumps, tossed back a couple of egg noggs with a twist of allspice, and discovered the true meaning of good manners.

"It's true that we don't chill our salad forks in the Crump household, but our etiquette of Yuletide-giving and receiving is impeccable.

None of this ripping open everything that's wrapped in a wild frenzy of I-can-break-yours-before-you-can-break-mine. Opening Christmas gifts requires a sense of decorum, a little restraint, and not a little strategy.



The origin of that, like the source of much of what ails the 20th century, is sibling rivalry.

Let's say you buy Kid No. 1 a \$250 bicycle for Christmas, while Kid No. 2 gets a bunch of cheaper presents — a dozen of them — for which you spend, collectively, \$200.

Which child will feel deprived? If you picked Kid No. 2, then you should seriously consider never having children.

The first child, you see, having ridden his new bicycle over the dog's tail and wrecked the derailleur, will sit beneath the Christmas tree wearing an expression of utter desolation. "How come Eric gets more presents than I do?"

"Because your gift was more expensive than Eric's," you explain.

"Yeah, but, how come Eric gets more presents than I do?"

"You want Santa to show you the receipts?"

"So how come Eric gets more presents than I do?"

"Well, look at that! Daddy opened this Norelco electric shaver by mistake. It's really yours!"

But even after parents have become smart enough not to give one child a single, expensive, gift and the other child a whole bunch of cheap plastic junk, the great game is still afoot.

At our house, tradition holds that the senior kid gets to pass out the Christmas presents unless he delegates that honor to his younger sibling. In recent years, tradition has done just that, in the process making discreet little piles of gifts and pushing them behind the recliner.

Then everyone, in turn, opens a present. The youngest goes first, the oldest takes his picture, and in the confusion, skips a turn or two. At the end of 15 minutes, the youngest child is sitting in an ocean of crumpled paper and castoff ribbon and the oldest has barely begun to wade through his stack of presents.

"Hey, how come Mike gets more presents than I do?"

A couple of years ago, we hit upon the brilliant idea of giving the kids cash for Christmas, so they could buy what they wanted. The oldest — a serious, precise lad with the temperament of an accountant-in-the-making — had already figured out the compound interest on his money before the breakfast dishes were done.

The youngest, of a more mercurial nature, would have spent his Christmas money on Christmas morning at the 7-Eleven if we'd let him. In any case, it was long gone by Dec. 26.

So in the fullness of time, when No. 3 son showed up with the new CD player, you can guess what happened.

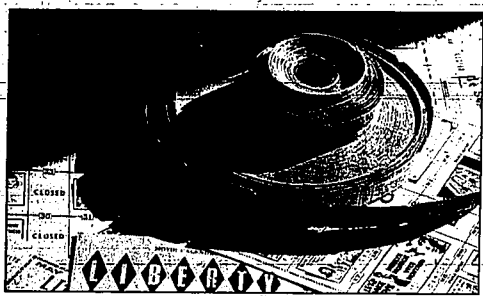
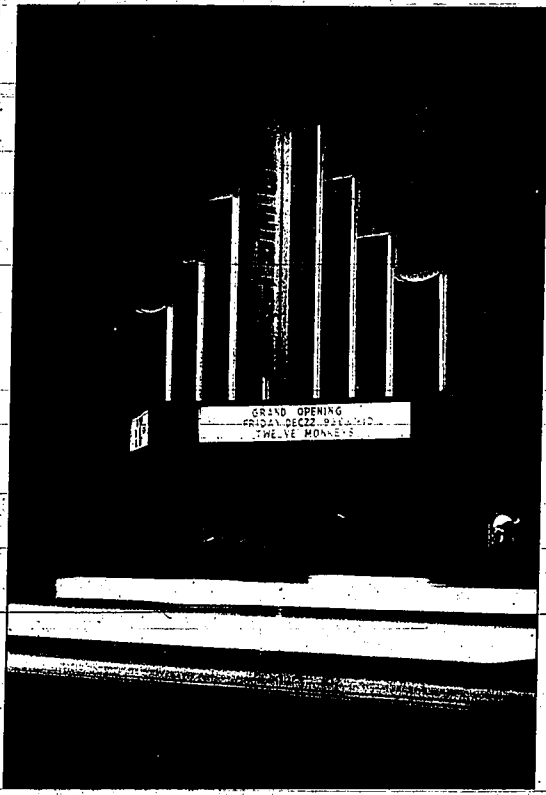
"How come Mike gets better presents than I do?"

In exasperation, we imposed a new rule at the Crump house this Christmas: Each kid gets precisely the same number of gifts, opened on a strict rotational basis. Matter of fact, we've even numbered them — 1 through 10.

And Dad gets whatever's left over.

Dad, the Times-News features editor, is pretty sure that Gift No. 11 is a new fly rod.

## Lights, camera, action...



Above, memorabilia, courtesy of the Brooks family, celebrates the old Liberty.

At right, The Liberty Theater in Halley reopened with the world premier of Bruce Willis' movie, 'Twelve Monkeys,' on Friday.

## Willis opens renovated Liberty with new film

By Charlotte Giles  
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — After more than \$1.5 million worth of renovations, the Liberty Theater, owned by Demi Moore and Bruce Willis, opened Friday with Terry Gilliam's "Twelve Monkeys."

The film stars Willis and Brad Pitt in its Idaho premiere, three days before its screenings in New York or Los Angeles.

Though the present owners have revamped the theater with panache and style, there wouldn't be a Liberty Theater if not for the Brooks family, according to historian Emily Olson.

The Brooks opened up Hailey's first cinema, the Star Theater, in 1917, just down the street from the current theater. It included a pool hall, as well as a barbershop-beauty shop, and showed

silent films. In 1938, they built the Liberty, which was the premium movie palace in Idaho, known for its fine workmanship.

"Daddy bartered in the day, managed the Liberty at night and prospected on the weekend," said Becky Brooks Brown, manager of the Marinello Hair Salon, one of Hailey's oldest businesses. Bill Brooks and his wife, Eileen, were strong examples for the Brooks family work ethic.

The Brooks girls, Betty, Mary and Becky, sold tickets and operated the concession stand. The boys, Billy, Alan and Jack, ran the projector and changed the heavy cast-iron letters on the marquee. All the children cleaned the theater.

"We had to splice the previews,"

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## South Elba, Almo neighbors develop firefighting service

By Jennifer Bunch  
Times-News writer

### Protection north of Elba — B3

ELBA — Folks living south of Elba and into Almo, an area that in the past hasn't had any fire protection other than a neighbor's garden hose, are working to put together a fire district.

Fifty-two of their neighbors living to the north now have fire protection — Elba and Conner Creek were annexed last week into the Raft River Fire District.

Since the areas have decided to be annexed, the ACE Subscription Fire District will begin to solicit members south of Elba for its district.

"The ACE" district, originally formed to service Almo, Conner Creek and Elba — was incorporated in the spring, said Stan Lloyd, a district board member.

So far, the district's young firetrucks have responded to three fire calls, and two homes have been saved from burning, Lloyd said. One couple came to Lloyd's home, where the trucks are being kept, hopped into a fire engine and saved their home themselves, he said.

The ACE district has been waiting to see what happened with Elba and Conner Creek in the latest developments with Raft River Fire District, before it sought subscription members. It would have serviced all of Elba had people wanted to join its district, Lloyd said. Subscriber fees pay for the district's operating costs, Lloyd said.

The district only has three volunteer firefighters who have had some training, Lloyd said. It has five subscribers and two fire engines purchased for a total of \$800 from the communities of Declo and Oakley, Lloyd said. The trucks are old, but operational, he said.

"When someone has a fire, they don't care what color the equipment is or how big," he said.

Mike Santini, a former volunteer firefighter in California, is a member of the district's board of directors. The district's founders wanted to have something to offer the people they will be asking to join the district. The fire trucks are a start, but there is more work to do, he said.

"We have a long way to go. We have to get our membership up," Santini said.

The subscription fee is \$50 a year for each member, Lloyd said. To buy the fire trucks, which Lloyd said Declo and Oakley sold for a generously low price, community members dug into their own pockets, he said.

As a subscription district, ACE is eligible for training and surplus government equipment without having to operate a taxing district. Subscription districts work under the supervision of the Idaho Department of Lands, which administers the state's Rural Fire Protection Act.

The ACE district has a mutual aid agreement with Bureau of Land Management and City of Rocks National Reserve firefighters, Lloyd said. The agreement allows firefighters to cross boundaries and help out other units, he said. The district is working to set up a mutual aid agreement with Raft River, he said.

The fire protection district brings to an end the days of standing around and watching someone's home burn for lack of water and equipment to stop the fire, Lloyd said. Over the years, five homes have burned down while people stood around helpless and watched, he said.

"We determined from whatever direction to put an end to that," he said.

## Francisco's restaurant shelters Christmas refugees

By Liz Wright  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Welcome to America, where sometimes Santa is a less-than-plush prison work-release inmate, and Christmas dinner can be tacos and Coca-Cola.

But little of that mattered to several dozen refugee children at Francisco's Mexican Restaurant Saturday afternoon. They mobbed the tall, slender Santa — aka Charles Gundrum — as he handed out gifts and struggled to pronounce their Eastern European names.

His fake white beard muffled his words of good tidings and belly laughs, but not much could be heard over the shrieks of children clamoring for his attention. Some little ones even seemed fooled by the pillow inside his costume that doubled as his girth.

"It was hectic, it was fun too," said Gundrum, 51, who normally weighs 140 pounds "without my boots on."

"It was really the expressions on some of the little kids' faces I enjoyed. I think some of them had never seen Santa. Gundrum said. Laid off from his most recent work, he volunteers for the Salvation Army and spends nights in custody at the Twin Falls Community Work Center because he violated his probation on a grand theft conviction, he said.

The Salvation Army and Francisco's Mexican Restaurant sponsored the event for refugees who are struggling to make ends meet during the holidays. Most of the families attending are from Bosnia, Armenia, Russia and Mexico.

The gifts were donated by people who purchased toys and brought them to the Salvation Army. Francisco's employees were busy preparing rice, refried beans and tacos for 125 hungry mouths — though only about one-third of the people expected actually showed up.

Refugees are some of the neediest people in Twin Falls these days, said Captain Roger Davis of the Salvation Army, who organized the volunteer effort with his wife and assistant.

"They are a special target group of ours," Davis said. "The little ones you can tell are scared ... So far their short, little lives have been nothing but terror and new places."

Allen Mahic, 11, said he enjoys Christmas here better than in his Bosnian hometown of Mostar.

"You can't do things there like play outside. We couldn't buy presents because there were soldier firing at people and bombing houses," said Mahic, who arrived in Twin Falls one year and two months ago with his parents.

Volunteers wrapped chocolate Santas and bagged two large garbage sacks and a cardboard box full of gifts.

Davis said he is picking up the slack for Christmas parties for the needy where public schools left off because a growing number seem fearful of celebrating religious holidays. This is the third year in a row the events have been held.

"I think it went well," Davis said. "Anything you make kids smile, it's a success."

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Magic Valley

Christmas raises demand for poinsettias

By Jennifer Bunch Times-News writer

BURLEY — Poinsettias were a hit this year in the Mini-Cassia area. Klink's Florist and Greenhouse grows its own and sold several thousand — two greenhouses full of red, pink and white poinsettias plants.

The only poinsettias left at the greenhouse by the end of the week were a row of red and whites' ones already purchased for a holiday wedding.

The poinsettias naturally bloom at Christmas time. It was brought to the United States years ago by Joseph Poinsett, a botanist who discovered the plant growing wild in Tropical Mexico, according to the Western Garden Book.

The poinsettia has grown heartier and the colors more vibrant since the days when Dave's father, Albert Klink began growing the plants in his Burley greenhouses, said Dave Klink, owner of Klink's Florist and Greenhouse.



Ed's Office Products: The only poinsettias left this week at Klink's Florist and Greenhouse in Burley were red and white plants reserved for a Christmas season wedding.

Now the plant will last into the spring, he said.

"They were lucky to get them through the New Year," Albert Klink said.

Klink's begins growing the plants in July, he said. Poinsettias require 12 hours of light and 12 hours of darkness, he said. Summer months provide the right amount of natural light for the process, and the greenhouses are located away from city street lights, Klink said.

To bring back a poinsettia for next Christmas, in June the plant should be cut back, reotted in new soil and set outside away from any type of artificial light, he said. The plant should be brought back inside the house before the year's first frost, he said.

If a poinsettia doesn't receive the adequate amount of light and darkness, the plant will not boast the bright colored leaves, Klink said. "You'll just have a really nice, big green plant," he said.

The poinsettia is not toxic. In 1919, unconfirmed reports of illness led to the belief that the plant was poisonous; the Western Garden Book said. But Ohio State University has disproved the myth, the book said. "The poinsettia has got a bad rap on that," Klink said.

Someone would need to eat a lot of poinsettia leaves before any toxic reactions occurred, he said.

Elba annexation comes

with a few perks

By Jennifer Bunch Times-News writer

ELBA — Susan Anderson will be sleeping more soundly.

Six years ago, when her home was burning and her adjoining business, the Corner Creek Store, was threatened by the flames, Anderson called 911 and was told no one could help her. She discovered Elba had no fire protection.

But now it does. Cassia County commissioners last week approved the annexation of Elba and the Corner Creek area to the Raft River Fire District. The district's volunteer firefighters came to Anderson's rescue six years ago, even though legally they weren't supposed to fight fires outside of the district's boundaries.

Since the fire at her home, Anderson has pushed for fire protection for herself and neighbors.

Now the fire district's boundaries extend one mile south of Elba, said Del Carlson, a Raft River Fire District commissioner.

Fifty-two homes now have fire protection and ambulance service through Raft River, Anderson said. Nearly 81 percent of the people who live within the new boundary lines petitioned to be annexed into the district, Anderson said.

She won't be adding an additional expense to her budget, because her fire insurance premiums will be lower now that she has fire protection. Anderson expects her fire tax to be about \$11 a year based on the total market value of her home, business and 10 acres of land, she said. "I am just elated," Anderson said.

Insurance

Continued from B1 rehabilitation costs and any remaining. It would have also paid him \$9,000 to \$14,000 a year for life because of his total disability. The amount is not adjusted to care for dependents.

But because he worked for Tracy Farms, he has to depend on charity. His medical bills may fall back on Cassia County's indigent-care fund. And Juarez, 23, is not guaranteed any annual income to support himself, his 17-year-old wife, or infant daughter.

Under Idaho law, several businesses classified as agricultural and are exempted from paying worker's compensation insurance, including tree farms, fish hatcheries, worm or bait farms, dairies, orchards, dude ranches with livestock, field crop farms, vineyard or berry farms, livestock farms, poultry producers, custom spraying and fur farms.

Costs for farmers who opt for compensation insurance range from \$3.65 per \$100 of wages for vegetable crop workers, to \$15.40 per \$100 of wages for vineyard or berry farm workers. General field workers' 1996 rates dropped from \$9.28 per \$100 of wages to \$7.14.

Rates depend upon the danger level of the job, said Al Bunch, spokesman for the state worker's compensation insurance fund. For example, the rate for a clerical worker, who requires coverage, is 40 cents per \$100 of wages. Loggers' rates are \$30 per \$100.

Farmwork ranks among the most dangerous occupations.

Small farmers

Two years ago, two high-school

age boys were severely shocked and hospitalized after touching a metal pipe to power lines on Republican Rep. Jim Kempton's Albion ranch.

The young workers were looking for rabbits on off-duty time while Kempton was in Nevada. They wouldn't have been covered by worker's compensation, but the incident persuaded Kempton to buy the insurance for his workers. Metal pipes frequently electrocute unwary workers.

"It just convinced me that you can't take too many precautions," he said.

No matter what safety steps farmers take, something can always go wrong, he said.

Still, Kempton voted against requiring worker's compensation for farm workers last year and would again this year if his concerns aren't addressed.

Insurance costs could hurt small farms, he said. Kempton carries liability insurance as well as worker's compensation, and he said he ended up paying more for insurance than he did for wages. A farm that grosses \$50,000 a year only nets about \$15,000 after pouring money back into the business, he said.

The law would be inequitable too, he said. If lawmakers go after farmers, they should also go after homeowners, he said. There's just as much danger in climbing ladders to paint houses as there is in climbing ladders to paint farm sheds, he said.

Homeowners might lobby hard to kill a measure, but "I can't help it if the homeowners are going to lobby against a fair distribution of worker's compensation," he said. He would like to see some form of

compensation requirements worked out, he said, and would support a bill that would force homeowners to buy insurance, he said.

"It's not like we're trying to go in and hammer ag workers," he said.

Lobbyist's posturing The Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, an ardent opponent of mandatory worker's compensation, has not changed its stated policy since last year, said lobbyist Greg Nelson.

But as is typical in the weeks before the Legislature convenes, Farm Bureau lobbyists are talking as though they might support a worker's compensation bill this year.

Farm Bureau's policy on injury insurance is "not as cast in stone as it once was," Nelson insisted last week. The bureau has given its labor committee leeway to look into bills that could appeal to farmers, such as forcing independent crew bosses or other labor contractors to pay insurance costs instead. The farmer could absorb the cost through wages, he said.

Still, Farm Bureau lobbyists have consistently played a key role in defeating injury insurance for farmworkers in past sessions, despite early suggestions of compromise.

Sen. Dana Cameron, R-Rupert, said the Farm Bureau's opinion would play a large role in his decision. "The majority of my constituents are farmers," Cameron said. "Unless it is a workable solution that my constituents can live with, then I'm going to vote against it." Actually, the U.S. Census Bureau estimated that in 1992, 35,911 people

lived in Minidoka and Jerome counties, which fall almost entirely within Cameron's District 24. Just 1,590 of those residents are full- or part-time farmers, according to the 1992 Census of Agriculture.

Still unclear is the role Gov. Phil Batt will play. An onion farmer himself, Batt was nonetheless largely disengaged last year when he urged the Legislature to end agriculture's exemption from worker's compensation requirements.

Cameron said he feels it's only a matter of time before some compromise is reached, and it could be prompted by the Malla accident.

"Anyone you read about an accident like that, it's got to tug on your heart a little bit," he said.

No compromise Lawmakers and lawmakers have myriad suggestions for covering farm workers in case of accident, from exempting farms with less than \$50,000 annual income to exempting farms with fewer than three employees.

Newcom Majority Leader Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, said he would like to see a loophole in the law for farmers who want to provide major medical insurance or liability insurance instead of worker's compensation.

Two years ago, one of his workers lost part of a hand after getting caught in a potato-seed cutter. Newcomb's insurance company paid all his medical bills and paid him a lump sum of \$22,000.

"I've never been convinced that worker's compensation as proposed is better than what I offer my own employees," Newcomb said.

With that loophole, and if the Legislature figured out how to cover seasonal workers and independent contractors, he might support such a bill, he said.

But Rep. Bill Deal, R-Nampa, who has fought for worker's compensation for five years, said no compromise is possible.

"I think the farm laborer deserves to have the same protection as any other worker," he said. "Farming is an industry where the potential seriousness of the accident is high."

Worker's compensation is better than other forms of insurance

because of the life-long benefits, retraining, life insurance and complete medical coverage it offers, Deal said.

He said it is time to end the 78-year-old exemption.

"Why is a farmer any different than any other businessman?" he asked.

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

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Liberty

Continued from B1 news and cartoons together for each new show and then cut them apart again and send them back." Brown said. The Brooks children worked the first show, went home and did their homework, then came back to work the second show.

"We didn't mind a bit. We didn't question the job, not like some of the kids would today. We saw what had to be done, and we did it," she said.

But the Liberty was more than a job to the Brooks youngsters. It was a second home, where they played baseball, rode bicycles up and down the aisles and held slumber parties when the movies weren't shown.

Like most families, the Brooks have moved apart but keep in close touch. Bill and Eileen live in Yunia, Ariz., but all the children live in Idaho. In addition to Becky, living

in Hailey, Alan and Billy live in Gannett. Betty goes to college in Pocatello. Jack resides in Twin Falls, and Mary lives in Heyburn. The Brooks' family values of hard work and shared rewards were taught in a country movie house back in the 1940s, '50s and '60s.

John Carson bought the theater in 1972 and showed first-run movies at reasonable prices. He also featured live melodramas in the 1980s, produced by Blampled-Giles Productions. The audience was encouraged to throw popcorn at the villain. The Liberty was a friendly, put-your-feet-up kind of theater. However, over the years, it became obvious that the Liberty needed major repair and remodeling.

Carson sold to Demi Moore and Bruce Willis in 1994. The new owners have maintained the coziness of a small-town theater, while

adding a touch of splendor to Hailey's Liberty Theater. The Liberty's exterior remodel is subtle. Outside, blue and green lights offset the red neon sign on a white stucco building on Hailey's Main Street.

Inside, the lobby is done in deep oxblood, black and metallic gold to offset the rosewood over the concession stand, which offers popcorn, more than 40 candy choices and various espresso drinks. The theater itself features an enormous gold, art-deco star chandelier, reclining extra-wide maroon seats and gold curtains. In the balcony are rocking loveseats big enough for two. And up here beer and wine will be sold to adults.

"The detail work, like the bathroom wallpaper, hand-painted murals on the stage proscenium and fabric for the lobby cushions were especial-

ly designed for the Liberty," said Colin Cowie, Los Angeles interior designer. "We wanted to maintain the integrity of the building, while bringing it back to its original splendor."

Manager Jon Kane hopes that the theater will give the kids in town a place to go to have fun.

"The Liberty will be a family theater," Kane said, "where movies can be seen the way they were meant to be — on a large screen, in comfortable seats with a state-of-the-art sound system." The movie offerings will be everything from Saturday and Sunday children's matinees to new releases to midnight rock-and-roll films.

Tickets for first-run films will cost \$6.50, second-run movies will be \$4.50, and midnight shows will be \$2.50. Kane hopes to add live dramatic and musical events to the Liberty's repertoire in 1996.

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World

# 16 charred bodies found in Alps

SAINT-PIERRE-DE-CHERENNES, France (AP) — Sixteen charred bodies were found Saturday in a remote forest outside Grenoble, most of them lying in a star-shaped pattern around a campfire. Police believed the dead could be members of a doomsday cult who have been missing for days.

The missing individuals, most of whom were members of the Swiss-based cult Order of the Solar Temple, included the wife and son of the Vuarret sunglasses tycoon and two French policemen.

In October 1994, the bodies of 53 Order of the Solar Temple members turned up in apparent murder-suicides in Switzerland and Quebec.

Five hundred French police look to the mountains after four cars belonging to missing cult members were found Friday night near a cross-country skiing center. Searchers found 16 charred bodies, including those of three children, near the center the next day.

The site, 18 miles southwest of Grenoble and about 340 miles southeast of Paris, was cordoned off to the public and journalists. Searchers found an unexplained dark splotch under the pines.

Two of the bodies were found several hours after the first 14, but the significance of the two separate locations was unclear.

Prosecutor Jean-Denis Lancaud said the bodies, legs splayed, feet toward the fire, were lying in a star formation. He said they most likely correspond to those sought by Geneva police, referring to 16 cult members known to be missing.

"These exact causes of death would require autopsies, which won't happen for a few days," he said. But police did not mention the possibility of murder or foul play.



Officials receive help from a villager in their search for the missing members of a doomsday cult The Order of the Solar Temple in the forest of Saint Pierre de Cherenne in the French Alps early Saturday. Authorities found at least 16 charred bodies in star formation around a campfire Saturday.

Geneva police said Friday they had found notes in the residences of four of the missing people wanting to "see another world," said police spokesman Alexandre Baeriswyl.

Of the 16 missing, eight were from Switzerland and the rest from France, Baeriswyl said. Three of the cars found near Grenoble had Swiss license plates, and the other was from France.

On Thursday evening, French police found the car of Edith Vuarnet in the parking lot of a discotheque in Saint-Julien-en-Genevois, a Geneva suburb on the French side of the border.

Mrs. Vuarnet, wife of former French ski champion and sunglasses businessman Jean Vuarnet, and her 27-year-old son Patrick were among the missing. Also missing were French

police officers who were questioned early this year in connection with the 1994 deaths, the Tribune de Geneve newspaper reported. It was not known what links they had with the cult.

In October 1994, Swiss authorities discovered the bodies of 48 people in a farm and three chalets consumed by fire. Five more bodies were found in a burned house belonging to a cult leader in Morin Heights, Quebec.

The Order of the Solar Temple, which has roots in centuries-old secret Roman Catholic societies, had members as far away as Australia. Investigations have reportedly failed to prove suspected links to money laundering and arms trafficking.

Geneva police chief Urs Rechsteiner said a probe into the cult has been hampered by laws

protecting religious freedom. "That's what explains ... that the police had neither the means nor the mission to follow these people," he told France 2 television. It was not clear who had taken over leadership of the cult after its guru, Luc Jouret, and his associate, Joseph Di Mambro, were found among the dead last year.

In August, an express train slammed into another train that had halted on the tracks after hitting a cow. The death toll: 348. Two years ago, an earthquake struck a rural area of western India, killing more than 9,000.

# Walesa's successor sworn into office

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Pledging to continue the country's democratic and free-market reforms, former Communist Aleksander Kwasniewski was sworn in Saturday as president of Poland.

Kwasniewski, 41, succeeds Lech Walesa, the former-Solidarity leader, whom he edged in the Nov. 19 election on promises of creating brighter prospects for Poland's young people.

With his wife Jolanta standing beside him, Kwasniewski took the presidential oath before the National Assembly.

Walesa, who refused to attend Saturday's ceremony, became Poland's first popularly elected president in 1990, one year after his Solidarity trade union movement toppled a more-than-40-year communist dictatorship.

But his popularity plummeted during his term as Poles reject-



Kwasniewski

ed a style they viewed as obstinate: he fired three prime ministers, alienated potential allies and feuded constantly with the parliament.

In a nationally televised inauguration speech, Kwasniewski reaffirmed his democratic and market-oriented stance and promised to continue working to bring Poland into NATO and the European Union.

"I believe we can overcome the divisions and seek what unites Poles," he said. Kwasniewski's inauguration was tarnished by allegations that Poland's prime minister, his longtime ally, spied for Moscow.

# Up to 415 die in fire in Northern India

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — A fire at a year-end school party in northern India killed up to 415 people Saturday, many of them children and teenagers crushed in a stampede to escape a burning party tent.

Another 300 people were injured, 80 of them with serious burns, police spokesman R.S. Yadav said by telephone from the small town of Sirsa where the fire took place.

Sirsa is located 125 miles northwest of New Delhi in Haryana state, which declared three days of mourning for the victims.

The fire broke out as nearly 1,500 students and their parents were inside the tent, which was pitched on the lawn of a community hall generally used for weddings.

Chief Minister Bhajan Lal of Haryana state confirmed that 315 peo-

ple died. However, police at the control center in Sirsa said they believed at least 415 people were killed.

The dead included 170 students from the private Dayanand Arya Vedic School, ranging in age from 5 to 17, Yadav said. He said many of the deaths came during the frenzied rush to the sole exit of the tent, which collapsed during the fire.

The Press Trust of India news agency quoted police as saying the blaze was started by a short circuit in the lights. But it may take days for police to determine why so many people were killed and what could have been done to save them.

Lal, the chief minister, said a magistrate's court will investigate the fire.

State authorities rushed doctors to treat the injured, some of whom were moved to Chandigarh, the capital of

Haryana state, and to Ludhiana in neighboring Punjab state.

A "line of people waited outside" a Sirsa hospital to donate blood for the victims, Press Trust of India reported.

Indian Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao expressed shock at Saturday's fire and urged state authorities to do whatever was necessary to help the victims.

The fire was one of many high-casualty disasters in India, but by no means the largest of even the recent ones.

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**World**

**X-rays aid in finding crash clues**

**BUGA, Colombia (AP)** — Investigators X-rayed rows of bodies in a makeshift morgue Saturday to determine if an American Airlines crash that killed 160 people was caused by sabotage.

Officials believe Flight 965 from Miami to Cali crashed into a remote mountainside by accident — it was 13 miles off-course. But X-rays will establish whether shrapnel from an explosive device is embedded in any corpses.

Colombian officials say there is no evidence that an explosion brought down the airliner. "If it was a bomb, it would have exploded in the air," said William Duarte, spokesman for the prosecutor general's office.

Peasants in the hills near Buga, 40 miles from Cali, saw the plane flying low before smashing into the forest and bursting into flames Wednesday night. Only four people and a dog survived.

Rescuers poring over the wreckage Friday found the flight data recorder, which should contain information about the plane's air speed, direction and pitch at the time of the crash.

The "black box" and a cockpit voice recorder also found in the forest were being flown by a Federal Aviation Administration plane to Washington, D.C., for analysis. The FBI and the National Transportation Safety Board were also investigating the crash.

Francisco Piedrahita, whose son died in the crash, said an FBI agent in Buga told him terrorism had not been ruled out.

"He said they had to X-ray everybody to make sure the plane wasn't bombed or fired at by the guerrillas," Piedrahita said.

The crash was the deadliest involving a U.S. airliner since a Pan-Am flight with 287 people on board crashed near Lockerbie, Scotland, on Dec. 21, 1988. That crash, blamed on terrorists, killed 270 people.

The American Airlines plane crashed in an area of southwestern Colombia where guerrillas are active. In 1993, a Colombian plane crashed into a mountain after rebels destroyed a navigational beacon. Some 132 people were killed. The same year, rebels dismantled a radar system near the Cali airport.

Alberto Davila, assistant director of Colombia's civil aviation agency, insisted Saturday there was no evidence of terrorism in the crash.

There was no word of trouble from the cockpit, and no report of bad weather before the crash.

Piedrahita, whose 22-year-old son, Gabriel, was an economics student at Harvard University, complained that the X-rays were "holding up the release of victims' bodies." Duarte said not all the bodies would be X-rayed.

A truck filled with coffins was parked outside the morgue in a makeshift city where family members wept and waited Saturday. Among them was Maurice Ferre, former mayor of Miami, whose son, daughter-in-law and grandson were on the flight.

**Really steamed**



Mt. Etna spews plumes of ash and cinders Saturday after explosion were heard up to 60 miles away. Experts indicated there was no sign that the activity was building toward a major eruption.

**Yeltsin bodyguard critical of defense minister on TV**

The Washington Post

**MOSCOW** — The head of President Boris Yeltsin's personal security detail has suggested in a taped television interview that Russian Defense Minister Pavel Grachev should have quit or shot himself over the bloody debacle of the war in breakaway Chechnya, sources said Saturday.



Yeltsin

Alexander Korzhakov, Yeltsin's longtime confidante and chief bodyguard who has played an influential but shadowy role in Kremlin affairs, made the comment in an interview recently taped for Russia's public television channel. The comment apparently was intended as a hint that the defense minister should resign.

However, the hint never made it on the air. According to the weekly newspaper Moscow News, as well as a separate source with firsthand knowledge, the interview was edited by Korzhakov's office prior to broadcast before last Sunday's Russian election. The critical remark about Grachev was cut out.

In the broadcast portion, Korzhakov faintly praises Grachev for writing splendid reports and staging nice parades. But in the deleted part, Korzhakov said, according to the newspaper, "This is Grachev who pulled Yeltsin into the Chechen adventure, and any honest man in his place would have shot himself." The source confirmed that Korzhakov said so, but said that Korzhakov added "or resigned."

The episode suggests that some powerful Kremlin forces would like

Yeltsin to dump Grachev. The war against separatist rebels in the southern region of Chechnya has become unpopular, and sacking the defense minister may be a way for Yeltsin to distance himself from the military

stalemate in the region before announcing his plan to run for president in next June's election, as is widely predicted.

Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev, who was elected Sunday to the new parliament, has long been expected to resign and may do so shortly. Both Yeltsin and Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin have insisted that they will not make major changes in response to the large Communist Party gains in the elections.

Grachev, 47, an Afghan war veteran and former Soviet air force commander, has been Russian defense minister since May 18, 1992. The Russian news media repeatedly have accused him of corruption, but he has denied the allegations.

Grachev was among several advisers to Yeltsin who suggested a year ago that the Russian military could quickly crush the Chechen separatist leader Dzhokhar Dudaev. The war has dragged on, however, with tens of thousands of civilian and military casualties. Despite a disarmament agreement in July, the military conflict has escalated lately.

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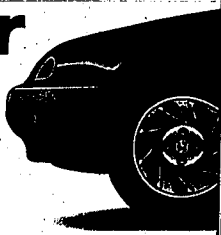
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**Church elders suggest Charles end relationship**

**LONDON (AP)** — Saying he doesn't want to get married again is not enough: Prince Charles has to dump his paramour to preserve the sanctity of the British monarchy, according to Church of England elders.

"Irrespective of whether it is a prince or pauper, that sort of relationship outside marriage is absolutely against the teachings of the Church," the Archbishop of Canterbury, David Robinson, told The Mail on Sunday newspaper. "It would be a serious question for the church to tackle."

The elders were the latest to weigh in on the unresolved topic of Charles' marriage.

Queen Elizabeth last week urged her eldest son and Princess Diana, separated three years, to divorce. The 47-year-old Charles immediately agreed, adding that he did not intend to remarry.

Diana has not yet replied. She is reported to be awaiting the end of the holidays to contact her lawyers.

Charles' declaration was probably intended to assure the public that his long-standing mistress, Camilla Parker Bowles, would not become queen. Polls have shown that would be unpopular.

But it was also intended to distance the Church of England, which accepts divorce but frowns on remarriage and sexual relations with anyone other than one's first spouse.

**World**

# Thousands greet PLO leader

Arafat to preside over Bethlehem's 1st Christmas under PLO control

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) — From a church roof overlooking Manger Square, PLO leader Yasser Arafat on Saturday declared the newly autonomous Bethlehem "liberated" and promised to continue toward Jerusalem.

Thousands of cheering supporters greeted Arafat as he arrived to preside over Bethlehem's first Christmas under Palestinian control. "I tell the whole world... that the city of Bethlehem that is liberated is the city of peace," Arafat said from the roof of the Church of Nativity, which is built on the spot where tradition says Jesus was born.

Church bells pealed and the crowd roared as Arafat waved and held up his fingers to form a "V" for victory.

Israel's troops withdrew from Bethlehem on Thursday, ending almost 28 years of Israeli rule. Bethlehem was the sixth West Bank town — in addition to the Gaza Strip — to come under Palestinian control as part of the Israel-PLO autonomy accords.

The Israeli troops were replaced with 850 Palestinian policemen. Another 180 arrived Saturday to help control the crowd upon Arafat's arrival.

Just five miles south of Jerusalem, Bethlehem is the closest Arafat has come since the start of the Israel-PLO peace process to the Israeli capital. Both sides want control over east Jerusalem which Israel captured in the 1967 Middle East war. Israel claims the entire city as its capital.

Arafat called Saturday for the



PLO leader Yasser Arafat, right, is greeted by church dignitaries upon his arrival of Bethlehem Saturday. Arafat will participate in midnight Mass in Bethlehem.

establishment of a Palestinian state and said that holy sites in Jerusalem would soon be under Palestinian control, including the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where tradition says Jesus died.

# Chechen rebels continue to hold 2nd-largest city

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Chechen rebels have left a town they attempted to seize but are continuing to resist Russian forces in the break-away republic's second-largest city, news reports said Saturday.

The I.A.R. Tass news agency said that federal forces could not launch a full-scale attack on Gudermes, 19 miles east of the capital Grozny, for fear of causing widespread civilian casualties.

However, an unnamed Russian Interior Ministry official told the Interfax news agency that a major attack was imminent.

"Practically all the forces needed for the final strike at the rebels already have been concentrated around Gudermes," he said.

Fighting flared in the year-old war last week when Chechen rebels seized key buildings in Gudermes in an attempt to disrupt Moscow-imposed elections for a new Chechen leader and for deputies to the Russian parliament.

On Friday, Russian troops halted their two-day offensive after meeting heavy resistance in the city. The Russian military command in Chechnya told the Interfax news agency.

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## Lottery pays out to 117 ticket holders

MADRID, Spain (AP) — The lottery that bills itself as the world's richest gave 117 winning ticket-holders a big boost for Christmas: \$2.4 million each.

The streets of Palma de Mallorca filled with dancing people on Friday after Spain's annual Christmas lottery, dubbed "El Gordo" (The Fat One) — awarded its \$285 million jackpot.

El Gordo has the world's biggest payout for a number chosen by ticket buyers, although other lotteries award larger total jackpots, according to the lottery commission. This year it handed out a total of \$1.3 billion in prizes.

Participation in El Gordo is a national Christmas tradition reaching back to 1818. Spain's national lottery system was set up in 1763 under King Carlos III.

The country comes to a virtual standstill on Dec. 22 when the jackpot is awarded to the holders of 117 tickets, printed with the winning number.

The winning number — 45495 — was broadcast nationally on radio and television from Spain's National Lotteries Department.

The celebration followed in the working-class Coll d'Or neighborhood of Palma de Mallorca on an island in the Mediterranean Sea, where all the winning tickets were purchased.

It wasn't known how many people were splitting the jackpot. The tickets, which cost \$245 each, usually are purchased by groups of friends or families.

"Today we'll be treating everyone to champagne!" declared Jose Antonio Gomez, the 24-year-old chef of the Hotel Lince in a nationally televised interview. His staff won a share of the jackpot.

## Burglars raid duke, duchess

EUSTON, England (AP) — A duchess was watching herself appear on the screen on television, while elsewhere in her stately home, burglars were making off with antiques.

The Duke and Duchess of Grafton said objects worth \$63,000 were stolen in the Wednesday night break-in at Euston Hall in Suffolk, about 65 miles northeast of London.

The couple was watching a television documentary about the royal yacht Britannia, because the 75-year-old duchess had been onboard as a guest of Queen Elizabeth II when the film was shot.

Just yards away, thieves were at work, after breaking in by removing tiles from the roof.

Their haul included mahogany end tables, mahogany wine cooler and a walnut table. The burglars had piled up more fine pieces in the hallway to be carried away, before they were frightened off as the duchess got up when the television program ended.

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## Comment

The Department of Energy Idaho Operations Office Workforce Restructuring Plan has been revised in response to stakeholder comments.

Stakeholders are invited to view a copy of the plan and provide written comments to:

Luella Bennett  
U.S. Department of Energy Idaho Operations Office, 850 Energy Drive, MS 1152 Idaho Falls, ID 83402-1152

Written comments must be received by January 12, 1996.

Copies of the draft plan are available for review in the Department of Energy's public reading rooms at University Place INEL Technical Library, 1775 Science Center Drive, Idaho Falls; and the

Idaho Falls Public Library, 457 Broadway, Idaho Falls.

It is also available at the following locations:

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816 W. Bannock, Suite 306 Boise

Boise Public Library  
715 S. Capital Blvd. Boise

Idaho State University Library, 741 S. 7th Ave Pocatello

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# Family Life

## Holiday album

### Snapshot of impish 2-year-old wins Holiday Contest



Jason and Carla Carlson of Twin Falls are winners of the *Times-News* Holiday Photo Contest with a charming picture of 2-year-old Tyler Carlson titled 'I've been a naughty boy.'

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — What you have to understand is that Tyler Carlson and Santa Claus aren't that close. "He's afraid of him," explained Tyler's mom, Karla, winner of the first annual *Times-News* Holiday Photo Contest and the \$50 gift certificate that goes with it. "Tyler won't even sit on Santa's lap, and he'll only talk to him from a distance."  
Karla captured some of that mischievous skepticism on film a couple of weeks ago. "If you look at this picture closer, you will notice something very interesting," Karla said. "The Merry Christmas blocks are missing the letters 'E' and 'I.' Tyler bit Santa's shoe off. He broke in the half the long

Santa Claus candle, and the reindeer is missing his right antler."  
"Terrible twos," Karla explained.  
But Tyler likes the notion of Christmas just fine. He and little brother, Ryan, are primed for the big day, and Karla has her camera ready.  
"We take lots of pictures of the kids," said Karla of herself and her husband, Jason.  
So does the rest of the Magic Valley.  
There were 30 entries in the photo contest — judged by *The Times-News* photo staff — and youngsters predominated.  
Kids and pets — cats and dogs mostly. And one fish, a big trout from Henrys Lake.  
Well, this is Idaho; you know.

Photos judged by Mike Salsbury,  
Buddy Charles Mangine and Ellen Thomason



Above-left, Twin Falls resident Brenda Watson's cat, 'B.J.', peers from behind a Christmas card. At right, in a true Idaho photo, K. Williams of Burley submitted this prize catch from Henry's Lake.



Burley resident Alice Schenk's photo of a dressed-up snowman was an eye-catching entry.



Lee Thomas of Twin Falls entered this memorable moment with two children responding to a card and its gifts.



A family portrait showing rural Gooding County and city kids appeared on the Chuck and Stacey Turner family Christmas card. The Gooding children are, from left, Dallas, Austin, Cody, Afton, Hailey, Fallon and Laramie.



Twin Falls resident Joe Salisbury captured an unforgettable expression of a girl and a well-decorated cake.



Christmas boat is represented in a picture by Virginia Bruner of Kimberly who shared some family memories from a Christmas of nearly 30 years ago.



Hagerman's Bill Hornaday provided a cute picture of Nicholas Justice that he titled 'Hay Duds.'



Just like 'Dad,' Matt Crider of Twin Falls submitted a fun moment at home.

### Service news

**FILER** - Army Sgt. Tracy L. Andrews, son of Janice Foster of Glenns Ferry and Lawrence Andrews of Filer, is one of more than 6,000 Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force servicemembers participating in Operation Sea Signal. Together they form and serve as Joint Task Force-160 providing humanitarian assistance for nearly 25,000 Cuban and Haitian migrants at the United States Naval Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. These migrants were rescued at sea by the U.S. and were transported here to await processing to other countries or repatriation to their country of origin.

Andrews, an air defense weapons system crewmember/team leader, is a 1988 graduate of Glenns Ferry High School.

**TWIN FALLS** - Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice Shane P. Calkins, son of Lynn L. Morgan of Twin Falls, recently graduated from recruit training at the Coast Guard Recruit Training Center, Cape May, N.J., and was promoted to his current rank.

He is a 1988 graduate of Lewis and Clark High School in Spokane, Wash.

**TWIN FALLS** - Air Force Airman Joshua E. Castro, son of Rudy S. Castro of Rupert and Deborah G. Caldera of Twin Falls, has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College at the Air Force.

He is a 1995 graduate of Minidoka County High School in Rupert.

**BUHL** - Air Force Airman Ryan M. Darrell, son of Lorena M. and Jack N. Darrell of Buhl, has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College at the Air Force.

He is a 1995 graduate of Buhl High School.

**HAZELTON** - Air Force Airman 1st Class Marc R. Sellers, son of Ronald D. and Nita M. Sellers of Hazelton, has been decorated with the Air Force Achievement Medal.

The medal is awarded to airmen for meritorious service, acts of courage, or other outstanding accomplishments.

Sellers is an aircraft metals technology apprentice with the 19th Air Refueling Wing at Robins Air Force Base, Ga. He is a 1993 graduate of Valley High School in Hazelton.

**HEYBURN** - Army Pvt. William E. McDowell, son of Mary C. and Ernest H. McDowell of Heyburn, has arrived for duty at Camp Red Cloud, South Korea.

McDowell is a software analyst with the 552nd Signal Company. The private is a 1993 graduate of Minico High School in Rupert.

**BURLEY** - Wesley M. Millard, son of Clark W. Millard and Helen Jensen, both of Burley, has been officially accepted as a cadet at the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., as a member of the 1996 graduating class.

The cadet's acceptance marked the completion of six weeks of basic cadet training which included military courtesies and customs and daily testing of their physical endurance and mental strength.

With their acceptance into the academy, the new cadets embark upon a four-year journey toward graduation to receive a bachelor of science degree and a commission in the Air Force as a second lieutenant.

He is a 1995 graduate of Burley High School.

# Registry for adoptees offers opportunity for joyful reunion

**DEAR ABBY:** Many times I have seen letters in your columns from people who have given up children for adoption and who didn't want to be found. I have also seen letters you have printed about the International Soundex Reunion Registry (ISRR) for those of us who DO want to be reunited with the children from whom we've parted — for whatever reason — in the past.

I relinquished my beautiful infant daughter for adoption 25 years ago.

On Tuesday, Oct. 31, I received a call from Susan at the ISRR in Carson City, Nev., informing me that a "match" had been made for my daughter and me! The reason she was able to locate me was because you provided the address for ISRR in one of your columns 15 years ago. Hearing my daughter's voice for the first time was a dream come true. In fact, it was the sweetest, most rewarding moment of my life.

Thank you, Abby, for your part in this most joyous reunion. If you print my letter, please use my name. I'm the happiest person in the world, and I want everyone to know it!

JEANNE SCOTT, EVERETT, WASH.

**DEAR JEANNE:** My congratulations to you and your daughter. I wish you both much happiness, and I'm glad I was able to help you find each other.

The International Soundex Reunion Registry (ISRR) is a group I have recommended for many years. I have found them to be efficient, honest, and

in total agreement with my feelings that neither the identity of the birth parents nor the adopted child shall be disclosed, unless all parties are agreeable to a reunion. Birth parents and children can register, and when the children become of legal age, if both parties are registered and want to find each other, a match is made.

The address is: International Soundex Reunion Registry (ISRR), P.O. Box 2317, Carson City, Nev. 89702. Send a long (business-size), stamped, self-addressed envelope to the registry and request Soundex forms.

**DEAR ABBY:** Here is a creative idea I got from my wonderful mother-in-law. One Thanksgiving, she asked everyone in the family to "autograph" and date her tablecloth. She included all the children, too. Then she embroidered the signatures and dates. Now she has a priceless keepsake of all her

children and grandchildren.

— BEVERLY MOLATORE  
CLOVIS, CALIF.

**DEAR BEVERLY:** What a clever idea. On Thanksgiving, most people (especially young children) decorate Grandma's tablecloth with cranberry sauce.

**DEAR READERS:** This was sent to me unsigned. How I wish the author would come forward and take a well-deserved "bow." What a lovely tribute to a mother-in-law.

MY OTHER MOTHER

I thank you for the countless loving things you've done.

You've given me a gracious man with whom to share my life; You are his lovely mother, I am his lucky wife.

You used to pat his little head, and now I hold his hand.

You raised, with love, a little boy. And then gave me a man.

# Gift-giving is getting to be too much work

**Chicago Tribune**

**CHICAGO** — Ten years ago, Jane Himmel's holiday gift list was just 10 names long: her husband, three sons and assorted siblings and parents.

Today, Himmel estimates that her list has grown to 60 people, which she can organize by subcategories. There is school (which includes classroom aides, school secretary, band leader, choir director, accompanist and crossing guard), service people (waste collector, postal worker, package-delivery driver, house cleaner), business (husband's secretary, booking agent, clients) and beauty and fitness (personal trainer, stylist, manicurist).

Chicago suburb of Hinsdale, Ill. As they were leaving, Carroll asked, "Hey, is there anything I can get you?" He was offering soda pop or some egg nog, but the delivery man had something else in mind. "A little something for the Christmas stocking would be nice."

Carroll was flabbergasted. He was thinking: I don't even buy my brother a present any more and this jockey I've never met expects a gift.

"It's irritating because people do have their hand out," said Carroll, a cardiologist at Loyola University Medical Center.

"So you and I giving presents because you have to and not because you want to."

clients' clutter, but she can do something to rein in her own gift glut. The average American family spends about \$800 each on Christmas presents, but the Pujdaks plan to lay out considerably less by omitting their own six children (ages 19 to 33) and only giving to their four grandchildren — and even then it's strictly cash. With the savings, the Pujdaks plan to bring gifts to a family down the block who has fallen on hard times. "People forget that the ses-

son should be not about you needs, but about others."

Etiquette guru Letitia Baldrig finds nothing improper about scaling back on gifts to family, friends and co-workers. But she doesn't think service people should be cut unless money is tight.

"These people make your life easier... they are terribly important, and you should remember them at Christmas," said Baldrig, a syndicated columnist and the author of "books."

When you write down all these names, it just is overwhelming," said Himmel. "Even if you budget only \$10 per person, it can mean an extra \$350 on top of what you spend for your family. You feel compelled to do it because everybody else is — and once you start, you can't stop."

"But what you hope for is that if you need something extra from these people down the road, they may remember your generosity."

Even as images of families gathered around the tree on Christmas morning unwrapping presents remain a staple of the marketing of Christmas, the reality is that in the '90s, the nature of gift-giving is changing, just as stick horses gave way to Batmobiles for the kids.

Today, many harried shoppers feel that gift-giving has evolved into a strenuous pursuit that is as much about obligation as affection. As life has grown increasingly complex, so has the exchange of presents. What was once a simple token of gratitude, can now be an exercise in keeping score. In fact, many people are cutting back on their own family members, just to accommodate those on the periphery of their life.

Last year, a few days before Christmas, some furniture delivery workers made a quick stop at Richard Carroll's home in the

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### Family news

**Check it twice**

Parents, two senators urge you to check video and computer game ratings for violence and sexual content before buying them for children. "Parents need help in deciding which video or computer games are appropriate for their children," say Democratic Sens. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut and Herb Kohl of Wisconsin. Lieberman and Kohl, whose 1993 and 1994 hearings led to creation of an industry rating system, say: "We urge all consumers to make use of this resource."

**Looking ahead**

So you encouraged your child to play soccer because it's safer than football?

Well, a British scientist's study found that soccer stars could be at greater risk than others of contracting Alzheimer's disease after years of heading the ball and being hit in accidental clashes. Geriatric psychiatrist Jon Spens says the cumulative effect could cause long-term brain damage similar to that suffered by boxers.

**A swift kick**

Sugar and spice and everything nice? Says who? About one out of every 10 young boys in the U.S. has suffered a nonsexual genital assault, usually a kick by someone, his own age, very often a girl, University of New Hampshire researchers report.

— Compiled from wire reports

**Ballooning problems**

And another warning for parents: Balloons kill more children than any other toy except bicycles and other riding devices, according to a new study that cites the choking hazard posed by breaking in ways of balloon material. "The findings indicate a need for greater public awareness of the dangers balloons pose to children of any age and a search for solutions to the problem," says the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh study.

**Semblance of resemblance**

Practically all parents have been told, from time to time, that their child looks "just like you." But a new study concludes that this purported likeness is illusory in most cases. "Children in general do not look enough like their parents for a resemblance to be detected," researchers from the University of California at San Diego report in the journal Nature, "with the one exception—the 1-year-olds look like their fathers."

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# Engagements Weddings



Cody Heward and Kim Jensen

## Jensen-Heward

PAUL - Larry and Pam Jensen of Paul announce the engagement of their daughter, Kim, to Cody Heward, son of Harley and DeAnn Heward of Declo.

Jensen is a graduate of Minico High School and is scheduled to graduate this month from the College of Southern Idaho in elementary education/bilingual. She is employed at the Cassia School District as a bilingual aide.

Heward is a graduate of Declo High School and attended Ricks College. He served an LDS Mission in the Dublin Ireland mission, and currently attends CSI part-time. He is employed by Jensen Farms in Hazelton.

The wedding is planned for Wednesday in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Paul LDS Stake Center.



Kyle Wilson and Angelina Madry

## Madry-Wilson

BUHL - Angelina Marid Madry and Kyle Duwayne Wilson have announced their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Richard and Nina Madry of Boise. She is a graduate of Borah High School and is scheduled to graduate from Boise State University this month.

The bridegroom-to-be is the son of Duwayne and Sharyn Wilson of Buhl. He is a graduate of Buhl High School, the College of Southern Idaho, and attended Albertson College of Idaho. He is employed by Valpsco.

The wedding is planned for Feb. 24.

## Cluff-Boyce

PROVO, Utah - Elizabeth Ellen Cluff and Daniel Boyce were married Aug. 15 at the Provo, Utah, LDS Temple.

Officiating was Elder Dee V. Ship.

The bride is the daughter of John and Vicki Cluff of Twin Falls, and parents of the bridegroom are Robert D. and Christine Boyce of Bentonville, Ark.

Andrew Cluff, twin brother of the bride, served as the bride's attendant. Bridesmaids included Margaret McMurray, Katie Sturgill and Jennifer Cluff, sisters-of-the-bride.

Ushers were Sean McMurray, Ben Cluff and David Sturgill, brothers-in-law of the bridegroom.

Special guests included grandparents of the bride: Harvey C. Cluff of Boise and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carls, also of Boise, and grandparents of the bridegroom, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Layer of Encinitas, Calif.

A wedding dinner was held following the ceremony at the Brick Oven in Provo. Entertainment was provided by Extempo. A reception was held Aug. 26 at The White House in Twin Falls. Jennifer Cluff,



Elizabeth and Daniel Boyce

sister-in-law of the bride, attended the guest book.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is a 1995 graduate of Ricks College. She is currently attending Utah State University in Logan, Utah. She is employed at Macey's in Logan.

The bridegroom is a 1991 graduate of Stillwater High School, attended Ricks College and is currently attending USU. He is employed by Kinko's in Logan.

The newlyweds reside in Logan. The bride will be leaving Jan. 8 for St. Petersburg, Russia, to teach English with the International Language Organization.



Shelley and William Brulotte

TWIN FALLS - Shelley L. Frensdorf and William A. Brulotte were married July 22 at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Twin Falls.

Officiating was the Rev. Brian Thom. Dennis McCracken was organist and Sara Elizalde, cousin of the bride, was soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Bud and Karen VanStone of Lewiston, and grandparents of the bridegroom are Robert and Joan Brulotte of American Falls.

Shelley Beeson of Lewiston, friend of the bride, served as the bride's matron of honor and Kelly Hatley of Anacardis, Mont., friend of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Lisa Lapentur of Portland, Ore., friend of the bride and Dawn Parsons of Yakima, Wash., friend of the bride.

Richard Brulotte of American Falls, brother of the bridegroom, served as best man. Groomsman included Steven Hunter, Nicholas Stranieri and Burt Fehring, friends of the bridegroom. Ushers were Eric Frensdorf, brother of the bride and Scott White, friend of the bride.

Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Harold and Doris Frensdorf of Coeur d'Alene and Ellen Middleton of Walla Walla.

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# Anniversaries

## The Okelberrys

HAZELTON - Mr. and Mrs. John H. Okelberry of Hazelton will be honored at an open house Friday in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 6 to 8 p.m. at their home, 1935 E. 1200 S.

Okelberry and Beverly Jean Olsen were married Dec. 29, 1945, in Elko, Nev. They have lived in Hazelton for 31 years. Prior to that, they lived in Murtagh. He works in farming and she farms with her husband.

They have been active in the LDS Church, serving in many positions: He was a former bishop of the Hazelton Ward, and for the past six years, they have served in the Boise



Beverly and John Okelberry

LDS Temple.

The event is being given by their children, Alan Okelberry and Mark Okelberry of Hazelton and Patsy Barnes of Omaha, Neb.

The couple has 17 grandchildren.



Irene and Vallie Higley

The Higleys

GOODING - Mr. and Mrs. Vallie Higley of Gooding and formerly of North Shoshone, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Dec. 17 with cake and ice cream, shared with friends and relatives.

Higley and Irene Moss were married Dec. 18, 1935.

## The Banners

BURLEY - Mr. and Mrs. Truman L. Banner of Burley will be honored at an open house Tuesday in observance of their 65th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at their home, 500 S. 647 E. The couple respectfully requests no gifts.

Banner and Eva Shephard were married Dec. 26, 1930, in Rupert. The marriage was later solemnized in the LDS Temple. They lived in Pocatello for 12 years, then moved back to Burley where they have resided since 1948.

The event is being given by their children, Dr. Max S. Banner of Burley, Gay Alfred of San Antonio, Texas, and Gwen Stoker of Heyburn.



Eva and Truman Banner

The couple has 12 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

## The Judds

BURLEY - Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Judd of Burley will be honored at an open house Friday in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and family are invited to call from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Sweetheart Manor, Overland and 42nd St. in Burley. The couple requests no gifts.

Judd and Mable Holmes were married Jan. 2, 1946, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple, while he was on furlough from the Army at Camp Roberts, Calif. Following his discharge from the military, the couple moved home to Pella where they acquired their first farm and have farmed there most of their married lives. They now live in Burley.

The event is being hosted by their children, Dr. Lynn S. Judd of



Mable and Robert Judd

Sacramento, Calif., Marva Williams of Las Vegas, Nev., Steven R. Judd of Burley, Bonnie Tracy of Almo and Beverly Young of Burley. An infant daughter, Laurie, is deceased. They have 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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The bride is the daughter of Bud and Karen VanStone of Lewiston, and grandparents of the bridegroom are Robert and Joan Brulotte of American Falls.

Shelley Beeson of Lewiston, friend of the bride, served as the bride's matron of honor and Kelly Hatley of Anacardis, Mont., friend of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Lisa Lapentur of Portland, Ore., friend of the bride and Dawn Parsons of Yakima, Wash., friend of the bride.

Richard Brulotte of American Falls, brother of the bridegroom, served as best man. Groomsman included Steven Hunter, Nicholas Stranieri and Burt Fehring, friends of the bridegroom. Ushers were Eric Frensdorf, brother of the bride and Scott White, friend of the bride.

Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Harold and Doris Frensdorf of Coeur d'Alene and Ellen Middleton of Walla Walla.

The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.

# Anniversary

## The Baileys

ALBION - Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bailey of Albion celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 15.

Bailey and Iona Dustin were married Dec. 15, 1945, in Burley. They have lived in Albion most of their married life. Before retiring, he worked as a rancher and cowboy while she worked as an elementary school teacher.

The couple has three children, Lynda Anderson, Carlene Meyer and the late Duane Bailey. The couple also has six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Robert and Iona Bailey

# Anniversary



Charlotte and Martin Jauregui

## The Jaureguis

DIETRICH - Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jauregui of Dietrich will be honored at an open house Dec. 31 in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 1:30 to 5 p.m. at their home, 109 Park St.

Jauregui and Charlotte Lattin were married Dec. 21, 1945. They have lived in Dietrich all their married lives. He is a retired dairy farmer and lives in a school teacher.

They have been active in the Dietrich Grange and Catholic Women's League.

The event is being given by their children, Robert Jauregui of Dietrich, Carol Roberts of Melba and Janice Helsey of Shoshone.

The couple has 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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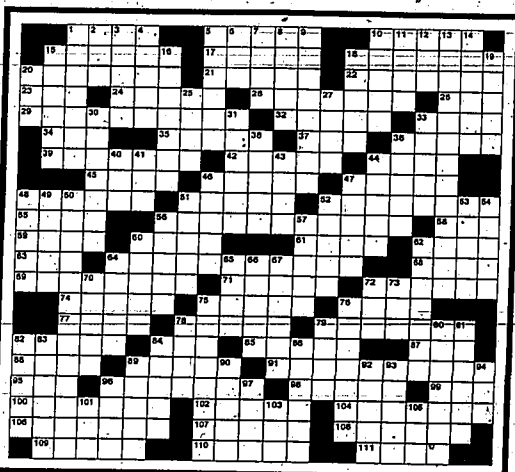


**FANTASY ISLANDS**  
By Harvey Chew

**THE Sunday Crossword**

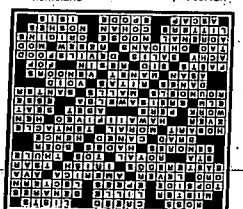
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**An all-thumbs parents' guide to assembling Christmas toys**



**Your kids**

As the solemn yet joyful holidays of December approach, we gather as one to read from the writings that guide us all, regardless of faith: "Connect 24-inch Flex Loop track" — on to tongue of baseplate "E" as in Diagram 1.  
We, uh, assembled a team of volunteers, handed them a half-dozen unopened toys plus an unassembled bicycle in a box, and timed them as they worked.  
In general, the results were reassuring. First, though, meet our panel and our toys, which are expected to be hot sellers this year.  
Our volunteers — all of them parents — are Michael Kidd, 33, of Detroit, is studying manufacturing engineering at Focus:HOPE's Center for Advanced Technologies plural; Renee Hinojosa, 34, of Lincoln Park, Mich., is an engineer-technologist at CAT; Laura Hicks, 26, is studying computing at Darryl Lawson, 32, of Detroit, is a payroll accountant; Michael Shields, 24, of Detroit, is assistant to Focus:HOPE's executive director. Entertainer Phil Marcus Esner, 54, has volunteered his talents to Focus:HOPE for decades and is a veteran father\* of four grown children.  
Here are the results:

**Toy: Fisher-Price Great Adventure Castle (\$34.99)**  
Time to assemble: 29 minutes (two people).  
The fanciful plastic castle comes complete with little knights, kings, plastic boulders and a round table. Darryl Lawson and Phil Esner find themselves temporarily stumped by the catapult atop a tower. "A kid would have fixed it by now," Esner comments.  
There are several portals that pivot to open and close, and each must be affixed in a certain way to pivot properly. Additionally, there are stick-on pictures of food, stone walls, torches and so on that must be stuck on.  
Construction isn't overly daunting but, Esner warns, "It's not the same as doing it after midnight."  
**Toy: Koosh Basketball (\$14.99)**  
Time to assemble: 16 minutes (one person).  
Line up the brackets and screw them into the plastic backboard that you'll hang over a door. Don't forget to stick on the little plastic protective pads. Attach the rim and basket and you're ready to toss the Koosh Ball (imagine a curled-up hedgehog with soft rubber quills) at the basket. Everyone wanted to try. The box says "some assembly required," which seems a fair summation.  
**Toy: Goofy Golf Machine (\$19.99)**  
Time to assemble: 63 minutes (one person).  
"Assembly required" was in very small print on the box. That should have been the tip-off. Little plastic parts, the scourge of parents everywhere, plagued Darryl Lawson, who worked valiantly and competently to put together this tabletop game.  
Imagine a nine-hole miniature golf layout designed by Rubie Goldberg. Marbles serve as golf balls. The marbles serve no assembly but nearly everything else here does, from the ramps and zipping platforms to the alligator through whose mouth the ball must pass.  
As our volunteers were worked diligently, Focus:HOPE's Jeffery Maynard surveyed the scene and commented, "Reason 1,362 not to have children." The volunteers, on the other hand, thought that the toys and bicycle they assembled justified the amount of work involved — except for the Goofy Golf Machine.  
Overall, said Laura Hicks, "it was fun."  
— Knight-Ridder News Service

**Toy: Girls 16-inch Pocahontas bicycle (\$29.99)**  
Time to assemble: 39 minutes (two people).  
The rear wheel, chain and frame come assembled. For everything else, including the handlebars, Michael Shields, neither of whom boasts any special mechanical ability. We find them striving to attach the front wheel to the frame.  
"Which washer?" Shields inquires, looking at the directions.  
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"A thick washer."  
"Let's see what they consider a thick washer," Shields says. He has a good grasp of technical jargon. "Oh," he says, correcting a procedure, "into the well... then onto the tube. Wait, I just remembered these little brackets."  
"Maybe this thing is already on it," says Hicks, not to be outdone in scientific language.  
The hardest task is getting the flexible grips onto the handlebars. Hicks uses a pocketknife to scrape away some of the grips' insides. On Esner's suggestion, he uses a hammer and eventually Hicks and Shields force the grips onto the handlebars. Officially, Roadmaster's customer assistance

**Toy: K'Nex Starter Set (\$14.99)**  
Time to assemble: 14 minutes (one person).  
This 175-piece plastic construction set consists of rods, wheels and more-or-less fan-shaped parts that may be combined according to color-coded diagrams or as the imagination prompts. The challenge that faces Renee Hinojosa, as it would the 5- to 7-year-olds for whom this particular K'Nex set is intended, is to build the most complex-looking thing depicted on the box: a car.  
"If Henry Ford can build a car," she announces, "so can I."  
She can indeed.  
**Toy: Battle Dome (\$24.99)**  
Time to assemble: 25 minutes (two people).  
What looks like a spaceport from a movie is in reality a 45-person pinball game, with marbles as pinballs. First, though, it must be put together. Kidd again uses his favorite technique — "It's easier to go with the pictures than the instructions" — and Hinojosa works with him. This primarily entails snapping plastic parts together and hooking up protective netting to keep the marbles from flying out of the "spaceport."  
Once Battle Dome is built, everyone wants to play, using the flippers to shoot marbles into opponents' trays. The person with the fewest marbles in

**Letters of thanks**

**UPS drivers offer thanks for Santa Bus success**  
Friends and families of United Parcel Service drivers would like to thank the following businesses and groups for helping make the Santa Bus Project a success for some very special families:  
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VAUGHN E. JONES  
Twin Falls

**Theisen shop crew fixed Fire Med Unit quickly**  
We would like to thank Theisen Motors and the great shop crew for getting our Med Unit up and running as fast as they did. Thank you for your help.  
We would also like to say thank you to the great community we live in for all the support.  
To all the businesses and individuals who have helped or just said thank you, we say thank you because your support is what keeps us going!  
ROD AND SHEILA SMITH  
JOHN AND SARA KIMBALL  
KIRK AND TINA VAN-LEEUWEN  
JIM AND RHONDA MASSIE  
JANA AND JEFF WEBSTER  
MIKE WEINER  
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May all good things come your way for 1996.  
LORRAINE MULLINS  
Twin Falls  
**Magic Valley truly has 'Spirit of Christmas'**  
A very special thanks to all who made our Dec. 16 "Spirit of Christmas" benefit concert a success.  
Not only did you "pack the house" but you brought an abundance of food, mittens and several hundred dollars for the charities we each had selected.  
It was a pleasure to share our music with such great people. The Magic Valley is truly a caring place.  
LIZ WHITCHURCH  
ZAK FRANTZ  
STEVE ANNEST  
JAMIE THEITZEN  
Twin Falls  
The "Letter of Thanks" column will publish letters of up to 150 words from:  
\* Civic organizations thanking contributors or supporters.  
\* Individuals thanking public agencies, civic organizations and businesses for extraordinary service.  
If you would like to purchase a classified ad to express gratitude of a personal rather than public nature, call The Times-News Customer Service department at 733-0931, Ext. 209.

**ISDB class thanks CSI coaches for basketball**  
We would like to thank Coach Bate and Coach Irons and their players for donating the College of Southern Idaho autographed basketballs to the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind. We really do appreciate them.  
We are going to have a draying during hallime at our homecoming game Jan. 9. Proceeds will be used for our class trip our senior year.  
IDA WILDING  
JASON SAWYER  
MAVIS IRWIN  
LULIANE FRANTZ  
BEKKI BOSLAU  
ISDB Class of 1999  
Gooding

**Magic Valley generosity aids Pregnancy Center**  
The Pregnancy Crisis Center helps many young women each year.  
This year, more than 500 clients have been helped. This organization could not exist without the generosity of the people of the Magic Valley.  
Another group also was reaching out to moms. In fact, it was called MOMS (Morning Out for Moms). Its fearless leader, Janis Shropshire, put her faith, love and hard work into this group. She and many others of this group ministered and touched many.  
Their efforts should be applauded. Although this group no longer functions, it wanted its love to continue to touch moms.  
It donated the remainder of its budget to us.  
We are sincerely thankful and will put it to good use helping more Magic Valley moms.  
God bless all of those who gave their time and money to reach out to someone else.  
MARILYN M. SCOTT  
Director, And All the Volunteers  
Pregnancy Crisis Center  
Twin Falls

**Anonymous Christmas card brightened day**  
This is written to the person who sent me an anonymous Christmas card.  
What a wonderful Christmas present I am most thankful. Bless you! May you and yours have a Merry Christmas and a health, and happy new year.

**Holiday hard on dogs, cats**

Holidays can be hard on your pets, especially cats and dogs.  
Here are some tips to help you know about treating your favorite dog or cat around celebrations.  
Dogs and cats do notice all the comings and goings. That's a lot of stress for them. The often see people who aren't usually at your house. Be aware that dogs react differently. Don't expect them to always welcome visitors. Let cats and dogs have a place where they don't have to be seeing all the new people.  
Food treats are not really treats for pets. Chocolate can make dogs sick and fishy fish (like sardines) can, make cats sick. Generally, leftovers from your parties will have lots of salt and fat. That's not good for animals.  
Food treats need attention. Make sure to take dogs for their walks and play with them. If they don't get that attention, they may do something more harmful to get notice.  
Keep the regular food and water filled. Cats like to drink tap water, but sometimes it has ingredients in it that will make them sick. It's better to keep fresh water ready.  
In cold weather, make sure you don't forget your pets. They need fresh air, but you need to keep track and make sure they're not out too long.  
Toys are OK for cats and dogs, but the best gift is your care for them.

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# Seniors

## Senior calendar

**Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center**  
616 Eastland Drive  
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors, \$3.50 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.  
Tuesday: Ham and beans  
Wednesday: Birthday dinner with roast beef  
Thursday: Chef's salad  
Friday: Fried chicken

**Activities**  
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Monday  
Center closed for Christmas.  
Tuesday  
Blood pressure checks from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.  
Wednesday  
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Exercise at 10 a.m.  
Thursday  
Pinocle at 1 p.m.  
Friday  
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Exercise at 10 a.m.  
Ladies pool at 2 p.m.  
Saturday  
Center closed.

**Ageless Senior Citizens**  
310 Main St. N., Kimberly  
All dinners at noon.  
Wednesday: Cube steak  
Friday: Baked ham

**Thrift shop open Monday-Friday** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Activities**  
Monday  
Center closed for Christmas.  
Tuesday  
Center closed.  
Thursday  
Crafts at 1 p.m.  
Friday  
Board elections from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Pinocle at 1 p.m.

**Golden Heritage Senior Center**  
2422 Overland, Burley  
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2.  
Tuesday: Stew  
Wednesday: Taco salad  
Thursday: Chicken nuggets  
Friday: Barbecue on a bun

**Activities**  
Monday  
Center closed for Christmas.  
Tuesday  
Pool at 10 a.m.  
Wednesday  
Pool at 10 a.m.  
Thursday  
Pool at 10 a.m.  
Friday  
Pool at 10 a.m.

**Minidoka County Senior Citizens Service Center**  
702 11th St., Rupert  
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2. Bring own table service. Home-delivered meals Monday through Friday on request.  
Tuesday: Baked chicken divan  
Wednesday: Roast turkey  
Thursday: Waldorf salad  
Friday: Smorgasbord

**Activities**  
Gift Center Shop open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Daily: Quitting and Pool table from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Crafts for lunch.  
Grocery shopping for shut-ins. All Dick Kasper at 436-0260. Kasper's requires a \$15 minimum order. Call in your orders before 10 a.m. and Kasper will deliver them to you.

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**West End Senior Citizens Inc.**  
1010 Main St., Bull  
All meals at noon, Monday through Saturday; 1 p.m. on Sunday. Thrift shop open every day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak with country gravy  
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak with country gravy  
Thursday: Pork roast  
Friday: Ham and sandwich

Center closed for Christmas.  
Tuesday  
Cards and quilting at the center.  
Wednesday  
Exercise class at 10 a.m.  
Bus to Twin Falls every Wednesday for doctor appointments as needed.  
Thursday  
Cards at the center.  
Friday  
Exercise class at 10 a.m.  
Saturday  
Exercise class at 10 a.m.

**Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.**  
308 Senior Ave.  
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors and \$4 for non-seniors.  
Wednesday: Chili with baked potato  
Thursday: Turkey

**Activities**  
Monday  
Center closed for Christmas.  
Tuesday  
Center closed.  
Wednesday  
Pool at 9:30 a.m. and again at 1 p.m.  
Line dancing at 9:30 a.m.  
Pedicure clinic from 1 to 5 p.m.  
Shuffleboard at 6 p.m.  
Thursday  
Pool at 9:30 a.m.  
Blood pressure checks at 11 a.m.

**Jerome Senior Center**  
212 First Ave. E.  
All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2.  
Wednesday: Meatloaf  
Thursday: Baked ham  
Friday: Oven fried chicken

**Activities**  
Monday  
Center closed for Christmas.  
Tuesday  
Center closed.  
Wednesday  
Pinocle at 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday  
Aerobics at 9:30 a.m. and again at 3:30 p.m.  
Friday  
Pinocle at 12:30 p.m.  
Aerobics at 3:30 p.m.

**Silver & Gold Senior Center**  
203 Wilson, Eden  
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# Flash of heron's wing sends message



**Aging**  
Lucille S. DeVivo

I whizzed along a Los Angeles freeway through spaghetti loops of concrete and marveled that only the day before I had walked in a Florida forest where I could look in every direction and see not a single car. No growling motors in that wild place; no sirens, horns, squeals of brakes. No choking smog, either, only air perfumed by pine needles. The usually blazing Florida sun looked pale, subdued. The usually humid air was clear and crisp. I set out from the home I was visiting and strolled down a gravel road pocked with holes and lined with weed-choked ditches. At first, the flat landscape appeared in smears of green or brown. Only gradually did I discern purple asters amid the grasses, scatters of daisies, red and orange leaves. I walked to where an eagle-often

came to sit in a lawn sprinkler. The eagle wasn't there. Neither was the fox that appeared once at dawn in a resident's yard, then skittered away. I looked for the fox. I didn't look for the raccoons, famous for raiding trash cans and causing a ruckus among the dogs at night. I stopped often to listen to bird-songs. Once I flushed some doves when I stepped inside a cluster of live oaks. The doves whirred and wheeled away. In an abandoned orange grove, the worn-out trees were draped with vines that hung in strings like grotesque wigs.

Then I came upon a swamp all but hidden by a wall of wild holly shrubs dripping red berries. Pale yellow sea oats waved above cattails sticking up from a pond of brackish water beside the road. From behind this thicket, I heard a dry rustle and a sudden hoarse, eerie squawk. I stood hushed for a minute, two, three; then another rustle, another squawk. I stepped to the edge of the swamp and parted the shrubs. In that instant, a pair of huge, blue wings flashed before me — the wings of a great blue heron. This majestic sentinel of marshes and river banks rose on its long, thin legs to its 4-foot height, then flapped and squawked again before disappearing into the swamp. I stood transfixed. At unexpected moments, I still see

that flash of blue so close I could have touched it; still hear that strange cry. Save me, save me, the great blue heron squawks as I drift to sleep at night. Save the little corners of primitive beauty still left on this Earth. Save yourself from the bleakness of barren hills, drained wetlands, concrete slabs where once birds nested and animals foraged. That horse warning from the heron rides with me on the freeway where, entwined in concrete, I think how empty life would be without the surprise of blue wings in a swamp.

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## Social Security Q&A

**Knigh-Ridder News Service**  
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Q. Who can get Medicare?  
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# A Nutcracker Christmas

## Marie's Christmas morning arrives filled with favorite childhood delights

"The Nutcracker Suite," adapted by Amy Friedman and illustrated by Jillian Gilliland

### Tell me a story

It was Christmas Eve, and Marie's house was filled with delights. In the living room stood a magnificent tree decorated with colored bulbs, silver streamers and toys. Oh, the toys! There were silver and tin soldiers and piccolos hanging from the branches. At the very top stood a beautiful fairy made of icing sugar.

Beneath the tree were Marie's dolls from China and Russia and Arabian, each wearing the clothing of its country. Toy soldiers dressed in starched uniforms stood nearby. Marie loved all the toys and dolls, but most of all she loved the nutcracker her godfather had given her. The nutcracker looked like an old man, with a huge smiling mouth and large teeth for cracking nuts. When she looked into his eyes, she imagined he could talk to her.

Marie invited all her friends to see the tree. The children had a wonderful party. They played with the tin soldiers, made music with the instruments, ate cakes and other sweets. But suddenly her brother, Fritz, dropped the nutcracker as he played with it. The nutcracker broke into several pieces.

Marie bit her lip and tried hard not to cry. She pretended not to mind because she didn't want to ruin the party. But when all the children had left and everyone in the house had gone to sleep, Marie slipped out of bed and tiptoed downstairs. She hoped she could piece the nutcracker back together again.

Just as she reached the bottom of the long stairway, the clock struck midnight. Before her eyes, the tree began to glow bigger and bigger, and the fairy at the top waved her wand. All the toys came alive. Best of all, the nutcracker was mended! Each soldier took an instrument from the tree, and they began to play a merry march. With the nutcracker leading the way, all the toys danced around the tree.

Suddenly Marie heard a strange scurrying sound. To her astonishment, an army of mice began to march out of the corner of the living room, with the Mouse King leading the formation. When the toys saw the mice, they stopped dancing. The soldiers stopped playing music. Everything was still and silent.

Breaking the silence, the nutcracker

cried, "Take your posts at once!" The toys quickly moved into formation, an army of their own.

The terrifying battle began. Marie trembled as she watched the Mouse King with his seven heads struggling with the nutcracker, twisting him this way and that. It seemed as if the nutcracker would any moment split in two. Without thinking, she took off her slipper and threw it right at the Mouse King. He fell to the ground, and the other mice dashed back into their hiding place behind the wall.

The moment the Mouse King fell, the nutcracker was transformed into a dashing young prince. He bowed before Marie.

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"The Mouse King was an evil fairy, but you have broken his spell," the prince said. "He changed me into the nutcracker you once knew, and now I am a prince again. Because you've saved my life, I am going to take you on a magical journey."

He had barely finished speaking when Marie felt herself lift into the air. Out the window they flew. Higher and higher they rose, into the shimmering stars. Far below, Marie could see her house in the moonlight, growing smaller and smaller.

At last they began to drift downward, and Marie saw that she was in a most amazing country. The mountains surrounding her were made of chocolate cake, topped by snowy white whipped cream. The ground was coated with brown sugar and sparkling candies, and everywhere dolls and fairies waved as Marie and Prince Nutcracker floated to the ground.

"Welcome to the land of the Sugar

Plum Fairy," the prince said. When Marie looked around, she saw that this land was filled with all her old friends. She saw the Russian doll, and the Chinese ballerina, and the Arabian dancer, and all the soldiers playing instruments. Everyone was bowing to Marie.

"Hoory," they cried. "Hail to you for saving our Prince Nutcracker, Marie. You are our hero!"

Marie was quite surprised by all this, but even more so when suddenly a queen appeared. She looked exactly like the sugar fairy on the top of the Christmas tree back in her faraway home.

"To celebrate this joyous occasion, we have arranged a special show for you," the queen said. She gave a signal, and all the soldiers

lifted their instruments and began to play a charming song. Prince Nutcracker leaned close to Marie. "This is the dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy," he whispered. "This dance is for you, Marie."

The queen leaped upon the stage and whirled and twirled, and soon the Russian doll joined in, vigorous and quick. Arms folded in front of him, he squatted low and kicked out his feet in time with the wonderful music. With a crash of tambourines, the dark-eyed Arabian doll stepped onto the stage, with rings on her toes and

jewels on her ankles. Her silk veils swirled around her. The music slowed and the doll danced, and when she was nearly finished, the music changed once more.

Now Marie heard tinkling bells, and the Chinese ballerina in her bright red slippers jumped onto stage. As she pirouetted, the flutes began to trill. This time even the instruments leaped onto stage, spinning round and round, thrumming and strumming.

Marie had never felt so happy as she felt now, watching and listening to this marvelous show.

When at last the music stopped, Prince Nutcracker bowed to Marie. "Now we will attend a ball in your honor."

In a flash Marie was in a beautiful winter garden, surrounded by flowers. "These are snow flowers," the Prince explained as the flowers stepped out of their bushes, two by two. Soon the flowers were dancing. Lilies and tulips, narcissus and

hyacinths, hollyhocks, daffodils and roses frolicked to the sound of sweet music.

"May I have this dance?" Prince Nutcracker asked Marie. She nodded, and he took her hand in his. They spun around the dance floor, in and out of the dancing flowers, careful not to crush the soft petals that brushed Marie's cheek. Marie closed her eyes and leaned her head on Prince Nutcracker's shoulder. She felt as if she were dancing in the sweetest dream imaginable.

And then, in the midst of their dance, Marie heard a soft voice calling to her from far away. "Marie, Marie," the voice called. The music played on, but the voice grew louder. It seemed to be coming closer.

"Marie, Marie..." With her eyes closed, and fragrance of flowers and sweets surrounding her, Marie suddenly recognized the voice. It was her mother calling to her.

"Merry Christmas, dear. Merry Christmas to my sweet daughter."

Now Marie felt herself spinning and flying through the air. She opened her eyes and saw that she was home again, lying in her warm bed. She touched the crocheted flowers of her soft quilt and smiled.

"It's Christmas morning, Marie," her mother said. "Time to wake up." Marie smiled up at her mother. "I know it's Christmas, Mother. And it's the best Christmas ever. We must go downstairs and celebrate with everyone!"

"And that's exactly what they did."

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## Letters to Santa that would break your heart

The Baltimore Sun

Young Charles mailed Santa something unusually festive this year. In his letter to Santa, the boy enclosed drawings of anatomically gifted females. Dear Santa, can you make these girls into dolls? Then give them to me. Thank you, Charles.

"It's a new world," says Pat Mank, shaking her head.

Charles' letter went into the heap in Mank's office at the main post office in Baltimore. Letters to Santa are piled there every year, next to the "Women on Stamps" video-cassettes and "Postal Guide to U.S. Stamps" books, which could make exciting stocking stuffers.

Inspection of Santa's letters begins, as Mank supplies cinnamon-apple tea. These notes are no Hallmark cards. If nothing else, reading the letters proves we must have been kids before Earth defected to this parallel universe. No kid asked for a football or a puppy or — brace yourself — a book.

Dear Santa, writes Jennifer, I think I have been good this year, besides running away once but that's beside the point. I would like a carton of Marlboro Lights and a pair of Roller Skates ... Thank you Santa. Smoking and exercise have always been a merry mix around the holidays.

Also from the mailbox: Tony wants a Warrior Weapon Set, Ninja Warrior Set, Grave Digger, Monster Truck, Monster Play-Doh, Thunder Ninja Megazord, Ice Man Action Figure and a book of poetry for Young Readers (just kidding).

Kelly, whose letter is postmarked July 26, wants a real TV, a check-book, and an exercise thing. But no smokes.

Leah really, really wants whales and dolphins for Christmas. It's unclear from her letter whether she means models of whales and dolphins or merely stuffed animals. She could well want the actual animals.

B.J. asked Santa to please give the homeless and poor people a big meal for Christmas. Amen. As for him, he'd like silk boxers, Dockers pants, turtlesocks and compact disc player. P.S. Some of the things on here I asked my grandmother for, so talk to her so I don't get two of one thing.

B.T., my boy, you can never have

enough silk boxers.

I have a question, asks 6-year-old Kim, when I ask you this, please don't get upset over it, OK?

When you die, will we have another Santa Claus?

Mank actually organizes two stacks of letters to Santa. One batch includes the cute comments, art work and 30-item lists. The other collection doesn't have many yuks; the post office labels it a batch "needy." The letters are strung on the Christmas tree in the post office's lobby, where people can sign up to help these families.

These letters are typically written

In a mother's handwriting. Single moms. Unemployed moms. Sick moms. Sorry moms. Needy moms. Please help! I am in the process of rebuilding my family, wrote one mom, whose family lost all belongings in a fire this year.

From another mother comes a wish-list for Antoine, a 4-year-old. He wants:

1. Dresser for my room.
2. TV.
3. A job for mother, if you can.
4. Make my father love me.
5. Games I can play with.

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# Sports

## Morning line

### Sportsquote

“I got hit playing pos-wee football harder than that.”

”

— New York Giants coach Dan Reeves after being hit with snowballs at the end of Saturday's game

### Briefly

#### International tennis rivals get 2nd chance

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Mariano Zabaleta and Anna Kournikova, losers in the finals of the Orange Bowl International Tennis Championships a year ago, get another chance in the same tournament on Sunday.

Zabaleta, 17, the No. 1 player in the ITF Junior World Rankings, defeated seventh-seeded Peter Wessels 6-2, 6-4 of Germany in the semifinals and will face another German, Tommy Haas in the championship match of the tournament sponsored by Rolex.

Kournikova, 14, will face Yugoslavia's Sandra Nacuk, 15, in the Girls 18s finals after eliminating 10th-seeded Jitka Schonfeldova in the semifinals, 6-4, 6-1.

Italy's Dario Sciorino and Spain's Ana Alcazar captured the boys and girls 16s titles. Sciorino, second-seeded, ousted Russia's Marat Safin 3-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3. Alcazar, the No. 1 seed, handled another Russian, 14-year-old Ekaterina Sysoeva in straight sets.

#### Cardinals sign Benes, Gant after announcing sale

ST. LOUIS — One day after Anheuser-Busch announced it was selling the franchise for \$150 million, the St. Louis Cardinals filed glaring needs for a front line starting pitcher and a power hitter Saturday, signing free agents Andy Benes and Ron Gant.

Benes, 38, signed a two-year, \$8.1 million deal with a club option for 1998 that, if exercised, would make the pact worth \$11.5 million for three years. Terms of Gant's five-year contract weren't immediately available.

The 6-foot-6, 240-pound Benes was a combined 11-9 with a 4.76 ERA and 171 strikeouts with San Diego and Seattle last season. He was traded to the Mariners at the end of July and helped them to the American League championship series, going 7-2 in 12 starts.

For more baseball signing news, see page D3.

#### Couch verbally commits to play football for Kentucky

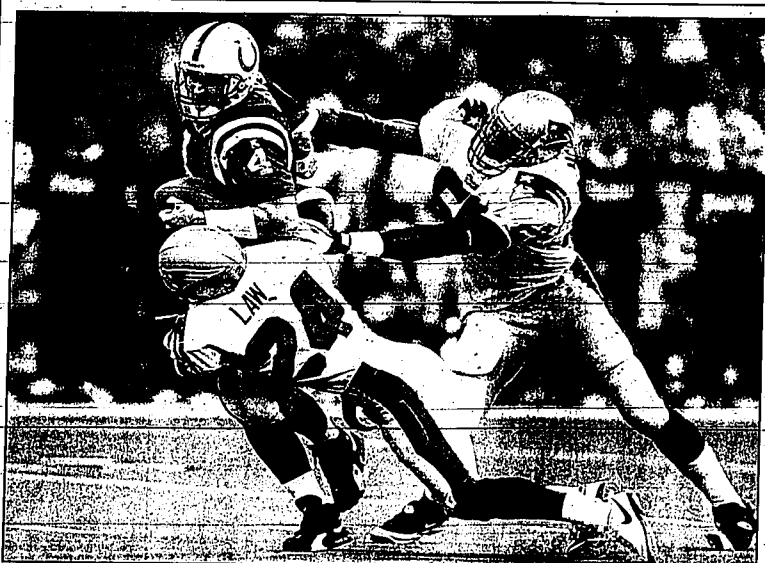
LEXINGTON, Ky. — Tim Couch, the most heavily recruited quarterback in the country, said Saturday that he is going to Kentucky.

“After I looked at all the options, I believe Kentucky is the best place for me the next four years,” Couch, who wore a blue Kentucky baseball cap, said at a news conference. “I’m looking forward to being a Wildcat and playing here.” Couch was selected as Gatorade’s national player of the year after passing for 3,916 yards and 42 touchdowns this season.

#### King skips town, leaving wake-up for Bob Dole

PHILADELPHIA — Promoter Don King, stayed in the presidential suite of a hotel for the Mike Tyson-Buster Mathis Jr. fight, but left immediately after for Germany. However, he failed to tell his assistants and reports Ron Borges of the Boston Globe, a member of the King entourage pounded on the door a day later. When it finally opened, there stood presidential candidate Sen. Robert Dole.

Compiled from wire reports



New England's Willie McGinist, right, and Ty Law take down Indianapolis quarterback Jim Harbaugh during the first quarter Saturday in Indianapolis. AP photo

## Colts edge Patriots to earn playoff berth

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Nothing was going to spoil this birthday party for Jim Harbaugh.

Harbaugh, celebrating his 32nd birthday, passed for 225 yards and a touchdown and Cary Blanchard kicked a 30-yard field goal in the final period to give Indianapolis a 10-7 victory over New England and its first playoff berth since 1987.

The Colts (9-7) earned an AFC wild

### Playoff update — D2 Lions win, today's games — D3

card next week at either San Diego or Buffalo, depending on the outcome of Sunday's games. The Patriots (6-10) were eliminated a week earlier, but refused to go quietly into the offseason.

Curtis Martin ran for 103 yards, setting a New England season rushing record, and

a 31-yard touchdown pass from Drew Bledsoe to rookie Hason Graham gave the Patriots a 7-0 lead at halftime. Harbaugh tied it on a 13-yard TD pass to Floyd Turner in the third quarter, but even after Blanchard's go-ahead field goal with 5:51 to go, the Patriots weren't finished.

A 22-yard run by Martin brought New England to the Indianapolis 15 before Bledsoe was sacked by Tony Bennett. Then Matt Bahr missed a 51-yard field goal attempt—his third-miss-from-50-plus yards in the game.



The Chargers' Junior Seau is hit by a barrage of snowballs following the team's win over the New York Giants Saturday in East Rutherford, N.J. AP photo

## Giants fans pelt Chargers in home-team loss

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Not even a game-long barrage of snowballs, an injured Stan Humphries or a 14-point second-half deficit could keep the San Diego Chargers from returning to the playoffs.

Shaun Gayle returned an interception 99 yards for a touchdown for the go-ahead score with 5:44 to play and the Chargers completed a late-season run to the playoffs by defeating the New York Giants 27-17 Saturday in a game that almost resulted in the first forfeit in NFL history. The victory was the fifth straight for the Chargers (9-7) and it guaranteed last season's Super Bowl losers a wildcard playoff berth that many thought improbable after the team slipped to 4-7 more than a month ago.

The Chargers will have to wait until Sunday to find out whether they are home or away.

“We did it the hard way,” Chargers coach Bobby

Please see CHARGERS/D2

**‘That’s the way it is in society today, there’s no respect for human life.’**

— Dan Reeves, Giants coach

## BSU coach happy with diagnosis

The Associated Press

BOISE — Boise State football coach Poky Allen has received the one Christmas present he desperately desired: Cancer will not interfere with this year's recruiting.

Allen, diagnosed with a rare, deadly tissue cancer a year ago, learned on Thursday night that his body is cancer-free.

He was thrilled, mostly because he said the news should end rumors that have been circulating on the recruiting trail.

“It’s a good time to have a clean bill of health,” Allen said Friday after flying to Missoula, Mont., for the holidays. “We’ve been getting beat up on recruiting. (Other coaches) have been using it against us, and now recruits don’t have to worry about it anymore.”

“They know they’ll have a healthy coach.”

Allen, 52, completed an extensive series of medical examinations during the past week. The tests included a CAT scan on his chest and abdomen, and pelvic regions, and an MRI on his right shoulder and arm.

Thursday night, while he was on a recruiting trip in Arizona, his doctor relayed the news over the telephone.

“There was no indication of any cancer anywhere in my life,” said Dr. Carolyn Collins of the Cancer Treatment Center at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

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## Historical society to honor legends of ski, skating

The Times-News

KETCHUM — Three Wood River Valley winter sports legends will be honored by the Ketchum-Sun Valley Historical Society Thursday night.

Leif Odmark, Bill Butterfield and Herman Maricich will give their recollections at 5 p.m. at the Sun Valley Opera House. Following the program, members of the audience will be transported by Sun Valley shuttle buses to the Heritage and Ski Museum to view the “Early Skiing and Skating” exhibit to open that night.

The exhibit will feature photos and memorabilia from many residents of the Wood-River Valley and some of Odmark’s and Maricich’s photos that will also be on display.

Odmark, a member of the Swedish national-Nordic team, came to the United States to play ice hockey in Chicago. But after seeing the film, “Sun Valley Screenade,” he moved to Sun Valley. Hired as an instructor in Sun Valley’s Alpine Ski School, he was later chosen to coach the U.S. Olympic Nordic team in 1952.

He spent 22 years teaching downhill skiing, and in 1970 founded the Sun Valley Nordic Ski School and Tour Center, which he owned and directed for 18 years.

Butterfield came to Sun Valley from Vermont in 1948 and spent 38 years as a ski instructor.

Maricich, a figure skater from California, taught skating at Sun Valley for years and became a legend of skating at the Sun Valley Center in 1963. In 1974, he built the indoor skating arena with private funding.

He’s been director of the Sun Valley Skating Center since 1972.

## Christmas gift list grows longer and longer

“I’m not much for making wish lists. Drives my wife crazy. ‘What do you want for Christmas?’” she’s always asking. So last week, I gave in. On the off chance she can’t get all this stuff for me, I’ll be e-mailing this list to Santa.

• A Rose Bowl win for Southern Cal. I know all you midwestern transplants and football romantics hope Northwestern will keep the “dream season” alive. Humburg. ‘Tis a season of tradition, and USC has been to the Granddaddy Of Them All 27 times, winning 19. The Wildcats have gone once. And not even one Heisman Trophy/murder suspect has come from Evanston.

• An Aloha Bowl win for Kansas. Never been to Kansas, but I’ll root for any team playing UCLA, any day.



**Out in left field**  
Brad Bowlin

• A fight with Mike Tyson. Sure, he’ll clean my clock, but I figure I can outrun Iron Mike in the squared circle for at least 89 seconds. And I’ll do it for next to nothing — \$5 million oughta do it, then I’ll retire and do pizza commercials. Only stipulation is that I get five minutes in the ring with Don King and some sheepshears.

• A clue for Twin Falls city planners — or at least a bus ticket to Boise. For a city of nearly 30,000 souls, Twin has precious

few places to safely run, walk or ride a bicycle. This city’s idea of a bike path is a green sign with the words “bike route” on it posted on a relatively quiet street. Granted, the state capital has a lot more people and tax money to work with, but we could learn some lessons from the City of Trees about making our town a healthy place for people rather than cars. Current plans for bike paths are a good start.

• Speaking of clues, how ‘bout one for all of the idiot drivers out there. As a recreational runner, I’ve been hit by one car and nearly hit by two others during the past year. Looking both ways before pulling into intersections or out of drive-ways really isn’t a difficult concept.

• An affordable pair of running shoes. • A shooting streak for Andy Toolson.

The former Twin Falls Bruin and current member of the Utah Jazz has struggled in the early going, scoring 14 points in 11 NBA games. He has missed eight of nine three-point attempts, hitting four of 17 two-pointers and three foul shots. On the plus side, Toolson has four rebounds and just one turnover.

• Tickets to the Olympics. Summer, winter, Salt Lake, Atlanta — who cares? I’d just like to be there for the spectacle. Of course, I know a little more about some of the sports than a few of the athletes. Take tennis star Monica Seles. For example, who said last week she hopes to be in Atlanta to hob-nob with other great female athletes like Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Pi-

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# Money

## More firms ignore taboo, fire workers at holidays

Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — There was a time when only Scrooge would have thought of firing a worker at Christmas.

But those days are gone. As 1995 draws to a close, workers are getting the pink slip at an accelerating pace. Less than two weeks before Christmas, 2,700 workers at Kimberly-Clark Corp., maker of family-friendly products like Huggies diapers — were given the boot, amid a merger with Scott Paper Co. The bad news was delivered in December to workers at First Security Corp., based in

**'What used to be really unacceptable behavior has become the norm. The bar keeps getting lower, and lower.'**

— Carrie R. Leana, University of Pittsburgh

Sal Lake City. At America West Airlines in Phoenix. At Grand Union supermarkets in Wayne, N.J. At Knight-Ridder Inc.'s Press-Telegram in Long Beach, Calif. Add those and many others — to November's avalanche at such corporate giants as IBM, 3M and A.T.&T. "It's a taboo that's being whittled away," concludes John A. Challenger, executive vice president of Challenger, Gray & Christman, a Chicago-based outplacement firm that tracks layoffs across the nation. Layoffs for November were up 45 percent compared with last year, Challenger says — suggesting a resurgence in downsizing, which peaked in 1993. His firm counted

41,293 layoffs in November 1995, compared to 28,490 the year before.

Many in corporate America say that companies are largely doing what is needed to stay competitive in a global marketplace. The end of the year is the time when many budgets for the following year are made final, they say, and the decision to lay off workers becomes set.

"Business leaders are being pressured to delay to produce short-term earnings," Challenger says. "And you can't raise prices — which many can't — you look to the ex-

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**Big Facts**

**Funding a nest egg**  
Where American families have invested their money

Value of U.S. stocks held by Americans **+\$5 trillion**

Equity Americans have in their homes **\$4.5 trillion**

SOURCE: Dean Witter, Federal Reserve Board, NBER, CARR, Survey by PWT-CARR

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## Briefly in business

### Idaho Housing Agency helps with \$13 million

TWIN FALLS — To ensure first-time home buyers in south-central Idaho's eight counties could afford their homes, the Idaho Housing Agency invested \$13 million during the 1995 fiscal year.

The 243 families and individuals who purchased a home through IHA's below-market interest rate mortgage loan program spent an average of 14 percent less for their first home.

The average home cost in the eight-county Magic Valley Wood River valleys is \$59,356, making the region the second most affordable home-buying area in Idaho by nearly \$10,000. Only Pocatello-area home buyers paid less.

For more information about the program, call 1-800-219-2283. Hearing impaired people may call 1-800-545-1833, extension 400.

### Boise company plans debt reorganization, stock offers

BOISE — Valbois Inc. officials have outlined in documents filed in U.S. Bankruptcy Court how they plan to pay off about \$3.75 million in debt and convert remaining debt to shares of ownership in the company.

According to court documents, Valbois has secured funding from The Bendley Trust to settle its Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing of last summer by paying off nearly \$1.7 million in debts owed to 112 creditors.

Also to be paid is about \$34,000 to the Internal Revenue Service, the Idaho Tax Commission and Valley County. Other claims that will be paid include those against the company by former Valbois Limited Partnership executives Jack Marshall, Roger Lessman, Brian Wilson and Donald Lindstrom.

What will not be paid, and instead converted to units of ownership in Valbois Limited Partnership, is more than \$3 million owed to other former principals and investors in the company that proposed to build a four-season resort on the west side of Cascade Reservoir.

### Franklin Quest sets record for earnings early in year

SALT LAKE CITY — Franklin Quest has reported earnings of \$13 million, or 57 cents per share, for its 1996 first fiscal quarter ending Nov. 30.

Both sales and earnings figures were records for the firm, which markets the popular Franklin Day Planners and holds training seminars on time management.

Sales for the quarter were \$91.9 million, up from \$71.1 million in the first quarter of fiscal 1995. Total sales and earnings figures were records for the firm, which markets the popular Franklin Day Planners and holds training seminars on time management.

### Jitney Jungle joins challenge to Albertson's growth plan

JACKSON, Miss. — Jitney Jungle Stores of America Inc. has joined a lawsuit to block rival Albertson's Inc. from putting a store in north Jackson.

The lawsuit was filed Thursday in Hinds County Circuit Court by Erwin Caffey and Jitney Jungle. The plaintiffs contend the firm failed to notify Jitney of its intent to acquire the property of the sale.

The complaint is the latest stumbling block in a multimillion-dollar expansion planned by Albertson's. Jitney has opposed Albertson's entry into the Jackson metropolitan area market.

### Railroad wants to abandon Emmett branch line

EMMETT — The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will accept comment until Jan. 16 on a Union Pacific Railroad proposal to abandon its branch line from Middens, in Canyon County south of Middleton, 10 miles past 24.7 near Emmett in Gem County.

Union Pacific notified the commission on Dec. 6 that it intended to file an out-of-service exemption with the Interstate Commerce Commission to abandon the line. Union Pacific officials said there have been no freight shipments or revenues on the track segment for the past two years.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

## Saying thanks



Jean Nidetch stands with a group of workers at the Jean Nidetch Women's Center at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas. She started the center with a \$1 million contribution.

## Weight Watchers founder finds calling in philanthropy

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Jean Nidetch used to make promises to herself every night as she sat in the bathtub, staring at the body she tried so hard to ignore during the day.

She would promise to choke on the next cookie, only to find herself gulping down chocolate-covered marshmallow cookies in the kitchen moments later.

Nidetch started inviting a group of overweight friends over to her New York City home to share their stories of weight loss — and gain.

She realized the support group was the key to keeping her weight below the 214-pound high she hit in 1961.

Nidetch turned her discovery into a multimillion-dollar business known today as Weight Watchers International Inc. — and has maintained a weight of 159 pounds or less ever since. The company was sold in 1978 to H.J. Heinz Co. for \$72 million.

So, what do you do after you've founded Weight Watchers?

Once she learned how to keep her promises to herself, Nidetch says, she found she could do anything she set her mind to. Today, she travels around the country helping everyone from the overweight to the impoverished achieve their dreams.

"It never occurred to me there was a

whole world out there of other things to do. There isn't a day I don't have a commitment," Nidetch said with the enthusiasm characteristic of everything she discusses. "I do more here than I've ever done before."

"Here" is Las Vegas, where Nidetch has made her home the past four years

**"There isn't a day I don't have a commitment."**

— Jean Nidetch, Weight Watchers founder

and has become a community leader. She was passing through on her way to go house hunting in California when she fell in love with the open desert and small-town atmosphere.

Shortly after moving, she approached the president of the University of Nevada-Las Vegas at a basketball game and offered to make a donation. Nidetch had never been to a basketball game, but was eager to get involved in the academic community.

Subsequently, \$1 million went to create UNLV's Jean Nidetch Women's Center.

Her support won her an honorary doctorate at UNLV and her business card even says "Dr. Jean Nidetch" — not bad for a woman who once used "F.H.H." for "Formerly Fat-Housewife." She gave

herself the initials F.F.H. when she was invited to participate in a seminar on obesity a few years after founding Weight Watchers.

Sitting comfortably in a Las Vegas cafe recently, Nidetch looked every part the respected career woman she has become. Her shoulder-length blond hair is perfectly styled; her smooth smiling faces defies her 72 years of age, and her elaborate jewelry and pants-suits grace her 5-foot-7 frame elegantly.

Nidetch's career, which inspired other weight loss programs such as Jenny Craig and Nutri-System, has caused some to say she was a women's liberator before the term existed. Nidetch also recently was named in "Who's Who Among 20th Century Women."

But when she opened her first Weight Watchers office in 1963, the landlord wouldn't take her signature on the lease. Nidetch had to get her husband to sign for her.

"Women were not considered reliable. It's hard to believe now, but it's true," she said. "It used to be that being a woman was an adversity. I hope that's no true anymore."

She hopes to bring more attention to the successes of women as a member of the Horatio Alger Association, which recognizes disadvantaged people who

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## Idaho candy family rises on holidays

The Associated Press

SHELLEY — Dori Larna waited 15 years for this day.

With the passing of her birthday, she officially became eligible to make candy in the annual Drollinger family candy-making day in Shelley.

One holiday just before Christmas every year, the extended family crowds into Lillian and Keith Drollinger's house to chop, bake, stir, melt, roll and dip all sorts of candy from recipes they've collected over the years.

When they are done, up to 150 pounds of candy is divided.

Children help, but they must work their way through the ranks of nut chopper (below age 5), tapper (age 5-12) and dipper (12 and up) before they get to take a recipe and follow it through from starter to finish, mixing ingredients, baking and so on.

It's a rite of passage. "I feel like an adult," said Dori, the Drollingers' granddaughter.

She even has a battle scar to mark the occasion. "I got blister from cutting caramels," she said, smiling.

No one can remember exactly how long the family has had the candy-making tradition, but they figure it has been at least 31 years since the first candy get-together. Family members start arriving about 8 a.m. They always start with pecan logs because the caramel takes time to develop consistency. About 30 people usually show up throughout the day, ranging in age from four months to 72 years — four generations.

Most are women, but there are a few men. Bob Larna's specialty is making the fudge. Father-in-law Keith Drollinger is the dish washer.

The ingredients include about 25 pounds of sugar, 20 pounds of milk chocolate and 5 pounds of white chocolate. It costs about \$300, but the cost is split between eight family members who divided up the recipes among themselves.

The Drollingers' kitchen, dining room, living room and family room turn into a noisy, boisterous candy factory. Apron-clad family members eat lunch in shifts. They carry trays of all kinds of candy down the stairs into the basement where they lay it out on the Drollingers' tables, fudge, peanut brittle, butter fudge, divinity, mints, peanut clusters, pecan toffee, cookies, fudge jumbles — about 30 kinds in all.

"One day a year I figure you can eat all you want. You get sick of it and it's OK," said Keith Drollinger, the Drollingers' daughter, dipping chunks of caramel into melted chocolate.

There have been mishaps, like the year grandma Drollinger fell down the stairs carrying a tray of treats. "She saved the candy. She just sat on the floor and held it up," said Alicia Doty, a Drollinger granddaughter. "She nearly killed herself but she saved the peanut brittle."

Then there was the year a cousin was spraying her hair for the prom. The next day she woke up with her hair spray.

A day after the candy is made, the family members make plates of candy to give to friends and family.

Making and giving the candy away is a lot of fun, but it's not the reason most of the new members enjoy the annual candy-making day.

## Surge in Internet break-ins spurs alert

By John Schwartz  
The Washington Post

### On line.

WASHINGTON — A rash of break-ins at hundreds of computers on the Internet has sparked a new call for tightened security on the global computer network.

The CERT Coordination Center, a federally funded computer emergency team at Carnegie-Mellon University, put out the call on Monday, saying break-in reports had risen markedly in recent weeks. In some cases, intruders who tap into distant computers electronically have gained complete control over them, including the ability to add or delete data stored there and to change software.

"Once they've gained (this kind of) access they can do almost anything to your system," said Kathy Fithen, a CERT official who monitors and responds to break-

in reports.

CERT does not identify targets of attacks because the group hopes that confidentiality will ensure greater reporting. But William Holmes, who heads the CERT equivalent at George Mason University in suburban Fairfax, Va., said, "We have seen a rise in attempted break-ins here on the GMU campus" recently.

Holmes said the rise might simply be due to a new reporting system instituted at his campus.

The intruders have not developed new methods of breaching system security, CERT said. Instead, they have taken advantage of loopholes that CERT has long

advised administrators of Internet computers to plug up.

These are old vulnerabilities that are well known, Fithen said, and for which software "patches" are freely available through CERT. "The problem is, people aren't applying the patches." The CERT team also warned that the holidays are a fruitful time for computer intruders, since monitoring is lax.

It is unclear who is undertaking the new attacks and what their motives are. Often hackers do it for the intellectual stimulation of outwitting security precautions. Other times they are looking to steal information.

But the attacks are highly automated, using software that can scan hundreds of computers on the Internet and apply a range of hacking tools to each one. They might try to "spoo" computer systems by

pretending to be a trusted computer on the network, or install "sniffer" programs that read the system logs and make user passwords as they are typed in. If any one attack works, the intruders can use their newfound access to launch more sophisticated attacks on other systems.

The explosive growth of the Internet is partly to blame for the rise in attacks, as newcomers with little background in security put systems on-line.

Fithen said many businesses, smaller educational institutions and even individuals set up Internet sites without a basic understanding of security issues — leading to new opportunities for hackers.

"We're ringing the same old song," Fithen said with frustration.

"The intruders don't need to look for new things to exploit because the old ones still work."



Gerry King, president of Catalog Resources Inc., Dover, Del., oversees the packing of thousands of gifts during the holiday season.

# On the production line with Santa's helper

Ordering from Laura Ashley or Caswell-Massey, Gerry King will ship your package

DOVER, Del. (AP) — This time of year, Gerry King could be likened to Santa Claus, and his 900 employees are the elves who run his workshop, assembling gift baskets, wrapping clothing, furniture and anything else people have ordered for their holiday shopping.

King is president of Catalog Resources Inc., a year-round telemarketing and shipping source for upscale catalogs, including Laura Ashley, Caswell-Massey, Winturthur and Hallmark Cards.

So when you call that toll-free number and place an order for a gorgeous velvet dress from Laura Ashley, you're calling an office park in Dover where some 200 telemarketers work around the clock, 364 days a year (they close at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve and reopen midnight Christmas) to take your orders.

During the Christmas season, King was all over the plant even while orchestrating a move into a new office. He's doing what he loves most — he's been in the direct marketing business in some form for 20 years.

"There is really nothing as exciting as direct consumer marketing," King said.

"You're controlling the product and communicating with the consumer. There's nobody in the middle. That's one of the reasons catalog marketing is growing," he said.

The catalog business has flourished because it's convenient for the consumer. Armed with credit cards and toll-free 1-800 numbers, shoppers can call and place an order and expect to receive the merchandise within a certain amount of time. And if they don't like what they get, they can return the products.

Catalog Resources averages 10,000 calls a day, doing the leg work for smaller catalog operations. Many larger retailers, including

L.L. Bean, Eddie Bauer and J.C. Penney, handle catalog sales in-house.

King said the industry standard was to farm out the work until a business was large enough to handle its own catalog sales. "I thought there was a real marketing opportunity to change the industry standard and do it as well as L.L. Bean,"

**'There is really nothing as exciting as direct consumer marketing.'**

— Gerry King, Catalog Resources Inc.

After years marketing, including working for the Record Club of America, the Nationwide Fulfillment System in Ridgeley, Md., and Pfaltzgraff Co. in York, Pa., King thought he would try his idea in Dover in 1989.

He started Catalog Resources, having convinced Winturthur stores of the Winturthur Museum, Garden and Library, to let him take care of its catalog sales from telemarketing through shipping. He had the work force, warehouse and office space to do it.

Under the agreement, Winturthur provided the startup funds, but King had to prove himself before Winturthur would allow him to solicit other customers. He opened in July 1989, and got the OK to expand by December of that year. He said he could not disclose Winturthur's investment.

After starting with about 28,000 square feet and 70 employees, he now has approximately 2,600 square feet and 500 employees, a number that rises to around 900 during the peak holiday shopping season.

There aren't many companies that do what Catalog Resources does. But it was a service whose time had come. Retailers were cutting

back and it was cheaper to hire a contractor to handle catalog sales, thus reducing a retailer's payroll and benefits costs.

Besides holding down costs, "a retailer should be doing what he or she does best and that's merchandise procurement and farm-out the other aspects of it," said Howard Eilenberg, retail analyst for Johnson Redbook in New York.

"We see in many retailers, they've dropped their credit departments. It's all MasterCard or Visa. Years ago, big stores had their own credit departments," Eilenberg said. "You buy a job as you need it. It makes sense to me."

The 46-year-old King hit a critical point in his career in 1992, when LCS Direct Marketing Services of Clifton, N.J., started shopping around for a partnership with a business like Catalog Resources.

"They said, 'Why don't we just buy you?'" King recalled.

"After much agonizing over emotional issues like whether the business philosophy would change, and how would he feel selling out after spending 40 years of his life getting to the point where he was his own boss, King let good business judgment prevail.

From a strictly business approach, a sellout made sense. The trend was toward consolidating marketing approaches. LCS had clients that dealt with club sales, like record and book clubs and they wanted to get into the catalog business.

It would make a good mix.

Also, LCS was a company traded on the Nasdaq. Catalog Resources was privately held. And when prospective clients asked to see balance sheets, King could produce respectable financial reports, but they didn't reflect big bucks.

## Room to negotiate: Laid-off workers fight for severances

Dallas Morning News

She'd been an executive secretary for years, then was promoted to an administrative position. But when the company cut jobs, she was laid off.

The firm offered her four months' salary in severance pay, but she didn't think that was enough.

"I advised her to go back and negotiate," said Bill Flock, president of the Dallas consulting firm Total Human Resources, and a personal friend. "She was 51. She knew where all the skeletons were buried. She had a high profile in the company, a high profile in the community. She was a real class act not someone you'd want to jerk around, because you're not going to win that one."

As it turned out, Flock was right. She got a year's pay. "I don't think she even had to go beyond round one," he said.

Not everyone can work out their parting so neatly. But human resource managers and outplacement executives say there's more room to negotiate severance packages than people think. And with so many cutbacks and acquisitions these days, laid-off workers are fighting harder to get what they want before leaving.

"You can always negotiate to see if they'll offer more. They may say no, but you can ask," said John Challenger, executive vice president of Challenger, Gray & Christmas, a Chicago-based outplacement firm.

"Depending on how much you've accomplished, what your level is, who your friends are, or whether or not you have something that has them worried, you sometimes can negotiate more severance," Challenger said.

Employers may be more likely to sweeten the parting agreement if the departing person can show extenuating circumstances, is fairly high up in the organization, or is a member of a protected class a woman, minority or over age 40, Challenger said.

A word of caution: It's much harder to negotiate when you're

part of a mass layoff. "It doesn't mean there isn't some give, sometimes. But a company is less likely to give on one individual," Challenger said.

Bill Delong of Colleyville, Texas, made himself the exception to that rule—Delong moved from Dallas to Phoenix about a year ago

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— John Challenger, Chicago-based employment firm

for a job as internal bank auditor. He sought, and got, assurances from senior management that there were no mergers or acquisitions down the road.

But a year later, the bank was sold. Delong negotiated extra money in his package for relocating back to Dallas, where he'd spent 11 years and had the contacts to start a new business, Delong Consulting Services.

"I had to work hard at getting what I got, but on the other hand, I'm satisfied, I'm appreciative," Delong said.

"Companies are concerned about retaining a reputation as a preferred employer. That's a big worry among large organizations today," said Jack Schreimueeller, senior vice president at the Dallas outplacement firm Reddie & Co.

"When negotiating, it's important

to be calm, polite and well prepared, Schreimueeller said. Know how long it's likely to take someone of your tenure and level to get a new job.

Have some idea of the norms for severance in your industry and company.

How you present the information is crucial, Schreimueeller said.

"The organization has to view that this person isn't coming in to gouge us, that this person is coming in with a reasonable set of demands but requests," Schreimueeller said.

"If you say something like, 'I've been making \$68,000 a year. Two months isn't adequate from my research of the market. I need about four months, but you will have my commitment to make this work for both of us,' well, that's hard not to listen to," he said.

The most common negotiation points are severance, some continuation of health benefits, outplacement or a "bridge" to retirement in the form of extra service credit for people close to retirement age.

But people have also negotiated forgiveness of loans, favorable references and, in one case that Flock of Total Human Resources recalls, use-of-the-company tolltag on the Dallas Tollway for two months. It cost his client company virtually nothing, but the tolltag was important to the manager they were letting go.

"A Fort Worth executive won the right to decide after computing his taxes whether to take his lump-sum severance before or after the end of the year.

"This executive anticipated being asked to leave because of business conflicts between himself and upper management. He was prepared, with a written list of his accomplishments and a good idea of how long it would take him to find new work.

"'You've got to be level-headed,'" said the Fort Worth executive, who didn't want his name used because he agreed to silence as part of the deal. "You have to be able to take a step back and detach yourself. And then just work it like you would any other business deal."

## Venison store stays near, dear to owners' heart

Dallas Morning News

EDEN, Texas — Dallas has Neiman-Marcus. New York has Bloomingdale's. Eden, Texas, has Venison World.

It's a gourmet store. It's a gift shop. It's one of the biggest things to hit Eden, pop. 1,690, since food riots at the detention center four years ago.

The store, open since 1992, sells everything from jalapeno cheese venison summer sausage — \$6.99 a pound — to venison steak — \$10.99 a pound. Venison World was the inspiration of Joe Green, who switched from traditional ranching to exotic deer ranching 11 years ago. Now Green and his wife, Nancy, run 2,500 acres deer on one of Texas' few all-venison ranches.

Venison World is "a little exotic and above our means for everyday

things," said Ivie Spiller, a volunteer with the Eden Chamber of Commerce. But when company comes, a gift certificate and visit to Venison World are "de rigueur."

Outside the store, earth-tone flags with motifs such as "Low Calorie" and "98 percent fat free," wave like the breeze. Inside, about 70,000 pounds

of exotic deer meat sell each year. Venison World has done "remarkable things," said Barbara Fox, executive director of the North American Deer Farmers Association. "Their location is a hundred million miles from anywhere. I was surprised the second year. I was surprised the second year. I'm not surprised any more."

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by Curtis Smith



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Most home fires occur between 10pm and 6am. That's why it's extra important to install smoke detectors that will sound loud enough to wake you in time to escape. Place them on the ceiling or high on the walls outside bedroom area at every level.

Every family needs an escape plan: a main and alternate exit for each room and an agreed place to meet outside the home. Don't plant on using an elevator in case of fire. Practice getting out fast.


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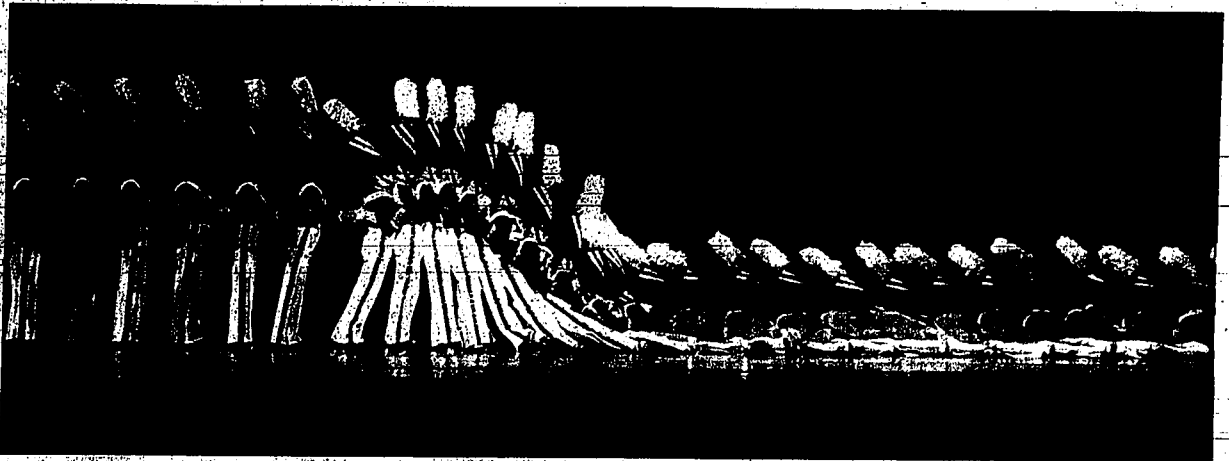
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Thirty-two Rockettes demonstrate the domino effect at the end of 'The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers' earlier this month at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. AP photo



Above, Charles Edward Hall prepares for his appearance as Santa at Radio City Music Hall's famed Christmas production. Below, actor Marty Kiebler, who plays one of Santa's elves, waits in the wings beneath the stage. The snowmen skate on stage during the show. AP photo

# Live At Radio City Music Hall

### Musicians, actors keep Christmas spirit alive on stage

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — When the curtain went up and the lights flooded magic onto the stage at Radio City Music Hall, Britnny Curley saw a real elf.

The red-suited, white-bearded fellow on stage "looks just like Santa," 7-year-old Britnny said. But since she knew the real St. Nick was busy getting ready for Christmas, the jolly figure had to be one of his helpers.

A few rows in front of her, Brian Frey of Long Island moved not a muscle and spoke not a word as the Santa-elf rocked 'n' rolled with the Rockettes in the Christmas Spectacular.

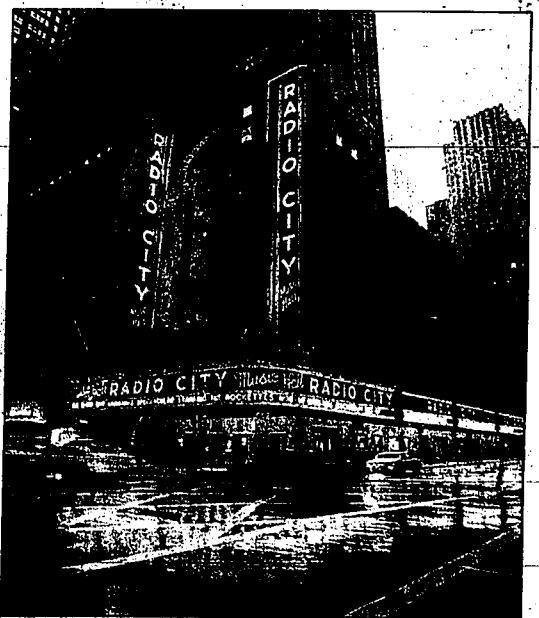
All of his 2-year-old energy was focused on the stage. "He's mesmerized," said his mother, Debra.

Backstage, where the magic was being made with sweat and hard work, the object of all that attention quenched his thirst with a Perrier between numbers. "I'm Charles Edward Hall — a k a Santa Claus. Call me Mr. C.," said the actor, who has played the role for nine years. "It's the most wonderful thing in the world. Everything else pales in comparison. Kids want to touch you. They give you unconditional love. Too bad you can't bottle it and give it to the adults."

A live Christmas show has been a fixture at Radio City Music Hall since 1933. This season, more than 1 million people are expected to see the production, which involves a cast of 130 and about 60 stage hands.

Dancing teddy bears do Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker," 35 wooden soldiers (the Rockettes) march with long-legged precision, Ebenezer Scrooge growls "Bah Humbug," Christmas trees dance, skaters skate and three camels — REAL camels — walk across the stage.

Jim Tester, in his latest permutation as a dancing Christmas tree, waited in the wings to make his stage-right entrance. The top of his tree — soon to go on his head — was in his hands. "The best moment is to stand on



The lights of Radio City Music Hall's marquee reflect off a wet Sixth Avenue this month in New York. AP photo

stage and look out into the hall," he said. "And you see the enormity of it."

The worst part? "The breakfast show. It's hard to get jolly at 9 o'clock. It's toffee-induced."

But jolly they are — the trees, rag dolls,

toy bears, wooden soldiers, chiming bells and, of course, Santa — four times a day during the week and five times a day on the weekend.

Working hard to bring their Christmas magic to one and all.



Slater Gertrude Slank, left, and Slater Marie Ellise Briel of the Sisters of Christian Charity, Wallingford Convent, Mendham, N.J., wait for the Christmas Spectacular show to begin earlier this month. AP photo

Focus

# The world in 1995

In a few places at least, the year made a difference

The Associated Press

An American steps in. Serb and Muslim stand down. And Bosnia's sorrowful people look ahead to a new year of peace.

The mediator was Jimmy Carter, the peace was doomed, the new year was 1995 — the year that made a difference.

Not only did 1995 make a difference in Bosnia, where U.S. diplomats finally produced, 11 months later, a peace with a more lasting look. It also made a difference in Israel, in Northern Ireland and in a handful of other lands too long steeped in "the tears of this century," in Pope John Paul II's melancholy words.

But in 1995 the tears, like the century, had not yet run their course.

Not in Israel, where a fallen leader's grandchild cried, "How can you console a whole nation when grandmother cannot stop weeping?" Not in Japan, where doomsday terror struck down thousands making the daily rounds of innocent lives. Not in countless hamlets, refugee camps, front lines across the Third World where the murderous mayhem of "us" against "them" ruled.

But if the blood and tears still flowed in 1995, the world somehow looked different, a shade less tolerant of man's intolerance, a bit more ready to act in the name of peace.

"The times call for thinking afresh," U.N. chief Boutros Boutros-Ghali said early in the year, "... for creating new ways to overcome crises."

In Bosnia, above all, the world found a new way, with an old weapon called NATO.

The year dawned full of hope in the former Yugoslavia, where Carter, the ex-president and itinerant peacemaker, helped fashion a New Year's cease-fire in the war between rebel Serbs and the Bosnian government. But the peace of 1995 lasted mere weeks.

Bosnia slid back into its nightmare of siege and massacre.

Then, in midsummer, a government blitzkrieg routed Serb rebels in Croatia, and NATO air strikes humbled their brothers in Bosnia. By late autumn, the Serbs were finally swallowing a peace plan, to be supervised by 60,000 troops of the rejuvenated Atlantic alliance.

"This came too late for 200,000 Bosnians," a soldier said of the

dead. "But better late than never. The peace agreement will save many lives."

In the Middle East, peace always seems late. Its newest installment, a detailed Israeli-Palestinian agreement, was signed Sept. 28 in Washington, where the PLO's Yasser Arafat turned to Israeli leader Yitzhak Rabin and pledged, "We will protect this peace with our souls and our lives."

Rabin's life lasted barely a month, until a bright evening of celebration in Tel Aviv became a black night of assassination. But as the year wore on, so did the peace.

In Northern Ireland, the difference came with the final formal talks in a generation between Britain and Sinn Fein, political arm of the guerrilla IRA. A cease-fire stuck, and a visiting American president beheld the born-again joy of Belfast.

"Your day is over," Bill Clinton said of the gunmen on the old Catholic-Protestant divide.

But in two dozen or so other unhappy lands — in the war-scathed mountains of Afghanistan, the villages of Sri Lanka, the terrorized streets of Algiers — the tears still flowed. And beneath the streets of one city, a city unaccustomed to fear, terror took on a frightening new look in 1995.

On a morning in March, saboteurs spread death through the Tokyo subway, unleashing nerve gas that killed 12 people and sickened 5,500. Members of an apocalyptic cult later confessed to the attack, a chilling reminder to the world that terrorists, too, can boost productivity through technology.

And technology, the Japanese will tell you, does not always protect.

In a few horrifying moments in 1995, the earth shook beneath Kobe, reducing much of that Japanese city to a landscape of ruin. More than 6,000 people were killed and almost 100,000 buildings destroyed, along with Japan's faith in the ability of modern engineering to cope with earthquakes.

Teeming African towns and fragile Caribbean islands also suffered from nature's raw power and unpredictability in 1995.

A devastating virus dubbed Ebola panicked the people of Zaïre, killing more than 200 before subsiding, a mystery waiting to strike again. In the Caribbean, a one-two punch of



President and Mrs. Clinton and other world notables attend the funeral of assassinated Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

vicious September hurricanes flattened a half-dozen islands. Along with episodes of terror and tragedy, the year had its inevitable moments of triumph.

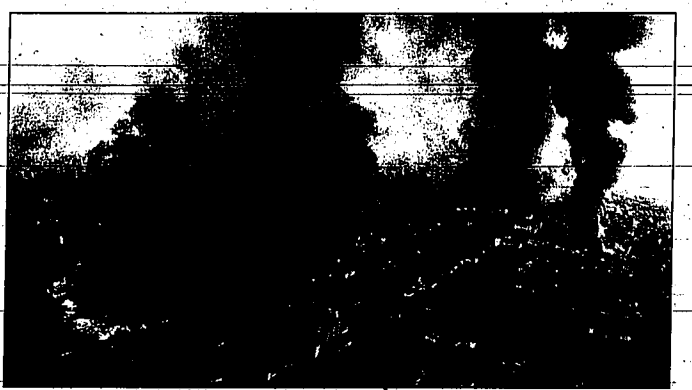
Twenty years after the war, Vietnam was a winner, getting a U.S. Embassy. Canada also won, keeping Quebec in its heartland in a narrow vote on secession. At the polls in Ireland, divorce triumphed, in France it was Chirac, and in Iraq, who else? — Saddam by a "landslide" in a presidential "election."

The heroes and the hughies of an earlier day helped fill the ranks of the losers in 1995.

Lech Walesa, shipyard rebel, fumbled away Poland's presidency to a slick ex-Communist; South Africa's Winnie Mandela, black icon of the '80s, was dumped from Nelson Mandela's cabinet of the '90s; Giulio Andreotti, godfather of Italian politics, went on trial, accused of being the politician of Mafia godfathers; and a cocky young trader named Loosher crashed in Singapore, taking a grand old bank named Barings with him.

If a year, like a bank, had a balance sheet, debits and credits would abound:

In 1995, we poured 6 billion more



A strong earthquake hit an extensive area of western Japan Jan. 17 and caused widespread damage, including fires in Kobe.

tons of carbon into the atmosphere. We traded \$20 billion worth of arms on the world market. We added 90 million to the human population. We lost almost a million to AIDS.

We also reduced fluorocarbon emissions by thousands of tons, dismantled 3,000 nuclear warheads, and probably added a few weeks to man's average life expectancy.

Those are the numbers. But when history turns its rear-view mirror on 1995, it will also see extraordinary people at work: biologists mapping human genes; scientists exploring Jupiter from afar; Russian and American astronauts tending to celestial chores together, in a new era of teamwork.

It will also see millions logging onto a planetary party line called the Internet, a web weaving "us" and "them" together in ways no one can foretell.

And in Sarajevo, in Jenin, in Londonderry, it will see ordinary men and women able for once to look past the tears toward a new and better year, after an old one that, in a few places at least, made a difference.



Japanese self-defense forces enter the Yokohama train station April 19 to check out reports of a sickening order. A cult released nerve gas, killing 12 and sickening 5,500.



A civilian runs for cover behind a U.N. armored vehicle as a French peacekeeper looks for a Serb sniper March 4 in Sarajevo. A peace agreement brought hopes at year's end.

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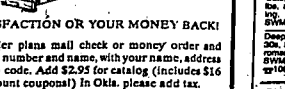
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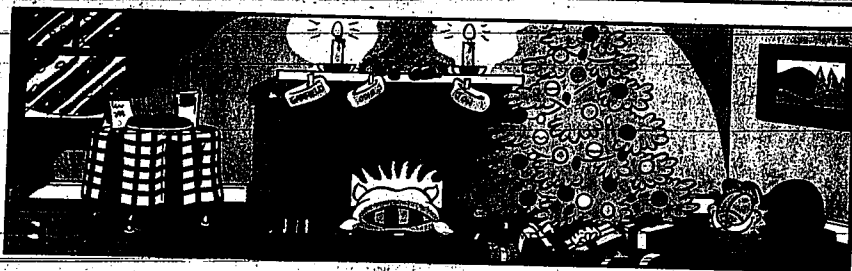
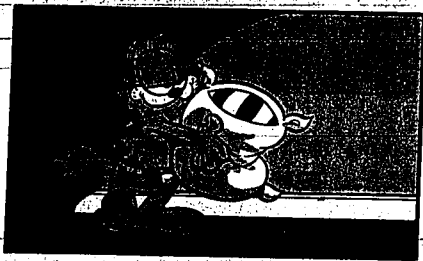
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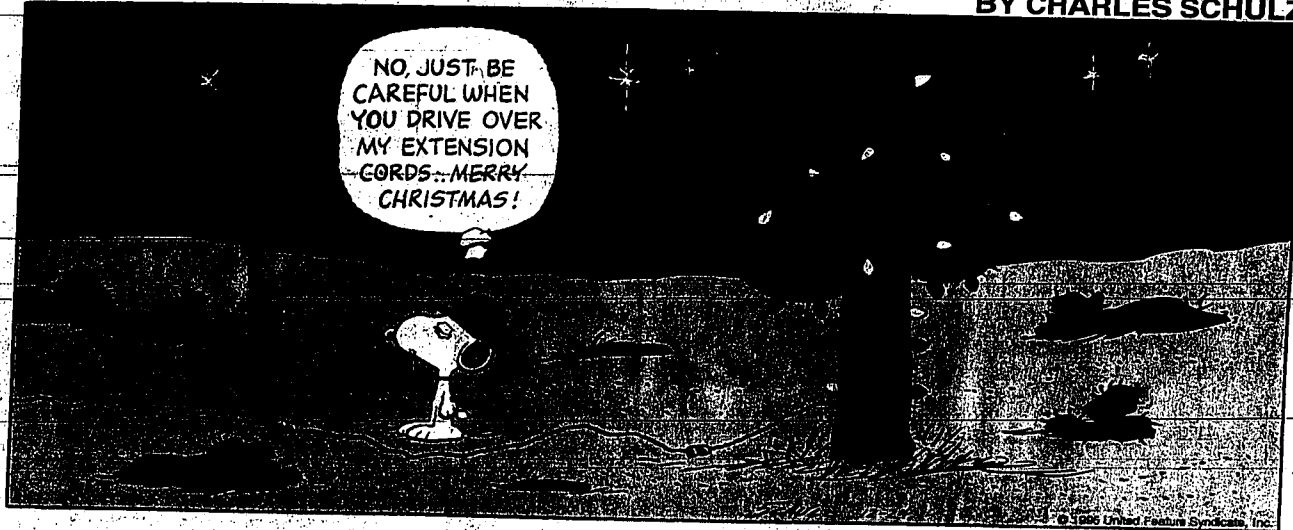
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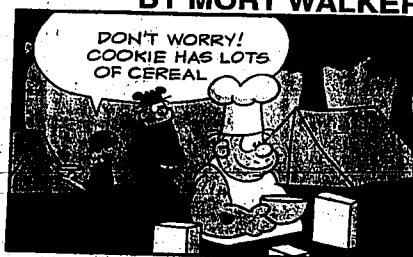
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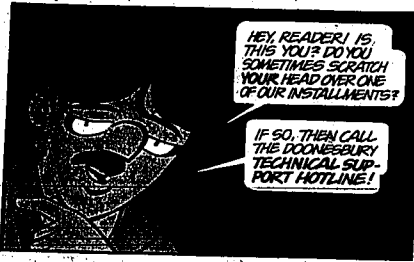


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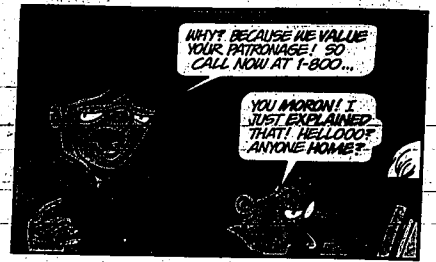
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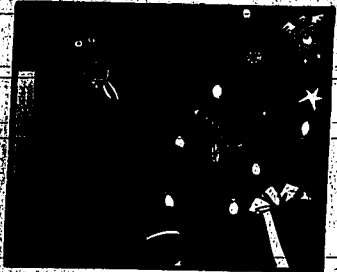
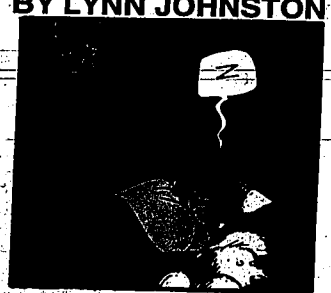
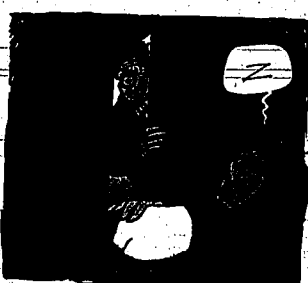


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UH? CHRISTMAS EVE!

WHAT'S THAT?

... I CAN'T SLEEP.

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BY HANK KETCHAM



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YOU'LL NOTICE IT DOESN'T SAY A THING ABOUT CHILDREN.

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OK BOYS, HAVE WE LOADED EVERYTHING?

ALL THERE'S STILL THE MATTER OF THIS CALVIN, SIR. HIS LIST IS 30 PAGES LONG, NOT INCLUDING THE SUPPLEMENT ABOUT INCREDIBLY NEAR-FAMOUS. THE RESEARCH DEPT. THOUGHT YOU SHOULD HANDLE THIS ONE PERSONALLY.

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OH! YES, THE "HOODLE INCIDENT" KID...

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AND HERE'S ONE YOU'LL LIKE, TOO, DAG!

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I'M GOING TO OPEN DAGWOOD'S PRESENT RIGHT NOW!

THAT'S THE EXACT SAME SHIRT YOU GAVE TO HERB!

OH YUCK! I KNOW! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?!

ISN'T THAT JUST LIKE THE SHIRT YOU GAVE TO DAGWOOD?

EW-W EXACTLY!

HEY, THANKS, DAG! YOU SURE HAVE GREAT TASTE!

THAT GOES FOR YOU, TOO, OL' BUDDY!

WHAT DO HIS PARENTS SAY?

HERE'S THE DAD'S COMMENTS. WE'RE LOOKING INTO THE SARCASM FACTOR.

ALL NO, HE'S WIDE AWAKE.

SANTA WON'T COME UNTIL HERE ASLEEP, YOU KNOW.

I CAN'T TAKE THE SUSPENSE!

# THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By THE KEANE

OUR BEST GIFTS ARE ALREADY UNDER THE TREE.

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# HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY DIK BROWNE

I CAN'T SLEEP, MOMMY!

YOU HAVE TO TRY MY DEAR

I KNOW IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE AND YOU'RE EXCITED, BUT IT'S WAY PAST YOUR BEDTIME!

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THAT GOES FOR YOU, TOO, HAGAR

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BY PARKER AND HART

HE'S ON THE ROOF!

...THE STOCKING!

EGGHS!... HE MUST'VE LEFT ME SOMETHING!

PLUNK

EW-W EXACTLY!

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THAT GOES FOR YOU, TOO, OL' BUDDY!

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# FRANK AND ERNEST



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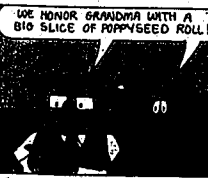
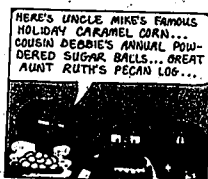
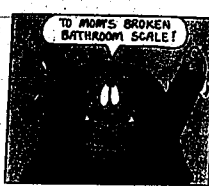
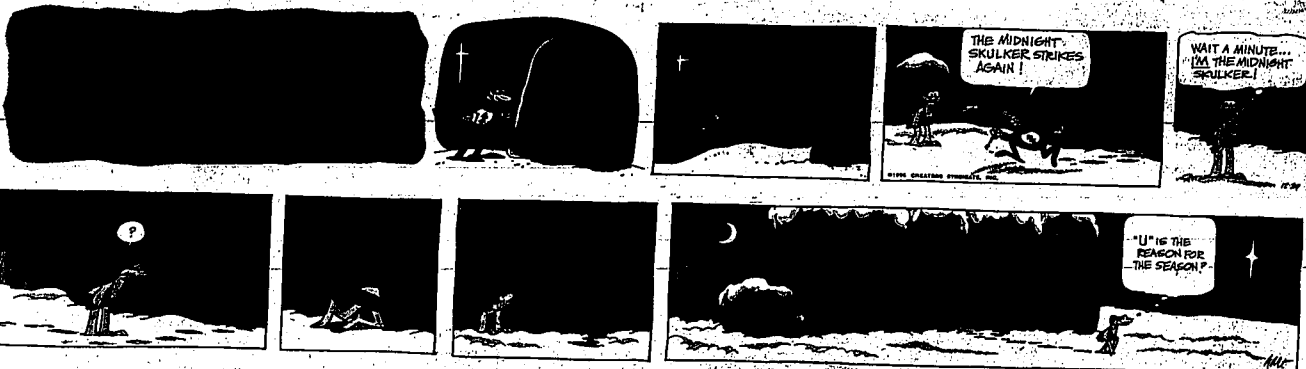
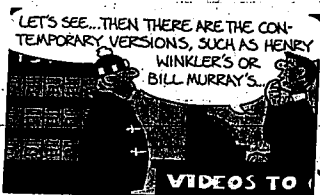


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## THE BOON LOSER



by Art & Chip Sansom



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# PARADISE



*"I thank you for this day of life  
for feet to walk amidst the trees  
for hands to pick the flowers from the earth  
for a sense of smell to breathe in  
the sweet perfumes of nature  
for a mind to think about and appreciate  
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wonders of  
his world.



**I** heard that they're doing a remake of the film "Lolita" Who's starring in the roles of Humbert Humbert and Lolita? And how will it differ from the original?—**M. Arnold, Chicago, Ill.**

**A** Stephen Schiff—a screenwriter for the new "Lolita," the tale of a middle-aged professor's obsessive love for a teenage nymph—tells PARADE that it will be much franker and more erotic than the 1962 Stanley Kubrick original, which starred James Mason and Sue Lyon. This version stars Jeremy Irons, 47, as Humbert Humbert and Dominique Swain, a 15-year-old newcomer from Malibu High School, as Lolita. Melanie Griffith, 38, plays her mother. "We don't think of this as a remake at all," says Schiff. "For instance, the previous movie was made as if she when the major characters couldn't even kiss on screen. We've gone back to the literary classic on Vladimir Nabokov. But let me assure you, our movie is no way glamorous pedophilia. No one will come away wanting to be like Humbert." The screen director is Adrian Lyne, best known for another film about obsessive love: "Fatal Attraction."

Sue Lyon and the late James Mason in "Lolita": They couldn't even kiss.

**I** recently saw Inger Stevens in an old movie, "Hangs On 'Em," which she committ suicide shortly after making it? If so, why?—**A.H., Wheaton, Ill.**

**A** On April 30, 1970 (two years after "Hang 'em High") Stevens took an overdose of barbiturates and died en route to the hospital. She left no suicide note, but the beautiful actress—born Inger Stensland in Sweden in 1934—suffered from depression for most of her life. On New Year's Eve, 1959, shortly after the end of a stormy affair with Bing Crosby, she had swallowed sleeping pills and ammonia. She was blind for two weeks but survived. In addition to a brief first marriage and failed affairs, it was revealed after her death that Stevens had been married since 1961 to "Ice" Jones, a black musician. It had been kept secret until the late 1960s, perhaps in the wake of threats to Sammy Davis Jr. and May Britt after their 1960 interracial union.

## Walter Scott's Personality Parade



Inger Stevens in 1964: There was something behind that smile.

**I** read that Elizabeth Dolé is joining her husband's Presidential campaign. What about her job as president of the American Red Cross?—**R.F., Scottsdale, Ariz.**

**A** The Board of Governors of the American Red Cross granted Mrs. Dolé, 59, a one-year unpaid leave of absence to campaign with her husband, Sen. Bob Dolé, 72, the front-runner for the GOP nomination. She says that if her husband wins the Presidency, she plans to return to her post as head of the world's largest humanitarian organization. That would make her the first First Lady to hold a full-time job outside the White House. Asked if this precedent-shattering possibility might cause political problems for the couple, one of Mrs. Dolé's aides replies: "I see or any woman became President, would anyone ask her husband to give up his job? Of course not."

**I** understand Anjelica Huston will be stepping behind the camera and directing soon. Do you have any details?—**A.S., Sarasota, Fla.**

**A** Huston, 44, searched for years for the right project. She once planned to make her big-screen directing debut with a sequel to "Prizzi's Honor"—the 1985 movie for which she earned an Oscar under the direction of her famous father,

John Huston. But the actress says she eventually turned to TV because she found more projects with strong roles for women. She's now preparing to direct Jennifer Jason Leigh in "Bastard Out of Carolina," a Turner Network Television film based on the Dorothy Allison novel about a girl's traumatic childhood in South Carolina.

Hustons: At the helm

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# JOY TO THE WORLD

Holding his tiny right hand but a few inches from his eyes, he wiggled each finger one by one. He was 2 months old and discovering himself for the first time. As I watched quietly from beside his crib, I thought he was the most beautiful baby I had ever seen. I was so proud that he was mine. My son, August, is 5 now; and I often think how fortunate I am to have a whole, healthy, perfect little boy. My worst fear is that something will upset my joy. What would I do if my nightmare—surely every parent's nightmare—came true? What if I found out that my child was threatened by a serious illness?

It was those thoughts that led me on a journey during which I had the pleasure to meet and photograph some of the most amazing, most beautiful children in America. I was surprised at the joy I discovered, the great gifts that these children give every day to the world. Now, in this holiday season, I'd like to share their stories of courage, of love, of hope. Their stories are my holiday gift to you.



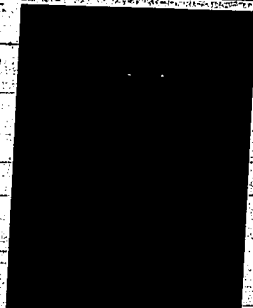
August, 5, has leukemia. She and her brother, August, are very close.

## LOVE

My night has become a sunny dawn because of your face...  
—Ibn 'Abd al

Amanda Lucia Telesco, 5, of White Plains, N.Y., was diagnosed with leukemia when she was 4. She began receiving treatment that same day.

Amanda and her brother, Joseph, 3, are very close, says their mother, Christine: "When she has to go to the hospital for treatment, her brother will start to cry. Then Amanda will say, 'I have to go to the doctors now to get better... but I'll be home soon. I'll be fine.'" Joseph and Amanda like to color together at night. When he gets candy, he always asks for some for her too. Amanda has 18 months of treatment ahead, but doctors say that if she is in remission after five years, she has a 99 percent chance of a cure.



Allen Soto, 6, is HIV-positive. He attends first grade and loves to draw.

## HOPE

O Lord be their merciful For I am going into the forest...  
—European prayer

"I want to be a policeman, a doctor and a teacher," says Allen Soto, 6, who was diagnosed as HIV-positive at birth.

Allen is in first grade, enjoys math and loves to draw. "He is very active, even when he has a cold," says his mother, Mildred. "It worries me sometimes, because I know they can be like this; and then all of a sudden they get sick."

Allen lives with his mother in an apartment provided by Peter's Retreat, a private nonprofit organization in Hartford, Conn. "He doesn't know that there is something wrong with him," his mother says. "I don't want to tell him until he's able to understand—maybe in a couple of years. I don't want him to have to worry."



Laura Williams, 3, has leukemia. Her "blankie" helped her through treatment.

## COMPASSION

The soul that loves, loves and knows nothing else...  
—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

"Laura has unusual compassion for others," Charlotte Barry-Williams of Oceanside, Calif., says of her daughter, who was diagnosed with leukemia in 1993. "I guess part of the reason is that she has experienced so much pain herself."

A special "blankie" has helped Laura, 3, get through more than two years of intensive chemotherapy. She takes it to the hospital with her when she goes for treatment. When she was first diagnosed, 97 percent of her bone marrow contained cancerous cells. Although chemotherapy has helped eradicate the cancer, she has had to endure nausea, high fevers and the loss of her hair. An allergic reaction at one point caused her to lose vital signs.

"She doesn't understand what cancer means," her mother says. "She's a very joyous and happy person, very curious." Her mother hopes Laura can start preschool next spring.



DeMarquis Diggs, 6, has leukemia.

## COURAGE

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid...  
—John 14:27

"Through all this pain and this whole thing," he's kept his beautiful smile," says Demetria Giles of Houston, whose son, DeMarquis Diggs, 6, has been undergoing treatment for leukemia at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston for three years.

DeMarquis suffered a relapse this summer after several months of remission. His mother says that at one point he was delirious and did not recognize her. She prayed for him, she adds, and moments later he was up and smiling again, asking if she was okay. "He's intelligent and brave," says his mother. "When a child has strength like he does, you can't help but be strong."

## JOY

...and the desert shall rejoice and blossom...and rejoice even with joy and singing...  
—Isaiah 35:1-2

Kristin Panaro, 3 (shown on the cover), dances through the flowers singing. "She is an extremely happy child," says Donna Panaro of Oldbridge, N.J., of her daughter. Kristin was born without eyes.

"When she was born, I was devastated," recalls her mother, "but she is no so different from other children. She rolled over at 3 months; walked early and loves Bruce Springsteen."

"My biggest problem is trying to get her to use a cane. She thinks it's a toy."



Courtney Wicker, 4: Born with two holes in her heart, she faced an uncertain future.

## THANKSGIVING

O Creator, who does all human beings make, Thou has a great worth on us conferred By bringing us this little child...  
—African prayer

Courtney Kay Wicker, 4, of Columbia, Md., was born with two large holes in her heart and a misplaced aorta. "I thought I did something wrong," says her mother, Cheron. "She looked so perfect."

Courtney's condition is rare—there are only 11 other documented cases in the world. None of those survived. "I was holding her one night, and the baby kept looking at me," Cheron Wicker says. "She wasn't breaking her gaze."

It was like she was trying to tell me something. I had been trained to recognize signs of heart failure, such as difficulty breathing, fever—she had all the symptoms—I took her to the hospital, and they told me that if I had just put her to bed, she would have died."

When she was 6 months old, doctors performed major reconstructive surgery on Courtney's failing heart. "She is perfect now and will never need another operation," her mother says. "After surgery, my son, Drew, 8, asked me if Courtney still loved us. I told him, 'Of course! Why do you ask?' He said, 'Because they took her heart out.' We had forgotten to tell him they put her heart back."

To find out how to help children in need, write: Leukemia Society of America, Dept. Y, 600 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016; National Association for Parents with Blind Children, Dept. P, 3800 Jefferson St., Baltimore, Md. 21290; American Heart Association National Center, Dept. P, 7272 Greenbush Ave., Dallas, Tex. 75231-4506; Center for Churches, Dept. A, 1000 N. Main St., Hartford, Conn. 06103; M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Development Office, Dept. P, P.O. Box 202725, Houston, Tex. 77202; Save the Children, Dept. P, 54 Wilton Road, West Park, Conn. 06890; Children's Defense Fund, Dept. P, 25 E St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001.

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Not long ago, a reader asked what would be the chances that one baby out of a group of 48 would be misidentified. You answered, "0%—you can't misidentify only one baby." You are right if all the labels have been typed correctly.

—But suppose that baby No. 47 has the correct label of her mother—say, Lucille Hansen—on her bracelet. Suppose also that the nurse mistakenly types "Lucille Hansen" on the bracelet for baby No. 48 too. Then all the babies will have the correct label except for baby No. 48.

—Melvin Prusett, Los Alamitos, N.M.

In the scenario you describe, two babies are misidentified, not one. Neither mother No. 47 (Lucille Hansen) nor mother No. 48 (say, Lucille Ball) will know which baby is whose.

Inherent in the concept of identification is uniqueness. That is, if you give all 48 of the babies bracelets labeled "Lucille Hansen," Mrs. Hansen will not smile happily and say, "Well, at least my baby is correctly labeled!" Likewise, if 47 of the babies are labeled correctly, you could even label baby No. 48 with the father's vanity license plate (say, "BABALOO"), and no baby would be in doubt.

## Ask Marilyn

If you have a question for Marilyn von Savant, who is listed in "The Guinness Book of World Records" Hall of Fame for "Highest IQ," send it to Ask Marilyn, PARADE, 711 THIRD AVE., New York, NY 10017. Because of volume of mail, personal replies are not possible.

## SAVANT

What is the most important thing that a girl can learn in school?

—Jacqui Wright, age 7, East Sandwich, Mass.

That girls don't just have the same rights as boys now; they also have the same responsibilities.

You recently replied to a question by a reader: "With a world population of about 5,642,000,000 and a world land area of about 57,800,000 square miles, the world population density is a little more than 87 people per square mile. That gives each a personal plot only about 536 square feet." "Was "838 square feet" a mental typo?"

—Bob Wirt, Foet Lauderdale, Fla.

In a way. The original text read, "536 feet square," meaning a plot of land 536 feet long and 536 feet wide. In the process of editing, this was changed to the more familiar term 536 "square feet," which is much smaller. For example, a rectangle only 67 feet long and 8 feet wide contains 536 square feet. (This is why the sentence is missing the word "of," as in "a personal plot of only..." We didn't intend the "square feet" definition.) I didn't notice the altered meaning until after the magazine already had gone to press. But we were all waiting for plenty of letters like yours. My readers are just about the sharpest around.

What word describes a picture within a picture within a picture, and so on? An example is the can of cleanser that depicts a little girl holding a can of cleanser that depicts another little girl a can of cleanser that depicts another can of cleanser, and so on, holding still another can of cleanser.

—Marlene Friedman, Roslyn, Pa.

This is an example of the concept of "infinite regress," and it's found all around us. Astronomers wonder whether the universe grows larger forever, and physicists wonder whether matter is made up of endlessly smaller particles. Even Jonathan Swift immortalized the notion in this poem:

So, naturalists observe, a flea  
Hath smaller fleas that on him prey;  
& And these have smaller fleas to bite 'em,  
And so proceed ad infinitum.

I am of the opinion that no information is useless and that it can't be read enough. What do you think?

—R. Robertson, Allentown, Pa.

I think you haven't read enough! For example, I recently read somewhere that, back in the 1800s, Great Britain's Queen Victoria owned a bustle that would play "God Save the Queen" whenever she sat down. Now, aside from letting us know that at least one of the grandchildren had a sense of humor when doing the Christmas shopping, that's useless information!

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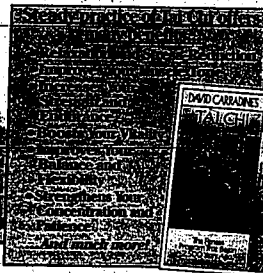
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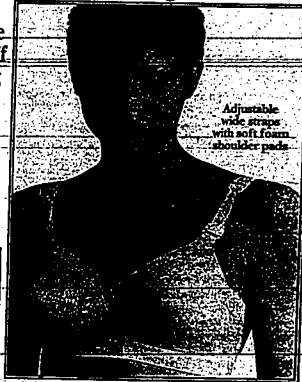
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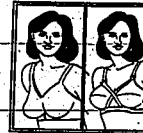
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# This Restaurant Serves Up Opportunity —And The Food's Good Too!

KATRINA LIBERTELLI WAS paying a lot of attention to her feet when we met. "I needed some adjustments in my footwear," she told me, with laughter in her voice.

Katrina was completing six months of on-the-job training as a waitress—an occupation that can be grueling on the body and hard on the soul. But forget the heavy trays and the hard floors, the long hours and the occasionally rude customers—she cheerfully takes them in stride. "It was very difficult for me to get into this program," she said. "I enjoy it."

At One City Cafe—a gleaming, stylish, 100-seat restaurant on 14th Street at the former site of Quatorze, one of New York City's trendiest bistros—almost all of the workers, like Katrina, had a hard time getting in. This is not only because the cafe is becoming increasingly popular but also because it has perhaps the most demanding set of qualifications of any business in the country. Except for a few management and professional personnel, every newcomer must be unemployed, formerly homeless and determined to change.

"We'd been working with hunger and homelessness for years, and we were looking for a way to help people make a permanent difference in their lives," explained Eilyn Rosenthal. As executive director of New York's Food & Hunger Hotline, she has helped bring emergency food to the homeless for more than a decade. In 1992, while trying to design a job-training program to meet that goal, Rosenthal said, she realized that restaurants are economic areas that expand continually. So she decided to open one. "My idea," added Rosenthal, "was to train homeless people for real jobs—not just minimum-wage jobs—in an industry that always needs workers."

She raised money from private sources to buy the restaurant, secured a \$60,000 grant from New York City for a job-training program, set up a board of chefs and restaurateurs to design a curriculum and announced that One City Cafe would open in the fall of 1994, after her first 15 employees had completed a three-month course. Rosenthal and her staff then joined with social-service agencies and city officials to select the first class. "We found 15 people who really wanted to work,"



Working—and loving it—at One City Cafe are, from left, Paul Markosian, the executive chef; Katrina Libertelli, a waitress; Kermit Sullivan, the sous-chef; and Eilyn Rosenthal, the job trainer; (clockwise from left)

*To work at One City Cafe, you have to be unemployed, formerly homeless and determined to change.*

she said. "But, the day before the course began, the city told us they couldn't give us the grant, because of a budget cut. We had to call every one of the 15 and tell them they couldn't start the next morning." Rosenthal told me she'd worried that the delay in the class would hurt the very people she wanted to help. "They have seen too many broken promises," she explained. For three months, Rosenthal scrambled to raise funds from private sources. By the time the training program finally began in September 1994, only eight of the 15 students had enrolled. "It wasn't all bad," said Rosenthal. "Some had found other jobs."

After three months in class, newcomers work for six more months in the cafe. "They learn to dress properly, to understand the importance of punctuality and consistency, to be always ready to give a bit above and beyond what's expected," said Kermit Sullivan.

He is the cafe's sous-chef, and he also teaches. Eight out of 10 participants complete the program, and all of the graduates get jobs. Even more impressive, however, are the victories that so many of them have had to achieve to get those jobs.

"A lot of people see the homeless as less than human," said Katrina Libertelli. "They think we all have this or that problem. But that's not always true: I never had a drug problem. I worked in sales until I lost my job. I wasn't eligible for welfare, so I lost my apartment. If you'd walked in my shoes, you'd understand that I'm very thankful for where I am. I went through some pitfalls to get here, and if I can do it, anybody can."

Kermit Sullivan runs the kitchen and helps to plan the menus and design new dishes with Paul Markosian, the executive chef, who oversees restaurant operations. Markosian has long enjoyed success, so why did he come to the cafe? "To do something socially useful," he replied. Sullivan answered the question this way: "I was the sous-chef at Quatorze, then called Fourteen. But I had to go upstairs to Phoenix House, a rehab center, to deal with my problems." After 18 months of getting clean and sober, he returned, found One City Cafe in Fourteen's place and, he said, fell in love with it: "On March 6, I offered to work as a volunteer. By April 6, I was on the staff."

One City Cafe is becoming known for good food and service, and Rosenthal said it takes in about \$4000 a week: Portions are generous, and the prices are reasonable: \$4.50 to \$7 for lunch; \$5.50 to \$12.50 for dinner. There are discounts for the elderly and the disabled who are entitled to use food stamps for restaurant meals. It currently features special entrees by top chefs, including PARADE's Food Editor, Sheila Lukins.

The determination of Katrina Libertelli is typical of the cafe's trainees; all of whom are intent on taking this new chance and going as far as they can with it. How far? Said Sullivan, "The sky's the limit." —Michael Ryan

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### Shanghai Then and Now

In 1930, the bustling city of Shanghai was controlled by the crime families, or "triads," that ran the opium trade. In the film *Shanghai Triad*, they also control the fate of the star—a prostitute-singer played by the Chinese actress Gong Li.

"I was surprised by how prosperous and Westernized Shanghai was at that time," Zhang Yimou, the director, told me. "The Western architecture, costumes and songs were based on research from the time." There are parallels to today's Shanghai—a boomtown touted as "the Paris of Asia." Peasants are pouring into the city looking for work, and the illegal drug trade is active again.

"Like their predecessors, the Shanghaiese of today chase after material benefits," said Chinese Zhang. "As a result, they selfishly fight among themselves, and this has led to a decline in our morality and humanity."

That sentiment should appeal to Beijing's Communist government, which shut down *Shanghai Triad* early in its production to punish Zhang for making *To Live*, a film critical of China's Cultural Revolution. *Shanghai Triad* is less controversial—which may be why Beijing let Zhang finish it.

Incidentally, the director's long relationship with Gong Li fell apart during filming. And it shows: The first half of *Shanghai Triad*, in which the actress seems brittle and defensive, was shot last—after the breakup.





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When Chet Raymo, a Massachusetts professor with a summer house in Ireland, began to write *The Dark of Cork*, in which the hero is a dwarf, he pinned up a photo of an accomplished dwarf—the Irish sculptor Corban Walker—for inspiration. When he finished the novel, he sent it to Noel Pearson, producer of the film *My Left Foot*, with a note saying: "This could be your right foot."

Two years later, Walker, 23, makes his acting debut as the title character in *Frankie Starlight*, the charming new film version of the novel, produced by Pearson. It also marks the debut of Alan Pentony, 13, a dwarf who plays Frankie as a teen. His mother is played by Anne Parillaud, the French star of *La Femme Nikita*. (Raymo had used her photo as inspiration for the character.) Matt Dillon and Gabriel Byrne play two of the men who are drawn to her.

The film—in which Frankie comes to terms with his mother's sex life and falls in love himself—was shot in Texas and Ireland. Its director is Michael Lindsay Hogg, who made *Brideshead Revisited*.



Anne Parillaud and Matt Dillon in *Frankie*



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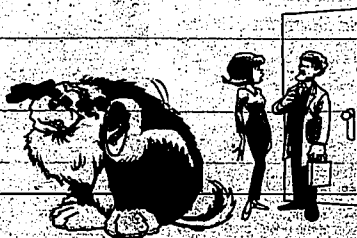
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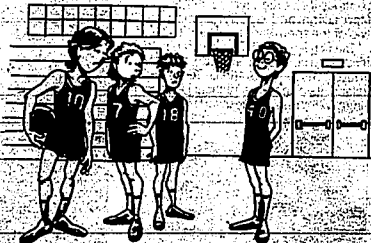



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Weslia Whitfield's singing career was just beginning to take off when a bullet nearly changed everything. But she didn't let it stop her from living the life she wanted.

# 'People Go Right On Being Who They Are'

**T**HE OAK ROOM OF New York City's famous Algonquin Hotel is one of the hallowed grounds of contemporary music, a place where stars are born. Harry Connick Jr. made his debut here, so did Michael Feinstein. Julie Wilson plays the room regularly. When it opened in 1939, its first headliner was Greta Keller—the woman who said she taught Marlene Dietrich how to sing.

That history would be enough to terrify any singer, but if it bothers Weslia Whitfield, she wasn't showing it the night I saw her. With her rich soprano voice and crystal-clear delivery, she launched into a mesmerizing rendition of the ballad "Street of Dreams." As the last note faded away, the audience burst into applause.

Throughout the evening, Whitfield threw herself into every song, bringing wistfulness to the ballads and whimsy to the lighthearted tunes. "I do a song because I love it," she told me the next day. "I just can't do anything else."

Weslia Whitfield is a name you should be hearing in the coming years. For two decades, San Francisco music-lovers flocked to her performances at clubs across the city. When she made her Carnegie Hall debut last summer at an all-star tribute to Frank Sinatra, the critics pronounced her the high point of the evening. This fall, the Algonquin signed her for an annual extended appearance, and she will be playing at the York Hotel in San Francisco this winter and at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel in Los Angeles in the spring. "In the movies, you just have to sing one song, and you're a big star," she said with the gentle, sweet laugh that is her trademark. "I have to constantly remind myself that that's only in the movies."

With Whitfield's eighth CD on sale and a plethora of strong music reviews behind her, the 48-year-old cabaret singer is well on her way to success. No one will argue that she doesn't deserve it, after 30 years of hard work. But there is another fact about Whitfield that not even many of her admirers know: She cannot walk.

When Whitfield makes her entry at the



"I do a song because I love it," says Weslia Whitfield, in the Oak Room of the Algonquin Hotel in New York City. The 48-year-old cabaret singer has been entertained by audiences for nearly 30 years.

Algonquin, her accompanist and husband—the burly but gentle British pianist Mike Greensill—carries Whitfield through the narrow aperture between the tables, then places her lightly in the leather captain's chair from which she sings. "When I carry her on and put her on the seat, people think she's sprained her ankle—they don't focus on it," said Greensill, who has been performing with Whitfield for 15 years. The two have been married for 10 years.

"I like to start the evening off without people thinking about it," she explained. "It is something that she doesn't talk about unless someone else brings it up—a subject that other people might find overwhelming but one that she has long since taken in stride."

"It happened in 1977," the singer recalled. "I had just come from rehearsal and was walking back up to my car at about 8 o'clock at night in a nice part of San Francisco. There were two boys, and they had a gun—

little boys, maybe 10 and 12. They decided that they would shoot me, and then they ran away."

Whitfield sank to the ground and never stood again. The bullet left her paralyzed below the waist. And that is precisely all it did to her. "People don't give up," she said when I asked about her reaction to the attack that left her in a wheelchair. "Only in TV movies of the week do they give up. People go right on being who they were, just more so. They do what they have a mind to do."

In Weslia Whitfield's case, her mind was set on becoming a professional singer. After growing up near Santa Maria and studying classical voice, she had sung with the San Francisco Opera and begun singing in cocktail lounges. "There were many little clubs that would hire you if you had 10 people who would show up," she said with a chuckle. Her career was beginning to take off when she was shot. It never occurred to her to stop. "It

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was in my best interest to figure out everything I needed to do," she said. Months of rehabilitation were followed immediately by work. "Some people were very negative about my wanting to be independent and get on with my life," Whitfield said. "I wanted to live my life on my terms. People who didn't believe I could be independent kind of drifted away from me. Only two friends remain from that period—the ones who were quite willing to watch me struggle through all the stuff I had to struggle through, who realized that nobody else could do it for me, as much as they wanted to."

Wheslia Whitfield has never lost her sense of humor. When I asked where her unusual first name (pronounced WES-lee) came from, she explained that her mother had given her the name of an old school friend. "It was always strange that I have a silent 'l' in my name," she said. "I asked my mom about it, and she said, 'I don't know. That's just how my friend spelled her name.' I was a letter, her friend wrote to me and said there was an 'l' in her name. My mom had misspelled it. She's been apologizing to me ever since."

The careers of both Whitfield and Mike Greensill have prospered in recent years. But husband and wife are not always together. She keeps an apartment in Manhattan and performs in New York frequently. Her husband, a solo jazz pianist, plays regularly at some of San Francisco's best venues and lives in the house they share there when she is in town. Whitfield performs only when Greensill is with her. They appear together at the Algonquin and often on the road, but they sometimes must spend weeks apart. "We'll figure out how to be together some day," she said, laughing.

The music critics in San Francisco have raved about Whitfield for more than a decade. This year, the New York critics joined the chorus, and her CDs are selling briskly. She wheels herself through the streets of Manhattan with a brisk assurance and jokingly insists that she finds life in New York easier than in the city she loves: "If you jostle somebody accidentally here, you just say, 'I'm sorry,'" she noted. "In San Francisco, you practically have to take them to lunch to apologize."

Since she will be appearing across the country in the coming year, recording new songs and visiting new venues, Wheslia Whitfield says she doesn't have time for depression or recriminations.

"Those two boys who shot me were never found," she pointed out, "but I'm sure I've had a much better life than they have had in the intervening years." ■

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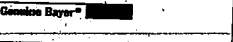
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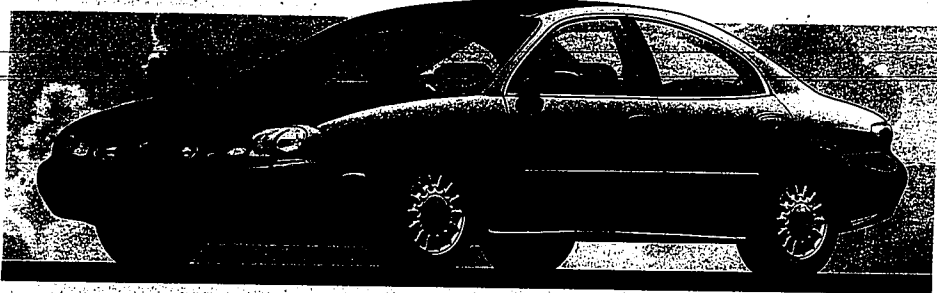
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## WHO IS "YOUR OWN KIND"?

At Southern Cayuga High School in Poplar Ridge, N.Y., we talked with John Bechold, 18, Andrew Horchler, 17, Michelle K. Hoff, 16, and Jennifer Kalweil, 16.



John



Andrew



Michelle



Jennifer

**Lynn Minton:** What are the big issues here? Argue about?

**John:** If you walk into our gym, there's a huge picture of an Indian chief. It's our school mascot. Our teams are the Southern Cayuga Chiefs. It's been a tradition forever. But recently there's been a controversy about whether this is insulting to Indians. A small core of students wrote a letter to the school board, wanting to change the name.

**Lynn:** I questioned why they brought it up. Was it just because it was a '90s, trendy thing to do? Political correctness? If so, I didn't want to do it. I would like to hear from the group that might be offended.

**John:** It just depended on me, I would say. "Change it." Because when people say "chief," what do you think of? Some guy in a large headdress, running around waving a tomahawk. And that isn't true of the vast majority of the culture.

**Andrew:** It's frivolous to change this, and the school board has more important things to talk about. Some people think it's "in" to be supposedly for Indian rights, or whatever it is. They want to be politically correct—to try to change things that have been around for a while and, if you take some sort of cockeyed view of it, may look a little weird. I don't think Indian chiefs on reservations or people who may be Native American in our community would be offended.

**John:** We're all white. We're in the majority. What if the tables were turned and we became the Southern Cayuga Lily Whites? Or the Hicks?

**Andrew:** People read way too much into these things. Do-gooders: Everyone else is having fun supporting their team, which has a great name that the team has had for countless years. The only reason they're [the protesters] doing it is to promote themselves as people who are doing something great, to make themselves feel good.

**Michelle:** I don't see anything wrong with trying to change something that offends someone. **Andrew:** If it offends them. You

can say anything offends someone. These days, people read so much into things. And people are just looking to be offended.

**They were saying—Michael Jackson was racist.** Any person who may say something about something, they'll criticize him as being a bigot. "Insensitive" is the term often used.

**LH:** He was talking about being a victim, and he said, "Jew me, sue me, do things to me."

**John:** I think he was just saying, in general, "Do some sort of injustice to me." That's what "Jewing someone" refers to, I imagine. **LH:** Is that acceptable? Isn't that pretty offensive?

**John:** Yes. It's certainly something I would never say to someone. I think it is wrong. But I don't think it's offensive to define it as that. That's just the way I've heard things. I instantly assumed it meant something like that.

**LH:** Are there any Jewish people in your school? **Jennifer:** There are a couple, but no one really comes out and says, "I'm a Jew." So you wouldn't be able to say, "Okay, out of this crowd of people, that's the Jew?"

Basically, there's no diversity here. We're all white, and a lot of people here feel that the way it should stay. And you hear through the halls, and you hear comments: "You're a nigger." Or, "You're such a faggot." They use it just like another word in their vocabulary.

**John:** "Jew" is another hallway remark. If you call someone a Jew, it's just like you're calling them an idiot or a loser.

**Andrew:** That sounds like anti-Semitism.

**LH:** They're using it along with other words, to criticize people and to yell things at people and to remain in their ignorant state. And I don't think they even know what anti-Semitism is, some of these people.

**John:** "Jew" is not used as an ethnic term. It's just used as another insult. It's just referring to a person or a group of persons.

**LH:** Wait a minute.

**John:** I'm just trying to speak from their point of view.

**LH:** Suppose I'm a black person, and somebody in the hall says "nigger." He isn't really preju-

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diced—he's just using the term as an insult. You think I won't find that offensive?

**John:** The person who's saying it—it's just kind of an ignorant statement, but it doesn't mean anything to them. Of course, when the other person hears it, they're going to interpret it as a remark against them. So it should not be said, as a matter of respect that people should have for others. If we're going to learn to live as a global society, we're going to have to make little sacrifices like that, in order to live on better terms.

**LH:** What is the sacrifice? **John:** Sacrificing a little bit of your freedom of speech. If I say people in the world "faggot," I will not use the word "faggot." I will not use the word "Jew" as an insult, it's sacrificing my freedom of speech, simply because I limit the vocabulary that I myself will use.

But maybe "sacrifice" isn't the perfect word for it. When people decide, "Maybe I shouldn't say things like that—okay, I'll hold back," they're giving someone else respect.

**Jennifer:** A lot of the people who say these things have just learned that that way. And they know it's not going to bother a lot of people in the hall, because they're basically all the same. There

aren't enough people that would be offended by it. They think, "Okay, we're all white. If I say 'nigger,' it isn't going to offend anybody, because I'm not talking about anybody here."

**Michelle:** People use the word "faggot" in their everyday vocabulary. And it's just come to a point where some of us are sick of it. Me and my friend were sitting in the library, and two guys were talking, and my friend said, "Will you please not give it up. And one guy said, 'I don't understand why it offends you. You're not gay. And no one in this room is gay.'" He has no way of knowing that at all.

And people just assume that just because there's not a black person here or a gay person here, they can't say the words without offending anyone.

But it can hurt someone even if they don't belong to that group. I'm not going to be selfish and speak up only for my own kind, or whatever. There's no one here to represent blacks, so someone has to do it.

**LH:** Maybe you interpret your "own kind" a little more broadly than some people.

**Michelle:** Yes. Definitely. Human-kind.

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