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The 35th day of Christmas Empty-nest couple adopts foster children

By Julie M. McKinnon Times-News writer

FILER — Rockie Egner fell in love with a drug baby at a friend's foster home a few years ago.

Thinking they, too, could nurture babies for a few days or weeks at a time, the retired construction worker and his wife, Barbara, became foster parents.

But in July 1992, a neglected-and-fatherless brother and sister came to their rural Filer home shortly after living in a van at Rock Creek Canyon.

Paul was nearly 4 and weighed just 26 pounds. Yet his survival instincts were well-developed. For the first few days with the Egners, he would run his hand along the top of a kitchen counter well above his head, squirreling away whatever food he found.

Two inches of bathwater would make Paul and Irene scream with fear. Six-year-old Irene would interpret for her little brother, whose speech was unintelligible.

"When we first got her, we could see terror in her eyes," 59-year-old Rockie said last week.

The natural mother had been unable to provide for them after their father's death — or protect them from physical abuse by others.

"We've just been working through all those problems, and they've just been making super, marvelous progress, haven't we, baby?" Rockie finished with a whisper, kissing a serenely smiling Irene's head.

For Rockie, Barbara, Paul and Irene, Christmas Day came 35 days ago, when the Filer couple with four grown children adopted the youngsters.

"I feel real honored that God has chosen to share these children with us," Rockie said. "It will be hard. It will be difficult. We kind of thought we'd retire to a two-bedroom house ..."

Foster parents

With eight grandchildren — three older than Irene and Paul — the Egners never intended to adopt when they started fostering. "That was the furthest thing from my mind," 58-year-old Barbara said.

Paul and Irene slowly changed that. "It was a point that they had crawled into my hip pocket, and I couldn't live without them. I shouldn't say 'I' because we," Barbara said.

Besides, Irene and Paul are hyperactive, developmentally delayed and older. Judge to decide, Irene asked when she was 4, "What's the best way to get to school?"

"Outside of loving them, they didn't have any option. Children like this are



Rockie and Barbara Egner recently adopted two children, Irene, 6 and Paul, 4.

not adoptable," Rockie said. "They didn't have any thinking for themselves. There's a lot of them out there that need it."

Paul and Irene also had forged a deep bond with the Egners, so much so that Irene often asked if they would get to stay when Rockie told her it was up to a judge to decide, Irene asked when she was 4.

She would ask two to three times a month. "Outside of loving them, they didn't have any option. Children like this are

propping them right now would probably be their end as far as that's concerned," Rockie said.

The adoption: A year after their natural mother lost custody of Paul and Irene — 2½ years after the children first moved in — the Egners were able to adopt the siblings on Nov. 20.

"Both are just a year behind where they should be in school. Socially, 7-year-old

propping them right now would probably be their end as far as that's concerned," Rockie said.

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U.S. choppers arrive in Bosnia

The Associated Press

TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — The first U.S. Apache and Blackhawk helicopters roared into Bosnia on Sunday, a tangible sign of a NATO mission commanders said on target and taking control of front-line positions.

While the eight American helicopters, part of the 1st Armored Division, were arriving in the northern city of Tuzla, the headquarters for U.S. troops, French soldiers were extending control in Sarajevo.

French troops seized front-line checkpoints north of the city, and took over part of a large resort in Serb-held Ilidza west of Sarajevo that is to become a NATO headquarters. They also reached agreement with Serbs and the Muslim-led government on an initial

pullback from front-line positions around the Bosnian capital, which is to be completed by Wednesday.

NATO supreme commander Gen. George A. Joulwan, making a brief Christmas Eve visit to Tuzla and Sarajevo, said his troops were bringing the meaning of Christmas to life in battle-scarred Bosnia.

"They are doing the work of the Christmas message, which is peace on earth, good will toward men," Joulwan said in Tuzla. "They are highly motivated, and I would just like to say to their families in particular how much we appreciate the sacrifice they are making."

Joulwan said he was pleased with the 4-day-old NATO mission, and that it was roughly on schedule.

"It's been a very good day. We've made

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Holiday decorations brighten a bunker while U.S. Army soldiers gather for a Christmas Eve service Sunday in Tuzla.

Inside Santa's secret world

By Hugh A. Mulligan The Associated Press

TOYLAND, ANYWHERE — Yes, Virginia, Illinois, Michigan, Massachusetts, Texas — name your state — is a Santa Claus. The affirmative also applies to Toronto, London, Paris, almost anywhere south of the North Pole or north of the South Pole.

Santa's every where; thousands of them, and it's no piece of Christmas cake. The day is long, the costume hot and uncomfortable, the parents often pushy and rude if not downright abusive, and the kids, true believers or skeptics, can ask for things that would break your heart or make you laugh up your fur-trimmed sleeve.

When they aren't yanking your beard or tweaking your cherry-like nose or poking your pants to see if they really shake like jelly, they might be leaving a damp donation in your lap not listed in the gift catalogues.

As visits to Santa Claus in nearly a dozen malls and department stores from Paris to London to New York to San Antonio attest, the daily gain and grind in toyland is no ho-ho-bo-ing matter.

Being a professional Santa requires the patience of a saint, as indeed the original St. Nicholas was a millennium and a half ago, long before photo opportunities with Santa were invented at an average six bucks a shot.

Just the other day, for instance, Santa in Macy's New York beamed all over and felt a warm limbo glow when a little Irish girl, with a bequilling brogue, asked him what he would like, for Christmas.

"Leave me some cookies and milk like last year," Santa suggested.

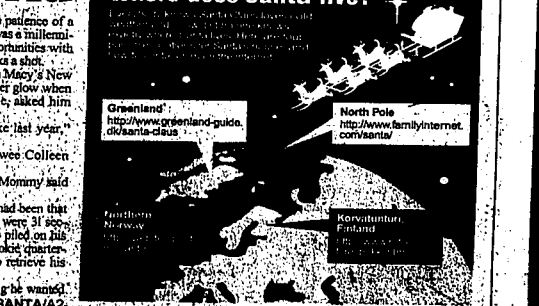
"Oh, no, don't you remember?" the wee Colleen protested.

"Last year, we left you some beer, and Mommy said you made a fool of yourself!" Santa promised to be good this year. "I had been that kind of a dopy. The morning's first visitors were 31 second-graders from an inner-city school who piled on his lap all at once and pecked Santa like a rooster's neck. He had to crawl under his throne to retrieve his steel-rimmed glasses.

Then a 5-year-old boy said the only thing he wanted

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Where does Santa live?



NOTE: Information

Need batteries? Run out of film? Try gas stations

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — You can buy beer on Christmas, but you can't buy vegetables and produce. You can order flower telegrams, but you can't have them delivered.

But in a town where nearly everything shuts down on Dec. 25, there still are some essentials you can buy.

For batteries, film and snacks, head for Chevron, Circle K, Mr. Gas, Traveller's Oasis and Stinker Station convenience stores.

You can rent videos at Blockbuster Video on Blue Lakes Boulevard. If you prefer the Big screen to television, Twin Falls movie theaters also stay open on Christmas day.

For bowling, Miller's Magic Bowl opens at noon. For billiards, the Pocket opens at 5 p.m.

But you can't return gifts or eat fast food — Burger King and McDonald's are closed. Magic Valley Mall, Target, Ernest and Costco are closed. Specialty shops are shut down. Kmart, Waresmart, Smith's Food and Drug and Albertson's are closed.

For analysts, it's simply a wonderful film

Los Angeles Times

You don't have to be a psychologist to appreciate "It's a Wonderful Life," the 1946 Frank Capra movie in which fatherhood is honored, small-town values celebrated, greed thwarted, God's existence validated, a suicide averted, and a world war won.

"But critics and academics recently have been psychoanalyzing the beloved Christmas story in professional journals, dissertations and interviews. And via the Internet have come numerous e-mail responses to a reporter's query asking why the movie turns so many sober American adults into tear-soaked wrecks.

Part of what has prompted the recent flurry of psych-minded commentary is that the movie, which turns 50 next year, has gone beyond mere holiday diversion and entered the realm of American Ritual. "It's an official public event," said Richard Jameson, editor of Film Comment magazine.

The movie stars James Stewart as George Bailey, an addled Everyman rescued from despair by a feckless guardian angel who reveals what a wretched world it would be without him. It actually is served up as yuletide cheer. And yet a growing body of psychological liter-

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Santa arrested after he runs red light

The Associated Press

DERBY, Conn. — Even Santa Claus must obey traffic laws.

A man dressed in a Santa suit ran a red light, then hit a car, and that car hit another car, police said.

Michael Larimore wasn't hurt Saturday, but he was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated, evading responsibility and failure to obey a traffic signal. The two other drivers suffered minor injuries.

"I've made a lot of arrests on Christmas, but this is the first time I've had to arrest Santa," Sgt. Marcel Lajeunesse said.

Larimore, a Derby resident, posted \$500 bond and is scheduled to appear in court Jan. 12.

Weather

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Idaho forecasts

Magic Valley

Today and Tuesday mostly clear. Patchy fog. Highs 30 to 35. Lows 9 to 15. Light winds. The ultraviolet index forecast is one, a minimal exposure level.

Extended regional forecast

Wednesday and Thursday areas of low clouds and fog over the mostly sunny days and clear nights. Lows 5 to 15 east, 10 to 20 west. Highs in the upper 20s to the upper 30s. Friday becoming mostly cloudy. A chance of rain freezing rain or snow mainly west. Lows 10 to 20 east in the 20s west. Highs in the 30s.

Wood River Valley

Today and Tuesday mostly clear except areas of fog on the prairie. Highs 15 to 25. Lows below zero.

Treasure Valley

Today and Tuesday areas of fog locally dense otherwise clear. Highs around 30. Lows 10 to 20. Light winds.

Northern Nevada

Patchy valley fog today and low clouds otherwise fair skies. Lows from near 10 below zero in the east to near 15 in the west. Tuesday sunny after patchy morning fog and low clouds. Highs in the upper 20s to lower 40s.

Northern Utah

Clear in morning, fog and low clouds otherwise sunny but continued haze. Highs 30-35. The ultraviolet index forecast is one, a minimal exposure level.

Idaho weather summary

Morning valley fog, low clouds and sunny afternoons are expected to continue for the next several days. At 3 p.m. Sunday, skies were mostly clear and sunny across the state, except Boise where skies were cloudy and fog reduced visibility to 1 mile. Both Lewiston and Salmon also were cloudy. Light afternoon snow flurries were reported at Salmon. Temperatures remained cool. Boise was the afternoon coldest spot at 23 degrees, while Burley was the warmest location at 38 degrees. Winds generally were light and variable.

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, Dec. 25

Shows separately high temperature zones for the day.

FRONTS: COLD WARM STATIONARY

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National temperatures

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	39	20	0
Albany	37	22	0
Boston	41	32	0
Chicago	30	22	0
Denver	37	17	0
Des Moines	52	23	0
Houston	57	31	0
Honolulu	88	70	0
Indianapolis	52	31	0
Kansas City	28	20	0
Las Vegas	49	32	0
Los Angeles	57	31	0
Memphis	53	31	0
Miami Beach	62	48	0
Milwaukee	30	21	0
Minneapolis	29	18	0
New Orleans	47	33	0
New York	38	30	0
Oldham City	28	18	0
Omaha	25	17	0
Phoenix	60	48	0
Pittsburgh	29	20	0
Portland, Me.	39	30	0
Portland, Ore.	45	39	0
Reno	35	25	0
St. Louis	29	27	0
Salt Lake City	38	16	0
San Francisco	59	46	0
Seattle	50	32	0
Spokane	33	17	0
Washington	37	30	0

Temperature extremes

Idaho: High, 38 degrees at Burley. Low temperature unavailable at prestime. National: High, 68 at Key West, Fla. Low, 23 below at West Yellowstone, Mont.

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Almanac

Idaho	Max	Min	Pcp	Yesterday	Year to date	Normal
Boise	m	m	m	39	30	30
Burley	m	m	m	39	30	30
Fairfield	m	m	m	40	21	30
Gooding	m	m	m			
Hagerman	m	m	m			
Idaho Falls	m	m	m			
Jerome	m	m	m			
Lewiston	m	m	m			
Malad	m	m	m			
Malla	m	m	m			
McCall	m	m	m			
Pocatello	m	m	m			
Salmon	m	m	m			
Stanley	m	m	m			
Sun Valley	m	m	m			

Humidity at noon: 61 pct
Barometer at noon: 30.30

Skywatch

Sunrise today 5:10 p.m.
Sunset tomorrow 8:07 a.m.
Lunar phase: New, Dec. 21; first quarter, Dec. 28; full, Jan. 5; last quarter, Jan. 14.
Visible planets: Morning, none.
Evening: Mars, Mercury, Saturn, Venus.

Family

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Paul David is aging; 9-year-old Irene Ariel still has a way to go. Since the adoption, everything has been better; the children know they'll always be secure and loved. They're just kind of jumping ahead, you know," Rockie said.

From the beginning, people from Filer have done what they could to help Paul and Irene. They got seven bags of used clothing the day after moving in with the Eggers, and that was just the start of the warmth and hospitality they have received. "The community response has been incredible toward these kids," Barbara said. "People were and still are wonderful with the kids. Like they say, it takes a whole village to raise a child."

Frank Poralesi, 66, has been playing Pacheco for the last nine years, donning a poncho and sombrero to augment the black boots and red regalia borrowed from his antipodal cousin.

In all that time, he has "never, not once, encountered a rude, obnoxious parent or child, and I've gone to some real bad places. That's how much they think of Pacheco Claus. In some of those housing units down there, they kill each other every night," he said.

Sponsored by the American G.I. Forum, a Hispanic veterans rights organization, Pacheco has become a real hero in the barrios. Recently, a seriously ill child in one of the projects saw him on TV and asked for a visit. Frank wrapped a few presents and hurried down.

"He was 3 years old, but looked only 16 months," Perales said. "That kid's face lit up when he saw me in my costume. I enjoy what I do. I feel good when I can make a few kids happy."

Santa

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For Christmas was for "my daddy to come home."

"I get requests like that almost every day," Santa said sadly, between swigs on a plastic water bottle like the ones marathoners use to refresh themselves over the long haul. "You never know whether the missing parent is dead, divorced or has run off. Sometimes, they want you to bring back their dog or cat or even a goldfish."

Ered Mather, who plays Santa at the busy South Shore Plaza mall outside Boston, holds a master's degree in psychotherapy. It comes in handy. "This job requires tight control over the emotions," he noted during a break to feed his reindeer, the euphemism for rest time from a 10-hour day in his Currier & Ives-style sleigh parked mid-mall.

"Yesterday, a boy asked for a new heart for his mother. He really had me by the heart strings. An hour later, he came back and told me she'd found it. Turns out she had misplaced a heart-shaped gold pendant."

And now and then, the job calls for self-defense skills of a King Fu artist. "With beard suggest," said Mather, "he tricks it to engage both their hands and gently pry the fingers loose. My beard is real, and they can get snagged in it. By the end of the day, it's a bit frazzled. I've tried wax and spray, but combing it out works best."

John McFolley, a Little League football coach and retired city worker who is Santa at Detroit's Northland Mall, was kicked in his "bad knee" by an aggressive 2-year-old. "The parents thought it was really cute, but complained to a floor worker when I nearly dropped the kid," he said.

McFolley, 54, had an earlier jolt from a 4-year-old wound up her wish list with "Mommy needs a husband."

Pancho Claus, Santa's black-bearded Hispanic cousin from the South Pole, visits schools and marketplaces in the barrios and housing projects of San Antonio, Texas. His reindeer answer to names like Juanito, Manuquito and Pabito.

Bosnia

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"Excellent progress," he told reporters at the airport after visiting Sanjevo. The NATO commander said he had an "excellent meeting" with Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic. "He's doing all he can to keep his part of the agreement, and we're hoping the other parties will do likewise," Joulwan said.

Not everything went smoothly, though. NATO spokesman Lt. Col. Barry Hawgood said a British Lynx helicopter came under fire from tracer bullets as it flew over the Croat-held central Bosnian town of Juce on Sunday. The helicopter was not hit, and was not clear when fired.

More arrival of the U.S. helicopters in Tuzla appeared to be a morale booster for some troops in the 60,000-strong NATO-led force.

"Apeches! This is cool!" said one Swedish soldier, waving to the crews of the attack helicopters as they taxied along the Tuzla runway. "I wanted all my life to see this. This is great!"

Clinton radios troops

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Surrounded by the families of troops serving in Bosnia, President Clinton taped a Christmas Eve message telling America's military personnel the nation is proud of their mission of peace.

"There is too much at stake today in Bosnia for our nation to sit on the sidelines," Clinton said in the Sunday address to troops in Bosnia, Croatia, Hungary, and the Adriatic Sea. "Those still proud to deploy. And that's why we've turned to you, our men and women in uniform."

Clinton called the peace mission "the most noble mission of all," bringing hope and stability to people exhausted by war.

"We know, and the people of Bosnia know, that you will get the job done," Clinton said in the address to be broadcast on Armed Forces radio and TV stations.

Snow-blankets plains, Great Lakes; showers douse South

The Associated Press

Fresh snow was widely scattered across the nation's northern tier on Christmas Eve, and showers fell in parts of the South.

Freezing fog in Oregon caused a 30-car chain reaction accident on Interstate 5 near Albany, killing one person.

A few areas of light snow or flurries were reported during the afternoon from the northern Plains to the eastern Great Lakes, but with no significant accumulations.

A winter storm watch was posted for parts of Michigan for late Sunday and into Monday, the National Weather Service said. Accumulations were expected to average 3 to 6 inches by Christmas morning, with up to a foot possible by Monday evening in northwestern Lower Michigan and in Upper Michigan.

As of Sunday morning in Upper Michigan, Houghton already had 33 inches of snow on the ground and Sault Ste. Marie had 31 inches, the weather service said. In Lower Michigan, Pellston had 24 inches.

"No, no, no. We have enough snow on the ground now," Peggy Demars said Sunday in Kalkaska, in northwestern Lower Michigan.

In the South, showers were scattered over southern Texas and parts of Florida.

An area of low pressure off the California coast produced some sprinkles in the Los Angeles area. A storm a day earlier dumped heavy snow in the mountains north of Los Angeles. A heavy rain shower around the Lower 48 states ranged from a morning low of 23 below zero at Yellowstone, Mont., to an early afternoon reading of 61 at Key West, Fla. The lowest wind chill, the rating based on a combination of temperature and wind speed, was 38 below zero at Ely, Nev.

Freezing fog kills 1 in 30-car pileup

ALBANY, Ore. (AP) — A 30-car pileup in freezing fog on Interstate 5 killed one person Sunday.

The pileup happened about 9:30 a.m. on southbound Interstate 5 near Albany, about 70 miles south of Portland.

Weather was clear along most of the highway, but the freezing fog formed in an area with a history of occasional fog, authorities said.

At least one minor accident had been reported before the pileup.

"I don't think people expect to find that fog can freeze on the pavement just like rain or sleet," state police Lt. Bernie Giusto said.

He said troopers at the scene had no immediate reports of any other serious injuries.

The victim was identified as Myrtle Mae Willmouth Powers, 62, of Salem, Giusto said.

Stewart goes home

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Jimmy Stewart went home from the hospital in time for Christmas.

Stewart, who was hospitalized for a head injury, climbed out of a gold Lexus ambulance at the Beverly Hills home Sunday.

Neighbors expressed America's hopes and entered a side door.

"I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," the 87-year-old actor said in a statement.

Film

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stare has discovered cold, dark, even paranoid depths beneath the reassuringly warm surface.

An article in the American Journal of Psychoanalysis last year says that Stewart portrays Bailey as a "supremely divided neurotic" plagued by "incompatible longings." Freudian theorists roll their eyes over George's relationship with his father, from whom he unhesitatingly inherits the job of running a building and loan association. Family therapists worry that he's an "enabler," covering up for his Uncle Billy's drinking problem.

Granted, a great deal of psycho-criticism of art is impenetrable and not a little absurd. Describing the moment when George and Mary Hatch (Donna Reed) finally kiss, one critic wrote: "What makes the erotic of this orgasmic embrace so complex is Stewart's swiftly suppressed urge to murder the Madonna who has just seduced him."

In his 1971 autobiography, Capra said that "Wonderful Life" was not only his favorite of the 50 films he made, but the "greatest film anybody ever made."

Capra said he wanted the movie to "tell the weary, the disheartened and the disillusioned" that "no man is a failure" and "no man is poor who has one friend."

He recapitulates that, ingeniously and mockingly, when the mogul shows Bailey what his family and hometown of Bedford Falls, N.Y., would have been like if he had not been born. His mother would be a poor boarding-house widow, his uncle a lunatic, his wife a spinster. And "home" would be honky-tonk, vice-ridden Pottersville, taken over in Bailey's absence by the venal financier Mr. Potter.

The "gift" that the angel gives Bailey — allowing him to see that he mattered in ways he had never imagined — is roughly analogous to what a person might learn in a successful course of so-called existential psychotherapy, said Todd C. Reiber, a psychologist at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa.

If filmmakers and psychologists have any authentic interest in common, it is human conflict. And there is a wide variety of theories about what's really eating George.

One involves George's relationship with his father, Peter, founder of the building and loan association that is George's ball and chain. Some psychologists say George suffers from a conflicted identification with his paternal parent.

Paternalism and the burdens of American manhood are recurring themes in modern critiques of "Wonderful Life." Kaja Silverman, a psychoanalytic film theorist at the University of California, Berkeley, devoted a chapter of her 1993 book "Male Subjectivity at the Margins" to George and his struggle to fit into the masculine role that postwar society expected him to fill.

Another notable drama within the drama involves George and the absent-minded, hard-drinking Uncle Billy, who sets in motion the climactic financial crisis when he loses \$8,000 of the building and loan's cash. All along, George seems to tolerate Billy's drinking.

In this heyday of co-dependency, the right thing to do would be for George to bring in a therapist and conduct "an intervention."

It is a staple of Freudian theory that whatever a person tries hardest to repress comes back in spades in dreams. And a number of scholars view the Pottersville

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Nation

Games girls play

Toys marketed for girls make up a toy chest full of stereotypes

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Imagine this scene: Four 7-year-old girls, their tender cheeks flushed with excitement, settle down after Christmas to play a new board game. Not Parcheesi, not Chutes and Ladders, but Sealed With a Kiss. The girls choose their playing pieces — a colored pawn and a 3-by-5 inch picture of a teenage boy, a "hunk." One girl twists the spinner to see how many places she will move her pawn around the board.

She lands on a picture of a girl and boy embracing. Great! "Spin an 'X' to give a kiss." She gets an "X," and stamps her "hunk's" face with the "cool!" Kiss Stamper, which leaves a lipsmacked mouth. The first girl to get five kisses wins.

In a toy world dominated by males, both parents and manufacturers are interested in boosting female-oriented toys. One study found that 11 of the 15 most advertised toys in 1993 were aimed at boys, another that seven titles of a "Toys R Us" were crammed with things for boys while five titles of mostly dolls

were for girls. The catch is, after doing what they describe as "extensive research," toy companies say that to make stuff interesting to girls they have to focus on one element: boys.

There is the occasional reference to a career, or being smart, but the overriding theme of these and other girl games is that a girl should be pretty, plot how to get, keep or trade a boyfriend, go shopping, gossip, paint her toenails and her face, and kiss kiss kiss. And her primary colors are pink and purple.

Take Dream Phone (ages 9 and up), which comes with a battery-powered pink plastic telephone on which to dial the numbers of cute guys to get a clue about your "secret admirer." Is it Dale? Jamal? They offer clues: "I know where he hangs out," says the electronic voice. "He's not at the snack shop." The girl who correctly guesses which guy has a crush on her wins. You lose a turn if you draw the card that says, "Mom says hang up," with a picture of a crumby-looking woman wearing a kerchief tied around her head.

"We design our games based on what kids say," said Mark Morris, public relations manager for Milton Bradley. "The object of the game is trying to see who has a crush on you, but the game play itself is one where you're checking

into all these details and places. It's really a game of deductive logic."

"Dream Phone ... is phone sex' with training wheels," wrote columnist Naomi Klein in the Toronto Star.

Sealed With a Kiss (ages 7-11) is "a fantasy game that puts kissing in a fun, innocent light," said Warren Industries spokeswoman Ann Rodgers. "We found interpersonal relationships in the 7- to 11 age group are very important. The game lets them talk about interpersonal relationships in a positive environment."

Milton Bradley also produces Electronic Mall Madness (ages 9 and up), a game about shopping that Morris says is really about strategy — "how to

of a relationship with one other person." This year Milton Bradley bought Girl Talk (ages 8 and up), which was previously produced by Western Publishing. This is a board game with a spinner that directs the players to do or say things for points.

"Describe in detail the worst time you threw up."

"Spell — and pronounce backwards" — the name of the boy you like."

"Call the cutest guy in your class and tell him jokes. He has to laugh before you hang up."

"Would you ever marry someone for money?"

"Has a really uncool guy ever had a crush on you? What did you do?"

A player who doesn't want to answer or perform gets a "Zit Sticker," a red dot she must stick on her face. The first player to get 25 points gets to read her Girl Talk: Girl Cards, which each player gives to the girl she thinks matches the description on the card. They say things like "Bubbly personality," "Loves to gossip" or "Wiggles when she walks."

"Judiciously spend your money."

"There is an electronic voice that periodically announces a sale at the toy store and a clearance at the camera store. You're going around the mall to buy six items on your shopping list and get out of the mall. So you have to figure out how to do it."

Another valuable life skill is ignored, however: You don't have to fight for a parking space.

"We're concerned that the pink and purple aisle has very traditional notions of what girls are about," said Heather Johnston-Nicholson, director of the National Resource Center of Girls Inc. in Indianapolis. "Real girls are active and adventuresome, but what's in the pink and purple aisle is boring and patronizing. ... We're teaching girls at younger and younger ages that your most important job is to be attractive, to grab a male, to think of your life in terms

of a relationship with one other person."

"Steadily, there is a market for these games," said Elizabeth Fox-Genovese, author of "Feminism Is Not the Story of My Life: How Today's Feminist Elite Has Lost Touch With the Real Concerns of Women," and founder of the women's studies program at Emory University. "We do know that little girls like clothes, like to appeal to men, and they have a different take on all that kind of thing than young men do. I'm afraid the market is a good barometer. But I don't see why we assume (playing these games) poisons them. It doesn't preclude them from doing well in school, or playing soccer, which they also do."

Toy makers won't release figures on the sales of individual games or toys, but most of the girly board games have stood the test of a few years' time. The best-selling games are still those that are gender-neutral, like Monopoly and Ouija, according to a Consumer Reports survey of 10- to 14-year-olds last year.

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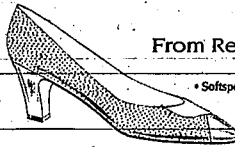
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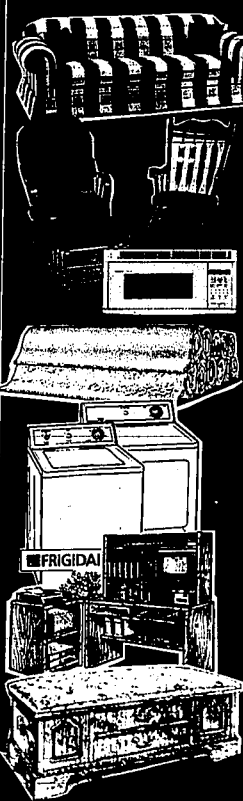
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Nation

25 years ago: Nixon and Elvis?

SEATTLE (AP) — With Hollywood focusing national attention on the angst and anguish of the Nixon-White House, the anniversary of one of the most surreal meetings that ever took place there passed almost unnoticed.

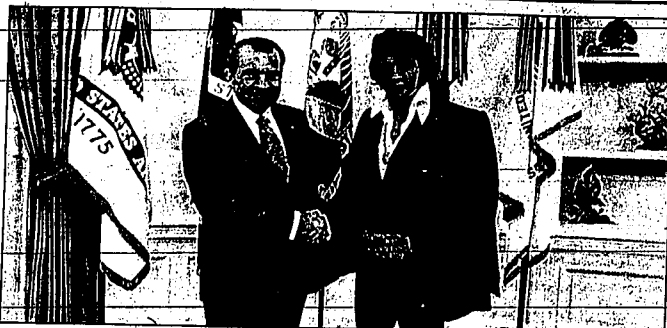
Twenty-five years ago — on Dec. 21, 1970 — Elvis Presley sat down with President Nixon for a little heart-to-heart.

"Well, the word 'strange' comes to mind, definitely," says Egil "Bud" Krogh, the former Nixon White House aide who set up the meeting and has just written a slim — 61 pages — book about the bizarre encounter.

"For the longest time I thought it was a practical joke," Krogh says. "But then I saw him. The King. The King in the White House."

As Krogh tells it, Elvis was on a flight to Washington, D.C., when he had a sudden impulse to discuss with Nixon his plans for fighting drug abuse in America.

"When he reached the capital,



Former President Richard Nixon, left, and Elvis Presley appear in this photo from their bizarre meeting 25-years-ago on Dec. 21, 1970. Former White House aid Egil 'Bud' Krogh has just written a book about the meeting.

Presley scribbled his request for an audience with the commander-in-chief on a piece of paper and handed it to White House security.

"Sir, I am staying at the Washington Hotel... and will be here for as long as it takes to get the credentials of a federal agent," Presley wrote. "I have done an in-

depth study on drug abuse and Communist brainwashing techniques."

Krogh's book, "The Day Elvis Met Nixon," describes with amusement the subsequent scrambling by White House staff to set up a meeting between the very serious Nixon and Presley, who was accompanied

by the entourage dubbed the "Memphis Mafia."

Several people have written about the encounter, but Krogh notes his account is based on firsthand knowledge and penned with a healthy dose of civility.

"This book is not a scholarly treatise," he said in a recent interview.



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Nation

Hawk forecasts winter

PHILIPSBURG, Pa. — Winter, which officially started last Friday, will be a particularly long and rough one, according to a hawk living in this central Pennsylvania borough.

The bird apparently is a winged wonder when it comes to winter predictions.

Unlike Punxsutawney Phil, the famous Pennsylvania groundhog who forecasts when spring will arrive, this bird, one area resident says, will tell you when to get out the winter gear, spread the salt and put on the snow tires.

From his office window, Philipburg borough Manager Dave Mondock keeps tabs on the annual arrivals and departures of a big bird that winters around the American Legion Post 437.

Over the years, Mondock has observed a weather link: If the bird shows up in November, the winter will be wild. If the hawk flies in during December, the winter will be mild.

"Take it for what it's worth," Mondock said with a laugh. "It's just an observation."

He first noticed the appearance of the predator — he doesn't know its species — in late 1992.

"It's a fairly large-size hawk," he said. "It usually stays until warmer weather comes back in the late part of March or early April."

The town's plump pigeon population may be the attraction, he said.

The bird swooped down this year on Oct. 25, the earliest yet.

Just 20 days later, one of the worst-ever early winter snow storms barreled through central Pennsylvania, depositing 18 inches of snow and severing electric power lines for days to tens of thousands of homes. That storm went down in the 108-year-old Penn State Weather Station books as the second-biggest November storm.

On Dec. 18, five weeks after the record-setting snow, another foot of pre-Christmas white blanketed the region.

"Winter won't officially arrive until Friday."

"I hope this really isn't any indication of how the weather is going to go this winter," Mondock said.

"The hawk seems to be dead-on when it comes to weather prognosis."

Last year, it and a friend landed late, on Dec. 19.

"Of course, we had a fairly mild winter," Mondock said.

In '93, the hawk flew back in November. Mondock didn't record the date.

During the following four months, central Pennsylvania residents drove, walked, shoveled and plowed their way through 109 inches of snow. The white stuff piled up on the landscape and refused to melt for a record-setting 85 days, the longest on Penn State's records.

Fire at nation's oldest zoo kills 23 primates

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Smoke spread through a primate house after a fire broke out at the nation's oldest zoo early Sunday, killing 23 rare gorillas, orangutans, gibbons and lemurs.

A security guard at The Philadelphia Zoo reported the fire shortly before 1 p.m. in the World of Primates building.

ICWIS confined to the ceiling in a 30-foot-by-30-foot section of the one-story brick building.

Commissioner Harold Hairston said.

The primates, all endangered species, apparently died of smoke inhalation. Ten others were treated for smoke exposure.

"I have watched a lot of these animals from when they were very young. Watched them mature and develop. This is so hard," said Karl Krantz, who supervises the zoo's animal keepers.

"We'll get through this, but it won't be all easy."

Killed were six western lowland gorillas, three Bornean orangutans, four white-handed gibbons and 10 lemurs. Among them were gorillas John, Snickers and Samantha, all residents of the zoo since 1967.

Also killed was 11-month-old gorilla Maandazi, the youngest victim. A sign posted outside the World of Primates celebrates her birth with "It's a girl!"

A second sign outside the World of Primates reads: "Nighttime at the zoo finds our gorillas nestled together in their bedrooms. Even indoors, the stars shine above them as they sleep."

"These animals are so close to humans that this is really like losing members of our family," said the zoo's president, a shaken Pete Hoskins.

"They have moods, personalities and they're just like us. Just can't find the words to say how all of us are feeling right now."

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Opinion

Editorial

The Christmas message

As is the editorial board's Christmas custom, we are surrendering our usual space to a guest writer, Sr. Luke: Merry Christmas to all.

Stephen Hartgen
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Kevin Miller

Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taxed. This first census took place while Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register.

And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem — because he was of the house and family of David — to register, together with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child.

And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them at the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of

God shone round about them, and they feared exceedingly.

And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people; for today in the town of David a savior has been born to you, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you: You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly hosts praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men of good will."

And it came to pass, when the angels had departed from them into heaven, that the shepherds were saying to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

So they went with haste and they found Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in a manger. And when they had seen, they understood what had been told them concerning this child.

And all who heard marveled at the things told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept in mind all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken to them.

— Luke 2:1-20

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Letters

Care council involves citizens

Regarding the article on Dec. 18 titled, "Cuts in help for elderly," the Home and Community Based Senior Care Council forming and making recommendations to the Office of Aging was not clear. The purpose was to involve local citizens and communities in policy making of elderly health care and to facilitate a consumer-driven home and community-based care system in Idaho. The council had representatives from all eight Magic Valley counties; it also interviewed many in-home elderly, who represented the consumer.

Statistics indicate that while there are many fine nursing homes, the cost is often a lot higher than trying to help an elderly person live at home. Five percent of the nation's population over age 65 resides in nursing homes. Nationally, 52 percent of those over age 80 will spend some time in nursing homes. The bottom line is, the taxpayer, Medicare and Medicaid cannot continue to pay nursing home costs for the growing elderly population. The average national cost today for one individual in a nursing home is \$35,000 a year. What do you think it will be in 15 years?

Between 1980 and 1990, Idaho's age 60-plus population grew by 21 percent and age 85-plus population grew by 43 percent! Between years 2010 and 2030, when the "baby boomers" will be retirement age and older, the elderly population will more than double. Fact: While the aging population, medical and nursing home costs are rapidly rising, the funding is going down.

Most elderly overwhelmingly indicated they want to live at home. Today, family members are often no longer nearby to help, and friends are often in ill health themselves. While medical problems will still be handled by professionals, there are many other needs expressed that could be done by volunteers. One of four council recommendations was to use volunteers of all ages throughout the Magic Valley to help seniors who choose to stay in their homes. Just think what a pool of volunteers in every community could do for elderly who need a little help to remain at home!

Call the Office on Aging, 736-2122 if you can help or if you need help.
MAYA HATA LEMMON
Twin Falls

"What Is Fish? Game really doing?"

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game was informed by the Big Wood Canal Co. that due to the larger carryover of water in Magic Reservoir, there would be 10 cubic feet of water in the river below the reservoir after irrigation water was shut off on Oct. 6. This is sufficient flow to maintain some but not necessarily all fish in the Richfield Canal through the winter. Since a significant portion of the fish in the canal can survive the winter, salvage authority is not given to the public.

Later in October, the Big Wood Canal Co. informed the department it would have to stop flows into the Richfield Canal for 7 to 10 days to replace a bridge. Unfortunately, delays in the work resulted in the water being shut off for little over a month. Department personnel monitored the canal and found that the majority of the larger pools were keeping fish alive. However, fish in shallower pools were starting to die in the middle to later part of November.

Salvage decisions, like all fish and wildlife population decisions, need to evaluate impacts on the total population, not just impacts on individual fish. Those that survive will continue to grow and be there to be caught next spring. However, if a thorough public salvage takes place, very few will survive to be caught by anglers.

As far as the trophy rules at Bell Rapids, quality and trophy rules are installed at the request of the general public, not because a department employee wants them. At Bell Rapids specifically, the two-trout limit does not restrict any type of angler from catching and keeping two trout. Also, the Bell Rapids rule demonstrates that environmental conditions can have more of an impact on fisheries than fishing rules. If the river conditions are not good, you will not be able to make quality fishing even with restrictive rules.

As far as Dog Creek Reservoir, Mr. Simer is completely correct regarding the restroom installation. The department has been negligent in completing the restroom installation at the reservoir. Trout-stocking numbers have also decreased in the last two years and higher numbers will be reconsidered for the future.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.
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Man carries powerful message of hope

James McCartney

There are some, in this Christmas season, who do not believe in miracles — and there are some who do. Count me this year as one who does. Let me tell you why.

Twenty-five years ago, in March of 1970 as a reporter in Vietnam, I received a cable from the home office asking if I could track down an American soldier from Miami who had been wounded.

His name was Ted Bridis, a combat engineer attached to the American division in the northern part of Vietnam. I found him in a military hospital on the outskirts of Saigon. I still remember the shocking scene when I entered his hospital room. Bridis had lost both legs and an arm in a mortar attack on Feb. 22. He was swathed in bandages, barely able to speak. He was slowly lifting his left arm, flexing his fist, sweat dripping from his face, exercising. He knew that one day — if he lived — his left arm would be all important.

The dimensions of the tragedy were obvious. Bridis had been a star football player in both high school and college. A Miami Herald writer had called him a "superstar."

His doctor called me aside and said something like this: "I think I'd be careful with whatever I write. His chances of survival are less than 1 in 10." But the doctor added words that now seem prophetic: "He just might make it. He's got the motivation. He wants to live."

I visited Ted two or three times before I returned home, and he seemed to be hanging on. I was delighted a couple of months later when his wife, Sallie, called from Miami to say that Ted was being flown to Walter Reed hospital in Washington for rehabilitation. Sallie came up to welcome him and

stayed with us. We never saw her cry.

But after he left Walter Reed for Miami, and discharge, with Sallie in attendance, I lost track of him.

I got my Christmas present a few days ago. A longtime newspaper friend called. "Read," he said, "I have found that there is a most remarkable person of my lifetime, and he says he knows you. Does the name Ted Bridis mean anything to you?"

Not really, I said. My friend said: "Think Vietnam. Think hospital. Think Walter Reed." It all came flooding back. Ted Bridis. The brave man in the Saigon hospital. My friend had encountered him at a party and somehow the connection was made. I called Bridis on the phone. He told me his story.

After returning home, he went back to school and obtained a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Miami. For the past 15 years, he has worked as an engineer for the Coast Guard and is now a supervisor of six other engineers. They design and rehabilitate Coast Guard facilities from South Carolina to Texas.

Bridis used artificial legs for several years after his discharge but found it easier to get around in a wheelchair. He has an artificial arm equipped with a hook. He drives himself to work in a car equipped with hand controls.

He has been an avid fisherman; a souba diver, a canoeist and a whitewater rafter. A few years ago, he became interested in wheelchair racing and entered national championship competition in wheelchair

racing in both 1992 and 1993, once winning a silver medal. Last summer he was invited to Olympic time trials in wheelchair racing.

One of his pleasures today, he says, is his family. Before he went to Vietnam, he and Sallie had one son, Ted Jr., who is now a newspaperman in Evansville, Ind. Their daughter, Tracy, was born two years after his discharge. Recently married, she lives in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and is learning to make artificial arms.

"I guess it was my influence," he says. Bridis says he has had a rich and rewarding life to a point where he would have to "think twice" about how to adjust if he were to get his limbs back.

"I have found that there is a lot in life to do," he says. "There is always something else to take the place of things that you can't do ... I tend to jump into things and take them further."

His enthusiasm for life is infectious. "I just had my 50th birthday," he says, "and I guess it's time to slow down, but I'm having too much fun."

In talking with Ted Bridis today, there is no hint of a sense of tragedy, no hint of a lost life.

"What a miracle is the wrong word. Maybe Ted Bridis' story is a triumph of the human spirit. Either way, to me at least, it carries a powerful message, a message of hope, a fitting message for Christmas.

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Letters

Where's energy coming from?

Now that we are raising the speed limit to the unknown, I have a question. I remember a few years back when we were told that we were having an energy crisis — Idaho Power, Intermountain Gas and all fossil fuels — President Carter held a news conference and said, "This is real, we are running out of energy of all kinds," so the government lowered the speed limit to 55 to conserve on fuel.

The price of all products went sky high during this time, then after about two or three years, all of a sudden we had lots of fuel. Seems like each time the price of a barrel of fuel went down, one of our government agencies raised the tax on it.

Our governor is about to do it to us again by raising the tax for road repair. This is a no-win situation.

My question is, where the heck is all this extra energy we have today coming from?
DON REED
Burley

Bickel School shows giving spirit

Though your reporters were unable to come to Bickel School to see the true giving spirit of Christmas, I didn't want the community to miss the opportunity of knowing about our wonderful students and their tremendous effort!

Each year the Salvation Army depends on students to collect food for those in need of it. This year, a challenge arose in the fifth and sixth grades to give even more effort at collecting. As of 10:30 a.m., Dec. 20, the Bickel students had collected 3,371 items! That's quite an effort for a student body of

less than 325 students.
SUE PACK
Twin Falls

Planetarium: Example of magic

A recent ad in The Times-News for the Herrett Center for Arts and Science caught my eye. I am eager to show off this latest example of "magic" in our valley to my holiday house guests.

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I noted the ad for the Faulkner Planetarium stated, "No late seating," and "Children under 4 not admitted to show." How unfortunate that our community must be reminded to use good manners and common sense. Kudos to the Faulkner Planetarium for these reminders. Perhaps there will be an improvement in audience department at other public functions as a result.
KARA KRAL
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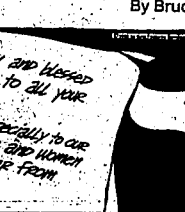
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Doonesbury

By Garry Trudeau

By Bruce Tinsley



Money

Targeting the telemarketers

Sting operation nets arrests - and a new picture of who victims are

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Rita Hierstein wasn't anybody's idea of an idle old lady and victim two years ago when the 81-year-old widow planted the seed for what became a nationwide sweep of telemarketing con artists.

The Waukegan, Iowa, resident played bridge, bowled, went bicycling — a skill she learned at age 65 — and was active in her church and community. She had a sister living nearby and lots of friends she visited regularly.

But one day, a banker in Waukegan notified the state attorney general's office that Hierstein had been withdrawing large sums from her bank accounts and could be a victim of the telephone sales fraud that was targeting numerous elderly people in Iowa.

In August 1993, Hierstein got a new, unlisted telephone number and her old number was routed into the attorney general's office. It was the start of a program in which state investigators trained volunteers to listen to the practiced pitches of dishonest telemarketers, taped calls as evidence, tracked down the pitchmen and prosecuted them for fraud.

"It's the most cynical and vicious scam that touches our people," said Bob Brammer, a spokesman for the Iowa attorney general's office. "I know at least a dozen Iowans who have lost over \$50,000" to telemarketing fraud. Because Iowa has the highest percentage of elderly people of any state in the country, it decided to go after the perpetrators in a big way.

Many telemarketing boiler rooms — bare-walled offices with desks and multiple telephone lines for making high-pressure sales calls — put up signs that say: "Don't Call Iowa."

Operation Senior Sentinel, a state and federal undertaking, took the Iowa concept and expanded on it to attack the national problem of telemarketing fraud, which officials say costs consumers \$40 billion a year.

The FBI trained dozens of retired volunteers selected from lists provided by the American Association of Retired Persons, to take calls. On Dec. 8, investigators acted on arrest warrants for more than 400 telemarketing salespeople in 15 states in the first nationwide effort to stop telemarketers with criminal prosecutions. By the middle of last week, 333 arrests had been made.

The biggest concentration of arrests — more than 160 people representing sales forces, managers and owners of two dozen telemarketing operations — were in Las Vegas, which has become a center of this activity.

The arrests got the attention of telemarketers. "We had a number of people calling and asking if they should surrender," said Jonathan Rusch of the Justice Department, chairman of the government's telemarketing fraud working group. "Some of them hadn't even been indicted."

There are many honest telemarketing firms that solicit political contributions, do market research and sell subscriptions and goods. The fraudulent telemarketers do a vast business in high-pressure premium or prize promotions — you've won a car, a camcorder, a vacation or \$50,000 and you're not sure why — or in product sales in which the product is worth much less than the price in charitable solicitations in which only a minute percentage of the donation goes to the charity, or in dubious investment opportunities.

Telemarketers have been hard to

Scam artists can go from kind to cruel

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The telemarketing scam is the new organized crime, with master salesmen, the new "inners," who can people out of billions of dollars.

Some of the salesmen and women working in the boiler rooms of dishonest telemarketing firms can be charming and solicitous, inquiring about a respondent's health, or whether the person is a born-again Christian.

These same telemarketers can quickly turn ugly. They might threaten to sue if their victim has promised to enter a contest or give to a charity and has a change of heart, or they might tell a religious person they'll call the local priest.

A tape of a particularly cruel telemarketing salesman who identified himself as "Robert Banks" was recently released by the Justice Department and shows what victims are up against.

Banks, after trying and failing to get an elderly woman to give him her charge card number over the telephone, tells her to go to the nearest American Express office to send money by wire. She's won \$50,000, he says, but must send in \$500 to hold the award or he'll go to the next person on the list.

She begins crying because she wants to win the \$50,000, but says she doesn't have \$500.

Victim: "I'm seventy-eight years old."

Banks: "Yes, ma'am."

Victim: "And it is dark. And I

Banks: "So you're not going to go to the American Express, are you?"

Victim: "I can't."

Banks: "You spent all these thousands of dollars and never got diddy squat. Now I'm asking you to spend a minimum of \$100 and a maximum of \$250 to get the \$50,000. Do you want your money, ma'am?"

Victim: "You don't know what I've been through."

Banks, after more badgering for the money on a credit card or from American Express: "You'll never, ever be anything. You're going to your grave a loser. A big loser."

catch. They use aliases and move quickly. Previously, state attorneys general tried to shut them down through civil freeze orders.

But it is easy for them to simply move on with their computerized lists and set up operations in a different state.

State and federal officials believe that nationwide criminal prosecutions will make their fight against telemarketers more effective.

But when the daughter of Rita Hierstein, who in a way started it all, heard reports of the Senior Sentinel sweep, she was puzzled. The people she heard being described as the victims of telemarketing fraud did not sound like her mother.

"What surprised me was that they said these people were secluded, isolated, lonely," Jill Morris said. "That wasn't my mom at all."

Want to be a CEO? Magazine says new set of skills needed for today's businesses

The Associated Press

The magazine Chief Executive says it takes a new set of skills to be a CEO today. The days of micro-managing are over. Instead, a CEO should be a team builder and good com-

municator, able to cope with change and grasp technical concepts. A CEO must be ethical, responsive to social, political and environmental forces, have good judgment and take risks prudently. The list was compiled by Thomas Neff, presi-

dent of Spencer Stuart, an executive search firm. Neff says it's impossible to find a CEO with all the right traits in perfect proportion. But those with a satisfactory balance "will be the ones who manage their companies into the 21st century and beyond."



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World Explorer treks to South Pole

The Washington Post

A Norwegian explorer, vying to become the first man to cross Antarctica alone reached the South Pole last week, organizers reported, five days after his British competitor in a race across the continent had been blown out because of equipment problems.

Boerge Ousland's arrival at the pole Thursday, 44 days after starting the race, puts him almost halfway through the 1,680-mile journey through howling winds and across treacherous terrain.

"All is well. I am tired but in good shape," Ousland told his support team in Norway on Friday during a crackling radio transmission from an American base at the South Pole, where he will rest for several days.

Ousland said he had been forced to abandon his goal of making the crossing without any resupply. The Norwegian told his supporters that soon after he started his trek in early November, he found the sled on which he was pulling more than 300 pounds of supplies to be too heavy.

Ousland reported that he jettisoned around 80 pounds of supplies early on and was planning to pick up new supplies buried in a depot at the pole by a previous expedition.

"I would never have made it to the South Pole with the weight I had," Ousland said, according to his headquarters in Oslo. "Therefore, I am happy I did it. I hope I have not disappointed anybody by doing this."

Now that Britain's Roger Mear has dropped out of the race, Ousland is alone in his quest. The two men's rival expeditions had drawn comparisons to the historic race to the South Pole between British explorer Robert F. Scott and Norwegian Roald Amundsen. The Norwegian team reached the pole in December 1911, and his team, beaten by a month, perished in a blizzard on their return trip.

Mear, 45, sent a distress signal to a satellite beacon on Dec. 16, and a rescue plane was immediately dispatched by Adventure Network, a Chilean company providing logistical support to both explorers, organizers said.

Two hours later, guided by the satellite beacon, the rescue crew spotted Mear's tent and picked up the explorer, who was cold and tired but in good health.

"My first thoughts when the rescue plane arrived were 'Thank God,' because I knew weather conditions could worsen at any time, and then there might have been no way out," Mear said in a statement released after he reached the pole.

Mear, who had covered about 500 miles since starting Nov. 4 from Berkner Island on the Weddell Sea, abandoned his expedition because the sled he was hauling behind him was not staying on track, hampering his progress.

"When things go wrong, Antarctica is one of the cruelest, most unforgiving places on earth, and it would have been foolhardy to go on," said Mear, a veteran Himalayan guide and polar explorer.

The Norwegian team expressed regret at Mear's withdrawal. "We feel for him," said his spokesman, Hans-Christian Erlandsen. "It must have been a hard decision to take."

Ousland, 33, has covered more than 750 miles and averaged more than 17 miles a day since starting Nov. 7.

But he has been hampered by whiteout conditions and the Antarctic landscape, according to Erlandsen. Antarctica's intense cold and high winds sculpt snow and ice into crests and troughs.

"There is still a long way to go before he reaches ... the Pacific," Erlandsen said. "A lot can still happen."

When he resumes his trip, Ousland is to descend toward the vast Beardmore glacier and go on to New Zealand's Scott Base on the Ross Sea in 45 to 50 days.

The wind and weather are expected to be more favorable on this leg of the journey, organizers said, but the route includes a number of dangerous crevasses.

Last year Ousland became the first person to cross the North Pole alone and unsupported.

Queen's year goes from bad to worse

LONDON (AP) — If Queen Elizabeth II thought 1992 was bad, what does the make of 1993 and its foreshadowings of adultery, confessions and even more discord in the House of Windsor?

Three years ago, her daughter, Princess Anne divorced and her two oldest sons, Prince Charles and Prince Andrew, separated from their wives. To top off what she called an "annus horribilis" or horrible year, a fire badly damaged her favorite home, Windsor Castle.

This year, though, Elizabeth has had to endure what The Sunday Times called "one of the biggest public relations battles this century" — the unseemly sniping between heir-to-the-throne Charles and his estranged wife, Princess Diana.

NOTICE

Due to manufacturer's shipping delay, the Revolution X game for Sony PlayStation and the NFL QB Club game for Sega Saturn will not be available as advertised in this week's Target supplement. Rain checks will be offered. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused.



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Sports

Chiefs choke Seahawks

K.C. gains home-field advantage in playoffs

Knigh-Ridder News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — If there's to be another road game for the Kansas City Chiefs this season, it will be Jan. 28 in Tempe, Ariz. That much was decided in the length of time it took Tamarick Vanover to return Sunday's opening kickoff 89 yards for a touchdown.

"I wanted to give the fans an early Christmas present," Vanover said. The 89 yards also equaled the sum total of Seattle's offense, which explains how the Chiefs spent the rest of the day wrapping up the 26-3 victory over the Seahawks. The Chiefs won't need to pack their bags unless they make it to the Super Bowl, and they need only two victories at home to finalize that trip.

"Gee, and a week off to boot," said Kansas City linebacker Tracy Simien, referring to the Chiefs' first-round bye in the playoffs. "Life doesn't get any better than this."

It was a giddy bunch that stuffed its stockings with a club-record 13th victory. Naturally, the coach tried not to smile.

"We all know the importance of the home-field advantage," Mary Schottzheimer said as he wiped the Gatorade from his hair from a sideline shower. "Now we have to take advantage of it."

The 13-3 Chiefs did more than that to Seattle on Sunday. This was a day they could even overlook three dropped touchdown passes. Come on now, you didn't really expect Kansas City's offense to show up, too. Vanover and the defense were enough.

"We were never in the game," Seattle coach Dennis Erickson said. The 6-8 Seahawks had come in winning six of their last seven games and were supposedly a much different team than the one the Chiefs hammered 34-10 in the season opener. Perhaps you remember that one.

Vanover does. In his very first NFL game, the rookie took the kickoff to open the second half and returned it 99 yards down the end field for a touchdown. Sunday, he moved up the timetable and returned the game's opening kickoff again to the left for a score, zipping free of any defenders by the time he reached the Chiefs' 35.

"Once you go straight at them," Vanover said, "they don't protect the left side." All I had to do was make one cut left. "I hope Erickson coaches all the teams we play against next year."

That quick touchdown grew to a 13-0 lead by the end of the first quarter. The Chiefs took that lead and their defense used it to hold the NFL's top rushing team to only 26 yards. Four-time 1,000-yard rusher Chris Warren ran for all of 7 yards.

While stuffing the run, the Chiefs didn't exactly hand passes to Seattle quarterback John Friesz, even before he left the game in the fourth quarter with a mild concussion. Friesz hit only 10 of 26 passes for 80 yards. His ace receiver, Brian Blades, never caught a pass.

"It was just a matter of total dominance by the Chiefs," Friesz said. "They have a great front seven. We never got them on their heels. And their defensive backs were jamming our receivers at the line. They are so physical." All against a Seattle offense that had averaged 34 points in winning those six games the previous seven weeks.



Kansas City Chiefs running back Greg Hill makes big strides as he keeps ahead of Seattle Seahawks tackle Colton Kennedy during the first quarter Sunday.

Morning line

Sportsquote

“ I predict Pat Riley will make (Heat owner) Micky Arison a millionaire. Of course, right now Micky's already a billionaire. ”

— anonymous NBA general manager on Riley's grand plans to spend more money next summer to improve the Heat

Briefly

Local gyms open during the holidays

TWIN FALLS — Gymsnasiums at the College of Southern Idaho and Robert Stuart Junior High will be open during the holiday break.

The Robert Stuart gym will be open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

At CSI, the gym will open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for youths and from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. for adults Tuesday through Friday.

Magic Valley Youth Soccer needs coaches for spring

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Youth Soccer Association needs coaches for the spring season for boys and girls leagues.

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Need a great gift for next Christmas? Mantle cards

Generation X? It may be widening in the real world, but Baby Boomers and Generation X are existing happily in the cardboard cosmos.

Need proof? Check out a pack of 1996 Topps baseball cards. You might find a Micky Mantle, a Bill Pulsipher or both. Think about it. Mantle stopped playing in 1969; Pulsipher was born in 1973!

The Mantle cards, 19 high-quality glossy reprints from 1951-1969, bridge the generation gap. Just consider: Today's 12-year-old can open a pack of cards and see the same 1951 picture his grandfather did when he was 12.

The Mantle cards are hot, according to industry insiders. Doug Kale, editor of Sports Card Trader, reports the 1952 Mantle card is selling for \$10-\$15. And at the Generation X end of the scale, super-high-tech cards featuring polarized finishes and peel-off coatings are zooming, too. For example, a Greg Maddux Finest mystery refractor — possibly out of the same box as a 52 Mantle or a plain, old regular Pulsipher, is fetching \$50-\$60.

NFL doesn't plan action against Giants after pecking

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — A day after the snowball-throwing incident that nearly caused the first forfeit in NFL history, the snow was gone at Giants Stadium, the beer taps were dry and a judge stood ready to conduct a trial of the snow.

As far as the NFL and New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority were concerned, there wasn't going to be another snowball debacle Sunday when the New York Jets played the New Orleans Saints. Saturday's embarrassing snowball episode perpetrated by unruly fans at the San Diego Chargers-New York Giants game was enough. It resulted in 14 arrests, 175 ejections and 15 injuries, and nearly caused referee Ron Blum to award a close game to San Diego in the fourth quarter, a decision that would have handed the Chargers a playoff berth.

NFL spokesman Joe Browne said Sunday that the league planned to review the incident after the Christmas holidays and again at its league meetings in March.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Atlanta takes final NFC playoff spot

The Associated Press

Atlanta waited almost to the very end to nail down the final NFC playoff berth.

The Falcons were the only team that could control its destiny on the last Sunday of the regular season, needing a win to clinch a wild-card spot. They got it late, edging San Francisco 28-27 and killing the playoff chances of Chicago, Minnesota and St. Louis in the process.

Bobby Hebert replaced an injured Jeff George for Atlanta and threw two touchdown passes to Terance Mathis, the last a 37-yarder with 1:45 left in the game. Then Kevin Ross intercepted Steve Young's pass with 19 seconds remaining to seal the victory.

The loss damaged San Francisco's hold on the home-field advantage in the playoffs. The 49ers, already winners of the NFC West, need NFC East champion Dallas to lose Monday night at Arizona to regain the edge.

Otherwise, the Cowboys get it. San Diego and Indianapolis clinched playoff berths on Saturday, the Chargers defeating the New York Giants 27-17 and the Colts downing New England 10-7. In Saturday's other game, Detroit won its seventh straight, battering Tampa Bay 37-10.

Falcons 28, 49ers 27

Atlanta overcame a record day by Jerry Rice, who caught 12 passes for 153 yards, giving him 942 receptions for his career, ahead of Art Monk's 940, and 1,848 yards this season breaking Charlie Hennigan's yardage mark of 1,746. Falcons placekicker Morten Andersen set a season mark for field goals of 50 or more yards with eight, kicking a 52-yarder in the first quarter and a 59-

Pro football

yarder — fourth longest in NFL history — just before halftime.

The Falcons play at Green Bay in the first round of the playoffs next Sunday; San Francisco has a first-round bye.

Redskins 20, Panthers 17
WASHINGTON — After four straight three-and-outs, the Washington Redskins came alive to kill Carolina's .500 dreams.

Slymied-by-the-Panthers defense for nearly two quarters, the Redskins put together a lightning-fast, 93-yard drive for the go-ahead touchdown in a 20-17 victory Sunday.

The win brought a promising end to the Redskins' third straight season of double-digit losses. Washington (6-10) won three of its last four. Carolina (7-9) completed a historic season just one game short of becoming the only first-year expansion team in modern U.S. major professional sports not to finish with a losing record.

With the score tied 10-10 and the ball on the Redskins' 7 following a punt, Henry Ellard blew by rookie cornerback Tyrone Poole for a 59-yard reception from Gus Frerotte.

On the next play, Michael Westbrook ran 33 yards on a reverse to set up Terry Allen's 1-yard TD run in the third quarter.

Broncos 31, Raiders 28

John Elway scored on a 2-point conversion to tie the game, then Denver recovered an Oakland fumble and Jason Elam kicked a 37-yard field goal in the last minute to win it.

It was another miracle comeback for the

NFL playoff schedule

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Wild-Card Round
Saturday, Dec. 30
Miami at Buffalo, 10:30 a.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 2 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 31
Atlanta at Green Bay, 10:30 a.m.
Indianapolis at San Diego, 2 p.m.
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 6
Pairings TBD, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 7
Pairings TBD, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 14
Pairings TBD, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Super Bowl
At Sun Devil Stadium
Tempe, Ariz.
Sunday, Jan. 28
AFC champion vs. NFC champion,
4:20 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 4
Pro Bowl at Honolulu

Denver's master of big finishes, and this one knocked the Raiders out of the playoffs. Oakland finished the season with six consecutive losses after starting 8-2.

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Did you know...
The Atlanta Falcons won the NFC West...
The Washington Redskins finished with a losing record...
The Denver Broncos won the AFC Championship...
The Oakland Raiders finished the season with six consecutive losses...
The Kansas City Chiefs won the AFC Championship...
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College Bowl lineup



CARQUEST

Arkansas (8-4) vs. North Carolina (8-5)
Miami, Dec. 30, 7:30 p.m. (TBS)

PEACH

Virginia (8-4) vs. Georgia (8-5)
Atlanta, Dec. 30, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

SUGAR

Texas (18-1) vs. Virginia Tech (9-2)
New Orleans, Dec. 31, 7 p.m. (ABC)

OUTBACK

Penn St. (8-3) vs. Auburn (8-3)
Tampa, Fla., Jan. 1, 11 a.m. (ESPN)

CITRUS

Tenn. (10-1) vs. Ohio St. (11-1)
Orlando, Fla., Jan. 1, 1 p.m. (ABC)

GATOR

Syracuse (8-3) vs. Clemson (8-3)
Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 1, 12:30 p.m. (NBC)

COTTON

Colorado (9-2) vs. Oregon (9-2)
Dallas, Texas, Jan. 1, 1:30 p.m. (CBS)

ROSE

Northwestern (10-1) vs. Southern California (8-2-1)
Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 1, 5 p.m. (ABC)

ORANGE

Notre Dame (9-2) vs. Florida State (9-2)
Miami, Fla., Jan. 1, 8 p.m. (CBS)

FIESTA

Nebraska (11-0) vs. Florida (12-0)
Tempe, Arizona, Jan. 2, 8:30 p.m. (CBS)

LAS VEGAS

Toledo (11-0-1) def. Nevada (9-3)
40-37 OT
Las Vegas, Dec. 14

ALOHA

Kansas (9-2) vs. UCLA (7-4)
Honolulu, Dec. 25, 3:30 p.m. (ABC)

COPPER

Air Force (8-4) vs. Texas Tech (8-3)
Tucson; Ariz., Dec. 27, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

ALAMO

Texas A&M (8-3) vs. Michigan (9-3)
San Antonio, Dec. 28, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

SUN

Washington (7-3-1) vs. Iowa (7-4)
El Paso, Texas, Dec. 29, 2:30 p.m. (CBS)

INDEPENDENCE

Michigan State (6-4-1) vs. LSU (6-4-1)
Shreveport, La., Dec. 29, 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)

HOLIDAY

Colorado St. (8-3) vs. Kansas St. (9-2)
San Diego, Dec. 29, 9 p.m. (ESPN)

LIBERTY

East Carolina (8-3) vs. Stanford (7-3-1)
Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 30, noon (ESPN)

Aloha Bowl features departing coaches

HONOLULU (AP) — Christmas 1995 means good for UCLA's Terry Donahue and Glen Mason of Kansas. They will coach their teams for the last time on Christmas morning, when they meet in the Aloha Bowl. Donahue, after 20 years at UCLA, makes a career change by becoming a CBS Sports analyst. Mason ends his eight-year run at Kansas by taking over the Georgia program.

"My emotion will be different from that of the team," Donahue said. "For me, there'll be a lot of emotion. As game-time approaches, I'll realize it will be my last game at UCLA."

"I think the full impact will hit me the night before the game. I'm sure reality will hit me then."

The change won't be as abrupt for

Mason, because it won't be a career change. He'll try to reverse the fortunes of the Bulldogs just as he did at Kansas, where he took over a downtrodden program in 1988 and had it in a postseason game five seasons later.

"I'm not leaving the profession," he said. "I've loved my stay in Lawrence (Kansas), the people, the university and players. I've been great. But the new challenge is something I can't pass up at this time."

Mason's departure was totally unexpected. After guiding the No. 11 Jayhawks to a 9-2 record, he made the stunning announcement

that he was leaving just hours before heading for Hawaii and the Aloha Bowl.

Despite constant badgering about their "lame-duck" status, both Donahue and Mason bristle at the thought they will be going through the motions in their finale.

"I'm here to win," Mason said. "Let me tell you, winning is a lot better than losing."

With the coaches' departures dominating the pregame attention, Donahue and Mason did their best to turn the attention to what's going to happen on the field.

Despite Kansas' national ranking and a better won-loss record, UCLA

is favored by five points and that has Donahue concerned.

Psychologically, it's a huge advantage for Kansas," he said. "I'm shocked, but I hope they (odds-makers) are right."

On the field, the Bruins should be at full-strength. Karim Abdul-Jabbar (270 carries for 1,419 yards) is just about fully recovered from a severe ankle sprain that kept him out of the last two games, and wide receiver Kevin Jordan hopes to return to his 1994 form of 73 receptions for 1,228 yards.

Mason will counter with a backfield of L.T. Levine (156 carries for 841 yards) and June Henley (158-766), and quarterback Mark Williams (174 of 282 for 1,957 yards and 14 touchdowns). Henley has also averaged 28.4 yards on 26 receptions.

Milanovich tries to save 'bad year'

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Football and fun haven't been synonymous for Scott Milanovich for quite a while.

The Maryland quarterback, once touted as a Heisman Trophy contender, watched his season — and his NFL stock — sink with a four-game suspension for gambling Monday's Blue-Gray game will be a chance for Milanovich to redeem himself.

"I try to look at it as a situation where I try to prove to people that I can fit in at the next level," said Milanovich, quarterback for the Blue team. "But you never know what people are going to think of you. Obviously, it was a tough season."

The NCAA suspended Milanovich, initially for eight games following a school probe that found he bet on college sports. A shot at the Heisman and a multimillion-dollar pro contract ended, all because of \$200 in wagers. Milanovich did not bet on games involving Maryland; the investigation found.

Had the NCAA not reduced the suspension to four games, Milanovich would have bypassed his senior season for the NFL supplemental draft.



Scott Milanovich Looking for redemption

"I was gone," he said. "Even before playing a game this season, Milanovich was the No. 1 career passer at Maryland, a school

that has seen the likes of Boomer Esiason. He was expected to put up more big numbers this season in coach Mark Duffner's run-and-shoot offense.

"I felt like I could get some recognition (for the Heisman) if we could put together a winning season," Milanovich said.

With backup Brian Cummings at quarterback, the Terrapins started 4-0.

After Milanovich returned from the suspension, Maryland went 2-5. A quarterback controversy ensued, with the school's most prolific passer getting benched in favor of Cummings, a sophomore.

Milanovich said nothing about football was fun this season. "Not really," he said. "It was just a bad year the whole time."

The irony in Milanovich's suspension is that millions of dollars is being illegally on college football every weekend. Milanovich and the four other Terrapins athletes had merely placed a few bets on charity sheets, something most college kids have done.

But there is a dark side to gambling, like addiction and financial disaster. And the possibility of

games being fixed when athletes bet was too much for the NCAA to overlook.

"I think it's been blown out of proportion, to a point," Milanovich said.

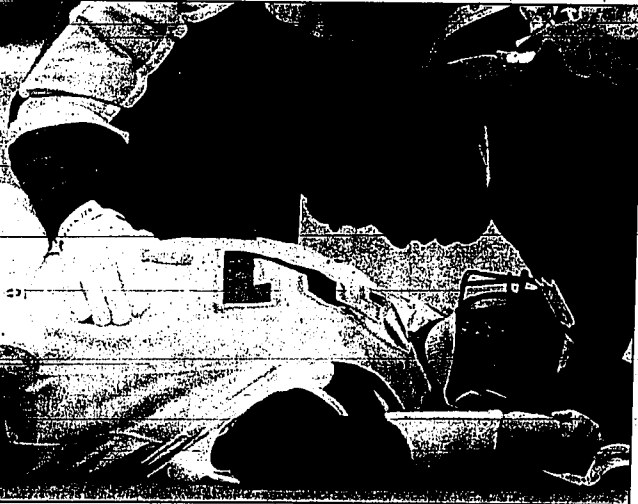
"I don't think people realize how small it is. On the other hand, I understand (the NCAA) is worried about people fixing games. It wasn't anything remotely like that, but I think they tried to use me as an example."

If the offensive display put on in last year's game is a trend, Milanovich could put up big numbers Monday.

The Blue won a 38-27 shootout that made it look like the offenses had been working together all season, rather than just a few days. It was the highest scoring game in the 38-year series.

Milanovich said his days have been filled with scouting interviews since arriving in Montgomery last week. How-damaged-the-goods are, in the scouts' minds, remains to be seen.

"Who knows what's going to happen," Milanovich said. "This certainly could have cost me a great deal of money."



Trainers attend to San Diego Chargers quarterback Stan Humphries after being injured on a tackle by New York Giants linebacker Mike Croel Saturday. The early prognosis is that Humphries will be able to play in the San Diego playoff game next weekend.

Favre takes 2nd-half beating; Humphries will return Sunday

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Green Bay's Brett Favre finished a remarkable regular season with two more touchdowns Sunday, giving him 38, the most ever for an NFC quarterback. Only Miami's Dan Marino, who threw 48 touchdowns in 1984 and 44 in 1986, has more touchdowns in a 16-game NFL season.

But Favre also was banged up in Green Bay's 24-19 victory over Pittsburgh that gave the Packers their first outright NFC Central championship since 1972 and secured a home playoff game against Atlanta on New Year's Eve.

He joins San Diego's Stan Humphries as playoff-bound quarterbacks injured in the final game of the regular season.

Humphries left Saturday's game against the New York Giants after sustaining a concussion in the first half. He is expected to return when the Chargers open the playoffs next Sunday.

Favre spit up blood on the sideline after a hard hit from linebacker Greg Lloyd and two other Steelers after he was stacked up at the goal line following an 8-yard scamper in the third quarter.

"Never in my life have I spit up blood like that, but I'm not going to let Jim (McMahon) steal my touchdown pass," Favre said.

Favre, who sustained a concussion in the pre-season thanks to Lloyd's crown-to-chin hit which drew a \$12,000 fine, said he'd see doctors again Monday, but didn't think his injury was anything serious.

"I just know that something's bleeding, I'm not a doctor, but I know that much," Favre said.

Favre also said he didn't think he'd miss any action as the Packers prepare to play host to the Falcons in the playoffs.

Although he stayed in the game and threw a 1-yard touchdown to Mark Chmura on the snap following Lloyd's goal-line hit, Favre left the game on the Packers' next series after more hard hits from Lloyd and linebacker Kevin Greene.

Greene was unblocked and knocked Favre out of the game for a few snaps. McMahon came in and completed a 6-yard pass to Robert Brooks to set up Chris Jacke's 47-yard field goal that made it 24-13.

"The first time Brett was hurting pretty good, but he's a tough guy. I don't understand what happened," Packers coach Mike Holmgren said.

"I think he landed on the football and couldn't breathe. Then I called a dumb play and got him hit again," Favre finished 23-for-32 for 301 yards, giving him an NFL-best 4,413 yards this season.

"If Brett Favre's not the MVP of this league, I don't know who is," defensive end Reggie White said. "He's carried this team the whole way. And he's going to carry us a long way."

Confident Lions talk the talk

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Lions are going into the NFL playoffs just the way they want — with their best regular-season winning streak in 33 years.

They beat the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 37-10 Saturday for their seventh straight victory and are in the playoffs for the fourth time in five years. And, with the No. 1 offense in the NFL, the Lions are confident they can beat any team.

"We're clicking right now and we're right where we want to be," wide receiver Herman Moore said. "You couldn't ask for our squad to be as healthy as it is, or to be on all cylinders like we are."

What a difference from two months ago, when the Lions were 3-6 and coach Wayne Fontes was in trouble with owner William Clay Ford. But that only gave Fontes a chance to do what he does best.

After Ford's much-publicized "playoffs-or-else" ultimatum, Fontes rallied the team, restored hope, and smoothed out differences between the players and coaches.

"I feel good for this team," Fontes said. "It's great that we're in it. The thing to do now is take a deep breath and try to go on."

That, indeed, has long been a problem for the Lions. They have won only one playoff game for Fontes, in 1991. Ford and the fans will expect more this time.

"And maybe the Lions can deliver. Certainly they have learned to handle pressure over the last two months. I don't care who it is," Moore said. "Bring 'em on, baby!"

The thing that gives the Lions reason for optimism is the improvement of their defense.



Detroit Lions running back Barry Sanders tries to run away from Tampa Bay's Santana Dotson and Tony Boule during a second-quarter run Saturday.

Tampa Bay showed the Lions still are vulnerable to the run, yet Detroit forced four turnovers and was attacking right to the end.

"We're an experienced playoff team now," linebacker Chris Spielman said. "You're not dealing with a first-year group. You're dealing with guys that have been there and understand the focus and understand the attention."

"Because this is for keeps now. You lose, you're done, you go home."

It is the Lions' first seven-game winning streak during the regular season since 1962. The Lions won seven straight in 1991 — the final six of the regular season and one game in the playoffs.

The Lions had simply too much firepower for the Bucs. Scott Mitchell completed 26 of 41 passes for 352 yards as Detroit outdefended Tampa Bay 408-315. The Lions' defense had two fumble recoveries and two interceptions.

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Cardinals coach will return after dismal year

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Buddy Ryan brought the Arizona Cardinals instant recognition, more fans and their first Monday night game since 1988.

Owner Bill Bidwill also had winning seasons and playoff appearances in mind when he hired Ryan nearly two years ago, and he's still waiting.

In fact, the Cardinals (4-11) will finish with a worse record than the 7-9 mark that got coach Joe Bugel fired after the 1993 season.

And, win or lose against Dallas Monday night, Ryan will have his worst season. Even his first Philadelphia team was 5-10-1.

In the unpredictable politics of coaching, though, Ryan may be more secure in his job than Barry Switzer of the Cowboys. Despite an 11-4 record, Switzer has been under since losing to Philadelphia two weeks after a costly controversial decision.

Cowboys in position to clinch the home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

Switzer's relationship with quarterback Troy Aikman, who transferred to UCLA rather than finish his college career under Switzer at Oklahoma, also has the coach in trouble.

Aikman hinted at retirement last week, telling the Fort Worth Star-Telegram he wouldn't let his \$6 million salary stand in his way if he got fed up.

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

Aikman might want to first check out the two weeks after the Cardinals' 20-14 Sunday. Also, San Francisco's 28-27 loss to Atlanta put the

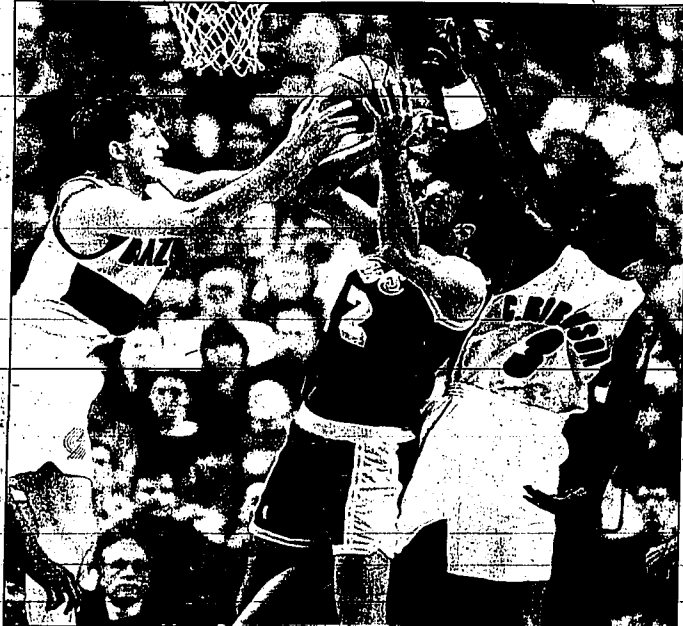
season despite passing for more yards (3,422) than any Cardinals quarterback since Neil Lomax in 1987.

Ryan said last week he thought Krieg would become a backup if the Cardinals sign Philadelphia's Randall Cunningham. There are no guarantees for Krieg if Bidwill decides to fire Ryan, either.

And offensive coordinator Dave Atkins appears to be one of the casualties of Arizona's NFL-low in touchdowns — the offense has scored only 20 of the team's 25 TDs.

Early in the season, Ryan relieved Atkins of his play-calling responsibilities and gave them to receivers coach Ted Brown.

"Nobody knows what's going to happen," Krieg said. "Nobody knows if they're coming back." Ryan maintains that he's not a candidate for unemployment even though his team has had six of its last seven after a first half of play full of blunders. Given Bidwill's reputation for secrecy, no one knows.



Los Angeles Lakers center Steve Nisly, center, battles Portland Trail Blazers Chris Dudley and Clifford Robinson for a rebound during their NBA game in Portland Saturday.

Trail Blazers fizzle at free-throw line

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Clunk. Clunk. Clunk.

These are ugly times for the Portland Trail Blazers. They've lost five in a row, their longest skid in six seasons. Their 11-14 record is their worst since the season since that same 1988-89 season.

And they're missing free throws at a record pace. If they don't improve, they'll become the worst team from the foul line in the history of the NBA.

Through 25 games, the Blazers are shooting .622 from the foul line. (465-for-747). The all-time record for free throw futility is .635 by the Philadelphia Warriors in the 1967-68 season.

"There's not much more I can say about free throws," Portland's Clifford Robinson said. "I wish I had a magic remedy, a magic spell I could put these guys under. But right now you just have to continue to play through it."

"For me to continue to try to make up excuses for why we're not making free throws is ridiculous."

The Blazers were 21-for-36 (.583) from the line Saturday night in a 102-99 home loss to the Los Angeles Lakers.

It was the third straight game, and 13th time this season, that Portland had shot below 60 percent at the line.

The problem is starting to feed on itself, Rod Strickland said.



"I know I'm struggling mentally at the free throw line," he said. "You just have to try to come out of it and try to stay positive."

It's not that the team doesn't practice. Coach P.J. Carlesimo kept the players an extra 20 minutes at Saturday's shootaround just to shoot free throws. The problem is beyond practicing, Strickland said.

"You can shoot 500 in practice and make 500 of them," he said. "But once you step on the line in a game, it's a different thing."

Robinson and Strickland, the team's leading scorers, are shooting .623 and .633, respectively, from the line.

But the problem is epidemic throughout the roster. Rookie Randolph Childress is 17-for-20 from the line, but no other player who sees regular action is shooting better than 75 percent.

Opposing coaches are beginning to use Portland's free throw ineptitude in their strategy, fouling the Blazers rather than giving up an easy basket.

Not that free throws have been the entire problem. The team's field goal shooting has been erratic, as has the players' effort. Arvydas Sabonis, a potent offensive

weapon, missed four of the last six games with a sore back. Even when he does play, he can see only limited action because of his injury.

The losing skid that began with an overtime loss at Vancouver could last a while longer. Portland plays at Utah Tuesday night. The next game, at home against Boston, would seem a good candidate for a victory.

But Robinson insists the Blazers have shown they can be a good team, with victories against Orlando, New York, Utah and Houston.

"If we can just get back to doing the things that we were doing to make us that good team, then we'll be fine," he said.

Meanwhile, the togetherness that the players on this fragile roster insist is a reality is experiencing a tough test.

Can positive chemistry continue as the losses mount? No one is making any promises.

"Let's hope," Strickland said.

Anderson may find few takers after Nets

Newsday

Kenny Anderson will hire agent David Falk later this week and the two will discuss Anderson's future.

They will plot a way to make Anderson rich. They will seek to place Anderson with a winning team and a smart front office, both of which have never been confused with the Nets.

When they try to relocate Anderson, they may learn that it's best for him to stay in New Jersey.

Anderson will have trouble finding a contender that wants him badly.

Some teams are lukewarm about him. Others can't fit him under the salary cap. Others would rather save their money and spend it on bigger players. Others don't think Anderson will be the best point guard on the free-agent market.

Anderson says he is uncertain whether to sign with the Nets or embrace free agency. If he chooses the latter, he will be traded before the Feb. 22 deadline.

The best trade option for the Nets at the moment is Anderson for Tim Hardaway of the Golden State Warriors. The teams have already discussed the free agent-for-free agent swap, and have agreed to make the deal if neither team can find a better one.

Anderson isn't high on playing for the Warriors because he isn't a West Coast guy and the Warriors aren't the Nets.

Anderson would like to play in Miami but Heat Coach Pat Riley isn't an Anderson fan. When he coached the New York Knicks, Riley used to turn Derek Harper loose on Anderson because he felt Anderson didn't have Harper's tenacity. Plus, Riley loves defenders and doesn't believe Anderson



is the answer for the Magic's Benji Hardaway. Riley would rather have Gary Payton of the Seattle SuperSonics, a dogged defender, who also becomes free next summer.

Anderson wouldn't mind the Hornets, except Charlotte would not spend its money next summer looking for an Alfonso Mourning-replacement.

Plus, they're still not ready to give up on Muggsy Bogues. The Hornets would listen if the Nets tossed in P.J. Brown, a player Hornets coach Allan Bristow loves, but that probably won't happen.

Pacers Coach Larry Brown wants to move Mark Jackson but Indiana isn't pestering the Nets about Anderson. Plus, the Pacers, who already gave Derrick McKey \$24 million over five years, have their own free-agent problems.

They must re-sign Reggie Miller, and Antonio Davis.

The Knicks are curious about how Anderson would fit into Don Nelson's system, but that's about the extent of their interest. They aren't prepared to give up Charles Oakley for Anderson before the trade deadline.

If the Knicks are going to get Anderson, it'll be this summer, not this season.

The Detroit Pistons would like Anderson but they have nothing to give the Nets. Unless New Jersey wants Terry Mills back.

Most of the other contenders either don't need point guards (Suns, Lakers, Jazz, etc.) or can't afford Anderson because they're committed to signing their own free agents (the Bulls would deliver Robert Pack to the Nets but must re-sign Juan Howard, who'll get at least \$10 million per).

Garnett proves good enough for NBA now

The Hartford Courant

BOSTON — Given the cold, bold world he has entered, the most refreshing — and frightening — thing about Kevin Garnett is that he really does not know his age. He prefers to shoot his jumpers with lucky rubber bands around his wrists, and scrawl "Da Kid" in black ink across his sneakers. When his teammates go to a club, he goes home and plays video games.

With a \$5.6 million, three-year contract, Garnett can afford the controversy. But when you're 19, not everything's legal.

Six months ago, Garnett was going to his senior prom. Now he's trying to guard a Seattle Pippen. Those dance steps are a lot harder to learn.

But the Timberwolves — the Stengel Mets, but without the laughs — believe that Garnett will flourish. The kid destroyed All-Star prep competition the summer after his senior year at Chicago's Admiral Farragut High. At about the same time, he was failing to get the standardized test scores he needed to get a college scholarship.

Garnett said he probably would have gone to Maryland. He still will, only now he'll be playing the Bulls.

Those Garnett's age go into the service, go off to the real world all the time, and nobody makes a big fuss. But when a kid goes straight from high school to the NBA, some act as if it's child abuse.

Lonely, is all. Garnett is the fifth American kid in 21 years to go to the NBA without playing college basketball. Of the others — Moses Malone, Bill Walton, Darryl Dawkins and Shawn Kemp — only Malone made the transition easily.

The 6-foot-11, 220-pound Garnett says it's a good life, but an enthusiasm soon when he recalls sitting alone and watching the official opening of the college basketball season — Midnight Madness — on ESPN. College is where his superstar buddies are. Garnett is on the long and winding NBA road in an aseptic hotel room, or at his suburban Minneapolis home with his childhood friend Jaime "Bug" Peters, listening to CDs and staring at

Garnett says he doesn't go out much, doesn't drink or smoke. Used to, he says, and all it got him was trouble.

Garnett grew up in Mauldin, S.C., but his life changed forever after his junior year. Arrested with four others during a hallway fight, Garnett was briefly jailed — charges were dropped — and was facing possible expulsion from school. When he went to a summer basketball camp and crushed the competition, coaches recruited him to play his senior year at Admiral Farragut, on Chicago's gang-infested West Side. His mother went to Chicago with him, but moved back to South Carolina when he turned pro. Garnett, who doesn't know his father, says he and his mother aren't very close anymore.

Garnett isn't close to NBA superstardom, but that's a matter of age, not talent. With 10 minutes, 21 seconds left in the first half against the Celtics Friday night, Garnett made a beautiful block on a driving Rick Fox, who seemed out of Garnett's reach. It was the kind of block that most NBA big men could not have made. And because it was made by a rookie, it took the crowd's attention school no less, the official whistled Garnett for his third foul in six minutes.

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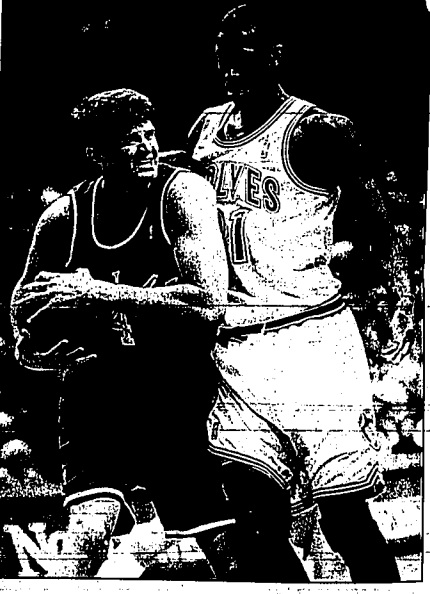
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Minnesota Timberwolves forward Kevin Garnett pressures Dallas Mavericks center Cherokee Parks in the first quarter in Minneapolis Saturday.

Vancouver media discover Bulls not always friendly

The Hartford Courant

The FleetCenter patrons in Boston who were brushed aside when they asked for Michael Jordan's autograph Monday night shouldn't take it personally. His Ainess says he's not signing autographs anymore.

This season, he's been dealing to do with Jordan, signing it with a card company, could it?

"I don't want to be put on a pedestal," His Ainess said. "I've gotten away from signing autographs. I try to just talk to people because to me, that's more valuable than something scribbled on a piece of paper. Some people don't understand, but you have to force the issue."

White North tend to be more matter-of-factly, more reticent about approaching their athletic gods, but they also expect some consideration in return.

The Vancouver media, perhaps

overly accustomed to the genial off-conduct of most NHL players, did not react kindly when the Bulls treated Vancouver like just another road stop.

It seems that several players, including Scottie Pippen, Jordan and Dennis Rodman would not give interviews after practice and Coach Phil Jackson didn't return the local media's phone calls.

Vancouver Province columnist Tony Gallagher wrote: "Arrogance comes in a good many packages, but some of the prototypical specimens on the Chicago Bulls have honed it to an art form. Jordan has been on the road hanging around hotels for 10 days now. But he's far too busy to call ahead to Vancouver for five minutes where the Grizzlies are doing their utmost to sell the product and create more jobs for these prizes."

Sorry, Vancouver. Welcome to the NBA.

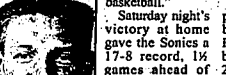
Schrempf on sideline, but Sonics still winning

SEATTLE (AP) — Even without Delfef Schrempf, the Seattle SuperSonics are in the NBA's Pacific Division lead and intend to stay there.

"I don't think you rate how you're playing," Shawn Kemp said. "We're just trying to hold up the fort until he comes back."

After a 118-100 victory over the Washington Bullets Saturday night, the Sonics are 4-2 since Schrempf was lost with a broken left leg. The All-Star forward is expected to be out another month.

"I think they've all played very responsibly," coach George Karl said. "I don't know if we're playing pretty basketball, but we're playing winning basketball."



Schrempf

Against the Bullets, a team that starts 7-foot-7 George Mursan at center, the Sonics had a 58-39 rebounding advantage.

And the Sonics are a club that has had problems on the boards.

Kemp had 15 rebounds and 18 points. Ervin Johnson came off the bench to get 11 rebounds. Guard Gary Payton had 27 points and 11 rebounds, and Hershey Hawkins scored 22.

"One of our key players is out and this is what we're supposed to do," Payton said. "That's what's motivating us. It's just like Orlando when they lost Shaq (Shaquille O'Neal)."

The brush Payton didn't hesitate to tell Bullets coach Jim Lynum who was in charge in an exchange during the game.

"I'm running this team," he said. "Disappointing first-round losers in the playoffs the past two seasons, the

Sonics averaged 60 regular-season victories under Karl in 1994 and 1995. When Schrempf was injured against Portland Dec. 9, some people thought the Sonics would go into a tailspin.

"It hasn't happened. We're playing good basketball," Payton said. "When Delfef gets back, he'll make us even better."

Payton and Kemp, both All-Stars, can't carry the team by themselves. They need help and they got it, from Hawkins and the 6-11 Johnson against the Bullets. When the Sonics turned a 5-point first-quarter deficit into a 10-point halftime lead, Johnson contributed 10 key points.

Florida St. coach advertises his feelings to fans

The Hartford Courant

When was the last time you read a letter of apology from a coach?

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Kenedy's thoughts — and read between the lines — he was apologizing for the way the Seminoles played in a 79-61 home loss to the Huskies Dec. 12.

Kennedy, who later said he was just showing appreciation for Florida State fans, denies the letter was an "apology." It's true he never actually used the word "apology," or said he was sorry for anything. But these clearly were the words of a coach searching for support from alumni and fans.

Love may mean never having to say you're sorry, but after a consecutive losing season, Kennedy's letter in attendance, there isn't a Division I coach in America who would assume it is still loved.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the fans that attended our most recent University of Connecticut game," Kennedy said in the letter. "All of you created a super crowd and what could have been a good home court advantage."

Leon County Civic Center and watched the Seminoles hit one of their first 19 field goal attempts. Average attendance for Florida State's first three home games had been 4,231.

Kennedy goes on to say "you great Seminole faithful were still in your seats supporting and exactly true. While most of the student fans stuck around, a lot of booster fans bailed out midway through the second half when UConn stretched its lead to 29."

Kennedy paid for the ad. He may be hoping fans will remember his letter and stay seated the next time the Seminoles are being blown out.

After all, it does are reflecting blown out when the home team is down by 29 and the crowd is leaving.

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A tragedy on ice

Travis Roy was skating when he was 20 months old, playing hockey at 3, and at 14 listed his goal as being a pro. But 11 seconds into his first college hockey shift, Roy was paralyzed when he crashed into the boards. Two months later, he faces a Christmas knowing that he probably will never walk again.

By Howard Ulman
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Travis Roy and his parents drove down a dirt road between rows of Christmas trees last year. They stopped, and he strolled among the pines, searching for just the right one.

The year before, he had joked about his mother's selection at the tree farm near their home in tiny Yarmouth, Maine. So this time, his parents made him choose.

"We put him right on the spot," his father, Lee Roy, said with a nostalgic smile, recalling the moment. "He was just laughing."

The young man started sawing, but his parents kept up their playful criticism.

"Even if he picked the best tree, which it was, we wouldn't have told him," Lee Roy said. "We all have it in our heads."

Last Christmas Day, the wreaths were on the doors of their 144-year-old home with the big lawn in the center of town. The candles were in the windows. The stockings were hung.

Travis Roy's tree was decorated with small blue, wooden ornaments and popcorn on a string.

"Christmas, to the Roy family, is probably one of the most special occasions," the father said.

Travis Roy will spend his Christmas in a bed at the New England Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center of the Boston University Medical Center.

He has virtually no feeling or movement from the neck down.

He will have two Christmas trees in his room — both artificial because of hospital fire safety rules. One, about 18 inches tall, sits atop a TV set and is decorated with homemade hockey-related ornaments. The other, about the same size, is on a table nearby, trimmed more traditionally.

"I thought, 'Well, what gift are we going to get for Travis?'" Lee Roy said. "I haven't come up with a thing that is really going to bring joy or happiness to him."

Ten days before his 17th birthday, he was happy as they sat in the stands before the hockey game on Oct. 20. Roy was pumped up. Only a freshman, he had won a spot in the opening-night lineup for Boston University, the national champion.

Tim Pratt, his coach the past two seasons at Tabors Academy in Marion, Mass., talked to the parents five minutes before the game.

"They were saying how this is the most excited they've ever seen him," Pratt said. "Ten minutes later, it ended."

Roy, only 165 pounds, sped toward the corner to check a North Dakota opponent. But the player moved to avoid contact, and Roy brushed against him and crashed head-first into the boards.

The fourth cervical vertebra about midway down his neck burst. Eleven seconds into his first college shift, he was paralyzed from the neck down. But he had reached his goal of playing Division I hockey.

"No doubt about it," Lee Roy said, putting his left hand to the center of his chest as his eyes grew misty. "He made it."

When he was 14, Roy asked his parents to sit with him in the family room. He unfolded a piece of paper. On it, the precocious teen had written his goals.

"The ultimate athletic goal was to have the opportunity to play professional hockey," Lee Roy said.

All that is gone for a dedicated youngster who first skated when he was 20 months old, was playing hockey games with older kids when he was 3, and sat up for the first time since his injury about a week ago.

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Now that focus is on helping Roy. The Royals are a very warm, tight-knit family, and one of his parents has slept in his hospital room nearly every night since his injury. They've been there to scratch his cheek at 3 a.m.

"If you want the absolute picture of pure, undiluted courage, take a look at the Travis Roy family," Boston University hockey coach Jack Parker said.

In recent weeks, Roy has suffered severe abdominal pain. His father said Roy has moved his right hand, but it's unlikely he ever will move his fingers individually, or walk again. But Lee Roy is hopeful medical advances will allow the 20-year-old to do what he can't do now.

Dr. Susan Bieder Bergman, Roy's lead physician, said an area of research is using electrical stimulation to bypass the damaged spinal cord and activate muscles. She said it's too early to predict how much Roy will improve, although there has been movement in some arm muscles.

"There are people who have recovery every day. Then there are some who don't change at all," she said. "It seems to be in that middle category where there have been some changes, but it's very slow and it's hard to say how far they're going to go."

She said another patient whose fourth cervical vertebra was damaged, like Roy, is in his third year at law school. And she's optimistic that Roy will attend his sister's wedding April 27 in a wheelchair.

Pick an adjective — friendly, thoughtful, considerate, loving, hard-working, dedicated, humble. All have been used to describe Roy.

"This will tell you what kind of kid he is," Pratt said. "My wife and I are expecting our first child in May. I didn't even know he knew. He could just mouth words and the first thing he said when I visited is 'congratulations.' It just blew me away."

The outpouring of support has been even more astounding. Thousands of cards and letters have arrived from places like Saudi Arabia and Japan. A radio station raised \$452,000 in cash and \$150,000 in services in one day to help with medical bills. A hockey fan called three times from Australia.

It was a slight apology. He had the respect of literally everybody. Jay O'Brien, who coached Roy as a freshman at Yarmouth High School, said, "I believe that's why this is happening."

O'Brien, a family friend, said there's no doubt Roy would have reached the NHL. "He had that kind of skill level and the dedication and the discipline," he said. "He was not the biggest and not the fastest, but he clearly was the smartest player on the ice."

"He would have been an outstanding college player," Parker said. "He had a commitment to the game, and he would have proven that at this level and maybe at the next level."

Roy has spent almost his entire life around hockey.

His father was MVP at the University of Maine and also managed the North Yarmouth Academy rink. He was assistant operations manager at another rink where the Maine Mariners of the AHL played. His son rode with him on the Zamboni. From age 7, Travis Roy hung around players-and-coaches who went on to the NHL. He even took some time to the bench at practices and his No. 24 game jersey behind the team's bench at all his games.

"He knows he's still part of the team," Pandolfo said.

King, the son of former Calgary Flames coach Dave King, remembers when Roy's parents took their son's belongings from the room he had shared with three freshmen.

"They took his bed out and now there's a lot more room, but I don't want a lot of room. I'd much rather have Travis," King said.

Lee Roy brushes away tears when he recalls that day he went to the room and saw a sign the roommates had put on the door with Lee's quote from a news conference: "Travis will return."

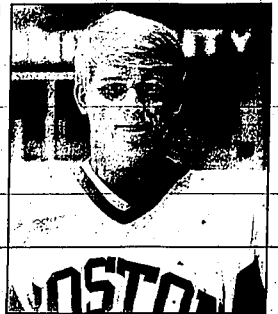
His parents and friends are confident he'll return to overcome his later obstacle as Florida's Doug MacLean, who is coaching a disciplined, tight-checking game much like the style that led the Devils to the Cup last season, is the early leader for NHL contention of the year. And he's looking for a team to make a bid for the Vezina Trophy as

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Travis Roy
Spends his Christmas in hospital care. In his legs-probably aren't going to work.

Parker visits frequently. Once they talked about the team's injuries.

"He just looked at me and said, 'I'll be back in two weeks.'" Parker said, chuckling at the memory.

But then there was the time Roy told his father, "I just want to be normal. I just want to be me." He can't be. It's a done deal," Lee Roy said.

When Lee Roy found out at the hospital that his son was paralyzed, he went off by himself and cried. The son he had taken to so many chilly, pre-dawn practices would never play hockey again.

"After about 15 minutes I said, 'This isn't helping me or helping anybody, so it's time to get on with things,'" he said.

The Royals still fight thoughts of "what if?" But Lee Roy also can compassionately analyze the tragic play. With photos of it on a coffee table a foot away, he demonstrated his son's position going into the check. He even has studied the photos with him.

"It's never bothered me" to look at them, Lee Roy said. "This was just another play. The end result stinks, but there's nothing we can do to change that, so why dwell on that?"

O'Brien said Roy won't do that either.

"He won't wallow in any self-pity," his first high school coach said. "I haven't heard him say once, 'Why me?'"

Boston University hockey player Travis Roy of Yarmouth, Maine, is placed on a stretcher, Oct. 30, 1995, after suffering a serious neck injury in a game against North Dakota at the Walter Brown Arena in Boston. BU's team doctor said Roy was paralyzed from the neck down.

member of the golf squad.

"He had a net right there in the driveway," O'Brien said. "You could go by it any time of day and see him shooting putts in the net."

Bill Salsbury cut the youth's hair in his shop across the road from the Royals' house.

"There was always a soccer ball going or a hockey puck and you'd see him packing up his stuff in the mornings and heading out to practice," Salsbury said. "No one knows how he'll make out, but certainly, if he will have a chance of coming through this, he will do it."

Lee Roy sits cradled in the corner of a white couch in an apartment that Boston University has made available near the hospital. The roof of the church outside the window is covered with snow. On the floor is a copy of the Hockey News next to a small book, "Wisdom From the Bible."

"Good friendship, good egoism," Lee Roy said in his New England accent as his mind drifted to those Christmas days back home when the Royals cut down their own trees. Then his vision started to break. "There are regrets that it's not going to happen this year, but there'll be others," he said.

He's surrounded by cartons filled with messages from well-wishers. One from an employee of the East Coast Hockey League in North Carolina, whose teams are raising money for Roy, has captured the reason for all the interest.

"She summed it up by saying, 'He's the boy next door, he's the son, he's the friend, he's the brother, he's the family member, and everybody can relate to that,'" Lee Roy said.

"There's another reason for all his sympathy: 'How many people have you ever seen in your life literally break their neck?'" he said.

The game was televised and there were more writers and photographers than usual because the NCAA championship banner was to be raised. Roy already had played in an exhibition game, but the big game was the regular-season opener.

The play was shown repeatedly on televi-

sion. A photo of the blond young man who had worked so hard to reach his goal has appeared in magazines and newspapers.

Cans with Roy's photo, filled with shoppers' spare change; sit-on convenience stores; The NHL is raising money. The Dallas Stars set up a fund to buy him a van. The Boston police played the Secret Service in a benefit hockey game. An annual golf tournament is in the works. New fund-raisers keep cropping up.

Vice President Al Gore visited. President Clinton wrote a letter.

Wayne Gretzky stopped by and quietly made a sizable donation. Strangers have hugged Lee Roy at airports. The Royals are thankful for the support and sympathy.

One note came from a girl Lee figures to be about 5 years old. Inside were five creased \$1 bills.

"I feel certain, looking at her bills, that they came out of a piggy bank," he said. "That epitomized what everybody was feeling and saying. The dollar amount really wasn't the important thing. It's the thought, the care, the warmth, the love."

Denis Byrd, the former New York Jet partially paralyzed during a game, wrote: "In the quiet times of the night remember — somewhere I will be saying a prayer for you or thinking about you. Somehow, some way, God will make your trial a Blessing. Finding this Blessing is up to you."

Then there are the kids, writing with pencils and crayons.

"I really wish you could just take a drink of magic potion and get all better," one wrote.

Dr. Bergman said Roy's spirits are generally good. His mother said his mind is sharp and his sense of humor intact.

"It's still uplifting for me that we know that he was in there," she said.

"His heart is exactly the same heart that has always been there. It's a caring heart," Lee Roy said. "The only thing that's differ-

Lee Roy looks at more pleasant photos. A smile creased his soft face as he proudly showed off pictures in the family album — a 3-day-old Travis leaving the hospital in his mother's arms, Travis with a litter of puppies he helped deliver, Travis with the trout he and his father caught in Arizona, Travis sailing.

"Somehow, some way, we're going to get him out on that saiboon," Lee Roy said.

Roy no longer uses a ventilator to assist his breathing. And he can talk again. On Dec. 11, the tracheotomy in his throat was plugged and he called up his father, who had returned from Boston to Maine for a day of work at his rink.

"He says, 'It's me.' I said, 'Travis?'" he said. "Yes, and I about died," Lee Roy said, a big grin now brightening his face. "My reaction to hearing his voice after seven weeks is like a person returned. He was there."

And he will be there. Lee Roy said: when to get married at the Yarmouth Town Meeting Hall in four months. Before the injury, she had decided to postpone the wedding until after the hockey season so he could attend.

"I've pictured this," Brenda Roy said. "My son will take me down the aisle. My son was going to be the shining star. He'll just have finished his first year in hockey. He's a good-looking kid."

"Now, if Travis wants it and it's appropriate, I'll take me down the aisle in a wheelchair."

Tobi told Roy she's afraid he'd be uncomfortable and wouldn't want to attend, but he reassured his sister he'd be there. And doctors are optimistic that he'll be out of the hospital by then.

It will be one happy day the Royals can look forward to as they cope with their son's tragedy. It would be an occasion to cherish together, just as they shared so many joyful Christmas.

"I want him there because ..." Brenda Roy said, unable to continue as her voice broke.

"Her husband finished: '... he belongs there.'"

Panthers and Lemieux get high marks at NHL's Christmas break

The Associated Press

The Florida Panthers and Mario Lemieux have passed their mid-term examinations with flying colors.

As the NHL approaches the halfway point, the Panthers have been the league's most surprising team and Lemieux its most spectacular player.

At the Christmas break, the Panthers have the top point among the 26 teams with 52, while Lemieux leads in scoring with 76 points.

The third-year Panthers, who haven't made the playoffs in their brief history, didn't figure to be the team to lead the league. The defending Stanley Cup champion New Jersey Devils, Philadelphia Flyers and New York Rangers.

As it has turned out, the Devils have had a tough time keeping up with the other three, as have the other teams in



the league. At the break, the Atlanta Division has three of the top four teams in the league in the Panthers, Rangers and Flyers. The other is the Detroit Red Wings of the Central.

Although they have yet to face the Panthers, the Panthers are 10-5-0 against teams in their division as Florida's Doug MacLean, who is coaching a disciplined, tight-checking game much like the style that led the Devils to the Cup last season, is the early leader for NHL contention of the year. And he's looking for a team to make a bid for the Vezina Trophy as

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The Devils, meanwhile, are finding out how tough it is to defend the Cup. They are sixth in the division standings.

Rangers coach Colic Campbell likes the competition in the Atlantic because "the situation brings out the effort in everyone. There is quality top to bottom." The Rangers are on a four-home-ice streak with a 13-0-3 record in their last 16 games at Madison Square Garden.

Teams in the Western Conference are aware of the Atlantic Division's strength.

They are good teams and hard to beat, especially in their buildings," Colorado's Peter Forsberg said.

Forsberg is among the reasons the Avalanche got off to such a good start in the Pacific Division, challenging the Red Wings for supremacy in the West.

quipped: "I didn't think I was that old."

Meanwhile, Gretzky, also 34, is playing with renewed energy on a Los Angeles Kings line that features one of the league's top rookies, Russian sensation Vitali Yachmenev. Gretzky, the NHL's all-time goalscorer, is competing off the worst season of his 17-year career.

Gretzky has sparked the revitalized Kings, who are among the upper-echelon teams in the Pacific Division.

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Briefly in sports

Hill didn't get Christmas bowl wish

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — University of Arkansas running back Madre Hill won't be getting what he wants for Christmas. While his Razorbacks teammates are in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., preparing for Saturday's Carquest Bowl against North Carolina, Hill is in Malvern, Ark., recovering from surgery to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament. But Hill will fly in to be on the sideline for the game.

He blew out the knee in the Southeastern Conference Championship game Dec. 2 against University of Florida.

Hill's voice cracked and his eyes teared when discussing his uncertain future.

"It happened. Now it's time to move on and work to get back to the point where I was or get a little better," he said.

Hill knew he was hurt badly when he went down in the Florida game.

"I knew right there. I felt it. I felt a warm sensation. I knew right then I wasn't capable of getting up," he said.

Falcons kicker breaks record for goals

ATLANTA — Morten Andersen of the Atlanta Falcons broke the NFL record for field goals of 50 yards or more in a season when he kicked his seventh in the first quarter of Sunday's game against San Francisco.

Andersen later connected on a 59-yarder — the fourth longest in league history — just before halftime to cut the 49ers lead to 21-16.

The first-quarter kick covered 52 yards and was Andersen's fourth straight from 50 or more yards in his last two games in the Georgia Dome.

The longest field goal of Andersen's career is 60 yards, coming on Oct. 27, 1991, against Chicago when he was with the New Orleans Saints.

Knight shows his sweet side in ad.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Bob Knight takes quite a stretch in his latest acting role.

The prickly Indiana University coach shows a sweet side with a fondness for picnics and puppies in his turn as a pitcher-for-the-sugar-substitute NutraSweet.

In the ad that premiered Saturday, Knight kicks back while a group of fictional players fumbles through practice.

"They are just kids, so they miss a basket. It's a game. It's time for me to enjoy the sweet things in life. Picnics, puppies," he says.

After a player falls asleep during the practice, Knight asks politely, "Mitchell, would you like to play now?"

Then a player manages to hit Knight in the head with a basketball. The coach flashes a friendly smile at the cringing player.

"We were looking for celebrities that had a spicy side or sour personality, so we could sweeten them with NutraSweet," said Dave Kellis, a spokesman for the Chicago advertising firm of Ogilvy & Mather.



Knight

Graf pays holiday visit to jailed father

HAMBURG, Germany — Tennis star Steffi Graf, hobbling on crutches after foot surgery, had a tearful Christmas reunion with her jailed father.

Steffi, accompanied by her mother, Heidi, and brother, Michael, visited Peter Graf on Friday in the Mannheim prison, where he is in investigative custody, the Bild am Sonntag newspaper said.

"They fell into each other's arms, crying ... she promised to post any bond that could lead to his release," the newspaper said in describing the family reunion.

Peter Graf is not allowed to receive Christmas presents and Steffi could give him only some fruit and biscuits while in the prison store, Bild said.

Although in jail, Peter Graf is enjoying gourmet meals, catered daily by a luxury hotel in Mannheim. The main dish he ordered for his Christmas Day menu, according to Bild: venison in a hazelnut crust.

Myers finally prevails, gets series ring

NEW YORK — Although he got a quarter of a share — amounting to \$21,443 — after the New York Mets won the 1986 World Series, relief pitcher Randy Myers didn't get a ring.

That's because the Mets decided on a cutoff point for part-timers like Myers, who were not with the club for all of that season. Now, thanks to general manager Joe McIlvaine, one of the principal targets of Myers' nine-year campaign, the Baltimore Orioles' left-hander recently got his memento.

"I told Joe it would be easier on him if he just gave us the rings," Myers said.

McIlvaine conceded he caved in to Myers' persistence.

"One of the things I always liked in Randy as a player is that he always kept coming at you," McIlvaine said. "This was the same: It was Randy being Randy."

Also getting rings were Terry Leach, Dave Magadan and Barry Lyons.

Ex-Browns' player Bob Gain shot

CLEVELAND — Former Cleveland Browns defensive tackle Bob Gain was shot and wounded in a domestic argument, police said.

Gain, 66, was in critical condition Sunday at MetroHealth Medical Center, said Ruth Tomkins, a nursing supervisor.

Police said a woman was taken into custody but no charges were filed. The woman's name was not released.

Gain played 12 years for the Browns and was selected for five Pro Bowls before retiring in 1964. He won the Outland Trophy at the University of Kentucky in 1950 as the top lineman in college football.

The shooting occurred just before midnight at his suburban Cleveland home.

Croatia's Ivic to lead UAE soccer team

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Croatian soccer coach Tomislav Ivic was hired Sunday as coach of the United Arab Emirates' national team, agreeing to a one-year contract.

Ivic has been coach of FC Porto and Benfica of Lisbon in Portugal, Paris-St. Germain and AS Monaco, and Atletico de Madrid in Spain.

His predecessors in the UAE include former England coach Don Revie and former Brazil coaches Carlos Alberto Parreira and Mario Zagallo.

The UAE qualified for the 1990 World Cup but failed to qualify for the 1994 tournament.

Haskins given more Olympic duties

MINNEAPOLIS — The U.S. Olympic Committee has placed Minnesota men's basketball coach Clem Haskins in charge of Team USA.

Haskins, already an assistant coach of the four-man Olympic basketball staff, was given the duties of the team's chief administrator last week by Dr. Ralph Haler, chief of mission for the team.

That essentially makes Haskins the general manager of Team USA.

Haskins will coordinate and plan the team's participation in the Olympic Games and attend all USOC administration meetings.

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Steinbrenner plays bully to perfection

Newday

Rob Butcher is a guy who frequently would work 100-hour weeks, and his job was perhaps the hardest, most stressful and least gratifying in all of baseball. Butcher was the New York Yankees' public relations director, up until Friday anyway. That is when George Steinbrenner fired him for not being at a news conference that Butcher actually attended. Which makes about as much sense as making an offer to David Cone and then lowering that offer the next day, which Steinbrenner also did.



George Steinbrenner Plays Grinch this holiday

Butcher, hard-working, responsible and honest almost to a fault, is said to have been fired. But things can only go up from here. What must it be like to work for a man who threatened to fire you 11 times in three years?

Steinbrenner once blamed a tabloid heading "Boss Scrooge," on Butcher, as if it were Butcher's fault. Steinbrenner threatened to fire Butcher the Friday after "Boss Scrooge" two years ago, telling the young man, "Go have an uneasy weekend, and I'll think about whether I'm going to fire you on Monday." That is what is known as cruel and unusual. Around YankeeLand, that is also business as usual.

Being the Yankees' PR man means you have all the risks and headaches of the manager and general manager, without the high six figure salary. Butcher was on call 168 hours a week. But Butcher, 32, was doing it for \$50,000 this year, and he was doing it for \$32,000 the three years before this one. After the guy who cleans out the bathroom stalls, Butcher may have

sounded more like the advice of a friend than a direct order, and that seems correct. Butcher figured the only risk was that an unexpected snowstorm might prevent him from making it back for the news conference.

With the Cone decision dragging on several extra days (thanks to Steinbrenner's bizarre negotiating tactic of jowling his offer to Cone), Butcher did leave for Wilmington, Ohio, on Thursday at 1:45 p.m., as planned and OK'd — after working five hours on his first supposed day off, no less. If Cone decided to stay with the Yankees, Butcher knew he might have to scramble to get back to New York for the news conference.

Butcher's sister had a baby Friday, and Butcher was getting a rare day off. So the timing couldn't be better. Or so he thought. But now, Butcher has to worry what people think of his work ethic, which couldn't have been much better.

"If I signed David Cone on Christmas Day, I'd fly back to New York that day," Butcher said Saturday. "I know that's a big story, the biggest story of the winter."

Knowing-the-story-is-important, Butcher called his office when he arrived in Columbus around 5:30 p.m. and was told that Cone finally had decided to remain a Yankee. Butcher made all the necessary calls to the media, had his assistant John Thurbury set up the news conference, and booked a 7 a.m. flight back to New York. He also called Steinbrenner to tell him he'd be there for the news conference, as the

owner demanded. It was then that Steinbrenner calmly told Butcher that it was time for him to find another job.

Unsure whether that was threat No. 12 or the real thing, Butcher flew back to New York for the 2 p.m. news conference. He arrived at 12:30 p.m., in plenty of time. But when Butcher got to the Stadium, chief counsel David Sussman wanted to speak to him. This time the firing was real.

"I gambled and I lost," Butcher said. He tried to satisfy his family and Steinbrenner, and sometimes that just isn't possible, although it's hard to determine exactly why Steinbrenner was so upset. He got Cone, and the news conference went off without a hitch. Butcher inconvenienced only himself.

It seems now that Steinbrenner wanted Butcher there for the phone call on Thursday. That Thursday handled Steinbrenner's call and made the requisite calls to the media outlets didn't matter to Steinbrenner. It was like Lou Finella all over again, only an easier mark, an unknown, \$50,000-a-year man. Steinbrenner couldn't be reached Saturday, and Sussman declined comment Friday. Richman defended Butcher to young p.r. man's job, as he has saved so many other jobs in the past. But now Richman is defending the firing. This would be an easier case to make if the Steinbrenner era didn't include 12 changes of p.r. men, 21 changes of managers and 34 changes of pitching coaches.

Around the leagues: Kenny Rogers should have taken Texas' Rangers four-year, \$17.5-million offer, which the team pulled off the table Saturday. He has been telling friends that he's pitched as well as Cone the past three years and that Cone's \$19.5-million deal with the Yankees should up his ante. Rogers also thinks his per-year value should be greater than the \$4.3 million good friend Kevin Brown got from the Florida Marlins. Hey, Kenny, get a grip. Texas' offer was a pretty damned good deal for an ex-reliever.

Speaking of the Rangers, we have to question whether they have a clue. Why sign mostly DH Mickey Tetlowen when Juan Gonzalez and Dean Palmer have injury problems and may have to occupy that spot? Teams have inquired about Palmer but teams also want to wait until spring training to see whether Palmer's arm injury has healed.

Fired Chicago White Sox hitting coach Walt Hiriakki was the first man fired for grumpiness. He was replaced by Bill Buckner, who finally is showing signs of getting over the grounder after years of self-torture. ... Let me get this straight: The New York Mets suddenly have interest in Cone because John Franco tells them he's heard through the grapevine that the pitcher is having reservations about the Yankees? If the Mets wanted Cone so badly, shouldn't they have been in the chase from the start? ... Regardless, we shouldn't be criticizing the Mets. They finally did something interesting enough to warrant back-page attention after spending two months tinkering.

Athletes' ads make right pitch

Knight-Ridder News Service

SAN JOE, Calif. — Young Patrick Ewing ducks a fight. A high school mathematics wizard attracts a crowd of admirers, most of them NFL stars.

What a year for sports public service advertisements aimed at teen-agers. The front-runner for year's best had been Nike's "Let Me Play Sports" campaign, in which middle school-aged girls cite statistical ways they are less likely to "fall prey" to health and societal woes if they participate in sports. It is eerie but effective.

The Ewing PSA (as they say in the trade) his just as hard. It will air Wednesday during the Warriors at Bulls game on TBS and was produced by the NBA, part of a series of such public-service ads the NBA has been producing the past eight years.

"Patrick's is really based on a true story, about being different, being from somewhere else (Jamaica)," said Sondra Haley, an NBA spokeswoman. "It hits close to home, that push in the balls."

Hearing Ewing say, "In front of everyone, I walked away," would benefit a lot of misguided people.

1995 year in sports 12 answers

1. **Who was the MVP?** Barry Bonds
2. **Who was the Rookie of the Year?** Tim Lincecum
3. **Who was the Cy Young Award winner?** Greg Maddux
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NFL

Continued from B1
Packers 24, Steelers 19
Like the teams, Green Bay had to wait to the very end to clinch its first division championship in 23 years and end Pittsburgh's eight-game winning streak. The Steelers' Yancey Thigpen dropped a certain touchdown pass in the end zone on fourth down with 11 seconds to play. Brett Favre threw two TD passes for the Packers giving him 38 for the season, third-best in NFL history. The Steelers, AFC Central champs, have a first-round playoff bye.

Bears 20, Eagles 14
Chicago's victory over Philadelphia turned out to be meaningless as Atlanta rallied to beat San Francisco and take the last NFC playoff spot. The Bears got two touchdowns, passes from Erik Kramer, giving him 29 for the season and breaking Sid Luckman's club record set in 1943. He already held club records for attempts, completions and yards, and is still only NFL quarterback to play every snap for his team this season.

Bengals 27, Vikings 24
Minnesota wasted a 21-point lead allowing Cincinnati to rally for 24 consecutive points in the second half capped by Doug Peirry's 51-yard field goal as time ran out. The loss was almost anticlimactic for Minnesota, eliminated from playoff consideration before the game was over.

Oilers 28, Bills 17
Houston shocked Buffalo rookie

Todd Collins five times and Rodney Thomas scored two touchdowns as the Oilers beat the Bills. Steve McNair, making his second career start at quarterback for Houston, completed 12 of 26 passes for 168 yards and a touchdown.

Buffalo, winner of the AFC East, will be home for a first-round playoff game next Saturday.

Jaguars 24, Browns 21
Mike Hollis kicked a 34-yard field goal as time expired to give Jacksonville its fourth victory of the season. It came on a second chance after Cleveland was ruled offside on a missed 39-yard attempt by Hollis.

Saints 12, Jets 0
Jim Everett threw a TD pass and Doug Brien kicked a pair of field goals as New Orleans blanked New York.

The loss left the Jets at 3-13, the worst record in franchise history, and gave them the No. 1 pick in the draft next April.

Dolphins 41, Rams 22
ST. LOUIS — The Miami Dolphins made a final playoff push, while the St. Louis Rams played out the string.

Dan Marino threw two touchdown passes and the Dolphins (9-7) scored three touchdowns after St. Louis turnovers in a 41-22 victory Sunday. The Dolphins then slipped into the final AFC playoff spot when Denver came home behind to defeat Oakland 27-28.

St. Louis (7-9) began the year 4-0, just as the Dolphins had, but was outscored an average of 35-19 in dropping five of the last six.

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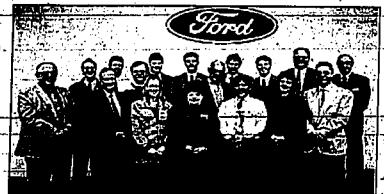
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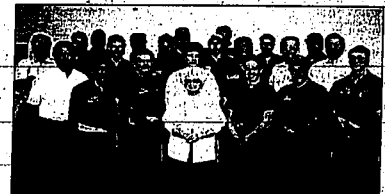


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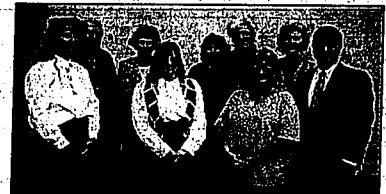


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A few of our employees were not available during photo sessions, they too, wish you a Merry Christmas.

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Around the valley

Wendell native heads for service in Bosnia

WENDELL - The son of Karen Tesser has been deployed to Bosnia to serve with the multinational peacekeeping force.

Army Spec. Chris McGavin departed his base in Vilshich, Germany, Monday. He works in Army intelligence.

The Times-News is compiling a list of names of locals who are deployed to the Balkans. If you know someone with local roots who has been deployed, please call 733-0931, ext. 266.

Jerome police assure citizens murder was isolated incident

JEROME - With an unsolved murder on their hands, Jerome police want to assure citizens the case was a "one-time" crime.

Wilma Mobley, 84, was killed in her Jerome home on West I Ave. on Aug. 9. Her body was found the next day by a neighbor. According to autopsy reports Mobley was beaten to death with a sharp instrument.

"We are going back over everything, but we feel quite sure it was an isolated situation," said Chief of Police Jim Dahl. "We continue to get little tidbits of information and the investigation is continuing."

No motive has been established.

Crack down on traffic crimes increases number of citations

JEROME - Jerome police are cracking down on traffic crimes.

"This is something we haven't done much of before, but now we're putting out more patrols on Jerome streets and that's increasing the number of citations we're giving," Police Chief Jim Dahl said. "People better slow down."

Speeding and failure to yield are the main offenses, he said. A ticket for speeding 20 miles or more over the speed limit requires payment of a \$101.50 fine. Violators with a misdemeanor or felony charge are taken to traffic court.

Special attention is being given to 20-mile-an-hour speed zones near schools between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Wendell to vote on bond issue to improve water system

WENDELL - The City Council suspended the rules, declared an emergency, and adopted a bond issue ordinance.

The \$700,000 bond issue election was set for Feb. 6 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Wendell Senior Center. The bond issue would be paid off in one to 30 years with revenue from the city's water system.

The bond's anticipated interest rate is 5.61 percent but could range from 3 to 8 percent.

The city has no debt, but the bond would create an estimated debt of \$116 million.

In a related matter, Mayor Lynn Nelson announced that the city successfully passed the first screening for a \$500,000 grant from the state Department of Commerce. The grant and bond are part of a \$1.4 million plan to upgrade the city's water system.

Hub Butte landfill to close for New Years Day

TWIN FALLS - The county landfill at Hub Butte and all transfer stations in Twin Falls County will close for New Years Day.

The dump will not accept rubbish between noon on Dec. 30 and 8 a.m. on Jan. 2.

Tours to be given at planned Sakho power project

FILER - Anyone with an interest in the Sakho Hydroelectric Project, near Filer, can have a close look at the proposed site on a Jan. 10 tour.

Interested persons should meet at 8 a.m. at the Twin Falls office of J-U-B Engineers, Inc., at 800 Falls Ave. E. For directions or additional details, call Tracy Ahrens at 733-2414.

Located in the Kastell drainage area, about a half mile from the Snake River, the proposed hydro scheme would harness irrigation returns and water from a pair of unnamed springs. Annual electrical production is estimated at 1.17 million kilowatt hours.

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Activist continues to blame Batt for waste

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Yet again, anti-nuclear activist Peter Rickards is pointing an accusing finger at Idaho Gov. Phil Batt - insisting that Batt's nuclear waste agreement killed the state's last chance to keep plutonium from being dug-up, then reburied over southern Idaho's groundwater supply.

"He and his advisors made a conscious decision not to challenge the reburial of cancer-causing plutonium particles that were buried over the aquifer," Rickards charged in an interview.

State lawyers agree that Idaho's legal challenge of Uncle Sam's environmental clean-up plan was dropped when Batt's nuclear waste files were signed Oct. 16. They maintain that dismissal of the suit means little because it wasn't aimed at re-burial of plutonium at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory.

Instead of attacking the plutonium reburial issue by challenging the environmental



Batt restoration document, Idaho assistant attorney general Nick Krema said Batt's deal confirmed Uncle Sam's previous agreements - under former Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus - and won new concessions for the removal of transuranic waste.

Some 24 million cubic feet of transuranic waste presently is buried at the INEL. Most of it is plutonium-contaminated equipment used to produce nuclear weapons at Rocky Flats, northwest of Denver.

By anyone's measure, plutonium particles are worth worrying about when they're

buried over the Eastern Snake River Plain-Aquifer - which provides drinking water for tens of thousands of southern Idaho residents. Plutonium particles remain radioactive for more than 200,000 years - and some have been detected 240 feet beneath the INEL.

"That's halfway to the aquifer, and it's only taken 45 years for them to get there," Rickards said.

Federal and state officials, however, say plutonium is a heavy metal that doesn't move through the ground easily. Plutonium beneath INEL was washed down by floods more than 20 years ago - and hasn't moved much since.

Batt and Krema said the Oct. 16 agreement with federal authorities contains strong language about removal of plutonium-contaminated transuranic waste.

"There were significant existing obligations" that were re-affirmed, Krema said, adding: "The agreement also contains significant additional obligations."

"Our position is very apparent on its

face," he continued. "If you don't get the transuranic waste out, then no spent fuel comes into the state."

Though it centers on particles of plutonium, the dispute between Rickards and the state is clouded by semantics - and the definition of "transuranic waste."

As far as state and federal officials are concerned, the reburial standard is adequate. Rickards doesn't like the idea of a plutonium going back into the ground. Moreover, he fears materials that exceed the reburial standards can be combined with non-radioactive materials - such as cement - to produce an end product that will meet the re-burial criteria.

"The bottom line is that reburial hasn't happened yet, so I still consider it preventable," he said.

They say it's your birthday

Christmas babies don't celebrate; they eat leftovers

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Howard Miller could always figure out what he was getting for his birthday.

"My parents always got me stuff that went together," said Miller, born 44 years ago just as Santa was setting in for a long winter's nap. "So if I got handkerchiefs for Christmas, I knew I was going to get a cold for my birthday."

Many happy returns, Howard, who's among the lost souls born on Dec. 26 - and worse, Christmas. Those are the two days of the year when, to put it delicately, nobody gives a leftover necktie that's it's your birthday.

"Birthday cake?" said Roy Mix, a Twin Falls counselor and a birthday boy today. "Not when I was growing up. Maybe a candle in a piece of pumpkin pie."

"Nobody has any money left and everybody's busy" observed Ia Burgess of Jerome, who'll turn 73 today. "I didn't have a birthday cake until I was 53 years old."

Ouch.

"I hate it," said Lauren Wright of Wendell, 15 today. "Everybody's always giving you a present and saying, 'Merry Christmas. This is for birthday too.'"

Len Daniels of Twin Falls, who'll celebrate her 91st Christmas birthday today, has put it into perspective.

"Well, I have a nephew who has his birthday on the 28th," she said. "And I figured I always did better than he did."

"Everybody's just too tired," said Eileen Bruns, who'll turn 60 on Tuesday. "And nobody wants to bake a cake."

All that presents get piled together," said Shell Reynolds of Buhl, 14 on Tuesday. "And you don't get a lot of time to celebrate."

"You only get to celebrate once a year," says Tina Lattin of Twin Falls, who's turning 29 Tuesday. "Most people get to celebrate twice."

"When I was growing up, I used to send out invitations to my birthday party before school was out," said Barbara Mix, Roy's wife. "Come the 26th, nobody would show up."

The Mixes, at least, can commiserate with each other. They celebrate their birthdays together - on the 26th.

"One party," Barbara said. "Besides, that way Roy gets a turkey dinner on his birthday."

Cherie Meservy of Jerome, who'll turn 40 today, celebrated with Peking duck on Saturday. It's sort of a family event that husband Jim carries on.

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According to Cherie Meservy, when her expectant mother arrived at the hospital at Walker Air Force Base in Roswell, N.M., it was closed and all the patients had been dismissed for Christmas. But, it was re-opened for her birth.

Yule never guess who's older

- Some rich and famous born on Dec. 25 and Dec. 26:
- Today
- Jimmy Buffett, singer-songwriter, 49
- Larry Conkin, NFL Hall-of-Fame running back, 49
- Rickey Henderson, baseball's all-time stolen base king, 37
- Annie Lennox, singer-songwriter, 41
- Barbara Mandrell, singer-songwriter, 47
- Little Richard, rock 'n roll legend, 60
- Sissy Spacek, actress, 46
- Ken Stabler, NFL Hall-of-Fame quarterback, 50
- Tuesday
- Steve Allen, comedian and first "Tonight Show" host, 74
- Alan King, actor-comedian, 68
- Ozzy Smith, St. Louis Cardinals shortstop, 41
- Phil Spector, seminal rock 'n roll producer, 55

Watchdog downplays effects of plutonium

By Steve Koehler
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - Plutonium may not be as dangerous as some people think, the head of the state's nuclear watchdog agency recently told the Wendell Chamber of Commerce.

"Plutonium is heavier than lead. Even in small particles it doesn't blow around very easy, and it's flow with water," said Robert Ferguson, administrator of the state's INEL Oversight Program.

Plutonium that's seeped into the ground 240 feet below the dump at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, where 2.5 million cubic feet of plutonium-contaminated waste is flow with water, was washed down by floods, Ferguson said.

Flooding, for a burial ground, is not

swift," he said. "Water forces the materials deeper into the ground." A system of trenches, canals and pumps have, since been installed to prevent flooding, he said.

In the 1970s, heavy metals were dumped down an INEL waste injection well that has since been closed, Ferguson said. Those heavy metals have moved about 600 feet laterally in 30 years, but non-radioactive organic solvents have moved 10,000 feet, he said.

The solvent-contaminated area is part of a 20-year clean-up project.

Ferguson cited a report that downplays the dangers of plutonium. The 1995 report was written by a team of scientists at the Federal Energy Department's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, Calif.

plutonium particles cause lung cancer. But it estimates that one readily inhaled speck of plutonium would increase the risk of death by cancer by only .00017 percent.

"Plutonium is much less of a hazard in water than in air," the Livermore report said. Most of the plutonium would settle out, what remains in solution would be greatly diluted, and ingested plutonium is not readily soluble in the gastrointestinal tract, the report said.

"Although the dispersal of plutonium in air, by fire or explosion) would cause immense concern and cleanup problems, it would not result in widespread deaths or dire health consequences," the scientists

wrote. "Ignorance and fear should not play major roles in deciding how to deal with plutonium threats."

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On the agenda

Following is a list of governmental meetings that are scheduled this week in the Magic Valley. This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending. No meetings are scheduled today on Christmas holiday.

TUESDAY

Buhl School Board, 7 p.m., superintendent's office downtown.
 Minidoka County Democratic Party, 8 p.m., courthouse.
 Shoshone City Planning and Zoning Committee, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
 Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
 Wood River Medical Center Board, 5:30 p.m., medical center in Hailey.

WEDNESDAY

Cassia County Memorial Hospital Board, 5 p.m., hospital auditorium.
 Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
 Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

THURSDAY

Belleuve City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
 Gooding County Memorial Hospital Taxing District, 11 a.m., conference room at the hospital.
 Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Hagerman Senior Center.
 Twin Falls County Commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
 Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

FRIDAY

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

Unlicensed companies given boot

BOISE (AP) — The state Department of Finance has ordered four out-of-state companies offering to make or arrange loans for an advance fee to stop doing business in Idaho.

Cease-and-desist orders were issued against Brooks and McNair Credit Corp., Peter Brooks, Eldon Schultz and Paul Evans of New York and Denver; Stern-Roder Inc. and Peter Nolan of Las Vegas, Nev.; Ernest Lawrence Group and David Bowman of New York; and Financial Services Network and Edward Anderson of Elmin, N.Y., the Finance Department announced Friday.

Gavin "Gee," the agency's acting director, said the companies reportedly offered to help consumers seeking debt consolidation and other consumer loans. But Idaho law requires that anyone who promises to arrange credit for others to be licensed with the Department of Finance, and none of the companies involved are licensed.

How Idaho lawmakers voted

House	Chenoweth	Crapo
1) SECURITIES		
The House on Wednesday approved, 319-100, a bill restricting class action securities fraud lawsuits. The vote overrides a veto by President Clinton, who said the measure would hurt investors with legitimate complaints. A "yes" vote favors the bill curbing lawsuits.	Yes	Yes
Senate	Craig	Kempthorne
2) WHITEWATER		
The Senate on Wednesday voted, 51-45, to take President Clinton to court to enforce its subpoena for documents relating to the Whitewater affair. The President later agreed to release the documents. A "yes" vote favors taking Clinton to court for the documents.	Yes	Yes

This week at CSI

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

TODAY
 College is closed for Christmas holiday.

TUESDAY
 Military testing will be held at 6 p.m. in Shields 201.

WEDNESDAY
 CSI baseball camp will be held from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Expo Center.

THURSDAY
 Baseball camp continues from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Expo Center.

FRIDAY
 Baseball camp continues from 8 a.m. to noon in the Expo Center and gymnasium.

SATURDAY
 Military testing will be held at 9 a.m. in Shields 201.

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Services

Carlos Arroyo, of Burley, 2 p.m. Tuesday, Paul 3rd Ward LDS Chapel.
 Viewing from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Tuesday at the church, (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Wednesday, First Baptist Church, 20 Linden Road in Lebanon, Pa.
 Viewing, 10 a.m. until time of the service on Wednesday at the church, (Rohlfand Funeral Home Inc. in Lebanon).

Tuesday at the funeral chapel.
 Donald Ray Hicks, of Buhl, memorial service, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Shelley Sizemore, of Boise, graveside services, 2 p.m. Tuesday, Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding, (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

Milton T. Jones, of Malad, noon Wednesday, Benson-Horsely Funeral Home, 132 W. 300 N. in Malad.
 Viewing, 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour before the service on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Max Casias Jr., of Rupert, 10 a.m. Thursday, Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St. in Burley.
 Viewing, 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary, (Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel).

Felix Luzzar, of Gooding, Rosary, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Demaray's Gooding Chapel, Mass of Christian Burial, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding. Viewing, 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the chapel.

Mabel Busby, of Twin Falls, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Viewing, 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Jane Schubert McHarg, formerly of Gooding, graveside service, 11 a.m. Jan. 9 at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

Thomas M. Speckman, of Fairfield, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Viewing, 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the chapel.

Death notices

Shirley L. Shoaff Yeoman, of Grace Community, Myerstown, Pa., and formerly of Wendell, 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 24, 1995 at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Clara Rytting
 RUBY Rytting, an 86-year-old Rupert resident, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 1995 at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary - Rupert Chapel.

Hospitals

Minidoka Memorial Hospital
 Discharged: Heyburn residents Jesse Taylor, and Kathy

Strate and her daughter, as well as Rupert residents Jerry Lish and Rose Leon.

Obituaries



Eula V. Evilsizer Gee

Eula Vivian Evilsizer Gee, 81, a Gooding resident, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 1995 at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center in Gooding.
 Eula was born on Aug. 14, 1914 in Butler, Mo., the daughter of Henry and Francis Evilsizer. She moved with her family as a young girl to Gooding, where she was raised with seven sisters. She attended schools in Gooding, graduating from Gooding High School.
 Eula married Charles L. Gee on Aug. 26, 1934 in Gooding at the Methodist parsonage. They farmed north of Gooding for many years. Eula and Charles enjoyed music, singing in duets and were part of a quartet. Eula enjoyed working in her yard and rose garden, and worked with her husband on the farm raising row crops, milking cows and raising sheep and pigs. Charles preceded her in death on Aug. 22, 1974.
 Eula was a lifetime member of the Gooding United Methodist Church, where she was a Sunday-school teacher, a member of the choir and active with the United Methodist Women. Eula was a 50-plus-year member of the Gooding Grange. She also was a member of the 20th Century Club, active with the Gooding Hospital Auxiliary, and served for many years with the American Red Cross Blood Bank.

Funeral home information, call 733-0931, extension 278

She cared for others, expecting nothing in return. At Christmas time, she would make homemade caramels and distribute them to friends. She loved and enjoyed her children and grandchildren and will be deeply missed by all.
 Eula is survived by her two children, Peggy (Lawrence) LaRue of Wendell, and Larry (Rhonnie) Gee of Rathbun, Idaho; her sisters, Dorothy (Dell) Cline of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Opal (Stan) Stanley of Medford, Ore.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
 Funeral services will be held Thursday, Dec. 28, 1995 at 2 p.m. at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Burial will be in the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Family and friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the chapel.
 The family suggests contributions be made to the Gooding United Methodist Church or a favorite charity.

Clara P. Golcochea

Clara Pagay Golcochea, 74, a Gooding resident, died Friday, Dec. 22, 1995 at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.
 Clara was born on Aug. 12, 1921 in Shoshone, Idaho, the daughter of Esteban and Maria Carmen Pagay. She was raised and educated in Detroit, where she graduated from high school. Clara lived for a short time in Carey before moving to Gooding, where she worked at the Safeway store.
 Clara married Rupert Golcochea on Dec. 26, 1947 in Gooding. They farmed in the Gooding area for a time. They then moved to the Shoshone/Richfield area, where they farmed and ranched for many years before selling their farm and retiring in 1981. They then moved to Gooding, where they have since resided. Clara and Rupert celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary this last year.
 Clara was a member of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding; a member of the Richfield Grange; a member of the Richfield PTA; former secretary of the Richfield-Riding Club; a Past Leader; and a member of the Friendship Club in Gooding.
 Clara is survived by her hus-

band, Rupert Golcochea of Gooding; two sons, Roger Golcochea of Boise and Ronnie Golcochea of Richfield; two daughters, Marie-Bullone and Couple Nice, both of Richfield; three sisters, Juanita Pavkov of Gooding, Carmen Clark of Boise, and Elsie Hawkins of Reno, Nev.; and six grandchildren.
 She was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Richard.
 Rosary services will be recited on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, Dec. 28, 1995 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding. Burial will be in the Richfield Cemetery.
 Friends may call to sign the register on Wednesday from 1 to 7 p.m. at the chapel.

Shelley D. Sizemore

Shelley Denise Sizemore, 22, a resident of Meridian, Idaho, died Sunday, Dec. 17, 1995 at the Hillcrest Hospital in Waco, Texas. Injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Waco.
 Shelley was born on May 9, 1973 in Texarkana, Texas, the daughter of Larry and Sharon Curry Talbert. She was raised and educated in Corsicana, Texas where she graduated from Corsicana High School in 1991. Shelley married Alan Sizemore on Jan. 7, 1995 in Gooding, Idaho. Their son, Cody Ryan Sizemore was born on Sept. 20, 1995. Shelley was employed at Micron in Boise where she worked in Computer Service.
 Shelley is survived by her husband and son, Alan and Cody Ryan Sizemore of Meridian; her parents, Larry and Sharon Talbert of Corsicana; two brothers, Robert Talbert of Corsicana; two sisters, Laura Ash of Brandon, Fla., and Stacy Holloway of Lancaster, Texas; and her grandmother, Cornelia Talbert of Orange, Texas.
 Graveside services will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1995 at 2 p.m. at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.
 Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Shelley Sizemore to the Cody Ryan Sizemore Trust Fund c/o any West One Bank in Boise.

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Magic Valley

County questions hospital compensation

By John Thompson
Times-News writer

RUPERT — A compromise on an agreement stipulating how much Minidoka County will reimburse a Rupert hospital for indigent care may not be negotiated before mid-January.

Minidoka Memorial Hospital officials and the Minidoka County Commission had hoped to negotiate a compromise before the new year.

Though some progress was made during a county commission meeting Friday, there is still some distance between the two entities in the negotiating process.

During a meeting of the hospital board last week, administrator Randy Holom said he would accept \$155,000 per year for the next two years from the county. He called the figure fair and advantageous to the county because it allows them to budget ahead.

But county commissioners rejected that two-year deal during Friday's meeting. The commissioners agreed to pay \$150,000 for this fiscal year with the stipulation that the contract be re-written, with several changes.

This is the third year the contract for indigent care has been in use. Because it is county owned, the hospital is required to provide care to anyone regardless of their ability to pay.

The contract stipulates that when a person claims indigence at the hospital, research that the claimant and determine if there is any other channels available, such as Medicaid or other government programs the claim is forwarded to the county.

The commissioners then make a decision based on the information provided by the hospital and whatever information they can

find. According to the commissioners, that is where the problems with the current contract start.

The commissioners contend that the hospital is not forwarding enough information for them to make an informed decision. Holom said it is sometimes difficult to thoroughly research a person's ability to pay, adding that people are not always honest with the hospital.

But he agrees that the hospital could be doing a better job in some areas such as quarterly reporting, and he said it will be a priority to improve in those areas in the upcoming year.

Though there are many differences in how each entity envisions the contract, both agree that it saves time and should be modified until it works.

The commissioners authorized County Clerk Diane Smith and County Prosecuting Attorney Clayne Zollinger to rewrite the contract and include several changes.

The commissioners discussed at length adding several stipulations to the contract that would force hospital officials to more thoroughly investigate each claimant to help determine their actual ability to pay.

In other business, Zollinger reported that sex crimes among juveniles and weapons in the schools are growing problems in Minidoka County. Year-to-date judicial statistics show more misdemeanors but fewer felonies this calendar year.

Sheriff Paul Fries asked about progress on an agreement with Rupert to buy a new repeater tower for the county's communications system. Commission Chairman John Rensberg said the city and county have not resolved their differences on how that communications upgrade will be funded.

Rupert artist turns glass into art

By Lisa Westenkow Dayley
Times-News writer

RUPERT — 'Tis the season for Becky Schow to get out her palette and transform the windows of Magic Valley businesses into Christmas murals done completely in white.

It's her Christmas gift to passersby.

The seventh of 10 children and the daughter of an interior decorator and advertising executive, Schow grew up surrounded by creativity.

A former-Boise resident, she has painted windows in the Magic Valley for 11 years. She lives here with her husband, Don, and their two children. She started painting for area businesses after painting windows for family and friend's businesses.

"It was a word of mouth thing," Schow said.

Because of the nature of the season, Schow paints only during the holidays.

"I get to absorb some of the Christmas spirit, even if it's just sharing a hello or a smile from a stranger," Schow said, adding that it's not everyone who gets to watch Santa escort an elderly lady across the street.

Schow makes her appointments in October and takes a month and a half to paint the town with her trademark white. Her paintings can be seen as early as the first of November and can be found as far away as Sun Valley.

She has taken her husband and children to look at her work — her best critics.

"They'll say 'That one needs a



Becky Schow of Rupert puts the finishing touches on a window painting in Burley Friday. Each Christmas season Schow spends a month and a half painting holiday scenes on area business windows.

little bit here' or 'that one's your best,'" Schow said.

She prefers white.

"I wanted to use white because it's so much fresher and more sophisticated. You can have the most beautiful color painting, but after awhile the eyes get tired," she said.

She considers her talent relaxing and therapeutic. Years of

training and a stint at Boise State University helped her learn about texture, balance and proportion.

Though she never has a pre-set image in mind to paint on a window, she's usually inspired when she starts to paint.

"The ideas just come," Schow said. She jokes that sometimes she'll

notice an unpainted window and can envision it finished in her mind.

Schow credits her vision to God.

"This is His season. Anything I might attain from doing these windows is not for me, but is a gift from Him. A God given gift is just what makes it all worth it."

Schreuder says she didn't coerce son to kill father

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Frances Bernice Schreuder maintains she did not coerce her son into killing her millionaire father in 1978, but concedes she may have created an atmosphere that "made it possible."

After spending 13 years in prison for her role in the slaying of her father, auto parts magnate Frank Bradshaw, Schreuder now is staying at the Parkview halfway house in Ogden.

She secured the spot by applying

to be a cook for the inmate residents.

At the halfway house, she talked about her father's death, abusive relationships she is trying to put behind her and efforts to make things right.

Before she went to prison, I'd been a battered wife. I was an emotional wreck. I suffered from a lot of things," Schreuder told the Deseret News in a copyright story published Sunday.

Birthdays

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"When I was growing up, my family used to have Chinese food on Thanksgiving," she said. "It was a little untraditional once I got married, so we switched it to Christmas Eve."

Cherie Meservy was one of those lucky yuletide birthday kids who had parents who went to great lengths to make sure she had a real birthday. She'd get separate birthday and Christmas gifts, and sometimes even a party on June 25 — her half-birthday.

Kimberly Hobbs of Twin Falls who gave birth to Laura a year ago today, is determined that her daughter will have some privilege.

"She's getting a party with presents

in the evening," Kimberly said. "After all the other presents are most."

Most Christmas and day-after birthday boys and girls would change natal days in a hot second — June is a popular alternative, as far from Christmas on the calendar as possible.

Not Daniels, who's had 90 Christmas to consider the point.

"It's perfect," she said. "I look forward to it. Every year, on Christmas, I get an angelfood cake, just for me."

Yuletide babies have heard that before.

"I used to get a special breakfast on my birthday," Miller said. "Eggs, bacon — and stuffing."

Living room village relaxes retired teacher



Twylla Hunt's 100-piece Snow Village collection wouldn't be complete without a Santa Claus in the shopping district. Hunt, of Burley, fills her living room every holiday season with her expansive collection, which has come to symbolize Christmas in her home.

Holiday community grows each year, includes over 100 houses

By Kevin Miller
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The little Christmas village is just how Twylla Hunt dreamed it would be — busy with holiday shoppers, clear of litter and lined with spiraling architectural marvels.

The streets are paved with snow, and on a pond, skaters are circling the ice on skates.

It's a storybook scene, and Hunt, a retired teacher, often just finds a comfortable seat among the bustle and watches it all go by.

Appropriately named Snow Village, the entire 100-house scene fits in her living room, with space to spare for a life-sized lighted Christmas tree decorated with sparkling crystals.

"The title 'Snow Village' reminds me of Christmas — peaceful, gentle, calm, quiet. Not like the real world," said Hunt, who has been collecting the pieces to her indoor utopia for more than 10 years.

What began as a single Christmas gift from her daughter has become a fascination that now symbolizes the holiday season for Hunt and her family. Her four children and 13 grandchildren open presents on Christmas day.

Hunt already knows what she's getting for Christmas, but the lack of suspense doesn't quell her excitement.

"My children have given me pieces for Christmas every year," Hunt said. "When they go someplace, they bring me pieces I don't have."

"You can't buy her anything else," her son Alan Hunt said. "She has everything."

The line of churches, houses, merchant buildings, factories, farmhouses and other scenes increases annually by five or six new pieces distributed by the manufacturer, Department 56. Hunt subscribes to a quarterly magazine that highlights her hobby, and is on a handful of mailing lists so she can get the valuable collectibles first.

Urban sprawl dominates her living room, but Hunt has planned the growth carefully. Using blocks, she gives the setting an appearance of terrain. The farming area, complete with miniature Holstein cows and tractors, are over the hillside from the town center, away from the churches, homes and businesses.

The airport is outside of town, where noise won't bother anyone.

"I worry about zoning and things like that when planning the layout," Hunt said. "Just envision the way I would like a city to be."

It takes two or three weeks to set up the intricately planned display. Each building has its own electrical wiring to light it up from the inside. Hunt tries to have Snow Village lit up by Thanksgiving and keeps it bright until the snow melts outside.

The snow never melts in Snow Village, where life is frozen in mid-step. Like some magical Christmas dream, though, the scene is busy in its inanimation.

"Every time you look, you see something a little bit different," Hunt said. "This is reality to me. To me, it's real."

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West

New book highlights Utah celebrities

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Former porn star Harry Reems, comedian Buddy Hackett and Mormon Church President Gordon Hinckley: Utah has them all. And now celebrity-seekers have a guide to finding them.

Just don't look for "Utah Celebrities: A Guide to the Stars" to be hawked on street corners or the shelves of Mormon Church-owned Deseret Book.

The paperback, which hit the market late last week, had its beginning as a flyer much like the maps sold on Hollywood and set corners.

Author Boyd Payne said he wanted to pinpoint the abodes of Robert Redford, Robert Ulrich — a couple of the better-known celebrities living in Utah.

The project sort of expanded from there.

writer Stephen R. Covey and former "Taxi" star Tony Danza.

Granted, most of the big names just own a condo or summer home. But a few actually make their homes here, Redford is one.

So is down-home actor Wilford Brimley, who can be seen putting about his yard in a surprisingly plain Salt Lake neighborhood or on his ranch in Lehi.

Payne started his star search last winter combing newspapers, magazines and public lists.

'The state's cosmopolitan ambience is tempered by a heavy dose of sobriety.'

— Introduction to 'Utah Celebrities: A Guide to the Stars'

He talked to local entertainment writers and shop owners in Deer Valley and Park City — two favorite venues of the rich and famous. He soon found celebrities are inclined to list their property in their spouse's name rather than their own and the rest was easy.

Kaki Hunter, who starred in the "Pork" series (I, II, III and Revenge) owns a modest home in Moab.

Tony Award-winning actor and composer Edward Herrmann ("Harry's War," "Annie" and "The Paper Chase") has a condominium in Park City. Bought-circuit comedian and Las Vegas headliner Buddy Hackett owns an undeveloped tract in Parowan's Red Canyon.

Aside from the stars, sports figures and business luminaries, there are 15 entries who readers not of the Beehive State will have a hard time recognizing: members of the ruling First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Payne said the decision to include them was made after he decided they were recognized worldwide.

"The state's cosmopolitan ambience is tempered by a heavy dose of sobriety," the introduction reads. "Yet the Mormon prophet and apostles turn heads and stop traffic like other prominent individuals."

Their inclusion proved to be problematic. Shortly after the catalog containing the book was sent to the purchasing department of Deseret Book, Payne got a call from the church's copyright division.

"They didn't want the general authorities included as celebrities. But we decided to go by what the dictionary defined a celebrity as — which is someone who is well recognized," Payne said.

Payne said so far, Deseret Book has declined to stock the book, but will order it if a customer requests it.

Most think Welch's Olympic pay OK 2 Moab women charged with perjury

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — By a slim margin, most Utah residents think the \$315,000 per year Olympics leader Tom Welch makes is either too little or just about right, a new public opinion survey shows.

The copyright Deseret News-KSL Poll, published Sunday, found 45 percent of the 720 people interviewed by Dan Jones & Associates thought Welch's salary was about right to run Salt Lake's efforts to put on the 2002 Winter Games.

Welch had criticized the salary, indicating it compared poorly to the \$669,000 being paid Billy Payne to head the 1996 Summer Games in Atlanta.

"I made a mistake," Welch said. "What the poll hopefully demonstrates is there is an understanding of the responsibility we have and the size and scope of this business opportunity for the state."

Six percent of those interviewed said Welch made too little, while 43 percent thought his salary is too high. Six percent were undecided.

The statewide poll, taken Dec. 11-13, has a margin of error of 4 percent.

Besides an annual salary of \$315,000 retroactive to July 1, Welch will also make a one-time bonus equal to his annual earnings.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A federal grand jury has indicted two Moab women on perjury charges in connection with testimony they gave during an investigation of illegal excavation of American Indian artifacts.

Joyce Wolsdorf, 25, and Penny Sue Kirby, 31, were charged with making false statements to the grand jury in Salt Lake City.

In September, the panel indicted Scott Timpson, 29, also Moab, on conspiracy and nine other counts for allegedly violating the Archaeological Resources Protection Act.

Timpson, whose felony case is pending, is accused of excavating prehistoric artifacts from the Polar Mesa Cave area of the Manti-La Sal National Forest in southeastern Utah.

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FIRST FEDERAL proudly supports the youth of our communities by announcing the nominees of the 7th Annual Student Recognition Awards. We are pleased to honor the academic and athletic excellence of these students as well as their outstanding leadership abilities. One student from each area high school, and one student from CSI will be chosen by their peers as the school's outstanding student for 1995. The winner from each school will receive a \$100 checking account at the nearest branch office of First Federal Savings Bank to start them on their way to financial security.

Bliss Danielle Thompson Bliss H.S. Danielle is the Secretary of the National Honor Society with a GPA of 3.87. She plans to continue her education at Lander's Clark State College majoring in Biology.		 Charles D. Wilkins Bliss H.S. Charles is currently the Secretary/Treasurer of the Senior Class as well as holding the same office of Honor Society. He is ranked third in his class with a GPA of 3.22.		 David A. Bishop Bliss H.S. David is ranked number two in his class. He is involved in Pop Band, the N.H.S. Team, Soccer, Masters, Honor Society, soccer, and basketball. His goal is to become a writer.		Buhl Andrew Williamson Buhl H.S. Andrew is the Senior Class Vice President for 1995-96. He is listed in the "Who's Who Among High School Students" for 1995. He is active in a wide variety of school activities.		 Sarah Thornbrow Buhl H.S. Sarah is a member of the National Honor Society and the Ecology Club President. She is an Academic All Star and was a National Merit Scholar candidate. His goal is to become an actor.		 Larry K. Avelar Buhl H.S. Larry has been active in Drama Club, Pop Club, Football, band, choir, FFA, N.H.S., Ecology Club, Science Club, as well as other student organizations. His goal is to become an actor.		Burley Amanda Wages Burley H.S. Throughout high school, Amanda has been active in FFA. She has served as Secretary and is currently the President of the Burley Chapter. She plans on entering the field of nursing.		 J.D. Judd Burley H.S. J.D. became involved in gymnastics in 1989 and began competing a year later. He has won state and regional championships. He plans on working for a degree in computer science.		 Cindy Robinson Burley H.S. Cindy is a member of the National Honor Society. She is also the State of Idaho Vice President for Business Professionals of America. She plans to attend college and earn a Masters in marketing.		Castleford Roger Wells Castleford H.S. Roger is a member of the National Honor Society. He was the Junior Class President and has earned his Eagle Scout award. He has been listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students."		 Shane Garrison Castleford H.S. Shane is a member of the National Honor Society. He has been active in FFA and sports. He has also been listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students."		 Patrick Darrow Castleford H.S. Patrick has been President of the National Honor Society. He has also been active in FFA and sports. Patrick earned the U of I Outstanding Scholar Award.	
 Kathie Ramey Calvary Christian Kathie has been Vice President and President of Home for Life and is currently sitting on the board. She has a 4.0 GPA and was named Student of the Year last year.		 Bethany Little Calvary Christian Bethany is the Student Body President of Calvary Christian School this year. As well as being listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students," she has also been active in track.		 Josh Walton Calvary Christian Josh, who is trying to graduate from high school a year early, is a member of the National Honor Society and is active in sports and other school activities.		 Shane Burton C.S.I. Shane is very active in and currently the President of the Eagle Native American Society. He is also the C.S.I. Ambassador and the ASICS Senator.		 Brent Kelm C.S.I. Brent is the Student Body President for 1995-96 and is on the Honor Roll. He is also an Eagle Scout and enjoys music, writing, and outdoor activities.		 Kelly Cope C.S.I. Kelly was elected Outstanding Sophomore Senator for 1995. He was also the ASICS Student Senator for 1994-95. Kelly was the American Diabetes State Delegate for 1995.		 Don Darrington Declo H.S. Through his high school career, Don has participated in football, track, band, wrestling, and Reliance Committee - all while maintaining a 4.0 GPA.		 Shari Hills Declo H.S. Shari is the President of the National Honor Society. She was the Sophomore Class President and is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students."		 Jan Zollinger Declo H.S. Jan has been a member of the National Honor Society throughout high school. She was the Sophomore Class President and is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students."		 Justin Lanting Filer H.S. Justin is Senior Class Vice President and maintains a 3.8 GPA. He has been very active in FFA for 3 years and is a member of Business Professionals of America.		 Maria Greif Filer H.S. Maria is the Student Body Secretary/Treasurer. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and has a GPA of 3.82. She is involved in the Moose Lodge Youth Awareness Program.		 Tyson K. Nelson Filer H.S. Tyson is the Student Body President and has held numerous other school offices. He is a member of the National Honor Society and has earned his Eagle Scout award.	
 Shelley Warr Hagerman H.S. Shelley is the President of the Senior Class and Business Professionals of America. She is also the Assistant Yearbook Editor and a member of the National Honor Society. She plans to attend Idaho.		 Anna Martin Hagerman H.S. Anna is the Student Body President and Treasurer of the National Honor Society. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and is active in other student organizations.		 Kristin Barnes Hagerman H.S. Kristin is currently the National Honor Society President and Treasurer. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and holds a 4.0 GPA.		 Larry Hollifield Hansen H.S. Larry is the Vice President and Secretary of the Senior Class. He is also the President of the National Honor Society and plans on attending college in the fall.		 Cade Davy Hansen H.S. Cade is currently the Student Body President. He is also the President of the Junior Class and is on the Honor Roll. He plans on attending college in the fall.		 Heidi Gibson Hansen H.S. Heidi is the Secretary of the Student Body and is on the Honor Roll. She is also the President of the National Honor Society and plans on attending college in elementary education.		 Jessica Tucker Jackpot H.S. Jessica is the first in her class with a GPA of 3.8. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has been Class President for 3 years. She is also the 1995 Outstanding Student in the State of Nevada.		 Jennifer Jameson Jackpot H.S. Jennifer has been the Vice President of her class for 2 years. After graduation she plans on joining the Army where she will be stationed in South Carolina studying mechanics.		 Pedro Cardoso Jackpot H.S. Pedro is a member of the National Honor Society. He is also a member of the National Industrial Club of America, and has been very active in sports throughout high school and has a GPA of 3.36.		 Kimber Burton Jerome H.S. Kimber is the Student Body President, the President of the Speech Team, President of National Peer Helpers, and a member of the National Honor Society. Her GPA is 3.84.		 Chad Barker Jerome H.S. Chad is a member of the National Honor Society and is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students." He has been involved in football and wrestling and has a GPA of 3.94.		 Nicole L. Madgen Jerome H.S. Nicole is number 1 in her class with a GPA of 4.0. She is active in debate, advanced speech, and the National Honor Society. She plans on studying political science, history, or pre-law.	
 Brad Andrew Kimberly H.S. Brad has been active in the National Honor Society, Business Professionals of America, and football and track. He plans to attend Utah State University.		 Richelle Anderson Kimberly H.S. Richelle has been active in the National Honor Society, Business Professionals of America, and National Helpers. She is preparing for a career in agriculture.		 Luke Mickelson Kimberly H.S. Luke is the Student Body President of Kimberly High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is active in sports and other school activities.		 Tammy Kay McCaughey Magic Valley H.S. Tammy Kay dropped out of school during her Sophomore year. One year later, upon returning to school, she earned a 3.8 GPA. She now plans to attend college in the fall.		 Amy Bruce Magic Valley H.S. Amy is the Secretary and Communicator for her Senior Class. She is a Freshman cheerleader. She plans on attending college in the fall.		 Hunter Hancock Magic Valley H.S. Hunter has participated in public service forums for the school district to promote the Magic Valley Alternative High School. He is the Senior Class Vice President. He has been accepted by "Up With People."		 Brian Gilchrist Mini Cassia H.S. Brian, a native of Orange County, California, moved to Idaho when he was 10. Since moving here, he has been actively involved in rodeo, having won several buckles and other awards.		 Heather Johnson Mini Cassia H.S. Heather is currently living with her mother and trying to finish school. She is very thankful for the Mini Cassia Opportunity School giving her the opportunity to finish her education.		 Amanda Rawson Mini Cassia H.S. Amanda enjoys reading and camping. She would like to become a florist.		 Raul Sheen Minico H.S. Raul is the Outstanding Senior of the Year for 1995. He is a National Honor Society member and is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students" with a 3.8 GPA.		 Leigh Roberts Minico H.S. Leigh is a member of the National Honor Society and is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students" with a 3.75.		 Meghann Bell Minico H.S. Meghann is currently the Student Body President. She attended Gila State and Idaho Business Week. She will be attending a leadership conference in Washington D.C. in January.	
 Todd Brown Murtaugh H.S. Todd enjoys being the community service coordinator at helping other students. He is the Student Body Vice President, a member of the National Honor Society, and a National Helper.		 Jason Egbert Murtaugh H.S. Jason is the President of the National Honor Society for 1995-96. He is a 4-year member of the FFA, Chairman of the Activities Committee. He is preparing for a career in agriculture.		 Aimee Bland Murtaugh H.S. Aimee is a member of the National Honor Society, a variety cheerleader, and a 4-year member. She is also a member of the FFA and attended a BPA National Convention. She hopes to study law.		 Matt Smith Oakley H.S. Matt is the President of the Senior Class. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students." He plans to attend college.		 Catherine Hale Oakley H.S. Catherine is the Student Body President for 1995-96. She has been very active in sports and is a member of the National Honor Society. She is also active in music projects helping the elderly.		 Tora Woodhouse Oakley H.S. Tora is a member of the National Honor Society and Student Body President. She has been active in sports and is an accomplished musician. She plans on attending college.		 Danny Crippen Raft River H.S. Danny is a member of the National Honor Society and Student Body President. He has been active in sports and music and has earned his Eagle Scout award.		 Holly Harper Raft River H.S. Holly is currently the Music Secretary, President, Senior Class Secretary, and National Honor Society President. She is active in sports and enjoys playing the piano.		 Melodie Durfee Twin Falls H.S. Melodie is a National Honor Society Member and has attended the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C. She is also very active in music.		 Sara Thompson Twin Falls H.S. Sara is the National Honor Society Vice President. She is also listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students" with a 3.8 GPA.		 Travis Hamilton Twin Falls H.S. Travis has worked for Pack Bridge Outfitters doing camp preparation for hunting seasons. He has also worked as a taxman at Sports Card Shack and has done farm work.		 Rebecca Seaman Twin Falls H.S. Rebecca is the Student Body President for 1995-96 and a National Honor Society member. She is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students." She is very active in music.	
 Jeanette Ferrel T.F. Christian Academy Jeanette has received basketball and volleyball awards. She was the Homecoming Princess and is interested in sports. She plans to attend a religious college.		 Cassie Freeman T.F. Christian Academy Cassie is the Vice President of the Chapter Honor Society. She plans to attend Northwest Nazarene College. She enjoys singing, reading, and hiking.		 Jeremy Tutty T.F. Christian Academy Jeremy is the Class President and is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students." With his 4.0 GPA, he plans to study engineering.		 Don Wyatt Valley H.S. Don is the Student Body Vice President. He has been active in sports and academic school clubs. He has a 4.0 GPA and hopes to graduate an honor valedictorian.		 JoDee Hawkins Valley H.S. JoDee is very active in sports. She has also participated in 4-H, Gila State, and coaching a young girl's softball team. She plans on majoring in forestry.		 Candy Lohnes Valley H.S. Candy is the Student Body President. She is a member of the National Honor Society, FFA, a reporter for the school newspaper, and on the annual staff.		 Burley 2059 Overland Avenue 678-8302		 Buhl 128 Broadway 543-8881		 Rupert 701 7th Street 436-0505							

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West

Lodge offers rare views of McKinley

By Joel Connelly
Seattle Post-Intelligencer

KANTISHNA, Alaska—I rose on a chilly late-August morning to stoke the wood stove in our cabin at Camp Denali, a remote setting on a hillside in the middle of Alaska's Denali National Park.

A glance out the window ended any thought of fire. The first pink light of dawn was striking Karstens Ridge high on Mount McKinley, at 20,320 feet the highest peak in North America.

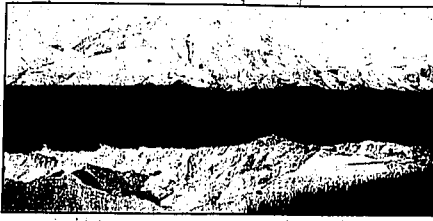
Along with other guests, we grabbed cameras and ran up the hill to Nugget Pond. The still waters of this famous-Alaskan-fern-reflected the 3-mile-high north face of the peak. Athabaskan Indians call Denali "the great one," as well as five other major mountains of the Alaska Range.

It was our first morning at a lodge and nature center that has no equal in Denali National Park, or anywhere else on the continent.

Camp Denali and the companion North Face Lodge, a mile away at the bottom of the hill, are the only accommodations in Alaska offering close-up views of McKinley.

They are places where people come and stay for several days. Camp Denali is meant to be a destination, not just a stop on a tour. Celia Hunter, one of two female bush pilots who founded the place, once said:

Time is a vital ingredient in



Mount McKinley in Alaska is North America's tallest mountain.

wildlife watching and a pivotal consideration, when trying to get vistas of a peak visited by some of the world's fiercest weather.

Mount McKinley is a "big isolated mountain" in the words of Bradford Washburn, who has explored and mapped the peak since the 1930s. It receives the full brunt of every coastal storm that rolls up from Cook Inlet, and is so enormous it generates its own storms when the rest of the range is cloudless.

Most visitors stay more than 80 miles away, at the entrance to Denali National Park, and they must play roulette with the weather. The gamble is that Mount McKinley will be in view on the day they have tickets to take a bus ride on all or part of the 88-mile road into the park.

Only about 30 percent of visitors

to the park win their bet and get a look at the mountain.

The odds are much better at Camp Denali and North Face Lodge, located near fabled Wonder Lake at the end of the road. By staying several full days, nearly 90 percent of the guests get to view the mountain.

And they get to view a lot more, thanks to a grandfather clause that dates back to a time when few people came to the park.

Camp Denali is a vigorous place. There is a well-stocked library, but no bar and no TV. A wake-up call is sounded at 7 a.m., and chimes call guests to the dining room for a 7:30 a.m. breakfast (6:30 on the day you leave). Hot cereals sit on the stove, and are followed by a full meal of eggs or pancakes plus muffins. Lunch fixings are set up as soon as

breakfast dishes are cleared away. The Coles assume visitors will be hiking or animal-watching at the noon hour. Guests fashion their own sandwiches, fill water bottles with lemonade, and scoop cookies and gorp into little plastic bags.

A variety of activities are offered each day at each of the lodges. Staff members lead long and short hikes. Guests can grab paddles and be let off to canoe on Wonder Lake, about 24 miles away. And buses head off to find wildlife for picture-taking.

Camp Denali is also renowned for multi-day "special emphasis sessions." They focus on a variety of subjects, from Bradford Washburn discussing exploration of the mountain to an examination of the tundra borealis with University of Alaska physicist Neal Brown.

This year, on the last days of August—the climax of fall colors on the tundra north of Mount McKinley—Port Angeles-based photographer Pat O'Hara was conducting a series of photography workshops.

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Camp Denali and North Face Lodge will open June 7 and close Sept. 9, and they have fixed arrival and departure days. Stays at Camp Denali are from three to five nights, at North Face Lodge two or three nights.

Camp Denali and North Face Lodge fill up far in advance. From mid-September to mid-May, their address is P.O. Box 369 Cornish, NH 03746. The phone is (603) 675-2248,

and the FAX (603) 675-9125.

The price includes no pampering. Guests at Camp Denali walk to their meals and the central shower room. The North Face Lodge has such creature comforts as private baths.

But the ambience is wonderful. A delicious Sunday dinner was followed by a chamber music concert of works by Bach, Beethoven and Joan Baez.

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Conservation group says prices driving deforestation

WASHINGTON (AP) — High prices in the international export market for wood have replaced fuel-wood collection in the Third World and agricultural clearing as the driving force behind destruction of the world's forests, a conservation group says.

"The timber trade is currently the most important cause of loss and forest degradation around the world," the World Wildlife Fund said in a report released this month.

The report says that, rather than industrial exploitation, has been blamed as the underlying problem, "the report says. It concludes: 'Just the opposite is true.'"

Until recently, 80 percent of the mahogany shipped from Brazil was exported illegally. Illegal exporting also is widespread in Kenya, Zaire, Thailand, the Philippines, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Indonesia, Brazil, Bolivia, Ecuador and Russia.

Market prices, particularly in Japan, are up because demand for timber has grown enormously in recent years, it said. To meet the demand, softwood production rose by 28 percent and hardwood by 54 percent between 1966 to 1988.

The commercial forestry industry and many conservationists have long held that slash-and-burn farming and harvesting wood for firewood are the primary causes of forest loss.

The World Wildlife Fund's "Bad Harvest: The Timber Trade and Degradation of the World's Forests" challenges that and says commercial harvesters threaten continued viability of unplanted forests.

"To a large extent the survival of natural forests has entered the end game," the study said. "Timber traders are rushing to extract as much cheap timber as possible before conservation legislation (intervenes)."

It charged that traders are cutting down natural forests "sometimes explicitly with the aim of 'liberating soil'" to make room for more intensive wood production in tree farms.

The industry roundly disputes the report's conclusions.

John Heissenbuttel, a vice president of the American Forest and Paper Association, cited figures by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization showing that most logging in developing countries is for fuel.

"About 80 percent of the trees cut in developing countries are for fuel or domestic use, not for export," Heissenbuttel said.

The World Wildlife Fund report faults the FAO analysis for being "geographically limited." Unlike the FAO figures reflecting wood usage in southern-hemisphere countries, the fund said, its report looks at world forests as a whole.

"The timber trade is now undoubtedly the primary cause of natural forest loss" in temperate northern countries, wrote the report's authors, Nigel Dudley of Wales, Jean-Paul Jeanrenaud of Switzerland and Francis Sullivan of England.

Gary Harshorn, the fund's vice president for sustainable forestry, is quoted as saying the global trend reflects heavy logging in the former Soviet Union, largely for export. Wood exports from the Baltic republic of Latvia have increased 700 percent since 1992 to threaten Europe's finest swamp forests, the report said.

Stephanopoulos: U.S. morals OK

WASHINGTON (AP) — The moral climate in America is healthy, a top White House adviser and a leader of the Christian Coalition agreed Sunday, but they said Americans are feeling disconnected from their government.

"I think that basically there are some very good signs, more Americans are going to church than ever before. I think more Americans are trying to live their lives with some depth," White House senior adviser George Stephanopoulos said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Ralph Reed, executive director of the Christian Coalition, agreed. "The moral strength of the American people is very, very strong," he said.

But both said they thought Americans are feeling separated from elected leaders, though they gave different reasons.

"I think what they feel is that their government has become disconnected from the values that they have sought to honor in their churches and in their synagogues and in their homes," Reed said.

But Stephanopoulos asserted that Americans' feelings of disconnection stem from actions by the Republican-controlled Congress.

"They think that the government is more and more running away from its responsibilities," he said.

Reed countered that Congress is not to blame. "George and the White House are enjoying right now trying to scare the American people and making them think this Congress is going to throw people out in the snow and leave children and so forth."

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World

Pope: Birth of Christ appropriate time to pray

VATICAN CITY (AP) — In a Christmas Eve midnight Mass broadcast around the world, Pope John Paul II prayed for peace in the Balkans and other warring regions, saying Christmas is historically a time of harmony.

"The hour when the son of God is born in the stable of Bethlehem is the hour in which God's holiness breaks into the history of the world. It is the holy night, as a well-known Christmas carol proclaims," the pope told worshippers at St. Peter's Basilica on Sunday.

"On this on the night of the Lord's birth, we sense renewed hope for peace for all individuals and for all peoples afflicted by war: in the Balkans, in Africa and wherever there is no peace," he said in Italian.

The pope's homily was expected to be heard by hundreds of millions people around the world. More than 60 countries were to receive a satellite

broadcast of the Mass, the Vatican said.

Outside the basilica in St. Peter's Square, a 100-foot Christmas tree from Bavaria towered over a nativity scene with life-size figures.

The pope has made peace in the former Yugoslavia a constant and impassioned theme of his papacy since fighting broke out four years ago.

John Paul celebrates Mass Christmas Day in the basilica and then delivers the traditional "Urbi et Orbi" message in Latin for "To the city (of Rome) and the world."

"This year, for the first time, the pope's words will reach the instant on a Holy See homepage. "Urbi et Orbi" will be available in the original Italian and translated into English, French, Spanish, German and Portuguese.

The Internet site also will include Christmas greetings in more than 50 languages.

Russian border guards say dozens killed

DUSHANBE, Tajikistan (AP) — Russian border guards said Sunday they killed more than 65 Tajik rebels who were trying to re-enter this Central Asian nation from neighboring Afghanistan.

The rebels fled into the eastern mountains of Tajikistan and Afghanistan in 1992 after being defeated by the government in a

bloody civil war. Cross-border raids are part of their continuing fight.

The border guards said the rebels were "eliminated" with rockets and bombs in two separate incidents Saturday as they tried to cross the Pyandzh River on the Tajikistan-Afghanistan border.

The guards said in a statement carried by the Russian Interfax news

agency that two rebel mortars and a grenade launcher were also destroyed.

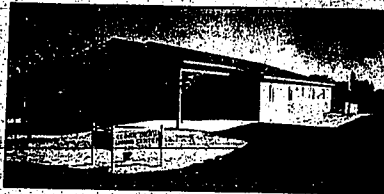
It said there were no casualties among the Russians.

The report could not be immediately confirmed.

Tajikistan has been wracked by civil war since it became independent following the 1991 collapse

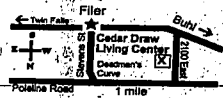
of the Soviet Union.

Thousands of Russian soldiers help the Tajik government patrol the border, where there are skirmishes almost daily. Russia views the region as vital for its own security, fearing the spread of Muslim extremism, weapons and drugs into the former Soviet republics of Central Asia.



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Health & Fashion

A story of love, sacrifice at Christmas

There sometimes appears on the book market a volume that all of us would benefit from reading, for it brings out the best of ourselves and puts us in touch with eternal truths.

"The Christmas Box," written by Richard Paul Evans, is such a book.

A self-published book that reached No. 2 on last week's New York Times best-seller list, "The Christmas Box" caught the attention of Simon & Schuster, which spent \$4.5 million for the rights.

Evans never intended to publish "The Christmas Box," but wrote it as a personal expression of his love for his two young daughters.



JoAnn Larsen Psychology

"Though I could tell my daughters that I loved them, I don't believe that they could ever really understand the depth of those feelings until they had personally experienced the love of rearing their own child," Evans wrote. "And by that time our relationship would have already changed. Forever. I wrote 'The Christmas Box' that some future time in their life they could read the book and know of their father's love."

The book tells of Evans and his wife, Kerl, who, as young marrieds lived in a space so small that they "loked that Kerl could make a thing-and-dinner-at the same time without ever leaving her seat."

It describes how they answered a classified ad place by an elderly woman who sought a live-in couple for meal preparation, light housekeeping and yard care. Private quarters were offered, but children were also welcome.

The Evanses qualified for the ad. They found the large Parkin home replendent, the private quarters perfect, and a natural match. They also liked bonding between themselves and Mary, who had no children and whose husband had died 25 years earlier.

While taking some excess belongings to the attic one day, Evans noticed an ornate wooden box of burlled walnut, intricately carved, and highly polished, large enough for a sheet of stationery to lie flat inside, which he nicknamed "The Christmas Box."

After finishing their work, the Evanses went to supper for their first meal in the new home.

Here begins a theme that runs through the book — the father's own priorities always coming before his daughter.

"Can you read me a story, Daddy?"

"Not tonight, honey. I have a lot of work to do."

"Can you make Jenna's Christmas dance recital this Saturday?"

"I'm afraid not. Saturday is going to be a bad day."

"Perhaps if I had seen my daughter's longing eyes staring back to me from the gold-plated scales, I would have thought my priorities were affected."

But it was Mary who, bothered by Evans' inattention to his daughter, who would often prompt him to focus on Jenna.

"Here's a charming Christmas tale. Read this to your little one."

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Robert Hackworth, who is currently controlling his diabetes with micronase and metformin, gets his exercise taking care of his race horse stables. Hackworth said he no longer suffers from the aftereffects he did when taking insulin.

Navigating the tightrope

2 new drugs aim to help diabetics balance their lives

By Joan Bean Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Two new weapons have been added to the arsenal that controls the type of diabetes that typically afflicts older folks.

Metformin and acarbose were recently approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for Type II diabetes mellitus.

Dr. Lubomir Valenta, an endocrinologist at Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital, said metformin is a modification of a drug called phenformin, which was banned by the FDA in 1975. He said the original drug wasn't as safe as the new one.

Used improperly, phenformin caused acidosis, which is a shift in pH balance in the blood. This condition stops the metabolism in most of tissues, tipping the balance from slightly alkaline to acid.

That in turn interferes with most of the chemical reactions in the tissues.

In 1975, Valenta was invited to a meeting at FDA headquarters for a discussion on phenformin. He defended it, arguing that used properly, it was safe. But he said if it were taken by a person prone to acidosis anyway — with, say, a kidney problem or emphysema — it could provoke this reaction.

Valenta said the risk appears to be much smaller with metformin, but it can still happen. People with insufficient kidney function or emphysema must be watched carefully, and he said a doctor should think twice before placing such a patient on the drug.

Non-insulin dependent diabetes, which is also called maturity-onset diabetes, is rarely seen in young people, but the risk increases with aging. Type I, or insulin-dependent diabetes, usually happens to young people and



Dr. Lubomir Valenta defended the drug phenformin in 1975. But now subscribes metformin and acarbose.

is due to insulin deficiency. And so they need insulin from the start of treatment.

Usually, Type II diabetes start by just taking pills. But if they don't follow the correct regimen, some deteriorate to the point

where they have to take some extra insulin. Valenta said many Type II diabetics can be cured by changing their lifestyles. People who are overweight are much more prone to non-insulin diabetes, he said.

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Sweet revenge: Body of evidence exonerates sugar

The Washington Post

Ribbon candy. Mince pies. Dark fudge. Rum balls and fruitcake. "Sugar is sweet and so are you." That's a common message in the holiday season.

But as you reach for the gingerbread one more time, you may remember the warnings from seasons past when nutritional naysayers condemned sugar as the dietary ticket to such myriad ills as obesity, diabetes and hyperactivity.

Now, it seems, you may not have to worry so much about those sugar plums that dance in your head. In recent years, sugar has undergone something of a reevaluation. While researchers still urge moderation, most say that as long as you're eating a balanced diet and maintaining a wholesome body weight, sugar is not a major health concern.

Dennis M. Bier, a professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine who examined sugar issues as a member of the official Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, summarized the committee's conclusions this way: "In an otherwise nutritionally healthy diet ... there is no evidence that sugar intake within a fairly broad range, that is, the range that most Americans are likely to consume, has any profound consequences."

Official figures are difficult to sort out, but one Food and Drug Administration study estimated that Americans on average eat almost two ounces of added sugar a day, or 42 pounds a year. Added sugar is primarily the refined sugar from sugar cane or corn that is put into soft drinks, candy, cookies and thousands of other

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Looking good Women in record numbers discover red hair coloring

Orlando Sentinel

It is not just the foliage that has been turning red this fall. Women in record numbers are changing their hair color to autumnal shades of russet, copper and vermilion.

For the first time ever, requests for red coloring have surpassed requests for blond, according to the Beauty and Barber Supply Institute, the association for the salon industry.

Over the past two years, the sale of red hair color at Clairol has grown 40.3 percent. Wella International has seen an 11 percent growth in sales of red since last year, and it recently added three new shades of red to its Red Sensations line. At Redken, overall color sales are up 36 percent this year, with the red series up 50 percent.

"Red is the fastest-growing color we have," said Scott Minardi, vice president of Redken. "For many women, red is a better color than blond because it is more flattering to most skin types," said Beth Minardi, owner of Salon Minardi in New York and a specialist in red and blond coloring.

Red has evolved from a cartoonish, carrot orange to



Actress Jamie Lee Curtis epitomizes the redhead of the '90s.

a whole spectrum of rich, natural-looking shades, said Minardi, who years ago transformed her own "roach brown" hair to a glowing blend of "copper on mahogany."

"People used to think of Lucille Ball when they think of redheads." Please see RED/D2

Health notes

'Hairball' caused cramps

After three weeks of throwing up, cramps and back pain, a 22-year-old Seattle woman went to the emergency room. She had no history of such illness, her doctors report in the Western Journal of Medicine, and was taking no medications. The doctors were perplexed until the woman's boyfriend disclosed the key clue: She gnawed on athletic tube socks "to relax." Half a sock per evening was her usual-dose, the patient acknowledged. An X-ray showed a large mass in her stomach. It turned out to be a bezoar, a hardened "hairball" that can accumulate in the stomach or intestines when a person has pica — the habit of eating things that aren't food.

Extremely lax behavior

The Barbie twins have a message for you perennial dieters: Be careful out there! Shane and Sia, extremely well-endowed Playboy centerfolds, say they have both overdone on laxatives trying to look svelte for the camera. Shane says that two years ago, she took a deadly dose of laxatives, 100 Dulcolax. Sia took a deadly dose of laxatives, 100 Dulcolax. 50 Correctol and two bottles of magnesium citrate. I found her lying on the floor nearly unconscious. I dragged her out and rushed her to the emergency room." The 32-year-old twins say they now "exter-

cise regularly... and live a healthy lifestyle."

The hepatitis blues

Something else that can be hazardous to your health: Tattoos, body piercing, sharing razors or tooth brushes. All of the above pose a hepatitis risk, according to a new educational campaign called "Get Hip to Hepatitis, which is co-sponsored by the American Liver Foundation. Another co-sponsor is The Blues Heaven Foundation. Another co-sponsor is the Blues Heaven Foundation, and a portion of the proceeds for a special CD called "Red Blooded Blues," featuring the likes of B.B. King, Etta James and The Robert Cray Band, is going to this war on hepatitis.

Traumatic experiences

You don't have to be a combat vet to suffer post-traumatic stress disorder. It's more common than generally believed and women are twice as likely to encounter it than men, University of Michigan researchers say. Ten percent of all women likely will encounter the disorder, compared with 5 percent of men. About half of the women studied developed the disorder after a rape or sexual abuse.

Compiled from wire reports

Endocrinologist took long road to Twin Falls

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

TWIN-FALLS—From Prague to Paris to Harvard to East Lansing to California to Twin Falls, it's been quite an odyssey for Dr. Lubomir Valenta.

After visiting the Magic Valley from Southern California for a number of years to enjoy the outdoors, Valenta and his Czech-born wife Jitka moved here in October. He is now practicing endocrinology at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital.

"I had been looking for a quiet envi-

ronment," he said. "We do have friends here, and we like the countryside. At the same time, it is the western style we are used to."

The Valentas left the former Czechoslovakia during the turbulent late 1960s—a time of liberal reforms followed by a Soviet invasion of the country. Valenta taught at universities in France and Switzerland.

In 1970, he came to the United States and taught both medicine and endocrinology at Harvard University, then Michigan State and finally, the University of California system,

where he was in charge of the endocrinology department.

He also holds a doctorate in biochemistry, which along with physiology is his primary interest. Endocrinology fulfills the expectations there, he said.

"It's a very experimental type of medicine where you have to recognize the metabolic changes in the disease," Valenta said. "Today's endocrinology goes to the molecular level and genetics—in the very bottom of the normal and abnormal life processes."

In the mid-1980s, Valenta wrote

"Endocrine and Metabolic Emergencies." Aimed mainly at professionals, the work was translated into many languages and has sold worldwide.

He is now in the process of writing a second book, this one for the general public about hormones. It will give a brief overview of most of the hormones, how they work, what happens when they are disturbed by disease.

Valenta's son, Mark, 23, is working for an Austrian firm in Prague, and his 16-year-old son, Phillip, is attending high school in Twin Falls.

Diabetes

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But these folks don't have to lose all the weight they've gained, Valenta said.

Within six to eight days after starting on a health regimen, they see a significant drop in their fasting blood sugar and are doing much better.

Eventually, as they come closer to their ideal weight, they may not need any medication at all, although before the change in lifestyle.

If that doesn't happen, in time the diabetic's health will deteriorate and complications. There will be less chance to control the diabetes just by diet and physical activity.

Complications, Valenta said, depend on the duration of the diabetes. That's because, with time, there is a tendency for diabetics' health problems to get worse.

Most serious health problems are due to hardening of the blood vessels, which eventually compromises the functions of vital organs such as the heart and brain.

"The two organs at particular risk are the eyes and the kidneys. Diabetes is the leading cause of new blindness in this country and one of the most frequent causes of the chronic kidney failure that requires dialysis."

Americans have a tendency to use pills as a crutch instead of making a lifelong effort, Valenta said.

"The pills are so easy to take, and so compliance with the lifelong

regime is usually relatively low," he said. "A few people who do choose that direction and stay with it really tremendously benefit."

At times, he said, supplemental medication is necessary. There are three kinds of medication for Type II diabetes mellitus:

In the first category, there are two types of drugs, called glyburide and tolazamide, that release the insulin from the patient's own pancreas. There are a number of trade names for these.

The second type is metformin, which works by preventing the liver from releasing sugar into the circulation.

Valenta explained that the liver does this during prolonged fasts. As long as you eat, the body tissues—especially of the brain—take sugar from food calories. When you stop eating, the brain still needs sugar to work properly; otherwise, it dies.

The sugar is provided by the liver, which releases it from starches and other stored proteins. It also uses up to keep us going between meals.

But in diabetics, he said the liver production of sugar is exaggerated because of the lack of insulin, which normally would block this production. So the liver makes too much sugar—more than is required—between meals.

In a diabetic, the production of sugar is uncontrolled and becomes so massive that proteins and fat in

the body melt, and are transformed into sugar in the liver.

Metformin slows down this process, and so it works in a totally different way than the first class of insulin in the blood.

Valenta said in people who take metformin alone, the drug can lower the level of insulin because it lowers the blood sugar by a different mechanism.

"Therefore, there's not so much need for so much insulin to be released," he said. "So actually, it is because it has a direct effect on blood sugar without the participation of insulin. It can secondarily decrease the need for insulin."

The third class of drug, called acarbose, prevents resorption of sugars from the intestine into the blood, where the level of sugar would increase. Acarbose blocks digestive enzymes in the intestine so that they cannot digest the sugar or starches regularly coming into the stomach with food. It slows down the absorption of the sugars in the intestine, and this can correct one of the basic problems in diabetics.

Eventually, all of these drugs can be combined.

For Robert Hackworth, 63, of Jerome, that will happen as soon as he can get his prescription for acarbose filled. At the moment, the drug is hard to find in this area, and so he's taking metformin and metformin.

When Hackworth was originally diagnosed four years ago, he was put on metformin and insulin. The insulin made his blood-sugar level fluctuate, causing him to feel shaky when it fell too low. But after he

took the insulin, he was taken off the insulin. Hackworth said he feels good now and hasn't had any more problems.

After being advised to change his lifestyle, he has cut his calorie intake. Besides working as a watermaster for the North Side Canal Co. and running race horses, he said he gets plenty of exercise.

Craig Nebeker, 24, of Twin Falls, hasn't started exercising yet, but he has his diet well in hand. He has been taking glyburide since October and has been able to cut back on the dosage. If he continues to lose weight, he may eventually get off of the drug completely.

Nebeker said he had been diagnosed with Type I diabetes a year ago and was put on insulin, causing his blood sugar to drop too low. Valenta later diagnosed him with Type II diabetes, actually a special variant of Type I diabetes called maturity-onset diabetes-of-young people (MODY) and was taken off of the insulin.

He hopes the medication is next.

"Hopefully, if I keep losing weight, Dr. Valenta said I could get off it completely," he said. "He said it depends on how I exercise and diet. It's all up to me."

Red

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thought of redheads," said Minardi. And of other comic characters such as Howdy Dood, Archie Andrews and Bozo the Clown.

"Now we think of Jamie Lee Curtis, Stephanie Powers, Kirstie Alley and Stephanie Seymour. These are glamorous women. Red has become very glamorous, very accepted."

The more we see a new look, whether on television, in movies or in magazines, the more acceptable and desirable it becomes, Minardi said.

This year, women across the country

are following the lead of new-minted redheads such as Miss America Elizabeth Shavanti Smith, actress Julia Roberts, Susan Sarandon, Melanie Griffith and Sandra Bullock, and models Linda Evangelista, Kristen McMenamy, Meghna Douglas and Europe's latest runway sensation, freckle-faced Mayan Karan.

But before you join the crimson tide, some suggestions:

Consult with a salon professional who has a lot of color training and experience.

Select a shade of red that will complement your complexion. "Warm

reds (auburn, russet, copper) suit skin with yellowish tones. 'Cool' reds (ruby, mahogany, burgundy) are better if skin has reddish tones.

To determine the right shade for you, visit a wig shop and try on a variety of red wigs before you change your hair color.

Select a product to suit your lifestyle. Semi-permanent color will fade in six to eight weeks—; at which time you can reapply the same color or try a different shade. Permanent color will not fade—which means you will have to have your roots colored as your

hair grows out.

If you are apprehensive about going red, start with red highlights. If you like the look, add more red on subsequent salon visits.

Be sure to let the colorist know if you hair has been permed or relaxed, as it will react differently to color.

Between salon visits, use shampoo and conditioners designed to preserve your color.

If you decide to color your own hair, start with a temporary color rinse that will wash out in a week or two and follow the directions precisely.

Larsen

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"Thank you, Mary, I will later."

"No, right now. Read it to her now."

And then Evans describes dreams he began to have, in which he finds himself alone in a large open field. The air is filled with soft, beautiful strains of music flowing as sweet and melodious as a mountain brook.

Looking up, he sees an angel, with wings outspread, descending gradually from heaven. Then, as the angel draws close, the angel's eyes turn towards heaven and then, as the angel turns to stone.

The dream haunted Evans' sleep repeatedly, with it growing clearer and more distinct with each passing slumber.

One night the dream was especially vivid. He awoke suddenly, expecting all traces of the dream, including the music, to vanish, but it didn't. This night the music remained—and it had an origin.

As Evans felt his way through the house with a flashlight, he followed the music to the Christmas box, from which it originated.

Evans said it would start playing in the middle of the night, flow and there were no levers with which to turn the music off or on. How odd the music should start with the box closed.

Opening the box, Evans reached in and lifted the top part. It was a handwritten love letter, brittle with age and slightly yellowed.

"How I wish you were again by my side. I love you. How I love you."

Sensing that Mary's life had a terrible tragedy, Evans put the letter back and returned to bed. Then came the terrible news.

Mary had an inoperable tumor growing in her brain. As her behavior deteriorated, she became increasingly disturbed by Evans' obsession with work.

One day she asked him a question she insisted he think about.

"Richard, have you ever wondered what the first Christmas gift was?"

That night the angel again haunted Evans' dreams.

Troubled, Evans asked Steve, a neighbor, for a clue to Mary's secret. Steve told him Mary had lost a three-year-old girl herself, and showed him the grave, which bore a monument with the outspread wings of a weather-worn statue of an angel and the simple words: "Our Little

Angel."

When he was young, Steve said, he saw Mary wet and cold, her hands red and snow bitten, crying and brushing away the snow. And often, through the years he would hear her tears at the grave. Returning to the chest, Steve read the other two love letters in the box.

Now, he knew the first gift of Christmas. It was love.

And then a call from the hospital. Mary was dying.

"If Mary is going to die," Jenna said, "I want to give her my present first."

It was a petite cardboard angel she had built herself. At the hospital, as Jenna raised the ornament, Mary

rubbed her hand across Jenna's cheek.

After, saying other goodbyes, Mary's eyes shut, and then opened. She leaned forward toward the foot of the bed and a smile spread across her face as a single tear rolled down her cheek.

"My angel," she said, as she brushed her last breath of life.

Richard Evans has had built a new angel monument at the gravesite of Mary's child, which many parents, who are in mourning over losses of children, now visit.

JoAnn Larsen, who grew up in Kimberly, is a Salt Lake City family counselor.

Symptoms of diabetes: Thirst, urination, fatigue

By Joan Bean
Times-News, correspondent

TWIN FALLS—The classic symptoms of diabetes are increased urination and thirst, weakness and fatigue.

Dr. Lubomir Valenta, an endocrinologist with the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital, said that because insulin is needed for storing energy in the body, when insulin declines weight gain follows. That's what happens in Type I diabetes. In children, there is a slowdown of growth.

Organ complications can also be present at the outset. Eye refraction might become abnormal.

People who wear glasses may notice that suddenly their specs are not working, and that's because the refractory power of the lens in the eye changes from one instant to the next. It fluctuates according to the amount of sugar in the blood.

and, consequently, also inside the lens so that the refractory power varies.

"Actually, many of the patients would first go to the eye doctor," Valenta said. "And the ophthalmologists are familiar with this situation, so they would eventually refer the patient to an endocrinologist or diabetologist."

Valenta said besides Type I and Type II diabetes, there are other varieties. In people who have an injury to the pancreas by accident or surgery or by alcohol consumption, the production of insulin can be modified, and they can get diabetes.

And there are also diseases where the diabetes can be a consequence of excess of other hormones which counteract the action of the insulin, such as steroid hormones. Also, during pregnancy, there are a number of hormones which act against the insulin, and so relatively often, diabetes shows up then.

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the lesson page

Cold-weather workouts

Don't overdress
 Exercisers tend to wear too much clothing in the cold, since exercise makes the body feel as though it's 30 degrees warmer, prepares for 55 degrees when it's really a 25-degree day.

The layered look
 Wear several layers of loose-fitting clothing to retain generated heat.



Mittens vs. gloves

Mittens are warmer than gloves, especially in very cold weather, since they keep fingers together and have less surface area from which heat can escape.

Shoes

Look for good traction and shock absorption in shoes for running on hard, frozen ground; shoes with a little extra space inside traps warm air and allows for an extra pair of socks.

Head wear

Since so much heat is lost through the head, help stay warm by wearing a wool or synthetic cap or hood.

The skinny on sugar substitutes

The Washington Post

Three man-made low-calorie sweeteners available in the United States. Saccharin, the oldest, was used in both world wars when sugar was scarce. Three hundred times sweeter than sugar, it is found in soft drinks and other foods as well as in gum and toothpaste, and it is sold under the brand name Sweet 'N Low. Several studies on rats in the early 1970s suggested that saccharin prevented a slight risk of bladder cancer. In 1977, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration proposed to ban it in foods and beverages and limit it to use as a table-top sweetener. Congress,

promptly blocked the ban and has extended the block six times, and in 1991 the FDA withdrew its proposal to ban. Top officials of Cumberland Packing Co., Sweet 'N Low's manufacturer, pleaded guilty in April 1995 to making illegal political contributions to keep the ban off.

• Aspartame, 180 times sweeter than sugar and lacking saccharin's aftertaste, gave the diet soft drink industry a big boost when it was approved for that use in 1983. The first product and most common is NutraSweet, the sweetener in Equal.

Aside from being taboo for those rare individuals who suffer from phenylke-

turia, a genetic disorder usually diagnosed at birth, aspartame is widely regarded as safe. Still, the FDA has received reports of headaches and dizziness by some users, and although studies have failed to establish a connection, perhaps some people are particularly sensitive to it. Michael Jacobson of the Center for Science in the Public Interest said some rat studies have suggested a link between aspartame and brain cancer, a rare disease.

• "Considering how widely used" aspartame is, he advocates a thorough study of that possible link.

• Acesulfame K (trade name Sunett) is used in dry dessert and beverage

mixes, candies and the sweeter Sweet One. Two hundred times sweeter than sugar, it is being considered by the FDA for approval for use in soft drinks. Jacobson said it "was approved in the 1980s, when there was a lot of antipathy pressure from Congress. We thought the tests were abysmal, and they also suggested an increased risk of cancer." Allowing it in soda pop, he said, could create "a major problem because the usage would be so much greater."

But Keith Keener, spokesman for the Calorie Control Council in Atlanta, which represents the low-calorie industry, said that all these products have been found safe in extensive tests.

Sugar

Continued from D1

foods. As a separate sweetener, the fine crystals are what you keep in the sugar bowl, to add to coffee, put on cereal or make cinnamon toast.

But sugar is also the basic fuel for both plant and animal life, and in the form of glucose it is carried by the blood to all the cells of our bodies. When the sugar that is naturally present in such basic foods as milk, fruit and vegetables is included, our average intake comes to about 3 1/2 ounces a day, the FDA researchers estimated.

• Sweets shouldn't be the main part of anyone's diet, but their bad reputation may be outdated. To help you get through this candy case season, here's what the latest science says about sugar.

Myth: Sugar causes diabetes

It doesn't. And the American Diabetic Association says it's no longer taboo for diabetics to eat sugar.

"We removed the restriction on sugar because there was no scientific evidence to back it up," said Christine Beebe, a vice president of the association. Blood sugar can be affected by any carbohydrates—not just refined sugar. They are all converted by the body to glucose, so "it's not sugar per se that elevates blood sugar... By the time that glucose molecule enters the bloodstream, the body doesn't know if it came from a cookie or a slice of bread," Beebe said.

• To **prevent** being overweight increases your risk of developing diabetes. If your taste for desserts leads you to put on extra pounds, that excess poundage can raise your odds of the disease.

Myth: Sugar is fattening

Not necessarily. "We question this notion of a sweet tooth," said Adam Drewnowski, director of the Human Nutrition Program at the University of Michigan. "We replace it with the notion of a fat tooth."

It is true that people can gain weight by eating too much sugar, after all it is attractive and it does have calories. But more troublesome is the fact that sugar is often coupled with high-fat foods, and Drewnowski and other researchers argue that excess fat is more likely to cause health and weight problems.

As Drewnowski pointed out: "If you look at eating patterns of overweight people, you won't see more sugar, that is, plain sugar... but you will see stonks, doughnuts... You will see sweet high-fat foods and (other) high-fat foods."

Myth: Sweets give a sugar buzz

"We've done studies evaluating this idea that sugar produces a high, the so-called sugar buzz," said Bonnie Spring, a psychology professor at the University of Health Sciences at the Chicago Medical School. "Contrary to the mythology, the main effect of eating a lot of sugar

(or other carbohydrate) is sleepiness.

She explained it this way: When you eat carbohydrates, the amount of glucose in your blood rises. The rise triggers the pumping of insulin, a pancreatic hormone that lowers the blood glucose level by sending glucose to the muscles for energy or to the liver for storage. But insulin also removes many other compounds called amino acids from the blood. The exception is the amino acid tyrosine, which is the "competition" of the brain, where its effect is to increase a key neurotransmitter, serotonin. This tends to produce drowsiness, even while blood glucose levels are still elevated.

• What does the effects of sugar on people's "mood"? Spring asked.

"It really depends on who you are." For most people, "the most common reaction is to get sleepy," she said.

At the same time, in those who have a deficient supply of serotonin, sugar can have the opposite effect: A low level of serotonin is linked to seasonal affective disorder (winter depression), nicotine withdrawal, premenstrual syndrome and carbohydrate food craving.

Spring said: "With people who show signs of a serotonin deficiency, (sugar) actually gives them energy," she explained.

Drewnowski of the University of Michigan believes sweet-fat foods inspire craving because they trigger the release of endorphins, chemicals in the brain that act as natural painkillers. Women who are binge eaters eat less sweet-fat foods when given a chocolate that satisfies the endorphin receptors in the brain, he said. Interestingly, he said that, while there is an overlap, men typically crave salt-fat foods, whereas women more often crave sugar-fat combinations. "Chocolate is definitely women."

Myth: Sugar causes acne

To our knowledge at this point in time we have no known scientific association between sugar and the occurrence of acne (or) chocolate and the occurrence of acne... said Robert E. Clark, director of dermatologic surgery at Duke University Medical Center.

Myth: Sugar makes children hyperactive

If I give them sugar they'll be bouncing off the walls? Is something pediatricians often hear from parents. But there just isn't evidence that it's true, according to a survey of the medical literature published last month in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

"Sugar does not affect the behavior or cog-

nitive performance of children," the report concluded, summarizing the many studies that have sought to document the phenomenon. "Although it did follow that a small effect of sugar or effects on subsets of children cannot be ruled out," the report's principal author said that several of the studies had been aimed specifically at children whose parents considered them sensitive to sugar.

• Even in studies that tried to stick the deck with children who were sensitive to sugar, we didn't find any effect," said Mark L. Wolraich, chief of the division of child development at Vanderbilt University.

Agreeing with the report, pediatrician Chel Johnson, director of the Klingberg Center for Child Development at West Virginia University, said: "There's been a lot of articles over the last few years that have said the same thing." He added, though, "As a clinician, I try to keep in mind that individual children respond differently... A lot of people think red dye affects children. There's no dye in our products. My mother tells me her child reacts to strawberry pop. I don't tell her she's wrong?"

Still, many physicians believe that children eat too much junk food. "There's absolutely no harm in avoiding concentrated sweets," Johnson said. "American children get way too much of it. So if a parent says he's decided to not let the child have as much sweets as he wants, that's a good idea anyway."

Keith Conners, a professor of medical psychology at Duke University, said that "as far as the studies in children go, I think we've wanted to go further." When kids eat a lot of sugar, they're likely to develop nutritional deficiencies, and those deficiencies can cause a problem in their concentration and mental function. He mentioned a British study that looked at a normal group of schoolchildren who were randomly given either vitamin supplements or placebo over a six-month period. "The vitamin-supplement group gained 10 points in nonverbal IQ," he said. "These kids had a vitamin deficiency that came about because they were eating too much sugar. The best responders to the vitamins were those eating the most sugar."

Myth: Sugar causes tooth decay

You'd think that even if the whole world gave its approval to sugar, the dentists could still be relied on to disagree. But nothing is certain these days. Even Ken Burrell, senior director for the Council on Scientific Affairs of the American Dental Association, was non-committal on the subject.

It's not that sugar isn't involved in tooth decay—it certainly is—but Burrell said that what's important is how often and how long the

teeth are exposed to sugar. "Compared to 20 years ago, he said, the amount of time that the foods people should avoid, and (instead) we tell people to reduce snacking." That limits the teeth's exposure to decaying acids produced by bacteria in the mouth when particles of sugar are present. Remember, even starches, which may not taste sweet, are classed as sugars and are broken down in the mouth into sugar.

When pressed about sweets, Burrell replied that sweets aren't always better. "Apples, for instance, if you were to eat a number of apples between meals you'd be more susceptible to tooth decay than someone who avoided between-meal snacks... We're not saying to avoid apples, but if they like apples they should eat them at their meals."

When dentists yawn-swear, perhaps it's time to count your blessings. The wide-eyed exposure to decaying acids produced by the killer in your diet, at the 1975 Boulder "Sugar Blues" called it.

"It takes a while to compare official recommendations through the years. 'Dietary Goals for the United States' told people in 1977 to eat less sugar. In the 1980s, he said, sugar dropped off the dietary hit list and moved up. "Right now carbohydrates are good, and sugar is kind of riding on the coattails of carbohydrates," he said, but "there are signs this may be changing back." The responsible thing to recommend, he said, is balance, moderation and variety.

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Shift work a heart risk for women

The Washington Post

Women who work days, evenings and nights on rotating shifts for six years or more face a 50 percent higher risk of developing heart disease than their counterparts who work regular schedules, Harvard University researchers report.

The findings suggest that shift work produces a small but significant increased heart disease risk. "Although it is a relatively modest risk for an individual, it could be an important public health risk because one-fifth of the American population engages in some sort of shift work," said Ichiro Kawachi, lead author of the study and an assistant professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School.

Two previous studies have looked at the effects of rotating shift work on men's health and found conflicting results: One showed no ill effects; the other found increased health risks for heart disease among those who worked rotating shifts for six years or more.

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Registration open for

1-night CPR class Jan. 10
JEROME - Registration is currently being taken for a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) class. This is a one-night class to be held Jan. 10 and will provide American Heart Association certification for passing students. (The class was originally scheduled for Dec. 13). The fee is \$15 (\$20 for out-of-district participants). For more information, call the Jerome Recreation District at 324-3389 or stop by the office at 2444 S. Lincoln.

Sign up now for dance classes for students

JEROME - Hey kids, if you have always wanted to learn modern or jazz dancing skills, now is the time to sign up. Debbie Shauna will teach this six-week modern/jazz dance class for fourth through eighth-graders in the afternoon at Central Elementary School in Jerome. Class will begin when 10 have registered. For more information, call the Jerome Recreation District at 324-3389 or stop by the office at 2444 S. Lincoln.

Some terminal patients choose when to die

The Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE - Hospice workers call it common. Academics call it a "death dip." Families of the dying call it a miracle, a blessing or simply serendipity.

All share the same belief: People are less likely to die on important holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. Why? Because they choose not to.

"Most people we see who die around major holidays try not to die on the actual holiday," says Elaine C. Patton, director of support services for Hospice Services of Maryland's Howard County. "I've been here 13 years, and only one person has died on Christmas Day."

Howard Starr, a Texas psychology professor, has seen it before. "We call it 'symbolic communication.' Very often a patient will choose — and I do mean choose — the day of death," Starr says. Bereavement counselors say deaths during a holiday season seem more distressing for families and that deaths on the actual holiday can be especially difficult.

Prepared childbirth starts

Wednesday at hospital
TWIN FALLS - A prepared childbirth course will begin Wednesday and continues through Jan. 24. The class will meet from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the Education Center at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center (located at the back of the north parking lot). The non-refundable course fee is \$40.

Designed to prepare parents for childbirth and early parenting, the course includes films, slides, labor rehearsal and relaxation techniques. The expectant mother is asked to wear comfortable pants and to bring two pillows. A support person is encouraged to attend. Pre-registration is required.

To pre-register or for more information, call the MVRMC Education Department at 737-2900, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Holiday Yoga/Stretch Class set for Thursday

TWIN FALLS - A Holiday Yoga/Stretch Class will be held from 7 to 9 a.m. Thursday at the Lori J. Head School of Dance, 434

S. Main. The cost is \$5. Guest instructor will be Dana Wadsworth, Bay Area Yoga & Pilates.

Pre-registration is required as there is limited enrollment. For more information, call 736-3998.

Childbirth class deals with Caesarean deliveries

TWIN FALLS - The third class of each Childbirth Preparation Program is available to anyone wishing to learn more about Caesarean deliveries. The date for the current class is scheduled for 7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday in the Education Center at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center (located at the back of the north parking lot).

There will be a labor rehearsal, plus instruction covering medications, hospital procedures and non-conforming labors.

The non-refundable fee for the class is \$15. For more information, call the Education Department at 737-2900, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Alzheimer's support group meets Thursday

BURLEY - The Mini-Cassia

Alzheimer Dementia Family Support Group will meet at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the Burley Public Library.

Possible topics for 1996 will be discussed, along with the direction that you would like to see the support continue. There is also a possibility that we may need to find a new location to meet.

For more information, call Maureen Magee at 436-6420.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion section. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

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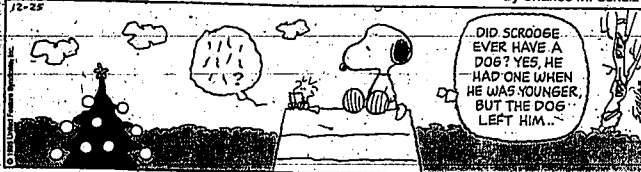
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Christmas is not a holiday - it's a holy day!

Comics

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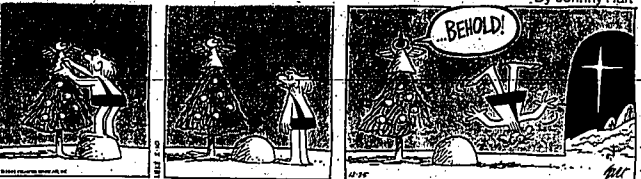
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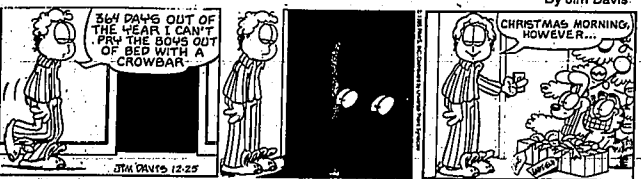
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By Mort Walker



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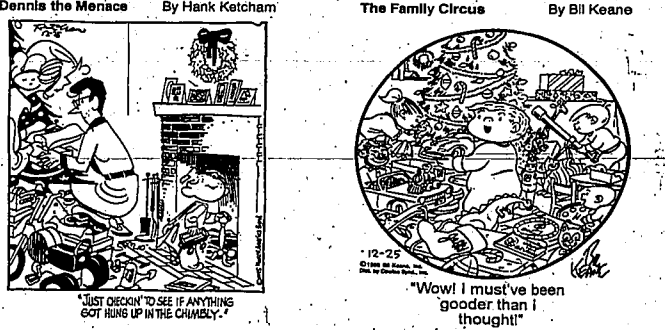


Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham

The Family Circus

By Bill Keane



Most irritability not genetic

Sydney Omarr Horoscope

Did you inherit a tendency to be easily irritable? Many people think they did. But at least one geneticist most mysteriously concludes we can blame genes for 38 percent of our irritability, but have to "toss the other 62 percent on environment."

If you elect to use the word "hirsute," better use it selectively. It means "Satanus like a goat."

Q. What makes turquoise bluish-green?
A. Copper for blue, iron for green. The greener the stone, the less valuable, say the experts. What the gem collectors prize most, it's said, is the robin's egg blue.

Q. What makes use midwives?
Richard Foster, owner of the Foster Awning Company of New Orleans, frequently visits Brennan's Restaurant. It was for him in the 1850s that chefs there first topped vanilla ice cream with bananas, brown sugar and rum. To create that dessert now known internationally as "Satanus Foss" multiple TV channels. Writers wanted.

L.M. Boyd What's what?

"destroyed" was "Acapulco."
On Leck Road near the Santa Ana Freeway outside Los Angeles in June of 1978, two trucks collided. One carried 40 tons of carrots, the other about that much vegetable oil. An investigating officer called it "the world's biggest carrot salad."
Recent research indicates U.S. households with TV sets outnumber U.S. households with telephones by three to one.
Hollywood's film factories cranked out an average of two motion pictures every day in 1939. What makes this a curiosity is the fact that television remains starved for material despite such enormous production in the past. No supply lines from anywhere yet have filled the maze to multiple TV channels.

IF DECEMBER 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are sensitive, psychic, independent. At times, people accuse you of being arrogant. You create aura of mystery (attractive, sexy) people insist they are in awe of you. You seek perfection, you are your own most severe critic. You also are - spiritual - although you don't believe in fast. Focus. Virgo persons play important roles in your life. During 1996 events occur to make that year your most significant since 1987. September's most memorable, continues controversial but confidence restored that it is durable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Distance, language barriers, curiosity. Folks, listen to and tell stories. Spotlight on knowledge of public affairs, marital status. Sagittarius divulges valuable information.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22): Success practically, sharpen tools, do mending chores while reserving evening for relaxation. Rebuild on solid structure, reject the flimsy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Music featured, common cause brings new friends into your life. Focus on reading, writing, sharing knowledge. Famous astrologer's story read aloud proves to be highlight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Scenario highlights home, family, security, meaningful gifts, spiritual quest relating to Christmas. Domestic adjustment relates to beauty, music, elegance in dining. Taurus resented.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): What you thought love is actually just around the corner. Relatives involved, gifts and visits featured. You'll know where you stand, will be stronger as result.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll have things your way, self-realization featured. Another Capricorn figures prominently. Financial success achieved as result of series of bizarre happenings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll designate where action is - you'll be capable of foretelling (fun). Burden lifted, feel free to travel, love, dissemi-nate vital information.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Check Gemini's Leo's need for added freedom. Focus on spiritually, creativity, lessons of love. You'll feel as if beginning anew. Vitality and optimism makes dramatic comeback. Congratulations!

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Saturday's Puzzle solved:

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All about Jan Marini Skin Research

DEAR FAULA: I purchased a 2-ounce bottle of Bioglycolic Facial Lotion SPF-15 by Jan Marini Skin Research for \$45. I was told by the saleswoman at the salon I purchased it from that Jan Marini was one of the founders of MD Formulations and that she left to form her own company. She told me to read her newsletter that she said it contains 15 percent glycolic acid and that Ms. Marini found a way to combine alpha hydroxy acids with sunscreen. I know from reading your newsletter that sunscreens and AHAs are not compatible because their respective pH levels (acid or alkaline level) are different. (AHAs



Cosmetics Q&A
Paula Begoun

work best in a low pH of about 3 to 4.5 and sunscreens work in a pH of about 6 to 8.) I called the company because I noticed the lotion didn't have a very pleasant smell. They told me it wasn't their best-selling product, but it shouldn't have an overly repulsive smell. They also told me that because the product has no preservatives, it only has a shelf life of one or two years, and that if I was worried I should return or exchange the product. When I purchased the lotion I figured it was worth the extra expense for the convenience of using only one product in the morning. What do you think of all this? I am very confused. —Lynda, Boca Raton, Fla.

DEAR LYNDA: Jan Marini was indeed originally with MD Formulations and has gone out on her own. Although she may have found a way to combine a high SPF with a high AHA, I am skeptical about whether the pH level is suitable for the product to really work well, either as a sunscreen or as an AHA exfoliant. Bioglycolic Facial Lotion SPF 15 is a titanium dioxide-based sunscreen, and the AHA ingredient is glycolic acid. I am assuming the pH level is probably around 5 to 5.5, given the environment necessary to keep the titanium dioxide from doing strange things.

That doesn't make this a bad AHA product, just not the optimum for best results. By the way, the common preservatives in an utter fabrication. This product absolutely contains preservatives, a lot of them, and they are right there on the ingredient list for everyone to see. (A product that didn't contain preservatives would become moldy and disgusting well within one or two years.) In that regard you have nothing to worry about, at least not in terms of the product's stability. The final question is, Do you feel the product works on your skin? If it does what you want, aside from the smell, it should be just fine to use. If you can get around the odor, it would be more convenient than two separate products, i.e. a sunscreen and an AHA product. If not, you should return it immediately.

Paula Begoun is the author of several books on cosmetics, including "Don't Get It! Cosmetics Counter Without Me" (Beginning Press, \$13.95).

Couple's train of presents is running out of steam

DEAR ABBY: Where does it stop? My wife and I have always given our nieces and nephews nice presents for their weddings. Now we are getting announcements and even announcements when their children graduate from high school and college. Are we supposed to respond to all these announcements with gifts?

My wife and I are in our late 70s, retired for many years, and by no means rich, but even if we had money to burn, I'm not sure I would want to buy presents for persons I've never met and will probably never see.

PERPLEXED
IN PETALUMA, CALIF.
DEAR PERPLEXED: Letitia Baldridge, etiquette expert, has something to say on the subject that should solve your dilemma. Regarding birth announcements, she says that when you receive



Dear Abby
Abigail VanBuren

one, respond immediately with a telephone call, letter, Mailgram OR a gift. Such happy news should not go unacknowledged — particularly if it's a couple's first baby.

Letitia has this to say about wedding announcements: "Recipients of wedding announcements are not expected to send a gift (as recipients of invitations who accept are)." However, those who feel close to the bride or groom may send a lovely card or gift to show their pleasure about the news.

The key phrase is "who feel close to the bride or groom." If you are not close to the couple,

you are not obligated to send a gift. The same principle would apply to graduation announcements.

Announcements are intended to share good news, so your family may simply mean to advise you of the milestones in their lives.

DEAR ABBY: In response to the problem of the new stepmother who was left out of her stepdaughter's wedding pictures, there is another point of view.

From the standpoint of posterity, the bloodlines are what's important. The family did not need to be "re-created" — it was already created before this stepmother entered the family. Actually, she had no business expecting to be in a "family" picture.

When my older son was married, there wasn't one wedding picture that didn't have my ex-husband's new wife in it. I had

raised this child to adulthood before this woman came into the picture.

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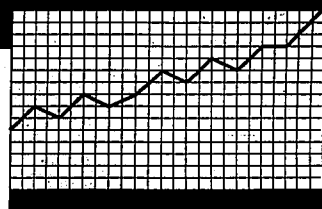
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Taking the manly way out of life

Today we're going to explore the mysterious topic of How Guys Think, which has baffled women in general, and the editors of Cosmopolitan magazine in particular, for thousands of years.



Dave Barry
Humor

The big question, of course, is: How come guys never call? After successful dates, I mean. You single women out there know what I'm talking about. You go out with a guy, and you have a great time, and it seems to have a great time, and at the end of the evening he says, quote, "Can I call you?" And you, interpreting this to mean "Can I call you?" answer: "Sure!"

The instant you say this, the guy's body starts to dematerialize. Within a few seconds you can stick a tire through him and wave it around; in a few more seconds he has vanished entirely, going into the mysterious Guy Bermuda Triangle, where whole squadrons of your dates have disappeared over the years, never to be heard from again.

Eventually you start to wonder if there's something wrong with you, some kind of emotional hang-up or personality defect that your dates are reacting to. Or possibly foot odor. You start having long, searching discussions with your women friends in which you say things like: "He really seemed to like me" and "I didn't feel as though I was putting pressure on him" and "Would you mind, strictly as a friend, smelling my feet?"

This is silly. There's nothing wrong with you. In fact, you should interpret the behavior of your dates as a kind of guy compliment to you. Because when the guy asks you if he can call you, what he's really asking you, in Guy Code, is "I want you to marry me." Yes. See, your basic guy is into a straight-ahead, bottom-line kind of thought process that does not work nearly as well with the infinitely subtle complexities of human relationships as it does with calculating how much gravel is needed to cover a given driveway. So here's what the guy is thinking: If he calls you, you'll go out again, and you'll probably have another great time, so you'll probably go out again and have another great time, and so on until the only possible option will be to get married. This is classic Guy Logic.

So when you say "Sure!" in a bright and cheery voice, you may think you're simply indicating a willingness to go out again, but as far as he's concerned you're endorsing a lifetime commitment that he is quite frankly not ready to make after only one date, so he naturally decides he can never see you again. From that day forward, if he spots you on the street, he'll sprint in the opposite direction to avoid the grave risk that the two of you might meet, which would mean he'd have to ask you if you wanted to get a cup of coffee, and you might say yes, and pretty soon you'd be enjoying each other's company again, and suddenly a clergyman would appear at your table and you'd have to get married AIEEIEEIEE.

(You women think this is crazy, right? Whereas all guys out there are nodding your heads.)

So my advice for single women is that if you're on a date with a guy you like, and he asks whether he can call you, you should give him a nonthreatening answer, such as:

"No."
Or:
"I guess so, but bear in mind that I'm a nun."

This will make him comfortable about seeing you again, each time gaining the courage to approach you more closely, in the manner of a timid, easily startled woodland creature such as a chipmunk. In a few years, if the two of you really do have common interests and compatible personalities, you may reach the point where he'll be willing to take the Big Step, namely, eating granola directly from your hand.

No matter how close you become, however, remember this rule: Do not pressure the guy to share his most sensitive innermost thoughts and feelings with you. Guys hate this, and I'll tell you why: If you were to probe inside the guy's psyche, he'd start that macho exterior and the endless droning about things like the 1978 World Series, you would find, deep down inside, a passionate, heartfelt interest in the 1978 World Series. Yes, the truth is, guys don't have any sensitive innermost thoughts and feelings. It's time you women knew! All these years you've been agonizing about how to make longer relationships work, wondering how come he never talks to you, worrying about all the anguished emotion he must have bottled up inside, and meanwhile he's fretting about how much he needs longer golf spikes. I'm sorry to have to tell you this. Maybe you should become a nun.

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FOCUS and Classified

The good, bad, the ugly of 1995

Deciding who the heroes and villains were this year sometimes depends on your perspective

The Associated Press

From O.J. Simpson to Timothy McVeigh, Yitzhak Rabin to Colin Powell, 1995 yielded a bountiful crop of villains and heroes.

Too bad we couldn't always agree which ones were which.

The saints and scoundrels who populated some of the year's top stories reflected a world at odds with itself. Simpson's murder trial laid bare a moral divide we like to pretend doesn't exist. The Oklahoma City bombing enlivened angry extremists who saw big government as the real villain.

THE YEAR 1995 REVIEW

Israeli leader Rabin, having survived decades of war with Israel's neighbors, was slain by a fellow Jew.

Think goodness not all the headlines were so complicated.

Consider Air Force pilot Scott O'Grady, an old-fashioned hero who might just as well have stepped out of one of those faded photos we dusted off for 50-year remembrances of World War II.

Shot down in June over the deadly woods of Bosnia, O'Grady survived for six days on rainwater, bugs and faith in God until Marines came to his rescue. It was a tale of courage anyone could understand, one of the few things we did understand about war-splintered Bosnia.

Back home, we celebrated our straightforward heroes.

On a ballfield in Baltimore, Orioles shortstop Cal Ripken showed us the virtue of dependability, playing his 2,131st consecutive game to surpass Lou Gehrig as baseball's most durable player. Balloonist Steve Fossett proved adventure is not dead, making the first solo crossing of the Pacific.

Astronaut Norman Thagard took the space program to new lengths. If not heights, setting a U.S. endurance record with 115 days in orbit.

We had our undiluted villains, too.

Susan Smith, the South Carolina mother who strapped her young sons into her car and rolled it into a lake, was sentenced to life in



Retired Gen. Colin Powell was a hero to many as he seemed the voice of moderation among Republican presidential candidates in a polarized nation. He eventually decided against running. Oklahoma City firefighter Chris Fields cradles the body of 1-year-old Baylee Almon, who was killed in the bombing of the city's federal building. He was one of many heroes who helped immediately after the blast and in the succeeding days. The villain or villains, though, two men face bombing charges; is yet to be determined.



AP photo

prison. She got off easy. One poll showed 63 percent of Americans thought she should have been executed.

The Unabomber added blackmail to his deadly resume, getting his anti-technology manifesto published in *The Washington Post* by promising to forgo more violence if it was. He's still out there, unknown, unpredictable.

Colin Ferguson, the gunman who killed six people and wounded 19 others on the Long Island Railroad, got life behind bars, but only after he'd turned the courtroom into a circus, acting as his own attorney and haranguing victims during cross-examination.

Speaking of courtroom circuses — yes, you guessed it — the O.J. Simpson murder

trial was a daily banquet of heroes and villains, though which title each character deserved was as debatable as the verdict itself.

Judge Lance Ito: Was he a model of jurisprudence for keeping the trial of the century from disintegrating under the excesses of grandstanding attorneys? Or a weak-gaveled fop for letting things drag on?

Jurors: Angels for treading through nine months of trial? Or fools who rushed to judgment after deliberating less than four hours?

Mark Fuhrman: The cool, competent detective we saw in the trial's early days? Or the lying racist portrayed at the end?

Finally, Orenthal James himself. Was he the ultimate villain, manipulating

the legal process with his celebrity and wealth to walk away from charges he slashed ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ron Goldman? Or was he a victim, too — and ultimately a hero for beating a system stacked against the black man?

Forget bloody gloves and the barking Akita. How we viewed O.J.'s acquittal had more to do with our skin color. Blacks cheered. Whites jeered. A CBS News poll after the verdict found that 78 percent of blacks, but only 17 percent of whites, thought Simpson probably was innocent.

"We appear to have the evidence viewed through two different prisms. A black prism, if you will, and a white prism, and we came to very divergent opinions," said Bill

Hodgman, part of the prosecution team. The same prisms diverged on Louis Farnkhan — a holy man, a champion of the dispossessed, leader of a million-man statement of solidarity? Or an untrustworthy bigot?

By contrast, few Americans disputed Timothy McVeigh's standing as pariah of the year. The crowd booted and shouted "Baby killer!" as he was led from jail after the April 19 bombing that killed 168 men, women and children in Oklahoma City.

"He wouldn't get a fair trial here," Oklahoma City resident Cindy Skinner said tearfully at the time. "I don't know where he would."

That chapter must wait for 1996, when McVeigh and alleged accomplice Terry Nichols face trial.

In the meantime, the bombing opened doors for an angry fringe of militia groups, tax protesters and self-proclaimed "patriots" who shared McVeigh's hatred for the federal government.

Such malcontents have been around for decades, scarcely able to find an audience for their mutterings about unmarked helicopters and U.N. conspiracies to invade America.

After the bombing, they were daily fixtures in the news, unperturbed that the coverage was uniformly negative. The day after CBS News aired a piece slamming militias, one militia group received 400 calls for information.

All the attention fed an anti-federal mood already in the air. Through summer and fall, Republican-led congressional hearings revisited FBI sieges at Waco, Texas, and Ruby Ridge, Idaho.

This time, the government was on trial. "The American people have the right to expect better," one former FBI official said of federal agents' bloody 1993 standoff with David Koresh and his followers in Waco.

Ruby Ridge's Randy Weaver, once portrayed as a white separatist who trafficked in illegal weapons, got a new image as a martyr who lost his wife and son to trigger-happy FBI agents. He also got a \$3.1 million settlement from the government.

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- Never use flammable liquids in a fireplace.
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Woodstoves

- Be sure your wood or coal stove bears the label of a recognized testing laboratory and meets local fire codes.
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations and local fire codes for proper installation, use and maintenance.
- Inspect chimney connections annually and clean periodically.
- Burn only wood.
- Be sure the woodstove is placed on an approved stove board to protect floors.

Christmas trees

- Choose a freshly cut tree. A deep green color and clean evergreen aroma usually indicate a tree is not dried out. Few green needles should come off branches when shaken.
- Cut a few inches off the trunk before placing it in the stand.
- Trees need water. Check and refill often.
- If tree dries out, take it outside. Never burn it in your fireplace.
- Be sure artificial trees are fire-retardant.
- Use wire or nylon cord to secure the tree to the wall or ceiling. This keeps children or pets from tipping it over.
- Keep the tree away from halls, stairs and exits.
- Keep the tree away from heat sources, sparks and open flames.
- Use only non-combustible decorations.

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- Check and replace worn or damaged wires.
- Use only spot or floodlights on artificial trees.
- Disconnect lights at bedside or when unattended.
- Avoid "octopus" connections and too many lead cords, which could overload circuits.

Gift wrapping

- To avoid a chimney fire, never burn wrappings in a fireplace or woodstove.
- Remove discarded packages and wrappings from the house immediately.

Risks safety

- Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and being burned injuries.
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- Never leave the kitchen when something is cooking on the stove.
- Always turn pot handles in.
- Don't store items on the stove top.
- Keep kitchen appliances clean and in good condition, and turn them off or unplug them after each use.
- Don't overload electrical outlets.
- Don't use appliances with frayed or cracked wires.
- Don't use electrical appliances in or near water.

Internet 'family' weighs in

The Associated Press

Who were the heroes and villains of 1995? The Associated Press asked members of the WELL, a small but highly regarded on-line community with members all over the world.

A few of their answers:
Alex Jestrab (alexjes): "The family that made a board game out of it (a collector's item) and others who coldly and yet cheerfully profited from the Simpson trial as though there was never a tragedy in it."

Jon Glass (jon028): "Heroes: original script on the Web, who publish original material and are promulgating the most dramatic revolution in the written word since... well, you know the drill, but I think it's true that this sudden ability to widely distribute material is 'incredibly powerful and important.'"

Katherine Hardy (kayo): "I'd have to say the freshman class in the House of Representatives is the biggest bunch of villains I've seen in a long time. And the corporations that own them."

"Villains: Microsoft, for once again waiting for everyone else to do the pioneering work and take all the risks so they can then wait in the market, stick their noses up at what is, blather on about how much better they will make it, and then take it over. And the guys who blew up the OK building — whoever they are, or if this pair is convicted, may they rot in hell with the sound of the babies they blew up crying right in their ear forever."

Hank Roberts (hank): "Those 800,000 or so men who went to Washington DC deserve a mention."

Ross Stapleton-Gray (amicus): "Villain: Government of China, playing numerous parts, but most brilliantly as 'Miserable Host' for the UN Women's Conference. The California legislature, for Prop. 187 (which would have outlawed state funds being spent on illegal aliens). That bozo admiral on Okinawa, who said it was stupid for the Marines to have kidnapped — raped — the Japanese girl, since they could have used the money for their rental car to get a prostitute instead. (he's since been sacked)"
Jared Perry (jared23): "Prop 187 was a citizen's initiative."
 (amicus): "ok, ok, we can vilify the citizenry of California."

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In Japan, members of a religious cult admitted to unleashing a poison gas on the Tokyo subway, killing 12 and sickening 5,500.

Israel mourned the loss of Yitzhak Rabin: prime minister, Nobel Peace Prize winner, and cunning soldier who turned his genius to peacemaking in recent years.

Rabin, 75, was a hero to the 100,000 who gathered for a Nov. 4 peace rally in Kings Of Israel Square. But to Yigal Amir, a religious ultranationalist, Rabin had betrayed Israel by working toward peace with the Palestinians.

At the rally, Rabin joined happily in a song of peace. Minutes later, as he walked toward his car, he was shot three times by Amir.

The world has lost one of its greatest men," President Bill Clinton said. "Because words cannot express my true feelings, let me just say shalom, haver — goodbye, friend."

We said goodbye to other stars among us. Mickey Mantle left the ballpark, dead of cancer at 63. Jerry Garcia ended his long, strange trip at 53, signaling tie-dyed Grateful Dead fans that the '60s finally were over. We barely knew Selena, the rising Tejano music star shot dead at 23 by the president of her fan club.



O.J. Simpson was a hero or villain, depending on your viewpoint.

But we said hello, again, to Monica Seles, who returned to pro tennis two years after being stabbed by a crazed fan. The Beatles were back. And Michael Jordan ended his fling with baseball, rejoining the Chicago Bulls to show the lower atmosphere between floorboards and hoop.

The new Republican Congress rode into 1995 on a white steed, trumpeting its Contract With America. Some of us looked for heroes there, thinking this time politics would be different.

It wasn't, much. By November, when stalled budget talks shut down federal offices, polls suggested most Americans thought Clinton was actually making President Clinton look good — a feat he had seldom managed himself.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich lost his shine, sinking in the polls as he whined about getting a bad seat on Air Force One.

Other political figures fell even further.

A sexual harassment scandal forced Oregon Sen. Bob Packwood to resign, putting his seat up for grabs. ("There's a switch," Jay Leno quipped). Illinois Rep. Mel Reynolds went to prison for having sex with an underage campaign worker and obstructing justice. The husband of Rep. Enid Waldbolt went on the lam, leaving the Utah Republican with a 10-week-old baby and an office full of federal investigators asking about her campaign finances.

It was a year in which even politicians found politics tiresome. Twelve U.S. senators — eight Democrats and four Republicans — announced they would retire next year, the greatest turnover since 1896.

"We live in a time when, on a basic level, politics is broken," said exiting Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J.

Yet we kept on hoping for heroes. How else to explain the Powell phenomenon?

As a pack of Republican presidential hopefuls started circling each other, we paid little heed, crowding instead into bookstores for an autographed copy of "My American Journey," by retired Gen. Colin Powell.

To try, he seemed a voice of moderation in a polarized nation, a natural leader with a Democrat's compassion and a Republican's sense of justice, a black man who had succeeded in a white man's world.

The possibility that such a heroic figure might run for president was tantalizing.

Yet ultimately Powell disappointed, saying he had no heart for the "test of fire" that is presidential politics.

Had he been reading Emerson? "Every hero becomes a bore at last," the poet wrote, and in 1995, that went for villains, too. We valued our saints and sinners for our own moral instruction — but never for too long, hungrily chewing through one to the next.

We know there will be more. We'll create them if we must. And perhaps in 1996, we'll be able to tell them apart.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission, Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, that a Public Hearing will be held upon the following items:

A CONDITIONAL USE/LAND DIVISION by Glenn D. Section 23, Township 11 North, Range 14 East, also known as being located six (6) miles South, two (2) miles East of East Twin Falls (Blue Lakes Blvd) and addressed as 3195 East 3200 North, in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to sell one acre and the original homestead for profit.

A CONDITIONAL USE/LAND DIVISION TEMPORARY EASEMENT by Michael and Debbie Oliver on property consisting of five acres located in the Section 10, Township 10 South, Range 14 East, B.M. Also known as being located one and one-half (1 1/2) miles South of Buhl on Fair Street, in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to divide one acre for a home site for parent.

A CONDITIONAL USE/LAND DIVISION by Gordon and Debra Arnis on property consisting of 20.19 acres located in Section 1, Township 11 North, Range 15 East, B.M. Also known as being located four (4) miles South, three and one-half (3 1/2) miles West of the 90/30 Junction and addressed as 2025 East 3200 North, in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to divide and sell five (5) acres for profit.

A CONDITIONAL USE/LAND DIVISION by John W. Peterson on property consisting of ninety (90) acres located in Section 30, Township 10 South, Range 14 East, B.M. Also known as being located in the Section 10, Township 10 South, Range 14 East, B.M. Also known as being located one and one-half (1 1/2) miles South of Buhl on Fair Street, in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to divide one acre with existing home and sell.

A CONDITIONAL USE/LAND DIVISION by Gregory J. Winkler on property consisting of 6.77 acres located in Section 22, Township 8 South, Range 18 East, B.M. Also known as being located approximately 3.2 miles South, one and one-half (1 1/2) miles West of Curry Crossing and addressed as 2436 East 4300 North Drive, in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to divide and sell 1.77 acres for profit.

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A REZONE by Roy and Sandra Wojcik as represented by EHM Engineers, Inc., on property consisting of 10.30 acres in Section 25, Township 11 North, Range 15 East, B.M. Also known as being located approximately 6.3 miles South of Hansen on Rock Creek Road at 3800 East 3400 North in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to rezone a 4.30 acres from agricultural to commercial local for a restaurant, a convenience store, and a gas island.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held before the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission at the time of 7:30 p.m. on the 11th day of January 1996 at the Twin Falls County Office Building Meeting Room, 246 3rd Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho upon said requests.

A complete description of each request is on file with the Office of the Zoning Administrator, and available upon request. Any and all persons may appear at said hearing and register their approval or disapproval of the matter.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1995 R. Rick Miesel, Chairman Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission. ATTEST: Robert S. Fort, Clerk

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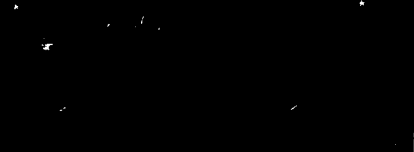
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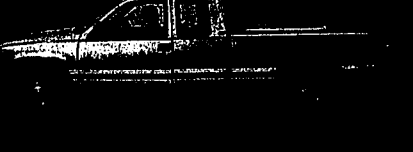
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