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GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny in morning with snow possible in the afternoon. Highs near 40. Lows 20 to 25.

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Growing need: Salvation Army workers prepare Christmas bags for an exploding number of new faces.

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THE HIGH COST OF EDUCATION



The Schwarz family has learned through experience how to get children through college. From left, Mandy attends the College of the Ozarks in Missouri; mother Nina is an employee of the College of Southern Idaho; Kavinia is a recent college graduate who teaches in Washington; and Lindi, who is at CSI, plans to transfer to Boise State University or the University of Idaho.

Paying for college

It's getting scary but - with a bit of planning - it's still doable

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Schwarz family is a late-20th-century phenomenon: college-educated and college-debt-free.

"We've been fortunate, but the girls did their homework and went after the financial aid that was available," said Nina Schwarz, a single mother who works in the College of Southern Idaho counseling center. "It can be done."

More and more parents are wondering how. Tuition and fees at four-year colleges rose 5 to 6 percent this year, according to the College Board, while room and board are up 4 to 6 percent. And that's considered a moderating trend.

A parent of a 3-year-old who begins saving this year for four years of a private college will need to save \$389,156, Ellen Breslow, director of retirement planning services at Smith Barney, told Planning Newsletters. That requires saving \$1,083 a month, assuming an 8 percent annual return on investment. For a public institution, the parent should expect to save \$134,747, with

Going up		Private university	
Tuition and college fees	15	Current cost	\$28,000
Room and board	4 to 6	Inflation rate	8.3%
Books and supplies	5	Total projected costs	\$389,156
Transportation	5	Monthly investment needed	\$1,083
Personal expenses	5	Annual investment needed	\$12,639
Total projected costs	\$134,747	Notes: Costs include tuition, fees, room and board, it assumes four years of schooling, an 8 percent annual return on investments and a 22 percent tax rate.	\$796
Monthly investment needed	\$375		\$9,292
Annual investment needed	\$4,500		

monthly savings of \$375.

If you put away 5 percent of your take-home pay, that would require a weekly household disposable income of \$1,875 - \$46.87 an hour.

"Divide the annual cost of a school like Brandeis University by the number of weeks in a college year, and you get \$1,000 a week," Newsweek magazine reported in April. "That's more than the weekly income of about 70 percent of the nation's households."

Not surprisingly, college debt has exploded. Ninety-one percent of students at private Albertson College of Idaho are in some form of financial aid, but so are

80 percent at cost-conscious Idaho State University.

One hundred billion dollars in tuition loans - nine times the cost of building the Grand Coulee Dam - have been granted since 1990, according to Newsweek, to cover college costs that have risen by 66 percent since 1984.

"No," said Ron Christensen, director of financial aid at Albertson College. "Our costs are growing at 3 or 4 percent a year, and that's probably going to be the range for a while."

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Proposal returns INEL to spotlight

By N.S. Norkentved
Times-News writer

What is plutonium?

Plutonium, a silvery metal, resembles lead in appearance. Inhaling plutonium dust can cause death within days or weeks. A canister of plutonium can cause cancer over a period of years. It is not highly radioactive, but has a half-life of 24,000 years, that's how long it takes for it to lose half of its radioactivity. Plutonium spontaneously ignites when exposed to air. Most scientists agree that even minute particles of plutonium can cause cancer if inhaled or ingested. Plutonium is produced in a nuclear reactor when uranium that cannot sustain a nuclear reaction, becomes plutonium and becomes a byproduct.

TWIN FALLS - Ten years ago the country was looking for another way to make more plutonium for nuclear weapons. Now it's looking for a way to get rid of excess plutonium. In the mid- to late-1980s, the federal Department of Energy proposed to build a plutonium refinery at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, to turn stored plutonium into weapons-grade material. But the end of the Cold War brought nuclear arms reduction and reduced the need for building new nuclear weapons. As a result, the country finds itself with about 50 tons of excess plutonium on its hands. The Energy Department has proposed sending some of that plutonium to Idaho for processing and disposal. It is an ironic twist of fate. The INEL was containi-

What do you do with a problem like plutonium?

The Department of Energy will get rid of the plutonium from dismantled nuclear weapons in two ways:

- Using commercial atomic power plants to burn the plutonium after it is mixed with uranium into a mixed oxide.
- Vitrification

Tomahawk II MRASM

W80 warhead
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Turning nuclear waste into glass
"can in canister" method

- Radioactive material is mixed with glass-making chemicals and heated to 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit in a massive ceramic melter.

Molten glass is then poured into cans, which are loaded into 10' by 2' containers. Both the cans and the containers are stainless steel.

Sites where excess plutonium is currently located

Source: National Resources Defense Council

AP/Tonia Cowan, Dawn Desjardis

F & G chief says he'll seek cooperation

The Associated Press

BOISE - Steve Mealey sees little room for improvement of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, which he soon will head.

The controversial wildlife biologist responsible for dramatically increasing timber cutting in the Boise National Forest as supervisor there from 1991 to 1994 wants to make friends with the agency long criticized by farmers, ranchers and industry groups.

But the former grizzly bear researcher also promised to fight aggressively for wildlife and the 500 people who will work for him.

"I hope when my term is done, people will note a legacy of partnerships," Mealey said Friday.

Mealey, 54, will succeed Jerry Conroy as director of the agency responsible for all of the state's fish and wildlife.

In addition to managing fish and game for hunters and fishermen, the

agency is responsible for keeping marauding game out of farmers' fields and protecting song birds and other non-game species. Many conservationists and sportsmen worry he will weaken the department's strong advocacy for the state's fish and wildlife.

"I hope that his agenda for being there is not as a cushion between sportsmen and land-use activities, but as an advocate for sportsmen," said Mitch Sanchotena of Idaho Steelhead and Salmon Unlimited. "I'm not optimistic that's the reason he's there."

Commissioner Keith Carlson of Lewiston, who said Mealey "wasn't my first choice," agreed that the new director will have to remember Fish and Game has a different mission than the Forest Service.

"We're not a multiple-use agency. We're a single-use agency. Our job is to look out for fish and wildlife," Carlson said. "He's a bright guy. I'm sure he can do it."

The Idaho Wildlife Federation feared the commission might not hire someone with a background in fish and wildlife management. But Mealey has the qualifications, said Bill Goodnight, a spokesman for the group.

Outfitter Doug Tims, referring to Mealey's experience as an outfitter in the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, said he is a good choice to head the agency in a state as diverse and rugged as Idaho. "His heart is in the backcountry," Tims said.

Conley left the agency after 15 years to become director of the Missouri Department of Conservation. He was paid about \$82,000 a year. Commission Chairman Richard Meiers of Eagle said Mealey's pay will be negotiated later, but the position was advertised at \$69,000 to \$102,000 a year.

Ship crushes public walkway in New Orleans

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS - A grain freighter lost power and smashed into the Riverwalk shopping mall on Saturday as panicked holiday shoppers leapt into the Mississippi River and trampled each other in the rush to escape.

The Coast Guard initially reported that six people were killed. Hours later, the Coast Guard and Mayor Marc Morial said no deaths had been confirmed.

Morial said 60 people were injured trying to escape the mall, with only one being seriously enough to be hospitalized overnight. Another official at the scene said four mentally retarded children were missing.

The impact demolished parts of the three-tiered wharf, including sections of the adjoining Hilton Hotel, which fell onto the ship. What remained standing appeared unstable and ready to collapse. Shoppers reported smelling gas.

Chunks of stores, restaurants, bars, as well as a parking garage and exercise room from a condominium that is part of the mall littered the river.

Ron Branson, executive director of port of New Orleans, said rescue workers would search overnight for survivors but added "we are very, very hopeful that when this is over, there won't be any

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WEATHER

IDAHO Weather Sunday, Dec. 15. AccuWeather's forecast for dry type conditions and high temperatures. Includes maps for Boise, Twin Falls, and Pocatello with temperature forecasts.

FORECAST

Magic Valley Today mostly sunny in the morning, then increasing clouds in the afternoon. High 35 to 40. West winds at 10 to 20 mph. Tonight mostly cloudy with scattered snow showers. Lows 20 to 25. Monday partly cloudy, breezy and colder with high 25 to 30.

Extended regional forecast Tuesday mostly clear and very cold. Lows 10 above zero to 5 below zero. High 10 to 20. Wednesday and Thursday mostly clear and continued very cold. Lows 5 above zero to 15 below zero. High 10 to 20.

Camas Prairie, Wood River Valley Today increasing clouds with a slight chance of snow in the afternoon. High in the upper 20s to the mid 30s. Lows 5 to 15 above. Monday, partly cloudy and breezy. High 30 to 35.

Treasure Valley Today mostly sunny in the morning; increasing clouds. High near 40. Tonight mostly cloudy with scattered snow showers. Becoming breezy with lows between 20 and 25. Monday partly cloudy, breezy and colder, with high near 30.

Sawtooth Mountains Today increasing clouds with a slight chance of snow. High in the mid 30s. Tonight, mostly cloudy with scattered snow showers. Lows 5 to 15. Monday partly cloudy and breezy. High generally in the teens.

Eastern Idaho Today, mostly sunny early with increasing clouds. High 25 to 35. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of snow showers. Lows 15 to 20. Monday, cloudy with chance of snow showers. High near 20s to the mid 30s.

Northern Idaho Today sunny, with accumulations of 2 to 3 inches in the valleys and 3 to 5 inches above 5000 feet. Winds increasing to 10 to 20 mph causing blowing and drifting snow. High 25 to 30. This evening clearing. Breezy with lows near 20. Monday, mostly sunny. Breezy and colder with high in the mid 20s.

Northern Nevada Today mostly sunny, with northwesterly winds up to 15 mph. High in the mid 30s. Lows in the mid teens. Tonight partly cloudy, Monday, a slight chance of snow showers exists, otherwise partly cloudy and brisk. High in 40s.

Northern Utah Northern Utah Today mostly sunny. High 35-40. Lows in the mid 20s. Monday mostly cloudy skies with a good chance of snowfall. Turning colder with breezy north winds developing by afternoon. High cooling into the upper 20s during the afternoon.

ACROSS THE NATION

Associated Press Wind, snow blows across Plains, creating travel hazards Travel was discouraged on Interstate 90 across western South Dakota because of ice and poor visibility. The state highway department said blowing snow cut visibility to as little as 50 feet. The Nebraska Panhandle also got wind up to 50 mph, but only about 5 inches of snow was forecast. The stiff wind also blew across parts of Kansas and eastern Colorado, with gusts to 59 mph at Denver. Gusts up to 65 mph were possible in parts of Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, eastern Colorado and northern New Mexico. In the East, rain fell during the afternoon across Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and southeastern New York, as well as parts of Connecticut and Massachusetts. But it wasn't enough to stop Christmas shoppers. "I would have come whether it was snowing, sleeting or hailing," Susan Whelan said at a mall in Wayne, N.J.

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Sunday, Dec. 15. Includes a map of the United States with temperature zones and a table of temperatures for various cities.

HIGHS & LOWS

Idaho: High, 46 degrees at Lewiston. Low, 9 degrees at Fairfield. Nation: High, 84 at McAllen, Texas. Low, 8 below at Bernidji, Minn.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz or call 423-4423. The Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is: http://www.state.id.us/dot/tranppg.htm

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Table with columns for Idaho locations (Boise, Burley, Baring, Fairfield, Gooding, Hagerman, Jerome, Lewiston, Malad, Malta, McCall, Pocatello, Salmon, Shoshone, Sun Valley) and weather data for Yesterday, Last year, and Normal.

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 5:05 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 6:02 a.m. Lunar phases: New, Dec. 10; first quarter Dec. 17; full, Dec. 24; last quarter, Jan. 1. Visible planets: Mars, Venus. Evening: Jupiter, Saturn, Mercury.

Crush

Continued from A1 victims. One mall worker said the captain sounded the horn about three minutes before the freighter sliced bow-first into the second-story section of the 180,000-square-foot, metal-and-glass mall that extends over the river. "All witnesses confirmed that they heard the warning," Brinson said. Approximately 1,000 shoppers in the mall, which has 200 shops

and eateries, and about 800 gamblers on the Flamingo Casino ribcageboard docked nearby watched in horror as the freighter cruised out of control, missing the riverboat and two other ships before crashing into the middle of the mall. It was first seen by mall worker Chris Storey. "It started to shake and we looked out the store window - glass and water and the ceiling just starting falling in. People started running out in panic and it just went black inside."

Rescue workers searched the rubble with heat-seeking equipment looking for survivors and victims. A group of Girl Scouts who initially had reported missing were found safe, but four mentally handicapped children could not be found hours after the accident, said City Councilwoman Peggy Wilson, who was at the scene. She said the first casualties taken to hospitals were treated for possible heart attacks or injuries from trampling.

Clinton's new top aide known for tough approach

The New York Daily News WASHINGTON — When the undisciplined President Clinton was dawdling on picking his national security team, incoming chief of staff Erskine Bowles issued a stern order. "Give me the names, or you're a dead man," said a presidential aide, mimicking Bowles' blunt approach as he leaned on Clinton — a procrastinator of the highest order — to make up his mind. Bowles, 51, will formally take over as White House chief of staff

— sometimes called the second most powerful man in Washington — in January. He's soft-spoken, has a North Carolina drawl and his big round glasses give him a bookish appearance. But he's tough, say his friends, and already has a reputation of a Dr. No. In a White House where the president's temper is feared, Bowles has the guts to tell Clinton the hard truth. "They'll never eat

my brother alive," said Hargrove Bowles 3rd, a stockbroker in Greenville, S.C. Bowles has two rules for the staff: never show up late, and never change the subject. A businessman, he's credited with bringing a CEO's time-is-money philosophy to an unwieldy White House in Clinton's first term, when he was brought in as Leon Panetta's deputy chief of staff.

INEL

Continued from A1 nated by the waste it once took from the Colorado bomb factory that made plutonium bomb components. Now the INEL is one of the facilities that may soon take those components apart and turn the plutonium into commercial reactor fuel. Some critics are concerned that using bomb material in commercial reactors blurs the line that traditionally has separated military and commercial nuclear programs in the United States. The Energy Department proposes two ways of making the plutonium unavailable for future bomb production. One way is to mix the plutonium with molten glass and dispose of it in a geologic repository. The other is to mix the plutonium with uranium and turn it into commercial power reactor fuel. The INEL has been proposed as a site for two plants: one to dismantle bomb parts, and one to turn the plutonium in those parts into reactor fuel. The proposed plants could treat

ate 200 to 690 jobs at the INEL. The eastern Idaho site already has expertise in handling nuclear materials, in handling plutonium and in reactor and support operations. INEL spokesman Brad Bigger said. Eastern Idaho heavily supported Gov. Phil Batt's nuclear waste agreement with the federal government. But that agreement might keep several hundred jobs out of eastern Idaho, if it blocks the proposed projects. The agreement limits the amount of nuclear waste that can be shipped to Idaho. But in the long term that's OK with Idaho House Speaker Mike Simpson, R-Blackfoot, whose district includes most of the INEL. If the INEL is selected for one or both plants, and they fit under the government's agreement, Simpson would welcome them. But if the agreement blocks some jobs, "that doesn't bother me." "I think the agreement is in Idaho's best interest, in eastern Idaho's best interest," Simpson said. But one attorney who helped negotiate the government's agreement says it's unlikely the plutonium or the plants would be allowed to come to Idaho. "I'm pretty confident it won't

come at all," Kathleen Trever said. Shipping plutonium to Idaho would be barred by Idaho's nuclear waste agreement. If it's no longer needed in bombs, it's waste, she said. The department is at least two years from making a decision that would affect Idaho, she said. Energy Department critics, however, are concerned about nuclear weapons proliferation and the environmental implications of the reactor fuel option. "It would feed the plutonium economy," said Beatrice Brailsford of the Snake River Alliance, a statewide nuclear watchdog group. The government would have to subsidize utilities to take the plutonium fuel, pay them to convert to burn it and pay to produce it. Once the government has enticed utilities to use the fuel, the government will have to feed the converted reactors and to dispose of the spent fuel. In order to make fuel out of the plutonium, it must be mixed into plutonium oxide. Three parts plutonium oxide would be mixed with 97 parts uranium oxide; the result is known as "mixed oxide" fuel or MOX. Brailsford also was concerned

that handling bomb material would close the national security seal back over INEL operations. Burning the excess plutonium in power reactors makes little sense, according to Arjun Makhijani, president of the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research. Low uranium prices and high plutonium processing costs make plutonium uneconomic as a reactor fuel, Makhijani said in an Institute newsletter. "Mixed oxide" fuel would cost \$500 million more than uranium fuel over the life of a reactor — even if the plutonium were free, he said. Instead he urges the United States to dispose of plutonium by mixing it with molten glass, a process called vitrification, to persuade countries that still separate plutonium from civilian spent fuel from doing so. But the Energy Department says taking the bombs apart and making the plutonium unavailable for future bomb production is a non-prioritary effort, Bigger said. Turning it into reactor fuel would make it so radioactive after being used that it would be difficult to recover any bomb material. "It fits into our historical mission here," Bigger said.

A quote in the Twin Falls boys' basketball game. Story in Saturday's paper was attributed to the wrong person. The quote and attribution should have read as follows: "We had outside-inside scoring tonight," Bruin coach Dan Vogt said. "The only thing I didn't like was our shot selection. We had a size advantage when (6-foot, 6-inch Chris Terry) sat down in

ROAD INFORMATION For current road conditions, call these numbers: Boise, 378-8128; Shoshone, 886-2266; Pocatello, 733-6774; Rigby, 745-7278; Utah 801-964-6000; the Elko, Nev., area, 702-738-8888.

ROAD CONDITIONS BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation reported ice or snow on highways at higher elevations on Saturday. Road Conditions: U.S. 95 — Plummer-Coeur d'Alene, dry; wet; Coeur d'Alene-Sandpoint, wet; Sandpoint-Canadian border, wet; broken snow floor; Riggins-Whitebird Hill, dry; Whitebird Hill, icy spots; Grangeville-Lewiston, icy spots; Lewiston-Moscow, dry; Weiser-New Meadows, dry, icy spots; Marsing-Oregon line, dry. Interstate 90 — Fourth of July Canyon, wet; Lookout Pass, snow floor. U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Koonika, icy spots; Koonika-Lowell, wet; Lowell-Lolo Pass, snow floor, snowing. Interstate 84 — Oregon line-Burley, dry; Burley-Tah line, dry, icy spots. Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-Donnelly, broken snow floor; Broken New Meadows. Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, dry, icy spots; Idaho City-Lowman, icy spots; broken snow floor; Lowman-Banner Summit, icy spots; broken snow floor, avalanche warning.

U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Carey, wet, icy spots; Arco-Idaho Falls, icy spots, icy, broken snow floor; Idaho Falls-Ashton, broken snow floor, snow floor; Ashton-Montana line, snow floor, snowing. U.S. 26 — Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, snow floor, snowing; Blackfoot-Arco, dry. Idaho 51 — Dry, wet. U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Twin Falls, dry; Twin Falls-Carey, dry, wet, icy spots; Carey-Arco, wet, icy spots, icy; Arco-Salmon, icy, broken snow floor, snowing; Lost Trail Pass, icy spots; broken snow floor, snow floor. Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, dry, icy spots, icy; Galena-Summit, icy, snow floor, avalanche warning. Idaho Falls-Carey, dry, wet, icy spots. Interstate 15 — Utah line-Pocatello, dry; Malad Pass, dry; Pocatello-Idaho Falls, dry, Idaho Falls-Dubois, wet, icy spots; Moinda Pass, icy spots. U.S. 30 — McCammon-Wyoming line, dry. U.S. 12 — Dry. Idaho 28 — icy spots, broken snow floor, snow floor.

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NATION



John Brewer holds 15-month-old Robin Rosenberg to her to see the 'Holiday Tree' in Berkeley, Calif., earlier this month.

Berkeley's holiday tree includes all faiths

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — It just wouldn't be Christmas without a pagan candle-lighting. Civic officials covered all the holiday bases this year with a tree lighting ceremony that took note of Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Diwali and the pre-Christian festival of winter solstice. "We wanted to incorporate as many faiths as possible," said Rachel Rupert, executive director of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce.

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Report: Airliners' merger off

HOUSTON (AP) — A deal to merge two of the nation's largest airlines — Delta and Continental — appears to be off.

In a telephone message to employees, Continental Airlines Chief Executive Gordon Bethune says the carrier is no longer in merger discussions.

"We are not in any discussions, nor do we have any plans to have any discussions with anyone," Bethune said without mentioning Delta by name.

Continental spokesman Ned Walker, when pressed for details, told Saturday's Houston Chronicle, "Gordon's message speaks for itself."

Reports surfaced this month that Continental, the nation's fifth largest airline, initiated talks with Delta, the third largest.

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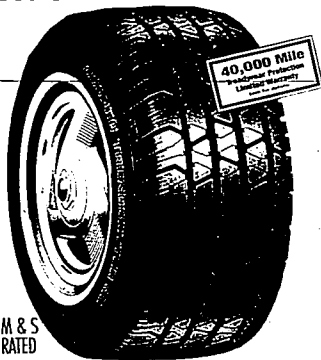
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NATION

Town in flames after fire chief dismissed

CENTREVILLE, Ill. (AP) — When the fire chief was dismissed after a spat with the fire board, all 14 volunteer firefighters walked out with him. Soon after, vacant houses started burning.

Now both sides are pointing fingers. The ousted chief wants to know where the department's tax dollars have gone — only a handful of new volunteers fight fires, and an agent of the state Fire Marshal's office is investigating.

"Authorities say they have no suspects in the fires, but Councilman Kyle Johnson said nearly everyone assumes someone involved in the dispute is responsible."

"Faced with the current situation we have, who wouldn't think that?" Johnson said.

"You have some people saying it's the firemen who are saying now, you have some who say it looks like the firemen who walked out," he said.

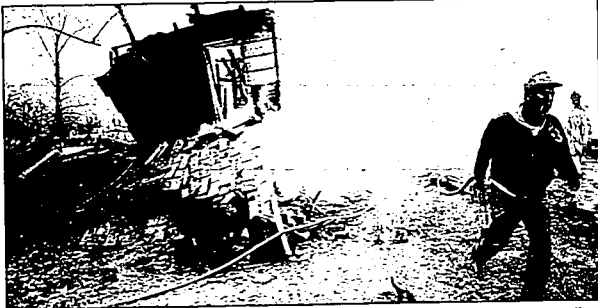
Ousted chief Mark Jackson and his volunteers say they don't know who's behind the fires, but they're certain of one thing: The leaders of the five-member fire district board of trustees have to go.

"It doesn't matter whether they put me back as chief," said Jackson. "They are going to be removed."

Jackson was fired Nov. 12 after a long dispute with board members, capped by accusations that he stole the board's financial books.

Within hours of his firing, firefighters began turning in their equipment. A few days later, a broken-down car designated as the chief's burned outside the fire station in this modest southern Illinois town of 8,000 people. And over the last two weeks, five vacant houses have burned — four of them within 24 hours of a raucous fire board meeting on Tuesday.

The board has recruited as many as four replacement firefighters, but it has not been uncommon for just one to respond to fires, Johnson said. Neighboring districts have been providing backup.



A Church Road firefighter leaves the scene of a fire-ravaged building after it had been extinguished in Centreville, Ill., Wednesday. State authorities are in town to investigate the numerous suspicious local fires.

Mayor Riley Owens, whose office has no control over the fire board, filed court papers Friday asking a judge to order Jackson's reinstatement. He says the board failed to properly notify Jackson of the charges against him and never gave him a chance to respond.

However, one of the walkouts, Capt. Steven Drew, said his colleagues won't return to work until board president Lillian Washington and secretary Luch Smith are out of office.

"These people act like a bunch of kids," Drew said. "The disgruntled firefighters said they were ordered to ask a board member for permission to take their trucks out — even on fire calls. Jackson got into a shouting match with board members after he was spotted using the truck without permission for fire-safety training."

Ms. Washington did not attend a meeting called Thursday by fire investigators, and the telephone at her home went unanswered Friday. Township Supervisor Joe Touchette, who appoints the board, did not return phone calls seeking comment Friday.

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"This is not a victory for one man or a slate of candidates, it's a victory for all honest people who want strong, working unions," Carey said at union headquarters where supporters cheered his claim of election to a second five-year term.

Meanwhile, a federal overseer was tallying the final ballots and supporters of James P. Hoffa

remained confident that the outcome would depend on an accounting of challenged ballots, which could total 30,000.

"It is premature for anyone to declare victory at this point," said Hoffa spokesman Richard Leebore.

Carey supporters conceded the challenged ballots would be checked, but they were certain that wouldn't change the results. Carey claimed 52 percent of the vote.

"This was about things that are important to working people," a buoyant Carey said. "The reform movement in this union has spoken today."

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Hard work: Finding jobs for those on welfare

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — White President Clinton puts "welfare as we know it" in the past tense, it isn't there yet. Despite that revised slogan, he adds that welfare reform is just beginning.

Transforming a 60-year system takes more than writing a law like the one the Republican Congress passed and Clinton signed despite misgivings, then claimed for his own during the campaign. Clinton says the bill was "just the next step, not the end of the road."

He'd like some provisions eased, and said when he signed the bill before Labor Day that he would recommend changes in 1997. Clinton said this week he will ask Congress to pass tax credits as an incentive to create private jobs for people moving off welfare. He also said he wants job funds to be used in cities where there otherwise wouldn't be any open.

His budget also may seek to restore some cuts in food stamp funds and in benefits for non-citizens, points on which some Republicans have said they will not budge.

So welfare will be back for debate in the new Congress, and it will be a major topic as state legislatures convene across the nation next month. The whole premise is to put the system in state custody, with federal grants to help pay for it.

"So now it's up to the states," Clinton told the Democratic Leadership Council. "And this welfare reform movement has to shift in large measure to an argument at every state level."

The law Clinton signed after vetoing an earlier GOP version sets federal guidelines and requires federal certification that state welfare plans will comply with a new five-year limit on benefits and with other provisions of the law, including a phase-in of work requirements for recipients, at least half of whom are supposed to be employed by 2002.

States have until July 1 to submit their own welfare plans to Washington. But the sooner the better financially, since their

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blueprints for meeting the requirements of the new law entitle them to block grants exceeding what the old federal subsidy system paid for welfare.

That's because the grants are based on past welfare spending and the number of people receiving benefits has been declining. Thirty-eight states have submitted welfare plans for federal review, and 18 have been cleared as meeting the requirements of the new law. They may still need legislative action, but that initial clearance puts them into the new system.

Clinton boasts of a drop of 2.1 million in welfare rolls, "partly because of the improving economy, but largely because we have worked with the states to forge new approaches to move people from welfare to work."

"We said we would end welfare as we know it, and we have," he said.

But it took the administration more than a year to produce its own welfare bill, and the Democrats never got around to acting on the issue before they lost Congress in 1994.

The president said he'd gone ahead anyhow by granting 43 states federal permission to impose rules requiring work for "setting time limits and experimenting with other changes in the system."

"Welfare as we know it was a bad deal for everyone," Clinton said. "We are determined to create a better deal."

This is not the first attempt at it. Presidents since John F.

Kennedy have sought welfare reforms. An overhaul signed by Ronald Reagan included work and job training requirements to get people off welfare, but flopped for lack of funds and jobs.

The new law is far more specific about what states are to do in welfare reform and when. Now the states have the power, and

the problem, of deciding how. Ordering people to work after two years on welfare doesn't produce the jobs for them to fill.

"We have demanded responsibility of welfare recipients — indeed, we have written it into the law," Clinton said. "And now we must meet our responsibilities by providing them the opportunity to work."

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2nd term could be tough

Most of the presidents who served 2 terms ended on a bumpy road

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Having arrived at a pinnacle that only George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln and nine other men have attained in the past 200 years, William Jefferson Clinton now stands at what may be the most precarious position in American politics: Next month he will take the oath of office for his second term as president of the United States.

Presidents who win and serve out two full terms are something of a rarity. And while several have had notable achievements in their second four years, few have escaped unbloodied and many have come to grief, from Richard Nixon, who resigned in disgrace over Watergate, to James Madison, who managed the War of 1812 so ineptly that British soldiers pillaged Washington and ate the supper the fleeing president had left behind in the White House.

Even the seemingly invincible Franklin D. Roosevelt stumbled badly in his second term. His attempts to pack the Supreme Court with sympathetic justices and purge conservatives from Congress in 1937 and 1938 met with stinging defeat. A misguided effort to balance the budget helped trigger a recession that brought new misery to millions of people and even caused much of the progress made against the Depression during his first term.

"Presidential popularity and power do not often last through eight full years in office," Jefferson biographer Dumas Malone remarked in considering the difficulties encountered by the United States' third president during his final years in the White House.

The American presidency, history seems to say, is a dangerous job — and eight years is a long time for even the most skilled and fortune-blessed leader to stay at the table and keep winning. Foreign crises, domestic economic problems, political enemies, even zealots and madmen — all can bring a president to sing them do not diminish with the passage of time.

Clinton, in his first news conference after the election, said he was "very mindful of history's difficulties," although he vowed "to try to beat them."

So far as Clinton is concerned, what are "history's difficulties?" And how might they apply to his second term?

First, white external events have frequently played earthquake-like havoc with the plans of re-elected presidents, the resulting disasters most often have sprung from the chief executives' own mistakes and miscalculations.

In particular, history suggests that Clinton's second term may depend on how successfully he deals with four challenges.

• How he reads the strengths and weaknesses dealt to him and his Republican opponents by the November election.

• How he handles the econo-



In January President Clinton will take the oath of office for his second term. History has shown that the second term has been tough on previous presidents.

my. Clinton has recommitted himself to balancing the federal budget, a goal he described as "easily achievable." For the moment, such pronouncements may be politically useful, but the experience of Roosevelt in 1937, after a far larger re-election victory than Clinton's, shows how quickly public opinion can turn sour.

• How he deals with scandals carried forward from his first term. Nixon is the most obvious example of a president who did not meet this test. The president whose experience might give Clinton pause is Ulysses S. Grant, whose reputation perished even though he was never himself found guilty of any impropriety.

• How well he copes with deep-running currents of contemporary history and with the conflicting visions and desires of the public. Presidents not only make history, they struggle against it in the process, they often encounter forces they can neither yield to nor ignore.

Clinton can take comfort from the fact that several presidents,

including Washington, Jefferson and Dwight D. Eisenhower, endured bruising second terms that did not diminish their larger achievements. Others suffered serious damage but still recorded significant accomplishments in their second terms.

Roosevelt not only went on to win unprecedented third and fourth terms but scored two substantial accomplishments in his beleaguered second term. Though the bloom was clearly off the New Deal rose, he persuaded Congress to pass a wages and hours law that materially improved the lot of working men and women. And he began the difficult process of turning a divided and resistant country away from isolationism.

Reagan, though stained by the Iran-Contra affair and a series of uncharacteristically clumsy mistakes after his re-election, won approval of a major tax simplification law in 1986. More important, his abandonment of "Evil Empire" rhetoric in favor of an increasingly virtual alliance with Mikhail Gorbachev helped set the pattern for a remarkably rapid switch from enmity to virtual alliance.

"Some of it is just plain luck," says John Alexander, a professor of American history at the University of Cincinnati, in assessing the fortunes of second-term presidents.

Re-elected chief executives sometimes substitute an inflated sense of mission and public support for the political savvy and restraint that marked, for example, Clinton's successes in the second half of his first term.

Clinton takes steps to double adoptions of kids in foster care

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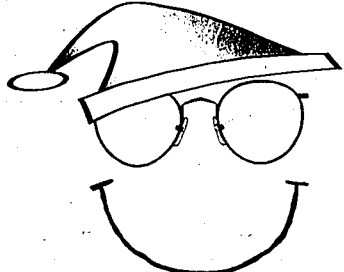
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NATION

Simpson defense raising doubts — but are doubts enough this time?

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — It could have happened, O.J. Simpson's defense team suggested. Mark Fuhrman could have snatched a crime-scene bloody glove in a jacket he could have taken off, and he could have planted the glove at Simpson's house, and his could have been roamed around unseen by other detectives. Other incriminating evidence could have been contaminated by blood that could have come from a vial of Simpson's blood that

could have been short about 2 milliliters of blood. The controls that could have detected this contamination could have been faked, and other blood placed on a crime-scene gate and on socks that could have been planted in Simpson's bedroom. This was the scenario sketched out last week by Simpson's lawyers, mostly through incoherent and leading questions that the judge deemed objectionable as

argument without proof. Yet the message got to the jury. Now, the question for Simpson is whether matching a mountain of evidence with a cavalcade of "could haves" will be enough this time. The first four days of Simpson's defense in the wrongful death trial showed his lawyers are pursuing the same winning strategy in his criminal trial: poke holes in the opposition's case, raise provocative possibilities and sug-

gest devious deeds — but never give a clear alternative theory. It worked wonders in the criminal trial, in which the prosecution had to prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt. Simpson was acquitted in October 1995 of killing his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and Ronald Goldman on June 12, 1994. This time, however, the burden of proof on the plaintiffs is the less onerous "preponderance of evidence" standard. By law, the bur-

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NATION

Latest Flight 800 focus: Static electricity

SMITHTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — Static electricity is the latest theory being examined by investigators seeking the cause of the July 17 Flight 800 explosion, a safe-board official said Saturday.

"This is a possibility but it's not the only one," said the National Transportation Safety Board official who spoke on condition of anonymity. "It's a very possible source but we are by no means certain."

The investigation of the July 17

explosion has been a process of elimination. Investigators say they have not ruled out the possibility that the Paris-bound plane was downed by a bomb, missile or a mechanical malfunction after it left Kennedy Airport.

Investigators believe the nearly empty center fuel tank on the Boeing 747 exploded but haven't pinpointed what ignited the blast.

As a result of its probe, the NTSB on Friday urged the

Federal Aviation Administration to adopt rules that would improve the safety of fuel tanks, preventing possible explosions caused by heat, sparks or static electricity.

James Kallstrom, who is heading the FBI criminal probe into the crash, said Saturday he agrees with the NTSB recommendations, but is critical of those who are "speculating publicly on what caused this horrific tragedy."

College

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"We're seeing a deceleration in the rise in tuition already because ... universities are quite aware people are not happy with these increases," Charles Clorfelter, a Duke University professor and author of the new book "Buying the Best - Cost Escalation in Elite Higher Education," told Knight-Ridder Newspapers.

A college education is fast becoming what owning a home was before World War II — a receding goal for many Americans.

The median income in Twin Falls County is \$28,500. After taxes, that would pay the college costs of one student in a private school for one year — with nothing left over.

But parents continue to be willing to make an investment in higher education because they know that a college degree pays

According to a 1996 U.S. Census Bureau study, the added earning power of a college degree significantly increased between 1984 and 1993. The average earnings of high school graduates went up about 22 percent in that period, while college graduates saw their earnings rise 47 percent.

A person with a bachelor's degree could expect to earn about \$2,269 a month in 1993 — about 4.5 times the \$508 a high school dropout would make, the Census study showed. An advanced degree paid even more — an average of \$3,331 a month.

"If your object is to maximize income, you could send your

child to the local state university and have him or her major in business and they'd do as well as at a private university," Estelle Worley Bank, told Newsweek.

"Going to a prestigious institution doesn't assure you a high income."

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— Charles Clorfelter, Duke University

By national standards, a college education in Idaho is a bargain — \$4,260 yearly for tuition, room and board at CSI; \$5,368 at the University of Idaho; \$17,175 at Albion College. But the cost of college still challenges families such as the Schwarzes.

It helped that Schwarz's three daughters — one just graduated from college and two are still in school — were bright and hard-working, but the family started its search for financial aid early.

"We really started looking when the girls were juniors in high school and continued that through their senior years," she said. "And the girls knew where they wanted to go to school."

They found, she said, that good grades opened up other possibilities for financial help — scholarships and grants — once they got to college.

Like Schwarz, many parents discover that they don't end up paying the sticker price for a college education.

"Some economists compare these pricing policies to airline fares — the plane is full, but virtually no one paid the same ticket price," Newsweek said. "That means consumers, increasingly aware that different colleges offer different levels of financial aid, are aggressively shopping for bigger discounts."

Having a vision of what you want out of college helps that process, said Douglas Severns, director of financial aid at Idaho State University.

"If you know what you want to do and you meet the deadlines, your chances of getting financial aid improves," he said. "If you wait too long, you have to take what you can get."

Above all, Christensen said, never assume that college is out of your price range.

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WORLD

Americans go to Beirut despite travel ban

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — American mothers and their children milled about a hotel atrium filled with the sound of Christmas carols. The Stars and Stripes was on display and Santa Claus dropped in.

It had been a more typical holiday scene in any American city. But in Lebanon, the American Women's Club's Beirut Christmas bazaar was the public comeback of an expatriate community that has lived head-down for more than a decade.

Six years after the 15-year civil war ended, pro-Iranian kidnappers no longer rule the streets and the Western hostages of the 1980s all have been freed. There was no reports of attacks on Westerners for four years.

But a nine-year-old U.S. ban on Americans traveling to Lebanon has all but blocked U.S. companies from participating in Lebanon's multimillion-dollar reconstruction drive, leaving the field to European and Asian companies.

The ban on using U.S. passports for travel to Lebanon was imposed in 1987, after numerous kidnappings and attacks by pro-Iranian militants. The worst attack — the Oct. 23, 1983 truck bombing of a U.S. Marine base — killed 241 Americans.

The State Department says the ban is needed because security has



American and Lebanese women shop for Christmas gifts at the American Women's Club's Beirut Christmas bazaar Saturday.

not improved enough to ensure Americans' safety. The U.S. Embassy remains heavily fortified, and Ambassador Richard Jones makes his rounds accompanied by a noisy motorcade of armored vehicles with guns mounted in their turrets.

Americans do evade the ban by using entry visas stamped on sheets separate from their passports. Many Lebanese — and some

Americans — feel the ban is maintained largely to pressure Lebanon to make peace with Israel.

But there are signs the Clinton administration may ease the ban, or lift it altogether, when it comes up for renewal in February.

President Clinton is playing host to a "Friends of Lebanon" conference in Washington on Monday, bringing together 30 countries to discuss a \$5 billion aid package for

rebuilding Lebanon. Last month, a U.S. government team made an unpublicized inspection of Beirut International Airport, and a private American company conducted a security study.

Washington banned U.S. airlines from Beirut in 1985, when Muslim extremist hijackers held 37 Americans hostage for 17 days on a TWA jet and killed a U.S. Navy diver.

Lebanese Foreign Minister Farris Bweiz said recently that he expects the travel ban to be lifted.

"I feel safer here than in New York City," said Sam Ibrahim, general manager of Beirut's Marriott Hotel, located a few blocks from the Iranian embassy.

Ibrahim left Lebanon for the United States in 1967 and returned as a dual American-Lebanese citizen in 1994 to run the American chain's new hotel.

His wife, Marlaina Robertson Ibrahim, a Long Island, N.Y., native, is vice president of the 50-member American Women's Club. She helped run the bazaar at the Marriott, attended mostly by American wives of Lebanese.

Since the war's end and the December 1991 release of the last U.S. hostage, former Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson, Americans have trickled back.


Plan for graveyard Christmas tree dropped

DUNBLANE, Scotland (AP) — Parents of the victims of a primary school massacre said Saturday they were dropping plans to put a Christmas tree in the town's graveyard. Many people had opposed the proposal for a lighted tree and a gasoline-powered generator, and the controversy exposed festering resentment over the continuing attention given to the killings. Thomas Hamilton shot and killed 16 children and a teacher at a primary school here on March 13.



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Mexico City gripped by fear as crime rate soars

Los Angeles Times

MEXICO CITY — In the six months since President Ernesto Zedillo appointed a tough army general to crack down on corruption and incompetence in Mexico City's civilian police force, crime actually increased 10 percent over the record levels of the same period last year, official statistics show.

Even though the murder rate was down 13.5 percent, violent crime overall was up 8.8 percent compared to the same period last year, setting yet another record for a city that already had suffered its largest increase in violent crime in 1995.

Official statistics documenting Mexico City's rising crime, obtained by the Los Angeles Times last week, confirm what analysts, social critics and citizens

suspect: Mexico City is less safe today than it was June 8, when its new police chief, army Gen. Enrique Salgado, took over the 27,000-member department, replaced all top civilian police commanders with military officers and promised a tough new regime to reestablish public security.

Each day in this city of about 20 million, 700 people on average report being victimized by crime, the statistics show. In all, during Salgado's first six months on the job, 126,944 crimes were reported in this city, compared to 115,725 in the same six months last year — a period when severe economic crisis fueled what crime experts then called the worst crime wave in Mexico City's history. And, many residents say, the average cop on their beat is still on the take.

Resignation signals death of system

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A shake-up at the top of Mexico's ruling party may be too little, too late to stop the disintegration of the country's one-party system, opposition members said Saturday.

After a string of electoral losses and the defections of some top officials, the head of the Institutional Revolutionary Party resigned Friday night and party leaders began choosing his replacement.

Santiago Onate Laborde's departure was widely seen as an attempt to stop the party's hemorrhage of power. Party insiders blamed him for much of the party's trouble.

Electoral competition is new to the party, which has held Mexico's presidency since the party was founded in 1929, held all Senate seats until 1981, and all governorships until 1989.

The party long managed to keep power through patronage, strong-arm tactics and even electoral fraud. But democratic reforms and dissatisfaction with an economic crisis have eroded its power at the ballot box.

Only two of Mexico's 12 largest cities are now governed by PRI mayors. During November state elections in the sprawling state of Mexico, the PRI suffered several bruising mayoral defeats and for the first time ever lost its majority in a state legislature.

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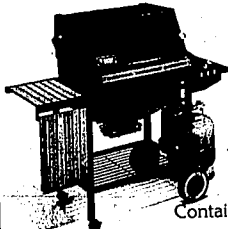
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WORLD

Kofi and 'big boys' to set U.N.'s course

By Charles J. Hanley
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Everyone knows him as "Kofi." In the stuffy, suspicious world of global politics, that simple fact says a lot about the man moving into the CEO suite at the United Nations.

Through crises both international and internal at the world body, Kofi Annan has made friends and found supporters in important places. In his next five years as secretary-general, the man from Ghana may need to call on every one of them.

One place where he'll find them is at the Pentagon.

"Everybody here is very impressed with him," said a Defense Department official who has worked closely with the U.N. peacekeeping department, led by Annan since 1993. "He's committed to doing things better at the U.N."

"He'll find them, too, within the U.N. rank-and-file, where his soft-spoken, open manner — and reputation for competence — made him a favorite among the top deputies.

"I've never heard Kofi once raise his voice," said a U.N. staff member who has long worked with him. "I don't think he has a single enemy."

But will "Kofi" find friends in Congress?

His success in winning over "the big boys" — as Annan often refers to the Washington leadership — will make or break his tenure as U.N. chief.

Their hostility brought down his predecessor, Boutros Boutros-Ghali. Their support, if they see Annan as a committed U.N. reformer, could untie the purse strings on more than \$1 billion the United States owes in U.N. back dues.

Annan, 58, to be confirmed as secretary-general by the General Assembly on Tuesday, moves into the job with some things of a head start. Better than any of his six predecessors, he knows America and its ways.

A scion of a chiefly west African family, Annan was educated in the U.S. heartland — at Minnesota's Macalester College — and indoctrinated in American business practice, earning a master's degree in management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Through a 34-year U.N. career, he has worked in Egypt, Ethiopia and Geneva, but his mark was made in New York, where he has held top positions in personnel and budget at U.N. headquarters.

He first came to wide U.S. attention in 1990 when he helped negotiate the release of Western hostages held by Iraq during the Gulf War.

Annan took charge of U.N. peacekeeping, as undersecretary-general, just as the department's responsibilities were exploding in the aftermath of the Cold War.

By 1994, the U.N. flag was flying over 19 peacekeeping missions worldwide, with 75,000 troops, police and other personnel.

The numbers have declined

Analysis



Kofi Annan

borrowed from member governments to build a headquarters staff. A situation center that had just two telephones when he took over now has around-the-clock computer, voice and fax connections to worldwide operations.

By all accounts, his reputation for quiet competence was cemented earlier this year with four months' temporary duty overseeing the transition from U.N. to NATO-led peacekeeping in Bosnia.

The complicated, delicate turnover proved problem-free.

Some may question whether a career U.N. bureaucrat is too tied to old structures to press on with a top-to-bottom overhaul of the institution, as demanded by the Republican Congress and seconded by the Clinton administration.

But others point out it's often the insiders who know best where there's fat to cut.

The Pentagon official, speaking on condition of anonymity, cited an example of Annan's "doing things better":

In the past, U.N. officials often relied on, and paid top dollar for, U.S. Air Force units to airlift peacekeepers and supplies. Annan has shifted that increasingly to commercial carriers, for significant cost savings.

But one seasoned observer, former top U.N. official Brian Urquhart, questions whether anyone can overcome Washington's new hostility, which he blames on Republican isolationism deadset against the U.N. idea.

It's clear that Annan himself won't abandon the U.N. idea.

"The world has become so interdependent," he observed in an Associated Press interview in 1992. "Unless we pull together to tackle its problems, they either will get out of hand or some individual countries will be required to take them on themselves."

It's a message the big boys will hear a lot in the years to come.

Foes claim Saddam's son in serious condition

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Saddam Hussein's son has been operated on four times in two days and is in serious condition following an assassination attempt in Baghdad, an Iraqi opposition group said Saturday.

Odai Hussein was wounded in the right side of the neck when gunmen opened fire with heavy machine guns and hurled grenades at his armored car Thursday, the Iraqi National Accord, an Amman-based opposition group, said.

Two groups fighting to overthrow Saddam reportedly have claimed responsibility for the attack.

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Odai was quoted as telling Iraqi soccer officials Friday that he was not badly hurt, but he did not appear on television or speak on the radio, moves that would have silenced rumors in Iraq that his wounds were serious.

The lack of official reports about the attack is typical of Saddam Hussein's regime. Most information comes from government-controlled media, and the single report Thursday said only that Odai was attacked and slightly wounded.

On Saturday, an official in London representing Al-Dawa, one of the largest Islamic opposition groups, said it carried out the attack. He spoke on condition of anonymity.

Earlier, an organization calling itself the Mohammed Madhlim al-Dhalimi Group also claimed responsibility. The group is named for an Iraqi air force general executed for plotting against Saddam.

Security forces in Baghdad reportedly rounded up 120 people after the assassination attempt, but it was unclear how many were still detained.

An official of the Iraqi National Accord, speaking by telephone from Amman and insisting on anonymity, said there was no indication that the attackers have been caught.

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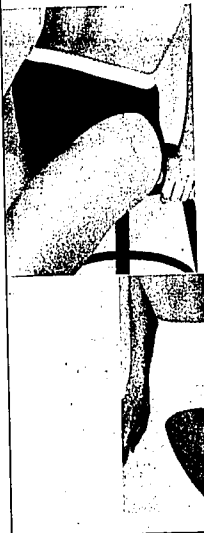
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WORLD

Some say Christopher snubbed by French

The Washington Post

PARIS — Did the French snub Secretary of State Warren Christopher in Brussels last week?

So says the U.S. State Department, endorsing published reports that French Foreign Minister Hervé de Charette had absented himself conspicuously Wednesday from a tribute to Christopher, who is leaving office in January. The two men have had a testy relationship, mirroring the strains between their two countries in recent months.

The French government, after calling The Washington Post's account of the incident an "ill-intentioned lie," conceded that Charette had left a meeting of NATO foreign ministers before a salute to Christopher from NATO Secretary General Javier Solana. His departure was unconnected to the unscheduled tribute, French officials now say, and he meant no discourtesy.



Warren Christopher

"We don't wish a controversy, and all we have to say is we want to develop our relations with the United States, which have always been based on friendship and the defense of common values," said Jacques Rummelhardt, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, according to the Reuter news agency.

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns forcefully backed up The Post's reading of the event as a deliberate snub by de Charette, while correcting an inaccuracy about the time it had happened.

Who meant what and why may never be settled, but, like any fight, this one really wasn't about the snub. The longtime friends and allies are in their fourth or fifth month of serious tensions — or, to take a longer perspective, their fourth or fifth decade.

The current troubles between Paris and Washington are all the more remarkable because of the professed close relationship between President Jacques Chirac and President Clinton, alleged phone buddies and frequent correspondents. Even the presence in Paris of a high-profile American ambassador of whom the French are much enamored, Pamela Harriman, has not strengthened a deteriorating Franco-American relationship.

The two governments have been at odds, publicly and at times harshly, this past autumn over a catalogue of issues: U.S. trade sanctions, peace brokering in the Middle East and intervention forces in Africa in general.

This week two other sore points dominated the agenda: the selection of a successor to U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali and the role of Europeans in a reformed NATO command structure.

The strife has troubled other allied governments. An unnamed British Foreign Office official told the Guardian newspaper, "We are getting worried about the sharpness of some of these U.S.-French disputes."

Burmese leader guarded

RANGOON, Burma (AP) — Rather than ask the government for permission to leave, Burma's pro-democracy leader remained at her home surrounded by riot police Saturday and kept supporters waiting for her at a Rangoon junction.

Aung San Suu Kyi said she is being illegally confined. Officials from her political party say she refuses to give in to the government's demand that she ask permission to go out.

For the past several weekends, she had met her supporters at the Saya San junction, named after a Buddhist monk who led a failed

uprising against British rule during the 1930s. Three hundred of them waited in vain for her Saturday.

Riot police have physically blocked the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize winner at her lakeside compound since last weekend, when university students took to the streets in the boldest display of civil dissent since Burma's 1988 democracy uprising.

The students were demanding an end to police brutality, the right to form a students' union, and greater civil liberties. Some called for democracy in this land long ruled by military regimes.

Rwandan refugees begin to cross home from Tanzania

RUSUMO, Rwanda (AP) — Balancing bundles of food and clothing on their heads, Rwandan refugees who previously refused to return home began crossing a narrow concrete bridge over a waterfall Saturday to re-enter Rwanda after 2 1/2 years in Tanzania.

Earlier, Tanzanian soldiers and police had surrounded camps in the northwestern Ngara area and ordered the refugees to move out. Aid workers say they hope all 535,000 Rwandan Hutus remaining in Tanzania would

return home. "I'm very glad to be in Rwanda. This is my home," said Namani Muryantore, 26, carrying two sacks, one with a live chicken.

He said it had taken eight hours for him, his wife and two children, to walk 18 miles from Lumasi camp.

The first refugees crossed in small groups — some on foot and some on bicycles. About a mile behind them, a dense 11-mile column of refugees stretched back beyond the horizon.

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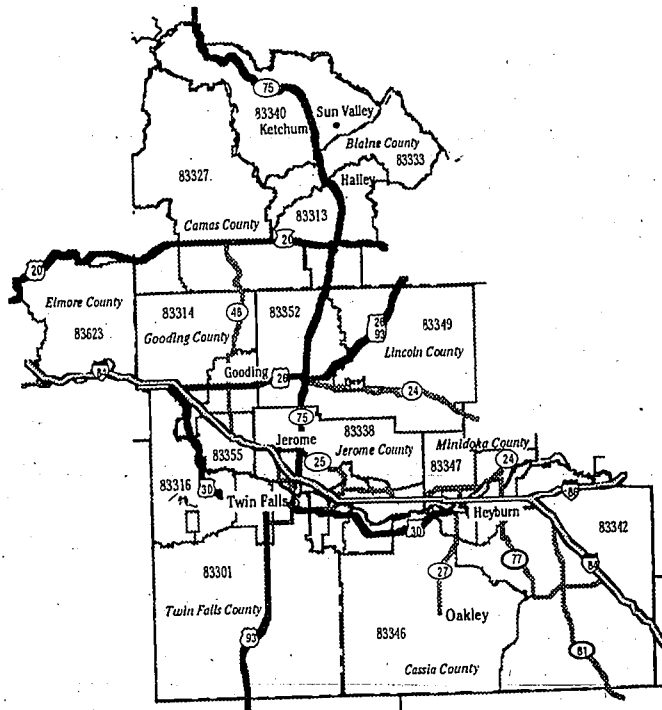
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WORLD

Officials back democracy, see 'major crisis' for Serbia

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — International officials backed opposition demands for more democracy Saturday and said they stand off behind President Slobodan Milosevic and protesters was bringing Serbia toward a "major crisis."

The comments by officials responsible for overseeing peace in neighboring Bosnia bolstered opposition leaders days after Italy's foreign minister said it was unrealistic for them to expect Milosevic to restore their victories in Nov. 17 local elections.

They also undercut the argument that Western countries must back Milosevic because he is critical to ensuring that Bosnian Serbs comply with the Dayton peace accord and guaranteeing the security of NATO-led peace troops.

Courts controlled by Milosevic annulled the local elections, propelling tens of thousands of demonstrators to the streets of the capital every day since.

About 200,000 people were in Belgrade on Saturday. Retiree Branislav Adamovic, 61, said the deafening noise of whistles, drums, horns and shouts was



Residents of Belgrade try to catch a glimpse of wet and exhausted students from Novi Sad, Serbia's third largest city, as they enter the center of Belgrade Saturday after a 50-mile walk.

the sound of an "exorcism" of Milosevic. "Serbia cannot quiet down until democracy wins," said opposition leader Zoran Djindjic. Also on Saturday, about 200

students arrived on foot in Belgrade from Novi Sad, about 50 miles away. Belgrade residents gave them a heroes' welcome, waving from windows and balconies and throwing confetti and balloons.

Jordan receives \$100 million in U.S. military aid

AQABA, Jordan (AP) — Jordan received \$100 million worth of military equipment from the United States on Saturday as part of a peace treaty with Israel. King Hussein, who commands the Jordanian armed forces, and senior military officials inspected the equipment as it was being loaded off the USS Cape Wrath. Hussein said the American donation is a "firm and true indication of the fact that we are friends and that we stand together."

The pledge of military aid following Jordan's October 1994 peace treaty with Israel was seen as restoring the kingdom into Washington's good graces after a rift triggered by Jordan's perceived tilt towards Iraq during the 1990-91 Persian Gulf crisis.

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Militia leader settles into mayor's seat

The Los Angeles Times

ZEMUN, Yugoslavia — The new mayor here already has ordered city offices to remain open an extra three hours so that more business can get done.

He routinely receives visits from residents petitioning his help. More than 120 signed up to see him recently.

'I have no time for foreign journalists!'

—Vojislav Seselj, former militia leader

But don't ask him to talk to the international media. "I have no time for foreign journalists!" he bellows from his office, where his 6-foot-plus frame fills the door.

Lost in the furor caused by nearly four weeks of boisterous political protest against Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic's regime, one of Yugoslavia's most infamous ultranationalists is settling easily into his new throne of municipal power.

Vojislav Seselj, whose ruthless paramilitary irregulars invaded numerous villages in Bosnia and Croatia during the Balkan wars, killing or driving away Muslims and Croats, last month became mayor of Zemun, a quiet Belgrade suburb hugging the southern bank of the Danube River.

While opponents of the regime contest election victories they say Milosevic has denied them, Seselj's own brand of opposition defeated the ruling Socialist Party in the Nov. 17 vote in Zemun's municipal races. At the federal Parliament level, Seselj's fascist Serbian Radical Party took almost 18 percent of the vote, trailing by only three percentage points behind the moderate opposition coalition, Zajedno, or Together, which is leading the daily street protests.

Seselj inspires support among those who see him as a strong fig-

ure — and fear among those, especially minorities, who nervously anticipate another wave of ethnic-based brutality. Human rights lawyers say the fears are justified given Seselj's history and belief in "Serbian unity" at all cost.

"We stay silent, we survive," said a Roman Catholic priest here. "We are only waiting."

A former Sarajevo university professor who once advocated purging all Croats from Yugoslavia, Seselj in his electoral win bespeaks the chaotic state of Serbian politics — and Milosevic has not been slow to make use of the victory.

Milosevic once called Seselj his "favorite" enemy. Especially in the current political storm, Milosevic suddenly finds him convenient. Milosevic uses Seselj as a tool to bludgeon and divide the moderate opposition, and a foil to show that there are worse alternatives than Milosevic.

During the election campaign, Seselj attacked Milosevic as a "criminal traitor" and the Zajedno opposition as "something worse."

Milosevic-controlled state television routinely broadcast the attacks on the opposition (but not those on Milosevic) and, in a veiled warning to those who would be rid of Milosevic, gave ample coverage to Seselj's inauguration.

As Milosevic uses Seselj, Seselj will use his new position as a platform, playing himself off against the increasingly hated regime and the doubted opposition to further his long-standing political goals.

"Right now he's sounding more rational than the left or the right," said Nebojsa Curcic, a columnist with the state-run Politika newspaper. "For people who are uneasy about the demonstrations, who see both the government and the opposition as intransigent, only Seselj seems reasonable. But it's a deception, of course — a dangerous one."

Seselj himself sees the choice clearly:

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EDITORIAL

Privatizing liquor sales deserves a fair hearing

When a person has an alcohol problem, sometimes his loved ones stage what's known as an "intervention." They confront him with the problem and demand change.

That's more or less what state Rep. Clint Stennett is doing with Idaho's Liquor Dispensary. His proposal to privatize the whole system seems unlikely to pass in the Legislature, but it may focus useful attention on the situation.

The Liquor Dispensary is a big business, with 46 stores of its own and 100 private outlets. Responsible for both distribution and retailing, it has a \$5 million payroll and generated almost \$17 million in revenue this year for Idaho's community colleges and local governments.

But the system has been criticized for a variety of management, payroll and accounting troubles - including the discovery of falsified time cards. The Batt administration has made reforms since taking over last year, but concern lingers.

Stennett, a Ketchikan Democrat, is offering an alternative that sounds more like something you'd expect from a free-market Republican. He proposes turning the operation over to private enterprise, which the state would then tax.

Stennett wears the eternal curse of ambitious Idaho Democrats. Every time he pokes his head out of his Blaine County foxhole, Republicans blast him for trying to advance himself or his party.

That happened last week, Republican Sen. Hal Bunderson of Meridian

accused him of playing politics with the liquor issue - prompting Stennett to retort, "Is everything I try to push in the future going to be tied back to playing politics?"

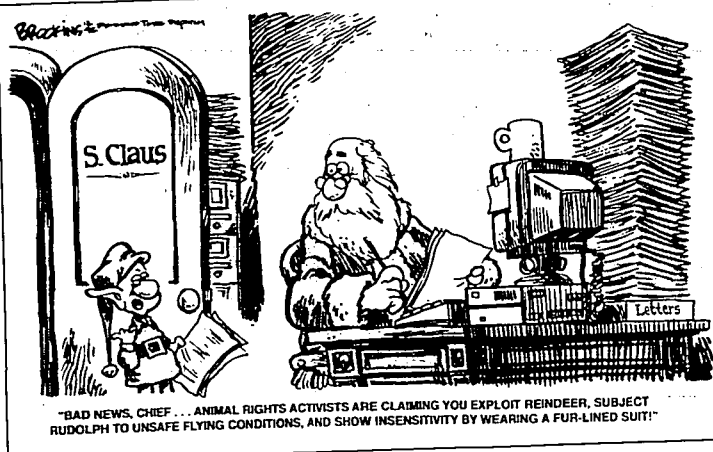
It's a fair question. Even if Stennett is shipping around for political opportunities (an unproven but reasonable assumption), that doesn't mean his ideas are all bad.

There are some good points. Businessmen often can do things better than bureaucrats. Privatizing the dispensary might open the system to freer-market efficiencies, entrepreneurial vigor and the emerging effects of competition.

On the other hand, Idaho citizens may want to think twice about whether to imagine the marketing of alcohol. State management may be sluggish compared with private enterprise, but it allows the public to control how this often-destructive drug is distributed.

There are other drawbacks. No privatization could make hard liquor available at later hours - a decidedly missed blessing. It also might lead to more underage drinking and increased risk of corruption. Before thinking seriously about adopting Stennett's idea, the Legislature should look carefully at problems in the 18 states that already have private liquor licenses.

At this point, Stennett's idea appears to present more risks than opportunities. But it deserves discussion, as part of a broader review of the state liquor system. If nothing else, Stennett deserves credit for raising the subject.



Maybe some kids do deserve a 2nd chance

I am writing in response to some articles and editorials that have appeared in your paper in recent weeks concerning our College of Southern Idaho Men's Basketball Team.

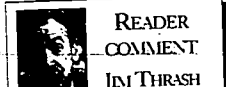
I understand that you are in business to make a profit, and as the head basketball coach at CSI, I am in the business of helping teenage boys become young men and, hopefully, later to become loving husbands and fathers who are productive citizens. I firmly believe that all of these things have a greater chance of happening if they earn their college degree along the way.

Every player that I recruited this year went through a screening process which begins by talking to the player's coach to find out what kind of person he is off the court. I then talk to school administrators and counselors. If satisfied with the feedback, I proceed to meet with family members in the home. In the case of most inner-city athletes from metropolitan areas, I am usually dealing with mothers, grandmothers, aunts or uncles. Many of these young men do not have the advantage of having a father or even a dominant male figure in their lives.

One of the first questions I ask is, "Do you really want college degrees?" I explain to them and their families that if their answer is less than a strong, positive "yes," they probably would not enjoy playing on our basketball team at CSI.

As a member of our team, they are required to attend study hall, monitored by me or my assistant, Kevin Jones, for two hours five nights per week, and they will be expected to attend class every day. (A missed class or study hall results in a missing class or study hall penalty at a minimum.)

During this meeting in the home, I also



READER COMMENT
JIM THRASH

give them a copy of my "Five Rules for a Successful Life," which I expect each player to follow. These rules are displayed in our locker room are:

1. Be Responsible.
2. Be Respectful.
3. Be Honest.
4. Be Loyal.
5. Be Prepared.

I explain what each of these mean to me and how they will relate to their everyday life as a CSI student/athlete. Each player signs a contract stating they will adhere to these team rules, as well as others. We continue to talk about these on a regular basis during the school year. In talking with many coaches at the Division I level, as well as young colleges, I have found that our disciplinary policies are much more harsh than most other institutions in the country.

Contrary to what your editorial implied, I have never recruited a player with a prior criminal record, and that includes the 11 players I recruited this year. Can we prevent all problems and guarantee that no member of our team will ever make a mistake during his two-year stay here? No, because we are dealing with teen-agers who are trying to grow up during a difficult time in a pretty sad society. Can we help them become young men and productive citizens after working with them for two years in a very structured environment in the study hall, classroom, gym, weight room, booster parents' homes, our home and in a very wholesome, down-to-earth, caring

Thrash's Five Rules For a Successful Life

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community like Twin Falls? An emphatic "yes!" Our booster parents and I strongly believe in the old axiom, "It takes a whole village to raise a child."

While I have raised only two sons, who have been good students, good athletes and good people, I feel that I have had a positive influence in the lives of several hundred young men over a period of 32 years from when I coached my first undeclared team at Markham Baptist Church while a freshman at Thornton Junior College.

I have not invented anything that I use on the court or off the court in dealing with my players. Everything I do is a product of what I learned while being raised by a single mother and being influenced by many great men, whom I called, "coach."

Having close friends in your industry, I fully realize that I can't win "writings wars" with someone who buys ink by the barrel. However, I will never make important decisions about a young man's (teen-ager's) life based on what I read in the newspaper.

The most widely read printed book in the world tells me that the environment is only been one perfect individual on this earth. In my own sinful way, I will continue to try to follow that man's advice in dealing with these young men.

Jim Thrash coaches the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team.

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LETTERS

Golfers, come to council meeting

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- Allocate the fees generated by Muni's driving range and the restaurant to the city, that would be a substantial amount of money which could be used for course maintenance and improvements.

Please come to the City Council meeting Monday, Dec. 16, and let your views be heard! Thank you.

JAN HUTCHINGS
Twin Falls

Government is guide for growth

Concerning the Twin Falls County zoning ordinance, some thoughts:

- I am a fourth-generation Idahoan with controlling interest in 1,600 acres of Idaho farmland. I also co-own a farm-management business managing a 3,500-acre in the county. And I am a Realtor.
- Financially involved in a small development property east of Buhl. I derive my living from agricultural production, but am feeling more like an end-user than a producer. I am a member of the National Farm to Market Association. I am a member of the National Farm to Market Association. I am a member of the National Farm to Market Association.
- Local water is being purchased and/or stolen; the largest chunk is out-of-state interests taking Snake River water at any cost, including using environmental issues as a front.
- Nuclear waste is being shipped in for storage and processing above the main water source for thousands of farm acres.
- Agribusiness, such as processors, is systematically consuming small farms, eliminating farmers or creating salaried

type positions.

- Many farms are becoming less profitable because short-term economics discourage sustainable practices and environmental control.
- Farming costs such as fertilizer, fuel and equipment are ever-increasing.

And now we have a frenzy to develop land around the huge profits. Developers and speculators say they want to build on the "trendy knolls," but most developments actually have occurred on deeper soil where installing septic tanks and sewer lines is vastly less expensive.

And traditional farming cannot continue with either housing developments or mega-dollars scattered throughout the ag sector. A group like the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission must ensure the balance between quick profits and responsible land management.

I am not a fan of big government; I would like to pay fewer taxes, too. But government is necessary to guide, govern and regulate development. It must ensure existing water rights, traditional farming practices and the environment for all of us. The survival of farming, which is the economic foundation of the county, depends on passing zoning planning and zoning ordinances that is not squeezed out by urban sprawl. It is in many areas of the east-end United States that have traded agriculture for houses and shopping centers.

Unfortunately, it seems we will have to go through before we believe the motto of the 19th century: "A friend suggested that the United States of America can become a huge national park, we can just ignore it from developing nations. Grim but sadly conceivable, until we're bankrupt."

JOHN C. O'CONNOR
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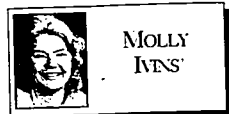
Pesticides aren't only dangerous for bugs

And now for some brave New World news. Our country is on what is known as the pesticide treadmill. This means that insects become resistant to the effects of pesticides, so farmers start using new and more potent pesticides, to which pests eventually become resistant, and so on and so on.

'Round and 'round we go, and where we stop, nobody knows. Resistance is part of the evolutionary process. In bugs are exposed to a toxic chemical, some of them survive; they reproduce, and their offspring inherit genes resistant to that particular chemical. More than 500 insects have now developed resistance to one or more pesticides; so have 270 species of weeds and 150 plant diseases.

This information comes from an excellent newsletter, Rachel's Environment and Health Weekly (P.O. Box 3026, Annapolis, MD 21403), which is named for the late Rachel Carson. The pesticide treadmill works in another way as well: By killing beneficial organisms that help keep pests in check, pesticides often create conditions in which pests can flourish.

A painful and expensive reminder of how this works came last year's disastrous cotton crop in the Rio Grande Valley and around San Angelo, caused by (of all things) the state's boll weevil eradication program.



MOLLY IVINS

Farmers lost \$300 million worth of cotton because of infestation of beet army worms; scientists at the Agriculture Research Service in Weslaco blame the beet army worms on overzealous spraying against boll weevils. Just across the border, Mexican farmers who hadn't sprayed had a dandy crop.

The World Bank said in a recent report: "Since the 1940s, pest management technology has increasingly relied on chemical pesticides. Although in some cases, this use has led to significant short-term alleviation of the pest problem, it has also led to long-term sustainable solutions. In fact, it has often led to further pest problems, putting farmers in a vicious cycle of pests and pesticides."

The alternative to pesticides is a system called IPM: integrated pest management. Consumers Union has put out a new book, "Pest Management at the Crossroads," which explains how IPM can reduce the public health dangers and environmental hazards of pesticides by 75 percent in the next 25 years while increasing crop yields as well.

IPM diagnoses the source of pest problems - finds out where the little buggies are breeding - and then uses preventive practices and biological controls to hold pest populations within acceptable limits. Sounds better than spraying the land with tons of poison every year, doesn't it?

Not to the pesticide corporations - \$29 billion in sales in 1995, \$10.4 billion in the United States alone.

Here we have a classic case of a problem with a solution that does not harm public health or the environment and a solution that harms both but provides huge profits for corporations with immense political power. If the people rather than the corporations controlled our political system, we would choose rational solution. But greed keeps fouling up common sense.

Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

OPINION

Miami can snap back as other cities have done

Miami's 47th mayor professes serene confidence that he will not be lost. But it is Sunday night and the city's chief financial officer is coming to Mayor Joe Carollo's house at 10 p.m. because, in it politely, things are not going well. Which is why, come spring, residents will vote on abolishing the city and blending into the bubbling ethnic and commercial hotbed: abaisse that is Dade County, 2 million persons strong.



GEORGE F. WILL

The Miami portion had stayed submerged. He has declared an emergency, triggering outside supervision that must first unravel the impasse. The tangle of the city's books in order to discover if the deficit in the \$275 million budget is only \$8 million. Confusion is a natural consequence when the finance director, along with the city manager and a commissioner (there are only five commissioners), has to resign to fight corruption charges arising from an FBI probe nicely called *Greasyballs*.

So here stands Carollo, 41, master of these reverses, occupying a nonpartisan and largely ceremonial office and yearning for the kind of power he saw when growing up in Chicago, where as an altar boy he helped serve communion to the original Mayor Daley. He arrived in Miami at

age 6 with 14,000 other children sent from Cuba in Operation Peter Pan. His parents soon followed, heading for Chicago.

He returned to Miami at age 15, got a college degree and became Florida's youngest policeman at age 18, and by 24 had begun a tumultuous political career, as a city commissioner. In July, after eight years away from politics, he was elected to finish the term of his predecessor, who died. Carollo received 76 percent of the vote, but turnout was only 20 percent (22,510 votes cast), partly because the candidates included one who did not live in the city, a pizza delivery manager, several unemployed persons, and a fellow who had been arrested and charged with beating his pregnant wife with a wooden hanger.

Compared to the \$6.5 billion - 1975 dollars - of debt that brought New York City under state control 20 years ago, or Cleveland's 1978 default on loans that caused the state to intervene, or Orange County's 1994 bankruptcy after losing \$1.6 billion in bad investments, Miami's troubles seem like small beer. But Florida's constitution defines

an income tax as a crime against humanity and state law caps the property tax rate at about where Miami's rate is. So when the assessed value of taxable property increases just \$1.3 million in a decade, you have a temptation, to which Miami succumbed, to chicanery with revenues from bond issues, and you have grief. Hence the ongoing struggle over the garbage rate.

Now, any crisis that can be substantially eased by doubling garbage fees is not a crisis worth liquidating a city over. Besides, Carollo insists the city has \$1 billion of unexpended assets. Future condominiums and hotels will generate much property tax revenue. He may be mistaken - there are precedents for Miami miscalculations - but New York, Cleveland and Orange County are alive and more or less well, and there is no reason to believe Miami lacks comparable recuperative powers.

George F. Will is a Washington Post columnist.

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LETTERS

Batt cleans up dispensary

Recently, *The Times-News* (and other newspapers) focused attention on problems at the State Liquor Dispensary. These reports should have clarified that those activities occurred before I took office. The difficulties arose under the previous administration and under the supervision of former Superintendent Dean Summers. The corrective action and cleanup is occurring on my watch and under current Superintendent Dyke Nally.

One finding related to improper payroll payments to liquor dispensary employees. The investigators and prosecutors who followed up on this matter advised me and Superintendent Nally that the personnel officer who changed the time cards is not culpable. Her actions, including Superintendent Summers and his assistant superintendent, knew of the practice and did not ask her to conform with the law until after I took office in January of 1995.

When Superintendent Summers. The assistant superintendent has retired. This leaves the personnel officer, and appropriate personnel action has been taken.

When Superintendent Nally took over, the dispensary was in a state of chaos. Morale was abysmal. Contractors, store personnel, district managers, industry at the central office were in a simmering war.

Dyke Nally has done a remarkable job of transforming this stormy operation into a smoothly working department. Since the beginning of my administration, Mr. Nally and I have worked closely with key legislators to address the concerns of this department. Sens. Bumblerson, Ingram and Ipsen have been particularly helpful.

A legislative audit conducted prior to Mr. Nally's appointment covered the 1992, 1993 and 1994 fiscal years and offered five recommendations. To date, four of these have been addressed. The fifth, which deals with bidding of the freight contract, is in the process of being completed.

In fact, Mr. Nally has gone beyond the audit findings. When I discovered that the warehouse contract had been

awarded for decades without competitive bids, I realized that this had opened to competition. Last year, we proposed, and the Legislature passed, a bill to place responsibility for negotiating all lease and rental arrangements for the liquor dispensary warehouse and central office space with the Department of Administration - just as is done for other state agencies.

Furthermore, in response to other general recommendations, Mr. Nally hired a controller to oversee the dispensary's financial practices.

All those involved will tell you that Mr. Nally is doing a good job. Morale is high. Discriminates and store owners are efficient and happy. In fact, since these articles ran, I have received scores of letters and faxes from dispensary employees and store owners expressing gratitude for the changes occurring under my administration.

GOV. PHILIP B. BATT
 Boise

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Look at the liquor business that goes to Nevada because of the high prices here!

I don't know that man (Stennett), but he makes sense.
JACK KANIE
Buhl

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Written comments may be mailed to: Dr. Rebecca C. McCaleb, Director Environmental Engineering & Management - AED1 Marshall Space Flight Center AL 35812

Also, people may forward comments for the EIS by faxing to (205) 544-6229, or e-mailing to ees33a@msfc.nasa.gov. Comments also may be provided by calling 1-800-833-6578 and leaving a message on the recording machine. NASA will use its best effort to transcribe verbal comments; however, NASA cannot guarantee the same accuracy as receiving comments in writing.

The formal opening period has been extended more than a month until Jan. 10, 1997, to allow for additional public comments; however, NASA will accept comments relevant to the analysis throughout the EIS process, which is expected to conclude in September 1997.

To view a copy of the EIS Notice of Intent, visit the program's Web site at <http://www.msfc.nasa.gov>. For more information on the environmental analysis or to add your name to those wishing to receive a copy of the draft EIS, contact to be released in the late spring of 1997, write to the address above.



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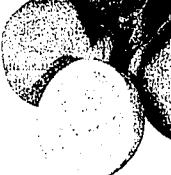


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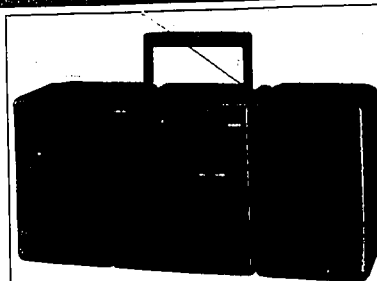
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Section B

The Times-News

Sunday, December 15, 1996

12 days of Christmas, Crump fashion

We're down to the last 12 days of Christmas, so for those of you who haven't decided what to get me yet, here's a list:

- 12 drummers drumming. To drop out the heavy-metal garage band next weekend.
- 11 pipers piping. I'll settle for one plumber plumbing, if he works nights and weekends.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

- 10 lords a-leaping. Pass. We mainly Idahoans take a dim view of lords a-leaping.
 - Nine ladies dancing. Honker's or Boot Scooters on a slow Tuesday.
 - Eight maids a-milking. And soon; I'm not sure they're legal under the new dairy ordinance.
 - Seven swans a-swimming. Jail bait for nightighted goose hunters.
 - Six geese a-laying. Allying fears that they're really swans, that is.
 - Five golden rings. With cubic zirconium solitaire earrings.
 - Four calling birds. Calling collect. Presumably.
 - Three French hens. They specialize in snooty omelets.
 - Two turtle doves. Pigeons in love.
 - And a partridge in a pear tree. (Or, if you're low on funds by now, a lawn ornament in the crabgrass).
- Incidentally, the actual retail price for all of the aforementioned goods and services, according to *The Wall Street Journal*, exceeds \$12,000 this year, depending upon whether you can find lords who leap for nonunion pay and whether it's faux jewelry night on the Home Shopping Network.
- The carol from which it all springs celebrates its 175th birthday this Christmas. History does not record whether the recipient took all this stuff back.
- (*"Derek, I asked for a gift certificate."*)

Those of you who read this column regularly know that it celebrates Idaho originals. We lost one last Sunday when Robert "Sven" Johnson died.

Sven was a fisherman and a legendary storyteller, and in his heyday, arguably the best-known character in the Magic Valley.

His fishing column, which he wrote for years in *The Times-News*, had the priceless appeal of actually telling readers where they could catch fish.

But his self-taught prose, hammered out on an old manual typewriter, was a much greater treasure. For Sven - that's "sven" spelled backward - was a curmudgeon with the soul of a Samaritan.

A printer and the son of a railroad man, he embodied the proud tradition of the high-country populist, a dwindling breed nowadays in these parts. He gloried in the triumphs, little and large, of the common man, and thought so of politicians that he'd drive around town on election eve to see which campaign signs the movers and shakers had posted in their yards. Sven invariably voted the other way.

Johnson saw a lot in his 71 years - he lived through the Great Depression and a half dozen desperate battles in the South Pacific, witnessed the surrender ceremony that ended World War II and, a few days later, became one of the first Americans to visit the bombed-out remains of Hiroshima - but rancor and despair were never in his character.

A few years ago, during the height of the 1980s drought, I followed his suggestion and took my kids to an eastern Idaho reservoir called Chesterfield. At the time, it was little more than a brackish pond.

My first cast hooked the biggest trout I've ever seen. It got away 10 yards from shore.

My second cast hooked a boat.

Sven laughed when he heard the story. "I said you could find a fish at Chesterfield," he said. "I never said you could catch it."

Words for an Idahoan to live by.

Steve Crump is *The Times-News'* features editor.

Lawmaker vows look at antitrust issues

By Karen Tolkinen
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Frustrated by grain companies taking a greater cut of wheat revenues, farmer and House Majority Leader Bruce Newcomb intends to raise the antitrust specter in the 1997 legislative session.

Newcomb figures he and his brother lost \$60,000 to \$70,000 when Idaho's four wheat companies raised their margins earlier this year. He says it's time to take a hard look at industries ruled by a few big companies, to make sure the companies aren't illegally setting prices or restricting competition.

"That's a lot of money that went out of individuals' hands, out of farmers'



Bruce Newcomb

hands, and out of the community," said Newcomb, R-Burley. "I just think the whole matter deserves discussion."

Four companies rule Idaho's grain trade: Simplot, Con Agra, General Mills and Koch Agriculture Services. All four almost simultaneously raised their costs by 18 to 20 cents a bushel, Newcomb said, and pinned the blame on increased shipping costs when Union Pacific Railroad changed the way it charged for grain cars.

The companies, however, said

Newcomb is mistaken.

Their margins did rise, but not that much, at least for Simplot, said Skip Kellogg, general manager of Simplot's AgriSource. He wouldn't say how much his company raised the margin, although Thursday's margin was 86 cents a bushel, short of the 98 cents to \$1 Newcomb had calculated. Koch also had an 86-cent margin.

His company needed to protect itself when the cost of grain jumped dramatically early in the 1996 season, Kellogg said.

"If you're driving a Cadillac, wouldn't your insurance company charge you a lot more than if you were driving a Pinto?" he said.

Farmers have complained, he said.

"They don't really care whether we make money or not," he said. "They're worried about whether they make money."

Koch Agri Services, based in Wichita, Kan., also denied any collusion.

"I'm not aware that we've been approached by anyone with concerns regarding price issues regarding our agricultural operations in Idaho or elsewhere," said Koch spokesman Jay Rosser. "Our pricing structures are the result of our own internal independent analysis of the normal market forces of supply and demand."

Most of the Big Four companies raised their margins by about the same amount at the same time, but all faced

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Making Christmas bright

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

How to Help

The Salvation Army needs turkey hams, new clothes and toys. Its office is at 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls. Call 733-8720 for more information.

TWIN FALLS

The number of people asking for help from the Salvation Army this Christmas has exploded, with most of them unfamiliar faces.

This winter, about 60 percent are strangers to the charity, which serves Twin Falls County. Last year and during previous years, five to 10 percent of recipients had never asked for help from the Salvation Army before.

The first-timers aren't tough to spot, said Capt. Roger G. Davis, the Salvation Army's leader.

"They typically keep their eyes down, they're quiet, they take an application, leave and bring it back," Davis said.

Already, the number of needy families is beginning to surpass last year's figure of 550 families, despite the charity narrowing its scope of service from the entire Magic Valley to just Twin Falls County, Davis said.

Davis said he is uncertain why so many people are applying for assistance. He said he thinks much of the crunch at Christmas is a result of people working jobs that don't offer health-insurance benefits. An accident or sudden illness can devastate a family quickly and send it into poverty, he said.

The Salvation Army hands out new toys and clothes during Christmas, rather than used items. Davis said he wouldn't have it any other way.

"It's not the only big day these kids have," Davis said.

Saturday, workers stacked and wrapped gifts, clothes and food at the



Tina Gibson looks for a gift among donated shoes in the Salvation Army's gym. Workers and volunteers are scrambling to fill Christmas packages for needy families.

Salvation Army's administrative and church offices, but their work was far from over.

Donations have trickled in sluggishly so far, probably in part because consumers are more sophisticated shoppers and are waiting for sales, Davis said.

The employees and volunteers have

nine days to receive and sort donations into bags for families. At 10 a.m. Friday, families will begin arriving to accept plastic garbage bags full of items.

"We'll serve five people every three minutes, if everything goes right," Davis said.

Meanwhile, security has become

tighter. This year, applicants must fill out a form and have their Social Security number, address and number of family members checked before they receive any kind of help.

"We owe it to our donors and to our people," Davis said. Abuse of their generosity "is not what Christmas is about."

Teen who died in burglary ran with tough crowd

By Kent McClary
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - At about 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 1, Charlie Loper Jr. was scheduled to be in Twin Falls County juvenile court on a hearing.

Instead, a jury ruled Wednesday, Loper was burglarizing a house outside Twin Falls and exchanging gunfire with the homeowner, 51-year-old Glenn Schroeder. In the process, the jury ruled, Schroeder shot Loper in the head, delivering the wound that killed the 18-year-old two days later.

A Twin Falls County coroner's inquest jury ruled Loper's death self-defense and cleared Schroeder of any criminal charges. With that ruling, criminal proceedings shift to the two teen-agers also charged in the burglary: Karl J. Valencia and Josh Cooke Mills.



Charlie Loper Jr.

Juvenile records - even on felonies - are closed unless a sentencing judge releases them. Even then, a judge can only release a charge, sentence and disposition of felony. Misdemeanor convictions in juvenile court cannot be released.

Police say Valencia, 19, exchanged gunfire Nov. 1 with Schroeder. A Twin

Like Loper, Valencia and Mills have criminal records. And according to juvenile court records requested by *The Times-News*, Loper ran with a group that has had a variety of troubles with the law.

But by law, the records are sketchy.

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Falls County grand jury indicted Valencia Nov. 14 on charges of felony aggravated assault, burglary, and aiding and abetting grand theft.

Valencia has a December 1994 juvenile grand theft conviction in Twin Falls County, with an accompanying misdemeanor charge. He was sentenced to 120 days' detention, and committed to the Department of Health and Welfare until age 21.

Prior to that, Valencia was convicted of juvenile grand theft in Twin Falls County in March 1992, and sentenced to 120 days' detention, plus probation.

Valencia was arrested in December 1991, at age 14, as a minor in possession of tobacco. The case was dismissed in September 1992 after a charge for failure to appear was filed.

Schroeder burglary, had no juvenile record in Twin Falls County, according to *The Times-News'* review of records.

Mills, of Hollister, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of burglary in 5th District Court Dec. 4. Prosecutors agreed to dismiss a charge of aggravated assault in exchange for the guilty plea on the burglary charge.

County prosecutors asked for a sentence of three years' probation, with the rest of the judgment withheld under a negotiated plea, but Mills still could face prison time.

Mills has several adult charges, including driving under the influence, and multiple citations by Twin Falls city police for traffic violations.

Before Nov. 1, Loper already had run up an extensive record with the law.

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More competition for TV, but viewers real winners

By Pat Maracantonio
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - When making a point, Lee Wagner often glances at the television set in his office at KMVT-TV.

The general manager of the Magic Valley's longtime and low-dominant station admits the market isn't what it used to be 15 years ago. Three other local stations, cable, satellites and the Internet compete for people's attention.

Although not complacent about the competition, Wagner says television's place is assured by its programming and its nature as a passive entertainer in ever busier lives.

However, he and other broadcasters say competition ultimately benefits the viewers with improved service.

The ratings game

According to the May ratings from the A.C. Nielsen company, KMVT's 6 p.m. newscast drew a 63 share for one week. That means 63 percent of the sets turned on in Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding, Lincoln, Minidoka and Cassia counties were tuned to KMVT. The nearest competitor is news from Boise-based KTVB, with a 5 percent share.

In 1992, November ratings for KMVT's 6 p.m. news captured a 70 share for Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding and Lincoln counties.

Although the share decreased, the market has grown to 54,500 households in the past three years, Wagner said. Blaine County's effect on the ratings won't be known until the next survey, he added.

Due to corporate directives, KMVT has made changes in the news program,

going to one anchor and dropping two reporting positions.

If newscast numbers drop, the station may rethink the moves, he said.

Meanwhile, KMVT's CBS programming is a different story. The network's second in ratings nationwide. But its family-oriented programs such as "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman," tend to play better locally, Wagner said.

"CBS has been viewed as rural, older viewership. Even in times when they were No. 3, that programming has been doing well," he said.

But networks must know their strengths and audiences.

"What you're going to see is more segmentation. There is a real danger to be all things to all people," Wagner said.

Who are the competitors? While Wagner considers other televi-

sion stations to be KMVT's main competition, that's not the only game in town.

A nationwide Nielsen survey in May gives a clue to the changing look of the competition.

- 68 percent of respondents had cable.
- 65 percent owned satellite dishes.
- 88 percent owned video cassette recorders.

- 39.5 percent owned computers and 82 percent had Internet hookups.
- "The more options people have, it's only logical they take advantage," Wagner said.

Keeping what you have

"People watch what they want to watch and you can promote and do local programming, but in the end the con-

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Woman survives on ice puddles

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — America Matthews of Moab wandered barefoot for four days through southern Utah — surviving on ice scraped from puddles — before she was finally spotted by a helicopter.

"God has answered our prayers," said husband Samuel Matthews, an evangelist of the Moab Church of Christ. "The gentleman who found the car — we feel the Lord led him."

His wife was spotted shortly before 5:30 p.m. Friday wandering in an area not far from where her car was found mired in the mud on a dirt road several miles south of Interstate 70 in the

Yellow Cat area between Crescent Junction and Cisco.

Mrs. Matthews, 45, had not been seen since she was shopping at a mall Monday in Grand Junction, Colo. She suffered only minor scratches on her feet.

"She was in great shape for having walked barefoot for four days," said Grand County Sheriff Jim Nyland. "She did real well."

Mrs. Matthews became lost after taking a wrong turn down a dirt road near the town of Thompson Springs, which led her into a bewildering maze of sandstone boulders, piñon pines, sheer-walled canyons and abandoned uranium mines.

She thought she was taking a shortcut home to Moab when she left Interstate 70 and turned onto Yellow Cat Road. After driving 12 miles, her car was bogged down in a muddy wash.

Matthews locked the door, set the alarm and started walking. It wasn't long before her shoes were sucked off her feet by some thick mud in another wash. She couldn't find them in the dark.

Matthews spent the first night huddled under a rock outcropping.

In the morning, she continued to follow Yellow Cat Road, convinced it would eventually lead her to Moab.

SERVICES

William "Bill" Jones, of Sun Valley, memorial service, 4 p.m. today, Limglight Room, Sun Valley Inn, (Wood River Chapel in Halley).

Diana L. Mathews, of Hazelton, memorial service, 4 p.m. today, Valley Presbyterian Church, Hazelton, (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Mary Lazaro, of Gooding, scripture vigil service, 7 p.m. today, Demary's Gooding Chapel, Mass of Christian Burial, 2 p.m. Monday, St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, Gooding, Viewing, 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Lloyd E. Hammons, of Rathrum and formerly of the Magic Valley, graveside service, 1 p.m. Monday, Hagerman Cemetery, (English Funeral Chapel in Coeur d'Alene).

Silvia W. Miller, of Twin Falls, 2 p.m. Monday, LDS 6th Ward Chapel, 667 Harrison St. Viewing, 4 to 8 p.m. today, White Mortuary, Twin Falls, and 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Monday at the church. The family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Glenn N. Schroeder, of Twin Falls, 1 p.m. Tuesday, White Mortuary, Twin Falls, Viewing, 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral chapel.

Alta Jean Moffitt, of Burley, graveside service, 2 p.m. Friday, Riverside Cemetery, Heyburn, Viewing, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Harold J. Garrison
TWIN FALLS — Harold J. Garrison, 69, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 14, 1996, at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Mary A. Jordan
TWIN FALLS — Mary A. Jordan, 90, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 14, 1996, at BridgeView Estates in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

HOSPITALS

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Helen Bamesberger of Twin Falls.

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Clyde Hutchinson and Anna Wright, both of Burley; Lavonne Kojoker of Heyburn, and Hector Arteaga of Paul.

Released
Mary Bayley, Mary Bryan, June Bunn, Ivan

Dayley, Bernice Harman and Shauna Ward, all of Burley; Richard Kasper and Estelle Littlefield, both of Rupert; and William Schaffer of Paul.

Births
A baby was born to Renee and Rogelio Delbosque, Sherry Cann and to Kristy and Harold Carper, all of Burley.

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Admitted
Kimberly Jones of Rupert; and Leonard Wren of Heyburn.

MAGIC VALLEY IN BRIEF

Twin Falls men face drug charge

BOISE — Two Twin Falls men continue to be held without bail in the Ada County Jail after a federal grand jury heaped additional criminal drug charges against them earlier this week.

Adan Rebolledo-Rubelledo and Heriberto Torres, both 30, are charged with eight felony counts apiece, said Monte Stiles, assistant U.S. district attorney.

The charges include conspiracy to distribute drugs; distribution of the drugs methamphetamine, amphetamine and heroin; use of a firearm during the commission of a crime; and use of a firearm by an alien, Stiles said.

The men originally were charged only with conspiracy to distribute drugs, but those charges were a stopgap measure to arrest the pair right away, until a federal grand jury could indict them, Stiles said.

In federal courts, unlike county courts, felony charges are commonly issued through grand juries, Stiles said. The original charges were dropped in lieu of the jury's indictment, Stiles said.

A federal grand jury considered their case earlier this week. The men were arrested during a drug bust Dec. 4 near a Jerome motel, and charged that the men had delivered 12 pounds of methamphetamine worth \$144,000 to an undercover federal agent.

Mail Christmas packages early

TWIN FALLS — To avoid crowds of gift senders this week, the U.S. Postal Service recommends mailing Christmas packages by Dec. 21 and dropping off holiday cards and letters today at blue collection boxes along major city streets.

Monday will be the biggest mailing day of the year, with an expected 5 billion pieces of holiday mail being sent this year. The postal service advises people to mail as early as possible, according to a news release from the U.S. Postal Service.

Before Dec. 21, packages should be sent by priority mail, which costs \$3 for two pounds and \$6 for five pounds and takes two to three days to deliver. Later packages can arrive by Christmas Day, but prices begin at \$10.75.

Nurses throw Christmas party

TWIN FALLS — The local chapter of the National Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses is throwing a Christmas party Monday at Soderstrom Restaurant and Bakery.

All College of Southern Idaho LPN students, LPN nurses and their families are encouraged to attend and bring a can of food for Salvation Army Christmas food baskets.

Participation will pay for their meals. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by Christmas caroling. Call Judy Hansen at 324-5837 or Bea Rice at 536-2243 for more information.

Compiled from staff reports

Bonneville Pacific has been in bankruptcy reorganization 5 years

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The bankruptcy court charged with restructuring Bonneville Pacific faces a new challenge: Figuring out how to divvy up the money and ownership of the small, profitable company that remains as the one trustee Roger Segal and a cadre of lawyers took on after the alternative energy company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization.

The company was mired in debt, former insiders faced allegations of fraud, creditors demanded \$600 million and Segal had to sort through a myriad of energy projects, some good — some bad.

In the past five years, Segal and his team shooed away would-be creditors, paid off about \$25 million in secured debt and turned another \$100 million worth of projects back to lenders.

They've whittled the claims against the company to \$105 million, plus undetermined shareholder claims, and improved the chance sheets for the three remaining businesses.

And, as federal prosecutors secured guilty pleas to felonies by five former insiders, a Phoenix law firm working for Segal and the former insiders and their advisers nationwide. The result: \$161 million so far in settlements of civil suits, with promises for \$13 million more.

That success, which Bankholder Committee chairman C. Derek Anderson called remarkable, has ironically made Segal's next task more difficult.

Now there is a pot of money and operating company worth battling over.

"The potential for creditors to fight each other over who gets what is a risk that is real," acknowledged Vern Hopkinson, Segal's attorney.

The trustee's team will soon begin working with creditors, company executives, bondholders and shareholders to devise a plan to pay off debts, reorganize Bonneville Pacific and wean it from Bankruptcy Court protection.

That task could be completed this summer, depending on the approach taken by creditors, particularly new players in the Bonneville Pacific drama: Speculative investors who this

year watched the pool of settlement money grow and began buying Bonneville Pacific's debts from banks, vendors and bondholders.

These investors have been paying a premium to become creditors, sometimes as much as \$1.30 on the dollar for bonds, said Anderson, the San Francisco money manager.

They're unlikely to settle for anything less and likely will press for much more, because the bonds carry an 8.5 percent per year coupon.

Bondholders' claims amount to nearly \$65 million of the \$105 million, not counting interest. Banks, vendors and other trade creditors, who get paid before bondholders, have \$40 million in claims, not counting interest.

Additionally, there are claims of shareholders who watched their stock value dwindle to pennies per share after trading as high as \$16 per share in 1997.

Segal has been advertising for shareholders throughout the country in recent months, and expects 3,000 claims by Monday's deadline. These will amount to at least \$20 million, probably much more.

Segal and Hopkinson said it's

still possible the shareholders will get nothing, but their chances for cashing in are better than ever.

"Obviously, it didn't look like creditors would get any money, let alone shareholders," said Hopkinson.

To help him forge a reorganization plan, Segal has hired the New York law firm of Weil, Gotshall & Manges, which has a staff of more than 40 attorneys in its bankruptcy division.

One reason, Hopkinson said, was that firm's expertise in negotiating with creditors. In this case, they included large investment companies based in New York.

"A number of these players are people who make their living out of getting involved in Chapter 11 cases," Segal said.

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TWIN FALLS



Ted C. Mason

Ted C. Mason, 92, passed away Thursday, Dec. 12, 1996, at his home in Twin Falls.

He was born Nov. 14, 1904, in Alton, Iowa, the son of Jacob and Elizabeth Janssen Mason. Ted lived on a farm south of Kimberly since he moved with his family in 1918 to the Magic Valley area, where he attended schools in Twin Falls and Kimberly. When Ted and Jake came to Idaho, they found the telegraph poles marked with black and red along the railroad tracks on a gravel road and at times opened gates along the way. He married Winona Gimo April 5, 1928. Ted was a 12-year member of the Kimberly School Board, director of the Idaho Potato Board, member of

the Tax Equally and Wood Bureau, and attended the county budget hearings. He was very civic minded and concerned for his community and country.

Ted was a devoted Christian. He said, "I would be wonderful to be here when Christ returns," but was ready to meet Jesus his Savior.

He is survived by his dearly beloved wife, Winona, his best friend of 68 years; two sons, Norman (Joan) Mason of Caldwell and Ted J. (Alberta) Mason of Murtaugh; two daughters, Carolyn (Bob) Cornie of Buhl and Joyce (Hershel Mitchell) Kasper of Boise, nine grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Maxine Larson and a infant sister Marie.

The funeral will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, 1996, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls with Fred Cogburn officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, 1996, and from 9 a.m. until time of the service on Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

The family suggests memorials in memory of Ted to the Gideons. Contributions may be left at the funeral chapel or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83403.

Manuel A. Hernandez

Manuel Aspeytia Hernandez, 68, of Twin Falls, died Thursday evening, Dec. 12, 1996, at his home following an extended illness.

Manuel was born on Dec. 17, 1927, in Howard, Texas, the son of Vicente and Elaina Aspeytia. At age five, he moved from Texas to Lipps De Moreno, Mexico, where he grew up. In 1951, he moved to the Twin Falls area. On May 1, 1952, Manuel married Delores

Savala in Twin Falls, and with that marriage they had 14 children. Manuel worked for Henry's Potato Collar, Idaho Frozen Foods, sugar factory, Cies & Sprays Hatery, Powers Orchard, and for a time he was self employed hauling hay.

Manuel enjoyed fishing and hunting and especially loved the outdoors and telling stories.

Manuel is survived by his spouse of 32 years, Delores of Twin Falls; his mother, Elaina Munoz Aspeytia of Mexico; 14 children, Rosemary Verdugo of California, Viola Moreno of Jerome, Elaina Davila of Twin Falls, Daniel Hernandez of Twin Falls, Anita Guzman of Twin Falls, Carlos Hernandez of Filer, Gloria Alonso of Twin Falls, Maria Piza of Filer, Virginia Ruiz of Rupert, Beatrice Miranda of Twin Falls, Susanna Equavil of Bellevue, Joe Hernandez of Twin Falls, Tobias Hernandez of Arizona, and Teresa Hernandez of Colorado; four brothers, Juan Aspeytia of Twin Falls, Jose Aspeytia of Mexico, Enrique Aspeytia of Twin Falls, and Ismael Aspeytia of Mexico; an aunt, Leticia Aspeytia of Twin Falls, Josephina Aspeytia, Elena H. Aspeytia, and Maria (Chata) Aspeytia, all of Mexico. Also surviving are 36 grandchildren, four step-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, one sister and one son, Jose.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1996, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls with Father Robb Keller officiating. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

The family suggests memorials be given to the American Cancer Society. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83403.

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Antitrust

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similar market conditions, said George Gibson, manager of Peavey Co., owned by Con Agra. His company raised margins about 10 cents, not the 18 to 20 cents Newcomb suggests, he said. But Gibson said he didn't blame Newcomb for exploring the antitrust angle. "There's less competition now than there was," Gibson said. "We've lost a lot of little grain elevators. The big ones have come in and leashed them, or whatever. It looks scary, I suppose, to someone on the outside

looking in." General Mills could not be reached for comment. Agriculture isn't the only area to look at, Newcomb said. School textbooks are another area of little competition in Idaho. Tougher law enforcement for antitrust violations would improve customer service in general and lower prices, said Skip DeLange, chief of the Consumer Protection Division with the attorney general's office in Boise. His office already looks at antitrust issues, he said. In the

past year, he devoted roughly 20 percent of his time to those issues. But most cases involved joint investigations with other states of national companies such as Keenex, Mitsubishi, Nintendo and those in the airline industry. The office rarely looks just within Idaho. Part of that is resources, he said. His unit has two attorneys and two investigators. Antitrust cases also tend to be expensive, requiring industry experts, economists, extensive documentation and computer databases.

Newcomb said he's not sure how hard he'll push the issue this session. But he wants to, at least discuss it, he said. Gibson said more antitrust enforcement isn't needed. "We have the feels looking at that, and that's enough," he said. "Who burdens the state? Why spend taxpayer dollars to do something that's already being done at the federal level?" Kellogg, too, said the state ought to avoid establishing a specific governmental division to investigate antitrust.

Utah, Colorado become power hubs for governors

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The steering committee of the Western Governors' University has chosen its hubs — Salt Lake and Denver. The steering committee recently voted to locate the chief executive officer of the 13-state cooperative venture in Salt Lake. The chief academic officer will be in Denver. The virtual university is designed to offer a college education over the Internet or through other high-tech delivery systems. Major administrative, fundraising and legal issues will be handled in Utah, while major decisions involving curriculum and faculty will be handled in Colorado.

The division of power was a resolution of a conflict. The university is largely the brainchild of Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt. But Colorado is the seat of the Western Governors Association, which adopted the idea. "It is a big win (for Utah) to get the CEO here and the big decision makers here," said Brad Winn, Leavitt's higher education adviser. It also is a natural for Colorado, which is home to three of the biggest educational think tanks in the country: the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, the Education Commission of the States and the National Center for Higher Education Management.

Loper

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His record includes two notable crimes: a four-day crime spree almost two years ago, and the botched robbery at the Schroeder home. He also was cited several times for misdemeanor crimes, including repeated minor in possession of tobacco charges. Police officers who investigated Loper's repeated crimes said that his sentences as a juvenile weren't strict enough.

worth of damage to personal property. They broke into 11 homes, sometimes using a stolen shotgun to blast apart windows and doors. They stole 12 cars, destroying several and causing damage to most of them. Judges could commit an offender to the state Department of Health and Welfare, for detention at state institutions in St. Anthony or Nampa. Loper was convicted in Twin Falls County in April 1995 for felony burglary, grand theft and eluding police officers, according to files released by the juvenile court. He was sentenced to 270 days in detention, the maximum sentence Varin could apply. Loper was committed to the custody of the Department of Health and Welfare until age 19. Loper also pleaded guilty to two counts of burglary and to grand theft, and was to be sentenced on those charges when he returned from detention, according to court records. He was ready to be sentenced, but that sentencing had not been held.

The three boys who accompanied Loper on the February spree all served time for their crimes. They also briefly escaped and earned additional sentences. At least two, Secord and Silvers, had been kicked out of their homes, according to victims familiar with the case. Jerome Paline School Resource Officer Kelly Bangenter was one of the first victims of the spree. One week earlier, he had arrested Secord. "It was nothing personal toward them, but they took it personal and came after me," Bangenter said. The four boys broke into Bangenter's patrol car, parked in front of his home. They took several hundred dollars' worth of personal items: police equipment, Bangenter had purchased, and a bulletproof vest and a shotgun owned by the police department. The shotgun was fired at a Twin Falls County man who confronted them during a later burglary. Secord served as a pallbearer at Loper's funeral.

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"This court gave the maximum penalty available. If they skated, it was a public policy skate." —Magistrate Judge John Varin. The four bragged to officers about sitting on a haystack, watching while Jerome police searched for them after they got a Lincoln Continental stuck in mud. Most of the stolen cars had the keys in the cars, they boasted. When the four were sentenced, the maximum sentence available for a juvenile who committed a felony was 120 days. The maximum sentence for a misdemeanor was 30 days.

Between Feb. 4 and Feb. 8, 1995, Loper and Shaun Daniels of Twin Falls, and Gerami Secord and Aaron Silvers, both of Jerome, stole cars and guns and caused thousands of dollars' worth of damage to personal property.

In larger markets, Continental is offering Internet access via cable, Thompson said. The service might not hit Idaho for a long time, but it proves the value and capability of the pipeline that is cable, he added. "It will really be a boom in the cable business when this happens," Thompson said. "We're trying to increase the value of what's there."

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TV

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sumer is king," said Jim Boyd, general manager for K3RAS television, which came into the market more than 10 years ago and runs second in ratings behind KMYT. Generally, he says, stations find it more difficult to keep audiences there because of other entertainment options. "While he bows to KMYT's hold on newscasts, his station's other programming is competitive in prime time, Boyd said. NBC's Olympics coverage put his station on top in July and he hopes for a good showing when November ratings are released within the next two weeks. "We hope to tip the charts," he added.

not enough to kill the major networks, ABC, CBS and NBS, Boyd said. Internet use will follow suit. "My kids were doing all this e-mail at first and then said, 'It's a heck of a lot easier to call them on the phone,'" Boyd said. Cable and Internet. "We've been updating our system and reliability," said Vince Thompson, manager of Continental Cablevision, with 16,750 subscribers in south central and eastern Idaho. That's one way to fight to keep customers and attract new ones, he says. Another is adding the Disney Channel to the basic cable

Loper's mother, Gimme Cooper, said she doesn't know why her son would hang out with Valencia, since Valencia had stolen from Loper, she said. "So were finding even the people who go to the dishes ... end up keeping cable," he said. "Get into this 150 channel world and I'm not sure what people will do with them. Those dishes are out there and more people are tempted to get them but a lot of people have to look at the costs."

Federal regulations mean local television has nothing to fear from ever more affordable satellite dishes, Boyd said. "The small satellite dishes still have to pick up local stations," he said. "Satellite owners may get a little upset, but if you have a Chevy franchise, no one else can sell Chevys and we have that same right." Nationally, satellite and cable offerings are becoming more fragmented, with network niches ranging from history to cooking. Boyd has counted 10 sports channels alone, but programming is key. "Local channels, the networks still dominate the viewing and local news still dominates," he said. "The network is one of the few places you're getting programming all the time." Cable, satellites and home videos made a splash and took their cuts into TV viewing, but

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Josh Craythorn, 10, in his trademark hat, poses with his father, Robert; mother, Terese; and sisters, Patricia, back, and Jessica.

Jerome boy with skin disease is local hero

By H.R. Weizel
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Josh Craythorn, a Jerome boy, faces a life-altering disease yet has knit a community into a colorful tapestry of love.

Born with a cancerous skin disease called xeroderma pigmentosum, the 10-year-old boy has never known what it is to run in the sun, and wears a big, black hat to protect his skin from the sun's rays.

He has captured the admiration of young and old alike with his determination to live to the fullest, though that life may be short.

"I remember the first time I saw Josh, he was sitting on the cafeteria steps at Jefferson School. He was wearing this huge cowboy hat and looked like he had a lot of freckles. I thought, 'There's a little boy that's full of spunk.' An attribute Josh has that never leaves him," said his school counselor, Debbie Walsh.

"We often took walks together, and Josh would always slip his hand into mine — it brought out all the motherly instincts in me. I will always cherish those times," the counselor said. "People would stop and stare as the distraction grew, but Josh would hold his head up high and walk along as if he never saw them. He never complained, whined or said he was in pain — he's the bravest little boy I've ever known."

Robert and Terese Craythorn, the boy's parents, say they have found "great comfort" as they watch their son's life encourage people in the community.

"All that Josh gave of himself has been returned to us multiplied hundreds of times. When we would see a child who faced tough times and then hear that kid say, 'If Josh can do it, I can too,' that made some of Josh's difficulties seem more worthwhile," said Terese Craythorn.

A special friendship between Josh and neighbor boy Cody Johns started when the two took their first bus ride to kindergarten. Cody was frightened and didn't want to get on the bus. Cody's mother, Robin, said, "Josh heard Cody crying and came right over to him and told my son, 'It's all right — I'll go with you.' Even that day on, the bond between the two boys has grown. It is Cody who stayed in the classroom and played with Josh while other children went outside for recess. Cody comes to Josh's house at night when Josh can go outside to play.

Josh's health hasn't stopped him from putting on his hat, grabbing his fishing pole and heading for the river with his dad. One of the father's favorite memories is teaching his son to ride a go-cart. The go-cart is a second-generation motorized cart, used by Robert Craythorn when he was a boy.

His son is determined to make the most of every moment. "Josh usually got a little wild with it — he got to the point where the go-cart wouldn't go fast enough for

him," the father said. The disease has progressed so Josh Craythorn no longer can attend classes at Horizon Elementary School.

"He tires quickly, but Josh is putting up a brave front. He can no longer see out of one eye and the other one is going too — it is getting harder and harder," his mother said.

His classmates and teachers filmed a video to give their "little hero" a look at what is happening at the school. They strung an early Christmas, giving Josh a candy cane-decorated tree and lots of gifts, and they communicate with their classmate by e-mail.

As Josh Craythorn watched the video of his classmates, he weaved and shouted, "Merry Christmas, my buddies!"

"Josh never wanted to be treated any different than anybody else. He just wanted to be an ordinary kid," Horizon Principal Ann Reynolds said.

The Twin Falls Target store gave him a Super Nintendo game, a gift the boy uses to entertain when someone comes to visit.

"We want to thank everybody, the whole community, for all they have done for us," said Terese Craythorn. "We're just amazed at Josh and the people around here. He has pulled the whole community together."

Rupert plans 'Remembrance Caravan' for DUI victims

By Eric Goodell
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — Alcohol-related traffic accidents can destroy the lives of more people than those actually involved in the crashes.

They also devastate victims' families and loved ones. Sgt. Lew Jones of the Rupert Police Department, who this month is organizing a campaign to raise awareness of the dangers of driving while intoxicated, remembers when he has had to notify people that a loved one is dead — a victim of a drunk driver. "It's a difficult thing to do," Jones said. "You can see their anguish and torment — they don't know how to handle it."

Jones has scheduled a "Remembrance Caravan" Thursday in Rupert. He is inviting those who have had loved ones injured or killed by drunk drivers to participate in the caravan. The 10 a.m. event will start at Cameron Sales and proceed to the Rupert Square.

The caravan also will include patrol cars from the state, county and city, ambulances and tow trucks — all marked with red ribbons as reminders of those injured or killed by people who drink and drive.

Following the event, Rupert Mayor Dwinelle Allied will sign a proclamation.

The proclamation includes, "All citizens and institutions need to acknowledge that a license to drive is not a license to kill, injure or destroy. When we drive under the influence of drugs and alcohol, we are saying that, under certain circumstances, it's okay to harm our families, friends and neighbors."

How to participate

To participate in Thursday's Remembrance Caravan, call Rupert police Sgt. Lew Jones at 434-2330.

Allred said it is important that the message is heard.

"I believe it is important to continue to remind the public of the consequences of using alcohol unwisely and how it can devastate the lives of people," he said. "If we can save the life of just one person it will be worth it."

Jones also is stressing the national "Lights on for Life Day" to be observed Friday. Motorists are urged to show concern for DUI victims by leaving their vehicles' lights on while driving that day.

Not as many motorists had their lights on last year as Jones had hoped, he said.

But annual messages during the holiday season about the dangers of drinking and driving appear to be getting through, Jones said.

"We don't seem to be getting as many (DUI arrests)," he said. But there still is much work to be done, said Jones, who says his ultimate holiday season would be one in which no serious accidents or deaths are recorded nationwide.

Jones said he has visited each of the establishments in Rupert that serve alcohol, and "100 percent" has expressed a commitment to prevent intoxicated customers from driving — whether by taking away their keys, providing drivers, using designated drivers or using other means.

Local alliance increases awareness of geography

By Lori Bettineshi
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Teachers hoping to improve geography education in Idaho are banding together to make students more aware of the topic.

At least five teachers from the Mini-Cassia area are actively involved in The Alliance of Idaho Geographers, an organization formed in 1986 to expand and improve geographic education in Idaho. Since then, alliance enrollment has increased dramatically, said state coordinator Katherine A. Young.

"We're getting more and more people involved all the time," Young said. "Our hope is to spread geographic information throughout the state to educators who can use it to help students become better geographers."

The alliance is affiliated with and financially supported by the National Geographic Society. Young said the society began sponsoring a nationwide alliance in 1986 to revitalize geographic education nationwide.

Each summer, teachers are invited to workshops, presentations and training courses sponsored by the Idaho alliance and the National Geographic Society. "I spent two weeks going through Hells Canyon with this group," said Jim Watkins, geography teacher at East Minico Junior High. "In that time, I learned enough information that I could stretch it into two months

Want to know more?

For more information about The Alliance of Idaho Geographers, call Katherine A. Young at 385-3593.

in the classroom if I had time."

Marge Woodhouse, social studies curriculum director for Cassia County, joined 24 teachers on a three-day tour of Yellowstone National Park. From 7 a.m. until 10 p.m., Woodhouse said teachers exchanged ideas about teaching geography while learning about the area.

"The National Geographic Society has really brought awareness levels up," she said. "They've also made a lot of people realize just how fascinating the subject really is." One program focuses on the five themes of geography: location, movement, regions, place and human/environmental interactions.

"I get quite a bit of information from them that I try and use whenever I can," said Pam Young, a Burley Junior High School teacher.

Boise State University, Idaho State University, Lewis Clark State College and the University of Idaho work as partners with the National Geographic Society to increase participation in the alliance, which is open to all educators, regardless of what subject they teach.

Wendell opens bids for water improvement

The Times-News

WENDELL — A special meeting of the Wendell City Council is planned for 3 p.m. Friday at City Hall.

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Rural Montana schools go high-tech

Fiber optics give students access to advanced educational opportunities

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Joanie Larson wasn't quite sure what to expect from her first experience teaching a class in which the nearest student was 140 miles away.

Larson, an assistant professor of curriculum at Montana State University-Billings, has been teaching the graduate-level course "Integrating Curriculum," to 15 schoolteachers and administrators in Miles City and Glendive, using a new distance-learning studio located in the special education building at MSU-Billings.

Heading into the home stretch for the fall semester, Larson is pleased with how the course has gone, even though it took some time to get used to the two-way video system, she said.

A comedian can coax laughs out of the most dour crowd and silence hecklers with witty one-liners. Likewise, good teachers often measure the effectiveness of their teaching style by interpreting students' body language, then draw students into the exchange.

Larson said teaching through two-way television may actually be a little easier than traditional classroom teaching. Instead of trying to make eye contact with a roomful of students, Larson simply focuses her attention on two large television monitors located across the room.

Even though she's more than a hundred miles away, the camera doesn't lie. Larson has no trouble finding out who's paying attention.

"It's actually better than I thought it would be," Larson said. "The students have been very easy to work with."

Larson's curriculum course is the first being taught over a fiber optic network that was recently extended to the campus of MSU-Billings.

"The students have been very easy to work with."

—Joanie Larson, Montana State University professor

Billings. A three-year interactive video services agreement between MSU-Billings and Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative Inc. based in Circle was approved earlier this year.

Dawson Community College in Glendive, Miles Community College in Miles City, Range Telephone Cooperative in Forsyth and 18 school districts throughout the region are all partners in the expanding fiber optic network stretching across Eastern Montana.

Under the agreement, MSU-Billings will deliver a variety of educational programming throughout Eastern Montana. The new \$90,000 classroom studio on the first floor of the special education building was completed

last summer. Grant money covered the cost of the new equipment, said Art Eichlin, telecommunications coordinator at MSU-Billings.

Eichlin has been busy traveling. Eastern Montana and meeting with local people who are interested in using the network. He is also involved in developing new distance-learning courses that originate in Billings and are delivered over fiber to remote sites in Eastern Montana.

Beginning next semester, six new distance-learning classes, all taught from MSU-Billings, will be offered at Dawson Community College and Miles City Community College.

The interactive television (ITV) network will play an important role in a new four-year degree program offered at MSU-Billings.

The Montana Board of Regents recently authorized MSU-Billings to offer a bachelor of science degree in liberal studies.

Eichlin said the bachelor's in liberal studies degree is structured as a "two plus two" program, meaning that students can take the first two years of the program at the two-year community college, then take many of their upper-division courses via ITV.

"The program is good for place-bound students who want to complete a degree without leaving their hometown," Eichlin said.

Utah officials to probe attorney's conduct

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Salt Lake County commissioners say they will launch an investigation into attorney Doug Short's conduct and the way he runs his office.

The action, expected to be approved during Monday's commission meeting, was prompted by an anonymous letter claiming to be written by some of Short's deputy attorneys.

The letter accuses Short of numerous ethical and legal wrongs — from letting his personal opinions guide his legal judgments to lying to a security guard — and requests a formal investigation of Short. Short called the letter "a sham."

"There are too many things in here that I don't exactly think the commission has been saying, including all the references to the state code and county policies," Short said. "This is a witch hunt."

Commission Chairwoman Mary Callaghan denied the commission had any hand in crafting the letter.

Although commissioners cannot fire Short, state code gives them the power to supervise and investigate him and other elected officials, but only if asked to do so. If there is proof Short violated any laws or breached professional ethics, he could be removed from office by a judge, or disbarred.

Commissioners complain that

Short takes too long to do his job and his delays have cost the county hundreds of thousands of dollars. Short claims to have saved thousands by stopping commissioners from giving away tax money for political favors.

Earlier this week commissioners cut Short's salary by \$15,000 and denied his budget request for more attorneys. On Wednesday, they threw him out of a closed commission staff meeting and barred the door after a shouting match broke out between him and Commissioner Brent Overton.

The letter characterized Short's conduct in that meeting as "utterly shameful, unprofessional and childish." A partial transcript of the meeting indicates the argument started when Short asked commissioners to clarify how the county should proceed on a lawsuit involving the Utah Transit Authority.

Overton would not let Short speak, but asked instead for deputy attorney Bill Hyde's legal opinion. The two argued over whether Hyde should obey Short or Overton.

Callaghan said she plans to appoint Overton to investigate Short. In turn, Short said he is investigating Overton for possible campaign-finance violations and for the commissioners' involvement in problems at the Hansen Planetarium.

Idaho court lets stand revocation of liquor license for strip bar

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A five-year battle to save a liquor license through the appeals process has ended for the owner of a bar-restaurant which featured male strippers.

The Idaho State Supreme Court has refused to reconsider its August 1996 decision that upheld the revocation of Players' liquor license for allowing male strippers to reveal the clefs of their buttocks.

Based on the Nov. 26 order, the Idaho Alcohol Beverage Control Division pulled owner Jack

Cameron's liquor license on Dec. 6, forcing the closure of the cocktail bar-restaurant and end of 30 jobs.

"We have been selectively targeted," Cameron said. "But we don't have the resources that the state's got to resolve this."

Employees said the state should have shown more sympathy and delayed the revocation until after the holidays.

The high court decision is the last chapter in the appeal process. Cameron, however, said he may turn to civil court.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Only main dishes are listed. All schools serve milk with meals.

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Monday: Hotdog on a bun.
Tuesday: Enchiladas.
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Friday: Chicken nuggets.

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Self-serve bar available every day.
Monday: Chicken nuggets.
Tuesday: Enchiladas.
Wednesday: Hamburger on a bun.
Thursday: French toast and baked ham.
Friday: Cheese pizza.

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Breakfast: Juice served every day.
Monday: French toast.
Tuesday: Little smokies and hash browns.
Wednesday: Cereal and muffin.
Thursday: Biscuits with creamy gravy.
Friday: Apple and cherry fruitutes.
Lunch:
Monday: Macho nachos with beef and cheese.
Tuesday: Sliced ham and mashed potatoes with gravy.
Wednesday: Cheeseburger on a bun.
Thursday: Chili and crackers.
Friday: Hotdog on a bun.

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH
Breakfast: Juice and fruit served every day.
Lunch: Choice of salad bar with sandwich or soup or sandwich bar every day.
Monday: Malibu chicken or tuna sandwich.
Tuesday: Deli bar sandwich.
Wednesday: Baked potato special with turkey gravy, ham and cheese.
Thursday: Pizza or cheese square.
Friday: Hamburger or burrito or cheeseburger.

CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Breakfast: Fruit and juice served every day.
Monday: Cereal and cinnamon toast.
Tuesday: Toaster pastry and nut cup.
Wednesday: Peanut butter and honey sandwich.
Thursday: Maple bar and cheese.
Friday: Oatmeal and muffin.
Lunch:
Monday: Hamburger on a bun.
Tuesday: Chili.
Wednesday: Roast turkey and dressing.
Thursday: Pizza.
Friday: Corndog.

CASTLEFORD
Breakfast served every day.
Lunch: Self-serve salad bar every day.
Monday: Fibrecue sandwich.
Tuesday: Spaghetti with sauce.
Wednesday: Roast turkey and gravy.
Thursday: Wolf burgers.
Friday: Corndog.

DIETRICH
Breakfast: Choice of juice, milk, hot chocolate, cereal, toast or muffin.
Lunch: Salad bar and variety of fruit choices.
Monday through Friday: Cook's choice.

FILER
Monday: Hamburger on a bun.
Tuesday: Soup and sandwich bar or deli bar available on alternating days.
Wednesday: Fried chicken.
Thursday: Fajita salad.
Friday: Corndog.

GLENN'S FERRY
Monday: Foot-long hotdog.
Tuesday: Italian chicken.
Wednesday: Sloppy joe.
Thursday: Hamburger on a bun.
Friday: Baked ham and scalloped potatoes.

GOODING ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL
Breakfast served every day.
Lunch: Salad bar, potato bar or deli bar available on alternating days.
Monday: St. Nick chicken.
Tuesday: Soft-shell taco.
Wednesday: Lasagna.
Thursday: Macho nachos.
Friday: Chili and crackers.

GOODING HIGH SCHOOL
Breakfast served every day.
Lunch: Salad bar, potato bar or deli bar available on alternating days. Also choice of hamburger line, pizza line or ala carte items.
Monday: St. Nick chicken.
Tuesday: Soft-shell taco.
Wednesday: Lasagna.
Thursday: Macho nachos.

Friday: Chili and crackers.

HAGERMAN
Monday: Spiral spaghetti.
Tuesday: Turkey gravy over mashed potatoes.
Wednesday: Corndog.
Thursday: Double up taco.
Friday: Hamburger on a bun.

HANSEN
Monday: Corndog.
Tuesday: Nachos with cheese sauce.
Wednesday: Baked ham and mashed potatoes with gravy.
Thursday: Hotdog on a bun.
Friday: No lunch served.

IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND
Breakfast: Choice of juice, fruit, and cereal.
Monday: Sausage patty and toast.
Tuesday: English muffin and scrambled eggs.
Wednesday: Biscuits and yogurt.
Thursday: Cinnamon toast and gravy.
Friday: French toast and bacon.
Lunch:
Monday: Chicken sandwich.
Tuesday: Italian spaghetti.
Wednesday: Nachos.
Thursday: Barbecued beef on a bun.
Friday: Turkey deli sandwich.

DIMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Monday: Christmas lunch.
Tuesday: Vegetable beef soup.
Wednesday: Fifth- and sixth-grade menu. Spaghetti.
Thursday: Salad and soup bar.
Friday: Beef and pepperoni pizza.

JEROME SCHOOLS
Breakfast served every day.
Lunch: At middle school and high school, choice of salad bar, hamburger line or pizza line served daily, main line (lited), or ala carte items. Deli sandwich served once weekly.
Monday: Burrito with salsa.
Tuesday: French dip on a bun.
Wednesday: Chicken patty with honey mustard.
Thursday: Nachos with cheese.
Friday: Baked ham and scalloped potatoes.

KIMBERLY
Breakfast served every day.
Lunch:
Monday: Grand nachos with salsa.
Tuesday: French toast and nut cup.
Wednesday: Lasagna.
Thursday: Hotdog on a bun.
Friday: Baked ham and mashed potatoes with gravy.

MINIDOKA COUNTY
Breakfast: Fruit served every day.
Monday: Egg scramble and toast.
Tuesday: Cereal and cinnamon toast.
Wednesday: Toaster pasty and nut cup.
Thursday: Hot cereal and toast.
Friday: Chili and muffin.
Lunch:
Monday: Student's choice.

Tuesday: Beef roast.
Wednesday: Saganoff beef gravy over mashed potatoes.
Thursday: Chicken sandwich.
Friday: Corndog.

MURTAUGH
For grades six through 12, choice of salad bar, hotdog, nachos or the main line every day.
Monday: Picnic-a-blanket.
Tuesday: Stew.
Wednesday: Chickenburger on a bun.
Thursday: Open menu.
Friday: Sack lunch, kindergarten through eighth grade only.

RICHFIELD
Breakfast: Juice served every day.
Monday: Cereal and muffin.
Tuesday: Pancakes and sausage.
Wednesday: Biscuits with ham gravy.
Thursday: Scrambled eggs and toast.
Friday: Cereal and pie.
Lunch:
Monday: Lasagna.
Tuesday: Soft-shell taco.
Wednesday: Hotdog on a bun.
Thursday: Tuna sandwich and vegetable soup.
Friday: Baked chicken.

SHIHOONE
Monday: Spaghetti.
Tuesday: Taco.
Wednesday: Sliced ham and au gratin potatoes.
Thursday: Chicken sandwich.
Friday: Hamburger on a bun.

ST. EDWARD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Monday: Pizza.
Tuesday: Corndog.
Wednesday: Taco.
Thursday: Chili.
Friday: Chicken nuggets.

TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Breakfast served daily.
Monday: Beef and bean burrito.
Tuesday: Honey-glazed ham and quick-baked potatoes.
Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich and Campbell's soup.
Thursday: Finger steak.
Friday: Corndog.

TWIN FALLS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS
Breakfast served daily.
Lunch: Junior highs have a choice of main line or second line menu. Salad bar is available daily.
Monday: Beef and bean burrito or lasagna.
Tuesday: Honey-glazed ham or pizza.
Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich or grilled chicken sandwich.
Thursday: Finger steak and pizza.
Friday: Corndog or deli sandwich.

TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
Breakfast served daily.
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and

potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies daily.

VALLEY
Breakfast served daily.
Monday: Hamburger on a bun.
Tuesday: Chicken stir fry.
Wednesday: Pancakes with strawberries and whipped topping.
Thursday: Chickenburger on a bun.
Friday: Hotdog on a bun.

WENDELL SCHOOLS
The middle school and high school also have a choice of submarine sandwich plate or chef salad plate daily.
Monday: Ham and potato soup and peanut butter sandwich.
Tuesday: Stromboli.
Wednesday: Nachos with cheese sauce.
Thursday: Chicken patty on a bun.
Friday: Lasagna.

School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed with the menu in Sunday's paper, send the menu to The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or fax to 734-5538, attention: Lunch Menu. Deadline is noon Friday for publication Sunday.



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Crews struggle to open snow trails after storm

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Crews clearing Panhandle snowmobile and cross country ski trails after the recent ice storm still have a lot of exhausting work ahead of them, the U.S. Forest Service says.

The ice and subsequent heavy snowfall caused thousands of trees to fall across trails in the Coeur d'Alene Mountains.

Some trails in the Fernan and Wallace ranger districts may not be open at all this winter. Crews from the Kootenai County Groomer Association, Forest Service, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and many volunteers have been working for three weeks to open portions of the 600-mile trail system, said Forest Service recreation specialist Jack Dorrell.

"This effort is being complicated by deep snow, poor weather and trees that continue to fall," he said. "Many trails have been cleared of downed trees several times with no assurance that more will not crash down and close trails behind the work parties."

"People are saving out stacks



A grooming crew from Kootenai County works to clear a path through downed trees on the top of Fourth of July Saddle in the Idaho Panhandle Friday. Crews are clearing thousands of downed trees in waist-deep snow, struggling with snowm-

bles that get stuck in the snow at every opportunity and fighting fatigue and cold. Visitors are urged to be cautious and carry extra fuel and survival gear.

Plan could speed Ada-Canyon transit

BOISE (AP) — A public mass-transit system to deal with the valley's growing traffic dilemma may get a close examination by the Ada Planning Association board.

The panel Monday will discuss forming an advisory committee to study a new Regional Public Transportation Authority involving Ada and Canyon counties.

The committee could consist of county and city officials, major employers, planners and residents. They would develop a vision of what the authority would actually do, such as operate bus and rail service between the counties.

As the valley population grows centered from Boise, increasing numbers of people live in one place and work in another, creating traffic problems and more road widening. Already, about 7,000 cars commute from Meridian to Boise on an average weekday.

Formation of an authority would require approval by voters. Boise Mayor Brent Coles wants to bring a RegioSprinter com-

muter train to the area for up to six months. The diesel-powered car could run on existing Union Pacific Railroad tracks and carry up to 174 people between Meridian, Boise Towne Square, the Boise Depot and Micron Technology Inc.

Coles said he thinks an authority could be involved in a RegioSprinter system, but it should consider all options. "The first thing is an inventory of what exists: buses, park-and-ride lots, what other transit is available," Coles said. "It would be my goal to have the authority contract with private companies, just as we do with BUS (Boise Urban Buses)."

Incoming Canyon County Commissioner Zelda Nickel also supports an authority, although she said it may take awhile to pry people out of their cars.

The RegioSprinter car would be permitted to go only about three miles east of Nampa, if Union Pacific allows the train on its tracks.

Kempthorne presses for safer air bags

BOISE (AP) — U.S. Sen. Dirk Kempthorne is pressing for safer automobile air bags, but he is not sure if Americans should be able to disconnect them.

The devices now are designed and tested to protect a 165-pound man who is not wearing a safety belt.

The problem, the senator said Friday, is in order to protect that unbelted man, air bags inflate with such force that they have killed 32 children and 20 adults. "We need to change the standard," Kempthorne said Friday

during a taping of KTVB-TV's "Viewpoint" show.

"The government can't protect everybody," he said, suggesting women and children who are buckled in deserve as much protection as or more than the man who rides without a belt.

Kempthorne called for congressional hearings on air bags last month after 1-year-old Alexandra Greer of Boise was killed by one that inflated in a parking lot accident.

A government study indicates air bags reduce fatalities 11 per-

cent for drivers and 13.5 percent for passengers age 13 and older, but do not help children under 12 at all.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is pushing for development of a new generation of air bags.

Kempthorne said he doubted that Congress would endorse making air bags optional equipment in automobiles, like air conditioning or sun roofs. And he is not certain what changing standards or bags would cost consumers.

Idaho senator gives weekly message

BOISE (AP) — Idaho Sen. Dirk Kempthorne on Saturday said environmental issues offer a perfect opportunity for the next Congress to test the spirit of post-election bipartisanship.

In the weekly Republican radio address, Kempthorne said the budget, Medicare and education also should be areas in which the GOP Congress and the Clinton administration can cooperate.

But forming the Endangered Species Act should be the first test, he said, citing the bipartisan

approach that helped make his Safe Drinking Water Act legislation the only environmental law signed in 1996.

"This is not a question of whether you're pro-environment

or anti-environment," Kempthorne said in a message recorded for Saturday's broadcast. "We are all environmentalists. Who can possibly be against our own life-support system?"

Truckers found slain in N.M.

SHIPROCK, N.M. (AP) — A man and his son — driving a truckload of candy from Waco, Texas, to Salt Lake City — were found fatally shot on the Navajo reservation in northwestern New Mexico, the FBI said.

A 14-year-old Navajo boy, whose identity was not released by the FBI, was arrested Saturday morning, FBI Special Agent Doug Beldon said.

"The motive is still under investigation," Beldon said. "I don't think the motive was candy bars."

The bodies of Gary Wayne Adams, 57, and his son, Gary Douglas Adams, 28, both of Jackson, Miss., were discovered Thursday by the Navajo Department of Law Enforcement, Beldon said.

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Democrat picked, but party plans to enter an appeal

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Democrat G. Ray Lee has come out of retirement to become Kootenai County assessor, but his own party plans to appeal the selection.

Lee, 65, a former city manager and commercial appraiser, was appointed by the all-Republican county commission during the past week to complete the term of Tom Moore, who died of lung cancer last month.

Lee was chosen over five other candidates, including longtime Deputy Assessor Mike McDowell — a Republican who plans to run for the job in 1998. And while McDowell is happy to have Lee running the office for now, local Democrats are not.

"The problem is still there. Which party gets to pick the names?" Kootenai County Democratic Chairman Linda Payne said.

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100th birthday celebration lost glitz early



Utah First Lady Jacalyn Leavitt lights the state's Christmas tree during a ceremony Tuesday in Salt Lake City that was part of the state's centennial celebration.

Utah centennial fizzles as sesquicentennial approaches

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah's centennial planners appear headed for one last embarrassment as they wrapped up a yearlong celebration that has received mixed reviews.

A gala featuring comedian Bill Cosby and local talent was just three weeks away, but hardly anyone knew about it. It was a hauntingly familiar scenario: Utah's 100-year birthday got off to an inauspicious start last year as the press chided planners for keeping opening events the best kept secrets in the state.

This time, the Utah State Centennial Commission decided to go out quietly, deciding on Monday to cancel the grand finale. Staff are now scrambling to cancel reservations at the Delta Center and arrange a comparatively low-key event at the State Capitol Building on Jan. 3.

"It will basically be a flag retirement ceremony with fireworks and an Air Force flyover," said Scott Brown, events specialist for the commission.

A relatively quiet closing of the centennial, however, seems fitting for a yearlong event some say lost its momentum early, or was merely a dress rehearsal for next year's 150th anniversary of Mormon pioneers arriving in Salt

Lake Valley.

Historians and public relations professionals are careful not to judge centennial commissioners too harshly. They recognize it was a nearly impossible task to maintain public interest over the exhausting span of the celebration.

"You have a lot of successful events that may last a day or two or even a couple of weeks. That's about as much momentum as you can get," said John Becker, who handles publicity for large events. "And that's asking a lot."

Despite several years of planning, the centennial found public interest a difficult beast to rouse. Unlike Pioneer Day, business, schools and government have remained open, giving Statehood Day on Jan. 4 short shrift in the past.

That lackluster tradition didn't die when the Centennial kicked off last January.

"I had to take my child out of school to see the parade and things," recalls Rhonda Greenwood, who now serves as director of the state's sesquicentennial committee.

Added to the built-in apathy toward Statehood Day was the infighting among commissioners over the lack of pre-centennial hype and publicity. The acrimony

itself was better-publicized than the centennial's parade, proclamation reenactment, train ride to Fillmore, centennial ball and gala.

"We as a commission have chosen not to focus on staff deficiencies," said commission chairman Steve Studdert, when asked what went wrong on the publicity end. "But we delivered anyway, despite the problems."

Commissioners downplay other perceived problems with the celebration, such as complaints about excluded minority groups and too much focus on Mormon pioneer heritage rather than statehood.

He also notes the centennial handed out more than \$1.2 million in grants to help fund everything from a marbles and jacks tournament to the writing of several volumes of history and an opera.

Community assembles to address contamination

PRESTON (AP) — Mayor Jay Heusser likes how government agencies, local officials, businesses and residents are working together to solve a problem with gasoline contamination under the south-eastern Idaho community.

One of those cooperating is Blayne Rounds, who has volunteered to clean up the soil near his insurance office even though his business has never stored fuel under ground or contributed to the contamination.

"He is a first-class citizen," Heusser said, "and he exemplifies the spirit of cooperation Preston citizens are showing in response to our town's serious underground petroleum contamination problems."

In the spring of 1995, 20 years of recurring problems involving gas fumes came to a head with discovery of some eight inches of free-floating gasoline on the ground water.

An ad hoc task force was created with the help of the state Division of Environmental Quality. It has met several times in the past year, and the federal Environmental Protection Agency also has gotten involved.

A Seattle contractor for the EPA now estimates there may be

almost 500 gallons of gasoline trapped in sediments near a downtown service station.

Rounds responded to the signs of progress by informing the task force he would remove contaminated soil on his property at his own expense.

His land is adjacent to one of eight monitoring wells where 18 inches of gasoline were detected on the ground water recently. The Division of Environmental Quality and other property owners are negotiating letters of agreement and consent orders involving the contaminated sites, said Tom Neace, underground storage tank specialist for the agency.

"Property owners allowed us, then EPA, to enter their properties, in some cases to drill monitoring wells," Neace said. "And through it all they've exhibited concern and scientific curiosity, but never any hostility."

Task force member Doug Tanner agreed that the cooperation is continuing in the negotiations process, which he is leading.

"This is a town problem, and the people have come to the table and decided to solve it, together with their own local officials, state and federal agencies," Tanner said.

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Killer sought as woman laid to rest

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The husband of Lisa Redmond, who apparently was run over with her own truck while delivering pizza Monday night, has made a plea to the killer.

"Please end the tragedy now. You eventually will be caught," James Redmond Jr. said at a news conference on Friday, the day his wife was buried. "Help restore peace to my family."

Mrs. Redmond, 36, was last seen at a Pizza Hut where she had worked for three months. She left to deliver a pizza about 9:45 p.m., and passersby found her body

later that night on a road. Her truck was missing.

Redmond cannot imagine why anyone would have wanted to harm his wife of nearly 10 years.

"She was a good person and didn't deserve this," the diesel mechanic said. "She got along with everybody. She had a lot more friends than I knew the had."

James Redmond says he has scheduled counseling sessions for his family, which includes an 8-year-old girl and a 6-year-old boy.

"It's going to be tough for me for a long, long time," he said. "The children are going to miss her terribly."

Mrs. Redmond was killed about 10 minutes after she left the pizza store, said detective Tracy Cowley.

Police say that location was nowhere near the route she would have taken to make the delivery.

Her truck was found in a West Valley church parking lot Wednesday with fingerprints dotting the outside, Cowley said. The prints are being processed for identification.

Cowley refused to comment on other evidence or a possible motive. Police are investigating the death as a homicide.

Arts program to leave Snowbird

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Snowbird Institute for the Arts and Humanities board has decided to move the institute from Snowbird resort, where it has been located for more than two decades.

The institute will leave the Little Cottonwood Canyon resort on Jan. 31 and is negotiating to relocate at Deer Valley, a Park City resort 25 miles to the east.

The institute has sponsored such events as Utah Symphony concerts, dance workshops, composer forums and a summer chamber-music festival at Snowbird since 1975.

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I think their media guide budgets are bigger than our entire athletic department's.

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—Al Walker, basketball coach at Div. II Chamorro (1,000 students), after browsing through the media guides of Kansas, LSU and Massachusetts

SCOREBOARD

College basketball

Men

CSI 78	Colorado NW 55
No. 2 Wake Forest 71	Massachusetts 47
No. 3 Kentucky 80	Notre Dame 56
No. 14 Duke 87	No. 41 Virginia 79
No. 6 Iowa State 81	Iowa 74
No. 9 Utah 85	Weber State 48
No. 10 Clemson 80	Charleston S. 57

Women

CSI 51	Colorado NW 36
DePaul 70	No. 3 La. Tech 67
No. 6 Old Dominion 55	Purdue 51
No. 25 Auburn 70	No. 8 Tex. Tech 55

High school basketball

Boys

Metzger 56	Hansen 88
Cary 45	Mackay 39
Oakley 58	Casford 40
Dedo 72	Filer 51
Gooding 71	Buhl 42
Winkler 66	Glenn Ferry 52
Highland 62	Burley 52
Metric 61	Pocozello 60
Capital 66	Twin Falls 51
Demich 51	Ruff River 39
Kimberly 39	Valley 56

Middletown at Wood River

Girls

Cary 50	Casford 41
Oakley 50	Mackay 37
Demich 54	Ruff River 45
Gooding 46	Shelburne 24
Glenn Ferry 57	Hegmann 34
Jennette 55	Twin Falls 51

Pro basketball

Miami 89	Toronto 88
New York 89	Denver 87
Atlanta 106	Philadelphia 81
Cleveland 101	Minnesota 95
Chicago 87	Charlotte 85
San Antonio 106	Dallas 102
Utah 101	Otlando 68
Milwaukee 101	New Jersey 91

College football

Montana 70	Tex. State 7
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Pro football

Eagles 21	Jets 20
Beats 27	Chargers 14

IN BRIEF

Booster buses set to travel to Ricks

TWIN FALLS — The CSI Booster Club is planning on taking two buses to the Ricks-CSI basketball game Jan. 11.
One bus is already full. The cost is \$21 round trip, including a reserve seat at the game. Soft drinks will be furnished and those riding the buses are asked to bring snacks to share with others.
There will also be a drawing for gifts furnished by merchants. Anyone interested can contact Paula Green at CSI, 733-9554 or Chuck Ireston at 324-3505.

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Eagle men soar past short-handed Colorado NW

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Frustrated over their first loss, facing an overmatched and undermanned visitor, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team figured to start Saturday's game on fire.

CSI started slow but finally broke out of the tentative, mistake-prone offense that earned it a home loss to Eastern Utah the night before.



Travon Broadway led the Eagles with 20 points in a 78-55 victory that moves the seventh-ranked Eagles to 11-1 overall, 2-1 in the Scenic West Athletic Conference.

Colorado Northwestern, out of Rangier, Colo., started the game with just six players. Coach Paul Conrad suspended several players.

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CSI women grind out another win, 51-36

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team expected winless Colorado Northwestern to lay down for the 10th-ranked Golden Eagles, they were sorely mistaken.

CSI (12-1, 3-0) again relied on its defense and some timely long-range shooting to remain unbeaten in the Scenic West Athletic Conference with a 51-36 victory, but it wasn't easy.
"The game felt like it was in slow motion," said CSI guard Courtnee Storr. She led the team with 16 points after.

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Eagles hand Bruins 1st loss, 65-51

By Damon Clow
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Bruins fell victim to their Class A rival Eagles' own brand of Capital punishment, losing their first boys' basketball contest of the season Saturday, 65-51.

Capital (1-2) became the first team to venture into the Bruins' gym and shoot some away than they are at home, hitting 25 of 49 shots and 12 of 14 in a 27-7 third-quarter drumming.

"They made us play bad," Bruin coach Dan Vogt said. "Every aspect of our game — shooting, rebounding, turnovers — I don't know if you'd call it getting out-concerted or what."

The score was knotted at four apiece when Eric Riggan hit consecutive 3-pointers to take a 10-4 Bruin lead. Capital's Ryan Hoover converted an offensive rebound into the game with a converted steal and two free throws, and Twin Falls finished the quarter ahead by three.

The Eagles then opened the second quarter with a 10-3 run. Riggan's third and final trey being the only bright spot for the Bruins.

But Twin Falls (2-1) rallied to retake the lead within an minute to play in the half. Craig Wutrich and Mark Thrash scored a layup and free throw each, Jake Robertson converted an offensive rebound and Ben Kohring hit a pull-up jumper from the free-throw line.

Hoover once again turned the momentum back to Capital, hitting a 3-pointer just seconds before the half-time buzzer for a 30-28 Eagle lead.

That's when things got worse in a hurry for Vogt's squad.

Kevin Justice scored 12 of his game-high 16 points in the next eight minutes of play as Twin Falls managed just four free throws and two field goals.

Twin Falls doubled the Eagles' fourth quarter output, including scoring the final eight points, but the third quarter ambush was too much to overcome.

"They just killed us on the offensive boards," Vogt said. "We were under the basket, but I guess they just jumped a little higher. And I don't know how many times we got the rebound and they took it out of our hands."

Thrash led the Bruins with 14 points. Riggan had 11 and Wutrich finished with 10.

CSI 65, Twin Falls 51
CSI 51, Colorado NW 36
Twin Falls 51, Eastern Utah 57



Twin Falls' Jake Robertson leaves Isaac Walton of Capital grounded while heading for the hoop during a second-quarter surge.

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No surprise: Wuerffel wins Heisman Trophy

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — For Danny Wuerffel, the Heisman Trophy has always been a small part of the picture. For one night, Florida's All-American quarterback became caught up in its history.

"It seems like everything is going in slow motion. Things are happening so fast and it's overwhelming," Wuerffel said Saturday night. "It's hard to comprehend what's going on. Everything stops, and you're aware of everything."

When he was announced as the winner, Wuerffel smiled and stood up from his seat at the Downtown Athletic Club. He hugged his father, Lt. Col. Jon Wuerffel, and embraced his mother, Lola. He walked up to the podium, smiled again,

and placed his hands on the trophy.

"If you guys are watching," Wuerffel said, talking to his teammates, "I hope you have a sense of accomplishment. This is just as much yours as it is mine."

Even while he was becoming the most accurate passer in NCAA history, Wuerffel didn't seek the spotlight. When it found him, it's the award you heard about when you're little and kids dream about," Wuerffel said.

Wuerffel was the perfect triggerman for coach Steve Spurrier's "Fun 'N' Gun" offense. He threw for 3,625 yards and led the nation with 39 touchdowns while guiding the Gators (11-1) to a fourth straight SEC title and another shot at Florida State in the Sugar Bowl.



Florida quarterback Danny Wuerffel, right, and Gators coach Steve Spurrier rejoice in Wuerffel's 1996 Heisman Trophy win Saturday. Spurrier won the Heisman in 1966.

Gridiron is the wrong arena for athletic equality fight



FULL TERRITORY
Kevin Miller

While reading the dissertation, her theme challenged me. In retrospect, Nelson presents convincing evidence that the acceptance of sexist attitudes is still prevalent in athletics.

Research does reflect extreme physical differences between men and women. The anatomical benchmarks that play major college and professional football aren't just testimony to that physical difference, to women, they are a reminder of unswerving masculine dominance and aggression.

Based on that, I can understand how some women can focus on attacking the symbols football represents in order to improve their unmeasurable

level of equality. But athletic equality isn't a battle to be fought on the gridiron, an arena where violence committed by testosterone-charged supermen is legal. The quest for equality takes place every day on basketball courts, tracks, swimming pools and on golf courses, places where everyday athletes compete.

Recently, a girlfriend elevated my respect for female athletic prowess. Sparking a healthy competitive fire in her, I boasted quite confidently that she wouldn't even score against me on the basketball court.

I knew she was a good athlete, she had played soccer for a small NCAA school. But still, she was a woman. And though I had never played basketball against a woman before, being a man was enough reason to be arrogant, I thought.

Shooting around before the challenge commenced, I peppered her with more business as secure and confident I would live up to it. I even gave her the ball first.

I was down 3-0 before I stopped talking.

The outcome of the game isn't important (if I say I won, it's only bragging and reassuring my perceived superiority; if I say I lost, I'd have trouble getting on a court again with the guys). The lesson was so stunning, my ego escaped unscathed. Nor did I feel my masculinity being challenged.

A lot of men have that "show me" attitude. Unjustifiably perhaps, we consider women as lessers in the field of sports until we are proven wrong. It's not so much ingrained sexism as ignorance. And it has nothing to do with football or fear.

I still spent a good part of a rainy Sunday last weekend watching football. I didn't spend as much time on the couch as usual, though. I had to go work on my jump shot for an expected rematch.

Kevin Miller covers sports and news in the Times-News' Burley office. Call him at 677-4042.

SPORTS

Women

Continued from C1 hitting four of six shots from beyond the 3-point stripe. "Our defense was awesome, but our defense was a little slow getting going."

Men

Continued from C1. The Spartans earlier in the day for violation of the rules. He declined to be specific about the infractions. "I may bring them back, I may not," said Conrad, in his 30th season at the helm. "They are out for 30 days, no matter what."

led, drawing to within 32-26 on Wright's turnaround with 11:51 remaining. Steve Layton drilled a trey on CSI's next possession, and Casey Marlock baited and for a bucket inside to bring the lead back to 11.

Women

Junger scored in the paint. The five Spartans earlier in the day for violation of the rules. He declined to be specific about the infractions. "I may bring them back, I may not," said Conrad, in his 30th season at the helm. "They are out for 30 days, no matter what."

trying to take away our inside game, so we went outside," Stoor said. Lawanda Johnson, the 6-2 sophomore volleyball star who saw her first action Friday night, scored her first bucket of the season with 6:38 left in the opening half, guiding in a short shot from in front of the basket.

Women

CSI enters the Christmas break on a winning note, but with questions to answer. The biggest one: whether the offense can sustain the attack against the tougher teams in the league, especially against the zone defense.

Bulls beat Hornets, 87-82

CHICAGO (AP) — Dennis Rodman returned from his two-game suspension and grabbed a season-high 23 rebounds as the Chicago Bulls defeated the Charlotte Hornets 87-82 Saturday night.

Spurs 106, Mavericks 105 SAN ANTONIO — David Robinson scored 27 points, his most since returning from the injured list, and led the Spurs to a 106-105 victory over the Dallas Mavericks Saturday night.

Cavaliers 101, T-wolves 93 MINNEAPOLIS — Cleveland held Minnesota to 18 percent shooting in the final quarter and rallied to

NBA roundup

defeat the Timberwolves. Tyrone Hill tied a season-high with 15 rebounds and Terrell Brandon scored 18 points, including 12 in the fourth quarter, as Cleveland won for the second night in a row.

Hawks 106, 76ers 81 ATLANTA — Dikembe Mutombo had his fourth double-double of the season and Mookie Blaylock had his second as Atlanta defeated Philadelphia.

Knicks 89, Nuggets 82 NEW YORK — Chris Childs scored 20 points and Patrick Ewing

had 18 as New York extended its winning streak to six games and sent Denver to its 10th straight loss. Heat 89, Raptors 88

Jazz 101, Magic 68 SALT LAKE CITY — Greg Ostertag scored 16 points, grabbed 16 rebounds and blocked five shots as the Utah Jazz handed the Penny-less Orlando Magic their worst loss of the season, 101-68 Saturday night.

Bucks 101, Nets 91 MILWAUKEE — Glenn Robinson and Vin Baker scored 27 points apiece Saturday night as the Milwaukee Bucks defeated the New Jersey Nets 101-91 for their second straight victory.

Mariners' owners put team up for sale

SEATTLE (AP) — The owners of the Seattle Mariners announced Saturday they are putting the club up for sale and pulling out of any plans to build the team's new ballpark.

owners to the Public Facilities District suggesting that the construction schedule be reevaluated. "What would assure us of a completion in 2000," Ellis said. "Delay complicates the future for the Mariners, adds to business uncertainty, increases losses to be paid by the owners and postpones the time when financial stability can be achieved."

to design and construct a new ballpark. We will have no further discussions with King County officials regarding this matter. We will immediately proceed to hire an investment banking firm to seek a buyer for the Mariners." Political leaders were caught by surprise.

BASKETBALL

NBA standings

Table with columns for Eastern Conference and Western Conference, listing teams and their records.

NBA box scores

Table listing NBA box scores for various games, including team names and scores.

Major men's college scores

Table listing major men's college basketball scores, including team names and final scores.

Major women's college scores

Table listing major women's college basketball scores, including team names and final scores.

FOOTBALL

NFL standings

Table listing NFL standings, including team names and their records.

NFL summaries

Table listing NFL summaries for various games, including team names and scores.

Second Round

Table listing Second Round NFL game results, including team names and scores.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Table listing individual statistics for NFL players, including names and stats.

College Div. I-AA playoffs

Table listing College Div. I-AA playoff results, including team names and scores.

College Div. II playoffs

Table listing College Div. II playoff results, including team names and scores.

College Div. III playoffs

Table listing College Div. III playoff results, including team names and scores.

HOCKEY

NHL standings

Table listing NHL standings, including team names and their records.

ON THE AIR

TELEVISION

Table listing television schedules for NFL, NHL, and other sports.

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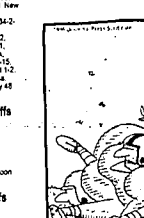
Table listing bleacher box office information for various games.

OLYMPIC

Table listing Olympic results, including team names and scores.

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"Aaahh! A ladybug! Let me up! Let me up!"

TRANSACTIONS

Table listing sports transactions, including player movements and trades.

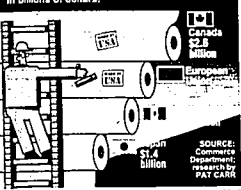
WORLD STANDINGS LEADERS

Table listing world standings leaders in various sports.

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MONEY IN BRIEF

Simplot open house to honor Curt Pinther

HEYBURN - Simplot Transportation invites friends and business associates of Curt Pinther to honor his retirement.

An open house will be held between 2 and 6 p.m. Thursday at the transportation office at 1300 St. in Heyburn.

Pinther has been employed by the J.R. Simplot Co. since Oct. 1, 1968, serving in many capacities. Most recently, he was supervisor at Simplot Transportation, a job he held for 14 years.

Pinther and his wife, Joyce, reside in Norland.

For more information, call 678-1596.

Companies giving workers some extra holiday cheer

With both Christmas and New Year's falling on Wednesdays, many employers are giving their workers extra paid days off. The Bureau of National Affairs, a publisher that surveyed 375 human resources executives, found that the median number of paid year-end holidays is 3, up from 2.5 last year. Twenty-eight percent of respondents said their employees are getting 4 days or more. Not all employees are hitting the time off, however; more than two out of five employers will require at least a few workers to be on the job.

Americans playing it safe in saving for retirement

Nearly three-quarters of American adults are saving for retirement, but many are taking a conservative approach and aren't getting the maximum out of their investments, reports a trade group of financial planners. The American Society of Chartered Life Underwriters & Chartered Financial Consultants found in a survey that Social Security is the most frequently used method for retirement funding. Although the stock market has delivered high returns in recent years, many savers shy away from the risks it poses. Only 29 percent of respondents are using stocks, and 47 percent are using mutual funds to save, the group said.

Raising children is quite a sacrifice these days

SmartMoney magazine estimates you can spend nearly \$192,000 on a variety of items and services for your child from birth to college graduation — and that's not including food, toys and doctor bills. With that money, the magazine says, you could have gotten luxuries for yourself including a hot tub, Rolex watch, several vacations, a boat, a facelift and a 1997 Mercedes. The magazine also says boys are slightly more expensive to maintain than girls, largely because they eat more during adolescence.

Beware of budget cuts in the upcoming year

U.S. companies intend to further cut costs during 1997, reports American Express and the Treasury Management Association, which sponsored a Louis Harris poll of treasury and cash management executives. Nearly half the respondents said their companies had specific goals for cuts. Of those, 11 percent of respondents expected to cut costs by between 10 percent and 25 percent. A third expected to cut costs 5 percent to 10 percent, and nearly a third expected to cut costs up to 5 percent.

Housewares industry looks to foreign markets

Housewares manufacturers, like computer makers and soft drink companies, are looking overseas to get big sales increases. The National Housewares Manufacturers Association expects 1997 to be a difficult year for the industry in the United States because of predictions that the economy will soften. So housewares makers plan to concentrate on export markets in Europe, Asia and Latin America. They're not giving up on the domestic business — the new gadgets that should create excitement at stores in this country.

Compiled from staff and wire reports



Furniture maker Rick Allyn lights up at his Twin Falls shop. To complement his appreciation of cigars, Allyn also markets humidifiers which keep cigars fresh.

Cigar smoking is in the air

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A good cigar, like fine wine, can be a relaxing, almost sensual experience. A hint of spice or wood on your palate. Appreciation for handmade quality and good things in life.

Just don't inhale.

Call it a fad, craze or just blowing smoke, the cigar-mania igniting the nation has come to town. Area bars sponsor smoke nights and a longtime business sells cigars for anywhere from 70 cents to \$19 each.

Large or small, fat or slim, cigars are hot.

Next to the hardware

Among the shiny pots and tools at Price True Value Hardware on Main Avenue in Twin Falls is a wood and glass humidor that can hold more than 250 individual cigars and boxes. Since July, the store has sold the smokes. But don't you dare call them stogies.

Store owner Tom Ashenbrenner snuffs a cigar and compares it to wine. Each brand has its own flavor, age and characteristics. He stocks 85 different varieties, the largest eight inches long, which Ashenbrenner measures from the top pulled from his shop apron.

"I went to a family reunion and my brother-in-law introduced me to a premium cigar. I thought this would be a fun thing to sell," he said. "Part of it is personal interest and part is business."

He doesn't know how many cigars he sells weekly, but he says business is smoking. In fact, he must limit the sale of some types of cigar.

The toughest part is finding the cigars, Ashenbrenner said. He gets them from Los Angeles, Chicago and Miami distributors.

After attending a marketing conference, he has become somewhat of a local expert who can tell you about rating a cigar, how to smoke one and what makes it good. One sign of quality is a filler made from one rolled tobacco leaf instead of chopped tobacco.

But who knows the words?

As long as you have a computer and access to cyberspace, it no longer matters.

Ask your guests to throw another log on the fire — while you sit you log into the Christmas gift site put together by Tim Chambers of Colorado. Call up the lyrics

Tobacco sales tax

Distributors pay a state tax of 1.4 cents per cigarette. All other tobacco products, including cigars, are taxed at 40 percent of wholesale price.

During the 1996 budget year ending June 30, cigarettes generated \$24.9 million in taxes and tobacco products \$3.8 million. For the 1995 year, cigarettes raised \$23.2 million and other tobacco \$3.5 million, according to the Idaho State Tax Commission. No figures were available just for cigars.

"You don't inhale, you taste the smoke," said furniture maker Rick Allyn, who made the store's humidor to keep the cigars fresh.

"You have to remember, cigars are made in the tropics where the humidity is 70 percent," he said. "If they dry out they become unsmokable."

Allyn also makes smaller boxes with mini-humidifiers. Prices can hit \$200.

He and Ashenbrenner say cigar smoking isn't for everybody, especially given health warnings about nicotine.

"Absolutely, we are not trying to talk people into smoking," Ashenbrenner said.

Change in customer

Before cigars became fashionable, the Oasis Smoke Shop on Blue Lakes Boulevard North sold them and other smoking materials for four years. During the past year, the face of its customers changed.

"Before, you'd see the older men and sell them for the birth of the baby, bachelor party, stuff like that. Now you see women buying them for their husbands for gifts; it's just not guys off the streets," said Lesa Le Furgy, shop owner. "Within the last six months just getting in the regular brands has been a real challenge."

The State Tax Commission has had several inquiries from people who want to open smoke shops, but a 40 percent tax tends to discourage them, said Sherman Burger with the Boise office.



Store owner Tom Ashenbrenner enjoys the aroma of a cigar at Price True Value Hardware in Twin Falls where he sells different varieties.

Usually, the taxes are passed onto consumers.

Cigars and beer

Two months ago, Muggers Brewpub started smoking the first Tuesday of the month, where patrons can enjoy a cigar and two beers for \$12 to \$15.

Owner Rick Beus says he's targeting an upwardly mobile audience interested in a quality product.

"(Christmas) it started to become pretty popular doing cigar and beer pairings. We try to find a cigar that's probably one they haven't tried before," he said. "Thirty to 40 percent of the high-end cigars are purchased by women."

To take advantage of another trend, Allyn also built his smaller humidor lockers at Muggers where people can store their cigars at \$15 per month.

"It's just a place to sit and enjoy a beer. Some people just read and smoke a cigar and don't even buy a beer," Beus said. "I enjoy them and I quit smoking

15 years ago."

Last month, Dunken's Draught House in Twin Falls began impromptu smoke nights, said owner Susan Lavender. They buy their cigars from Price Hardware.

"We had 24 to 30 people smoking cigars in here. It's a special event. We have a special beer on tap and Tom brings cigars that complement the beers. The next time, we'll do food and wine and men smoke them. Whether it's a fad or craze, this insanity with these cigars, the people absolutely love them."

The good life

Le Furgy first considered the increased cigar smoking a fad.

"I thought it was when it came out a year ago but it still seems to growing," she said.

"Once you are introduced to anything that is part of the good life," Ashenbrenner added, "they are not going to give it up."

Christmas in cyberspace: Holiday celebrations abound on the Web

By Joe Kilshelmer
Orlando Sentinel

Online

to more than 20 traditional cards, print out a few copies, and party on! Address: <http://www.geocities.com/Athena3650/masthead.htm>

All throughout cyberspace, the holiday spirit prevails. There are dozens of Web sites devoted to Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa.

Also, as in real life, there's a heavy dose of commercialism associated with some holiday-oriented Web sites. Most of the Christmas Web sites make you wade through advertisements and

opportunities to shop online before offering anything fun to do.

Nevertheless, there are a few sites more interested in giving — information or entertainment — than selling. Here are some examples:

- **Christmas96:** This Web site bills itself as the gateway to Christmas on the Web.

- **The Creative Epitome Communications of Sunland, Calif.:** last year sent photographers to 35 countries around the world to take pictures of how various cultures celebrated Christmas.

- **Go the site this year:** is a series of photographic essays on everything from Copacabana Christmas celebrations in

Ethiopia to holiday parades at Walt Disney World.

There is a smidgen of commercialism associated with this site. It advertises a coffee table book, Christmas Around the World (HarperCollins, \$35), that is a printed version of its online photo essays.

Address: <http://www.christmas96.com>

- **Christmas.com:** When your children ask you how much longer until Christmas, sit them down in front of the computer and aim them at this Web site.

It offers a "Countdown to Christmas"

MONEY

Has bull market run its course?

NEW YORK — After months of smoothly digesting every morsel of news—positive or negative—and rising ever higher, the stock market started chugging this December. Instead of waking each morning eager to calculate their gains, investors began asking the questions they've been dreaming since the bull market began in 1990: Is today the day the party ends?

"Everybody is trying to anticipate everybody else," said Jeffrey Tabak, managing partner of the institutional brokerage firm of Miller Tabak Hirsch & Co. in New York. "There's a relatively high level of caution, creating a kind of musical chairs game. No one wants to be stuck when the music stops."

Several traders and analysts said there is more pressure for the market to drop than rise, with the Dow Jones industrial average closing Friday at 6304.87, up 4.7 percent since Nov. 1. Few are anticipating a big drop before year-end, but they agreed the market will likely remain on tenterhooks in part because of a titanic battle being waged by big investors who are taking two contrary routes to try to protect this year's gains.

One camp is selectively buying stocks during sell-offs to support their prices and protect the value of the shares they hold in their portfolios, according to Tim Gies, a senior equity trader at Salomon Brothers Inc. The other camp is taking steps to lock in profits and take some of their chips off the table.

"Right now I don't know which group is stronger," Harkin said.

The upshot of this battle—in which big money has been shaking the market with big moves—is an increase in stock-price volatility.

Tabak reckons intra-day volatility has shot up nearly 50 percent in the past two weeks, adding to market jitters. Last week, for example, the Dow surged 82 points on Monday, and tumbled 99 points Thursday. It closed Friday with an uptick, up 116.

Tabak attributed the big swings to investors not moving as quickly as they once did to buy on market dips. Over the six years of the bull market's run, buying on dips has been rewarded handsomely.

But now investors are getting skittish and trying to hedge their bets against the potential of a big drop. That means more of them are trying to buy stock index futures and options that would work to offset losses if the value of their stock portfolios tank.

But protection anyone wants to buy protection at the same time that that protection starts to rise. Futures and options traders are more careful about what they sell, and that takes away a price buffer.

"Traders who used to do 100 lots (roughly \$18 million worth) of futures contracts based on the Standard & Poor's 500 stock index) now will only do 50 lots," Tabak said. "With less liquidity in the futures market, a stock price move tends to feed on itself."

Many traders expect the heightened volatility to continue through

ANALYSIS Jill Dutt

at least year-end. John Olesky, managing director of an acid block trading at Morgan Stanley & Co., said he believes the market stabilized on Friday, when the Dow closed the day up a point after having bounced around from being off 52 points to up 41 during the day.

Still, Olesky said the Dow could easily move 200 points, up or down, by next Friday, setting the odds at 60 percent it would drop that amount and 40 percent that it would rise.

At this point in the year, investors are really off balance," Olesky said. "If money managers feel the market has stabilized and see a light brighter thus driving their performance—they will buy. But if they feel they've spent money they'll sell the market go lower, they'll sell. Either way, the move is likely to be big."

Adding to that concern that December is traditionally a "funky" time of year for the market. Many investors buy or sell shares for tax reasons, not fundamentals. New flows into mutual funds tend to dry up, as investors emerge from the distribution of the funds' annual gains. Corporations start to make pre-earnings announcement warnings if they believe they won't meet stock analysts' fourth-quarter targets.

But with recent concerns are large trades placed by institutions seeking to position themselves for the coming year. Many of these are accomplished by executing a buy or sell a package of 15 or more stocks. Institutions also can sell large packages of futures and options contracts as part of their strategy.

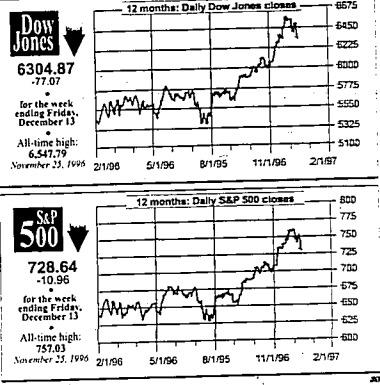
But with recent concerns that the overall market may have peaked in November, such large sales programs can scare investors. With every drop in the Dow last week, for example, as rumors surfaced that there or that huge institution selling out.

Indeed, traders in the Chicago futures pits said one such program trade accounted for the 40-point downturn in the Dow average during the final 15 minutes of trading last Thursday. Stock prices plunged in tandem with the futures when a brokerage house entered the S&P 500 futures pit at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and began to sell.

The selling wasn't done in a price-sensitive way," said Jack Bouroujajian, vice president for credit futures at Credit Agricole Mercantile Exchange's board.

Bouroujajian added that he believed Thursday's price move was exaggerated by what's known as a circuit breaker. In an effort to help dampen volatility, the New York Stock Exchange in 1990 instituted a rule that whenever the Dow average moves 50 points either up or down from the previ-

Market roundup



ous day's close, certain program trades are prohibited.

If the market moves down 50 points, as was the case Thursday, the rule kicks in and prevents traders from selling packages of stocks in program trades unless the previous sale in each of the stocks involved had caused that stock's price to increase. In other words, program sales can only be made on "upticks."

The effect of that so-called 50-point collar is to make it tougher for institutions to engage in arbitrage, buying and selling based on small discrepancies between the price of the futures or options contract on a market index and the shares that underlie that index.

"When the arb gets cut off, we have problems with liquidity," Bouroujajian said. "The markets hit air pockets."

Andrew Yemma, a NYSE spokesman, defended the collar. "We feel it has had a very stabilizing impact on the market," he said. The collar has been triggered 112 times so far this year, Yemma said. That's nearly four times as often as in any previous year.

Part of the reason for that is the lofty levels of the Dow average. At its present 6300 level, a 50-point drop is equivalent to a move of just .79 percent. In 1990, when the collar was first enacted, a 50-point drop was equivalent to a move of 1.9 percent.

Several academics who have studied market volatility noted that although the recent price swings look large, they should not be alarming. "We have until recently been in a period of very low volatility by historical standards," said Hans Solt, a professor at Vanderbilt University.

Franklin Edwards, a professor at Columbia University and author of a new book, "The New Finance," said the fear and volatility that has hit the market is "overwrought and unwarranted because the fundamentals are still the same as the ones that caused the market to rise beyond this point."

Still, several experts see caution flags in the increased volatility.

"Every time it (volatility) surges high it makes me nervous," said Joseph Levin, director of research at the Chicago Board Options Exchange. "When the market goes down, jumps in volatility are higher because drops are generally more severe than increases."

Even professional traders admit moves by more than 100 points during the day. "The public perception of a 100-point move on the Dow is of much greater magnitude than it really is," said Tabak. "But even though everybody knows it doesn't mean as much as it used to, you still have a visceral reaction when you see a 100-point move."

The surge in volatility was exacerbated by Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan in a Dec. 5 speech when he raised the question of whether the stock market was entering a period of "irrational exuberance." Although seasoned Fed watchers noted that Greenspan has cast a wary eye on the increasing value of the stockmarket, the two words were enough for some investors to pull in their bullish horns.

"His comments certainly give one pause about further upward momentum in the markets," Tabak said.

Traders singled out the 75 or so biggest capitalization stocks as being the most vulnerable to a swift downturn if investor sentiment turns truly nasty. Tabak noted that "momentum investing," a strategy of buying into stocks that are making big moves, has been very successful this year.

"People have wanted to be where the strength is," he said. "But at some point, that becomes a highly questionable strategy."

Bank profits hit \$13.2 billion, credit cards remain problem

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bank profits hit \$13.2 billion in the third quarter, despite a continued worsening in credit card loans, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. said today.

FBI Chairman Richard Helmer said at this rate, "bank earnings remain on track to surpass \$50 billion in annual earnings for the first time at year end."

In the three months that ended Sept. 30, banks earned \$13.2 billion, down 4.3 percent from second quarter profits of \$13.8 billion and down from the all-time record earnings of \$13.83 billion in the third quarter of 1995. For the first nine months of 1996, bank earnings totaled \$38.6 billion.

By numerous measures, the nation's 5,586 FDIC-insured commercial banks enjoy record health, with the highest capital levels since 1941.

This quarter's dip in bank earnings was due to a one-time, \$500 million special assessment to revive the failed deposit insurance fund. Banks contributed to the Savings Association Insurance Fund

because they acquired S&I's and their deposits during the industry's crisis in the 1980s.

"The only blemish on the banking industry's performance is in credit card lending," Helmer said.

The percentage of delinquent credit card loans rose to 4.5 percent in the third quarter, up from 4.3 percent in the prior quarter.

Delinquencies are approaching the peak levels in 1991, the most recent recession. Banks continued to charge off bad credit card loans at a high rate.

In addition, the profitability of credit card lending continues to decline, Helmer said.

"The credit card lending problem is a problem we have to continue to monitor," Helmer said. "Does it mean a significant problem area for the banking industry? No."

She added the industry's health remains high and there is some anecdotal evidence that credit card lenders might be tightening their standards in face of the rising losses.

Online

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that shows the weeks, days, hours, minutes and seconds. The countdown page is automatically refreshed every 10 seconds.

The site also provides pointers to Christmas sites around the world, an animation of Santa Claus in a jet-powered sleigh and a how-to guide for saying "Merry Christmas" in 33 languages. For example, in Japanese, it's "Kurimasu Omedeto." Address: <http://www.christmas.com>

• **Planet Christmas:** This Web site is devoted to the holiday display of one house in a Nashville, Tenn., suburb. The house will have more than 66,000 computer controlled lights.

• **Address:** <http://www.planetchristmas.com>

• **Hanukkah:** Produced by the Jewish Communication Network of New York, this site is a guide to the eight-day celebration. It offers tips on how to light a menorah and what to say as the candles are lit. The site also has an animated "virtual dreidel" that spins when you click on it. Address: <http://www.jcn18.com/holiday.htm>

ukkah/index.htm

The Jewish Communication Network also sponsors a shopping area at <http://www.jewishmall.com>

• **Kwanzaa Information Center:** This is an encyclopedic guide to the African-American spiritual holiday. It offers a history of the event and a guide to the celebration. You also will find pointers to Kwanzaa books for children. Address: <http://www.melanet.com/melanet/ku>

The holiday season is also ringing in throughout the rest of cyberspace. Here's a look at what's planned by the various online services:

• **America Online:** A team of Santa's helpers at AOL—actually about 50 staffers—promises to answer every piece of e-mail sent to the jolly old guy at this address: SantaClaus@aol.com

Elsewhere on AOL, number of the service's content providers

will roll out holiday fare. For pointers, use Keyword: Santa.

• **CompuServe:** At Go: Holiday, subscribers will find a guide to holiday entertaining with recipes and theme ideas. A discussion of New Year's resolutions and film critic Roger Ebert's guide to holiday movies.

• **Microsoft Network:** MSN Special Events and MSN International will present "December celebrations," which will focus on traditions around the world. There will be features on the music, food and storytelling of the season.

• **Prodigy:** After Dec. 15, Prodigy will launch a holiday-related site that will be featured on its Highlights opening page. Many of the service's interest groups also will have their own separate holiday features, a Prodigy spokeswoman said.

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TRADEWINDS

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce has scheduled the following events: Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at KSBW/RSU Radio Station, Canyon Building, College of Southern Idaho campus (actual ribbon cutting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. as of Dec. 2); Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (ribbon cutting scheduled for 10 a.m.) at Pioneer Federal Credit Union, 617 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. (Centennial Square, Business Before Hours at 7:15 a.m. Jan. 3 at Primary Health (next to Magic Valley Mall), 1469 Pole Line Road East; and Ambassador's Monthly Meeting at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 6 at KMVT-TV Community Room.

BOISE—The following realtors recently attended the Idaho Association of Realtors 1997 Leadership Conference in Boise on Dec. 4: Steve Hallows of Windermere Real Estate; Jane George of Re/MAX Keystone Realty; Tade Haney of Irwin Realty; Beckie Kukul of Three M Realty; Jerome, Willis Stone of Three M Realty, Twin Falls; Brian Blake of Three M Realty, Twin Falls; Rick Giesler of Three M Realty, Twin Falls; Kent Collins of Three M Realty, Twin Falls; Cindy Collins of Three M Realty, Twin Falls; Carlynn Noh of Three M Realty, Twin Falls; Melinda Bunn of Three M Realty, Twin Falls; and J. Patrick Merrigan of Coldwell Banker D.R. Curtis Co.



Conference attendees discussed a variety of topics including forthcoming legislative issues, the 1997 IAR Convention, ethics and affordable housing. All of the realtors listed are members of the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors, the Idaho Association of Realtors, and the National Association of Realtors. Over 90,000 realtors participated in the meetings, working groups and seminars designed to provide leadership for the over 3,800 realtor members statewide.

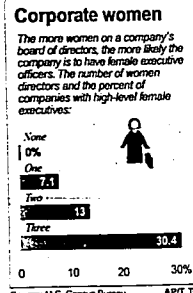
TWIN FALLS—Debbie Barker was recently promoted to Developmental Specialist for the Community Access Program (CAP) at Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services. The "CAP" teaches living skills to adults with disabilities. She has a BS degree in psychology from Boise State University. She is originally from Twin Falls, and has recently returned to the area from Boise, where she lived for 15 years. She has worked with learning disabled children for Twin Falls schools and has been an Employment Services Specialist for MVR.

TWIN FALLS—Donna Yule was recently hired at Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services as Public Information/Sales Specialist. She is responsible for contract sales for the industrial division, public relations and fundraising. She has a BA degree in sociology from Idaho State University.

TWIN FALLS—Marci Goloy was recently promoted to Manager of the Community Access Program (CAP) at Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services. The "CAP" trains people with disabilities skills to enhance independent living. She has a BA degree in social work from Northwest Nazarene College. She is originally from Ontario, Ore. She has worked as a job coach and developmental specialist at MVR.

Women seat 10% of Fortune 500 board

NEW YORK (AP)—Nearly a fifth of the nation's 500 biggest companies do not have a woman on their boards of directors and typically have all men in top jobs—a lack of diversity that will dull their competitive edge in the long run, a research group says. An annual survey released Wednesday by Catalyst, a group that works to advance women in business, found that 417 Fortune 500 companies have one or more women on their boards, a gain of 13 companies or 3 percent from the previous year.



Here's a summary of Saturday's edition of *Magic Valley Ag Weekly*.
Dillon, Mont. cattleman John Morse lives by a credo: "the closer you get to the consumer, the less price volatility you have." Morse has decided the consumer he wants to be close to is the wealthy Japanese shopper with a craving for a well-marbled cut of beef. It's a market that isn't easy to satisfy. Japanese consumers are finicky eaters, as shown by their tough-to-meet trade standards in all types of exports—beef included. But Morse, who feeds out his cattle at Interstate Feeders in Malin, thinks he's found a way to meet those stiff requirements. The key to his success is a methodical cattle feeding and breeding program.

FARMBEAT

Despite strong demand, prices for Idaho's most famous crop remain depressed. "I haven't seen prices this low in a lot of years," said Bob Keegan, an owner of Keegan, Inc., a fresh-pack potato operation in Twin Falls. A memo sent by the Internal Revenue Service has some in the agricultural community worried about a "surprise tax" for farmers who use deferred payment contracts, but others believe the potential has been exaggerated. The December 1995 memo concerned a Washington farmer who received partial payment when he sold his potato crop in the fall. He received the remainder of the payment the following year.

The IRS ruled that the entire income from the sale should have been reported under "alternative minimum tax" rules in the same tax year. The University of Idaho College of Agriculture will ask the state Legislature for an additional \$4.3 million in state funds to complete its agricultural biotechnology building. "The thing we really need from the state is some (financial) commitment this year," College Dean David Lineback told farmers and legislators at a College of Agriculture town meeting in Burley Wednesday evening. Wendell High School agriculture students are trekking to Gooding to learn about the basics of producing food and fiber. When the new high school was built in Wendell six years ago, the agriculture teaching facilities were no longer adequate. And although the community vocational committee has recommended for the last three years that an ag education facility be built, the move has not been economically feasible.

While the number of women on boards increases each year, the rate of change is slowing. The number of boards with female directors rose by 7 percent from 1994 to 1995 and 9 percent from 1993 to 1994. "While the Catalyst survey is encouraging, it's clear that corporate America has a way to go in attaining parity for women on boards of directors," said Paul Allaire, chairman and chief executive officer of Xerox Corp. Preston said he believes the pace of change would pick up because more women are gaining the management experience needed to win top posts.

When I first began to look for a list of potential board members, it was a thin list, and each of those women were on five boards," he said. "Today, that list is much thicker." Companies that don't appoint women to their boards typically have all-male leaders, Catalyst said. "When the entire leadership group of a corporation are people with the same perspective, the probability is that there will be fewer new ideas," said Catalyst president Sheila Wellington. "That's got to be bad in a rapidly changing business environment."

BankAmerica to cut 3,700 jobs

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—BankAmerica Corp., one of the nation's biggest banking companies, will cut about 3,700 jobs and close scores of California branches as part of a restructuring plan announced today. The precise number of people laid off will depend on several factors, including attrition and the availability of other jobs within the system. BankAmerica, which ranked as the third-biggest banking company in the United States in September, has 92,700 workers, primarily in California. It will close about 120 of its 1,400 branches in the state. While the parent company is now BankAmerica, its branches still operate under the older Bank of America name. BankAmerica will absorb a pre-tax charge of \$280 million to cover such items as severance pay and other costs stemming from the decision. The charge will reduce after-tax net income by approximately \$185 million in the fourth quarter of 1996.

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Women held 626—or 10.2 percent—of the total 6,123 seats at the nation's 500 largest companies. Last year, women held 9.5 percent of 6,274 seats. The survey found 16 companies have three female directors and five have four female directors. Only two companies—College Retirement Equities Fund and Teachers Insurance & Annuity—have five or more female directors. Most large companies have about a dozen directors. The biggest companies are most likely to have female board members, the survey found. Of the top 100 companies by revenue, 97 percent have at least one woman on the board.

Soap and cosmetics companies have the highest percentage of female directors, along with publishing and printing, beverages and pharmaceuticals.

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Balance between family, work

Worksite child care becomes company perk

The Associated Press

It's noon, and Aaron Fisher leaves his management job at J.C. Penney's corporate headquarters near Dallas for an important lunch meeting. But his destination isn't a high-powered consultation with fashion executives over pasta primavera.

He's going downstairs to share a peanut butter and jelly sandwich with his 2-year-old son Jordan.

Fisher is one of a growing number of employees whose companies sponsor onsite child care to help workers balance work and family. It's a trendy perk in a corporate environment anxious to recruit and keep good employees and appear family-friendly at the same time.

"It's very convenient because I bring my son as I go to work, take him home as I leave and can visit anytime in between," said Fisher, who put his son on the waiting list for Penney's child care center when his wife became pregnant.

"What I like is the accountability. With so many corporations hiring in throughout the day, the staffers always are on their toes."

Such company-sponsored operations comprise just 1 percent of the nation's \$40 billion child care industry. But the corporate segment grew last year by 25 percent compared to 5 percent in the industry as a whole, said Roger Neugebauer, publisher of Child Care Information Exchange, a Seattle-based trade publication.

Neugebauer said corporations love to showcase such programs for public relations reasons, but it's also a natural personnel strategy.

"Anywhere from half to two-thirds of all employees hired between now and the year 2000 are going to be women, with the fastest growing segment in the technology information sector which requires educated workers," Neugebauer said. "Projections show that most potential employees are women who are married and staying home with children. They're going after the stay-at-home moms."

Corporate child care centers offer sure evidence that America has transformed its perception of day care during the past 15 to 20 years. Child care was once looked down upon as an issue of the working poor, but employees from all socioeconomic strata today clamor for quality care.



Woken up from his nap to go home, teary-eyed Brandon Haxton, 3, gets help putting on his jacket from his mom, Holly, at the Opryland Child Development Center in Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 5.

The industry has responded by tripling the number of centers since 1978. And with government welfare programs requiring participants to return to work eventually, state lawmakers around the country are scrambling to include affordable child care in that equation.

"Child care is accepted now as normal," Neugebauer said. "It's become a vital part of the work force and America's economy."

Despite the public perception makeover, many early hurdles to quality care linger, topped by low teacher pay. The average worker gets \$5.70 per hour, or \$11,725 a year for a 35-hour week.

"It's true that people pay more for parking while they're at work than they do to have someone educate and care for their young children," said Claudia Wayne, executive director of the National Center for Early Childhood Work Force.

Add little to no health benefits to an already dismal paycheck and the result is a turnover rate of 38 percent annually of the nation's child care workers. "This is very harmful to children," Wayne said. "We know the first three years of life are the most important to develop skills needed to succeed... We need a stable profession with people skilled and trained in early childhood development."

Because quality care is labor intensive, it is expensive. "And the problem worsens because you usually need it early in your

career when your income is at its lowest," Neugebauer said.

That's why Wayne and other child care advocates applaud corporate subsidies, including programs like Penney in Texas and Johnson & Johnson in New Jersey.

Johnson & Johnson, the health care company, opened its program for employees six years ago. It now has 580 children ages six weeks to 6 years in centers and a kindergarten throughout New Jersey.

"We like the spirit of the idea," said Kathryn Armstrong, a company spokeswoman and mother

of two children enrolled in a company-sponsored center.

"The Johnson & Johnson centers are managed by Corporate Family Solutions, a Nashville, Tenn.-based firm that oversees 78 such corporate programs in 23 states.

"Helping employees balance work and family is a smart business decision," said Marguerite Sallem, president and CEO of the firm. "In today's competitive business landscape, employers expect more from their employees. But they also are saying, 'How can I help you be more productive and balance your whole life?'"



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Dear Abby: Gift ideas for the seniors on your Christmas list.
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Who gets the gift? The giver or taker?

When I was a little girl, my mother always invited a widowed great aunt who lived alone to spend Christmas with us. Aunt Lily's only source of income was a small Social Security check, so she brought food instead of gifts. After Christmas dinner, she always insisted on doing the dishes — and she always took great pride in polishing every plate and cup to perfection. It was her small act of repaying us for our love she would say, "I was only a child, but I remember thinking Aunt Lily's gift was the best one of all. I just wasn't sure why."



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

Years later, when Aunt Lily died, we went to clean out her apartment in a fixed-income housing project. Her bedroom drawers contained newspaper clippings and memorabilia recounting my childhood activities and honors.

That day, standing there holding those yellowed pieces of paper, I promised myself I would someday learn how to give like Aunt Lily did.

But it's so easy to forget to give anything really significant, especially during the busiest of holiday seasons.

Christmas is a holiday that can turn lovely children into hyperactive, greedy little monsters. It also is a holiday that can turn parents into stressed-out zombies.

There have been years when I thought we were going to have to take out a second mortgage on the house to pay for the electric trains and dollhouses. And there stand to hear one more well-meaning (or not) relative hint that I had made the wrong kind of stuffing.

During one Christmas with my extended family, one of the children wrought havoc on the dinner by refusing to eat the turkey, because the broccoli had touched it. Everyone knew the kid just needed a good night's sleep and a few less candy canes, but, somehow, knowing why didn't help.

It's my own fault, I know, when I let the commercialism of the season take control of me. I see all the "stuff" in the stores, and I fool myself into believing that the more money you spend on Christmas, the better off everyone is going to be. Or, as humorist Andy Rooney put it, "The perfume counters in stores seem bigger than ever this Christmas. I assume we can count on people smelling better in the near future."

I once ran across a book of kids' letters to Santa. In it, an 8-year-old had written, "You don't have to leave me any presents for Christmas. Just leave the money, and I'll go to the discount toy store."

It's the way we live. Even though our very best Christmas memories almost always revolve around giving, not receiving.

I remember baking cookies with my kids and taking the homemade treats to someone lonely. I remember teaching my kids why we give to the Salvation Army, a needy child and going Christmas shopping for him.

There are lots of ways we can give. Sometimes, we can plan our giving. Other times, it just seems to happen.

A minister friend of mine told me about his most memorable Christmas. He had just finished leading the early Christmas Eve service at his church when a parishioner came up and pressed two \$100 bills into his hand — for someone in need at Christmas.

"We've already delivered all the Christmas baskets," the minister explained. "Save it for someone who needs it."

"You're thinking of someone," he said. Suddenly, the name of a family flashed through the minister's mind. The family had been through some hard times that year, but the minister wasn't sure how hard. On a hunch, the minister told his Christmas Eve dinner, and he rushed out to a late-night store. He bought food, gifts and all the trimmings and headed out to deliver the treasures.

When he knocked on the door, he found the family at home — with no tree, no presents, no turkey. The mother opened the door.

"We knew you would come," she said, with tears in her eyes.

"I'm not sure who she was expecting," the minister said, "and I certainly didn't know I would come."

But maybe that's what giving is like. Maybe, sometimes, it even catches the giver by surprise.

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Mastering the complex college financial aid game

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Want to be able to afford to go to college? Start yesterday.

"There is plenty of financial aid out there, but you have to look for it," said Gordon Smith, counselor at Twin Falls High School. "For a high school senior, it's human nature for them to put it off. You can't do that anymore. It just costs too much to go to college, and you need help."

Getting money for college is a two-stage process, college financial aid officers and high school counselors explain: The first is the search, made much easier by computers, for scholarships.

Those come in drabs and drabs, in \$100 service club stipends and \$1,000 essay contest awards. But many of them are renewable, and in this day and age, every little bit helps.

Phase 2 is the hunt for the serious money: federal loans.

"Financial aid increasingly means loans, not scholarships or grants," Newsweek magazine reported last spring. "The shift from grants to loans is nationwide, and it has been going on for at least a decade ... So while it is true, as many college officials maintain, that the vast majority of applicants can find the money to go to college, it is also true many students will leave college burdened with at least some debt."

The good news is that the loan pool is deep enough to send a taxi driver's kid to Harvard, and that colleges now compete for good students — and thus are willing to augment federal loans with scholarships, grants and work-study money to sweeten the deal.

"We together put a financial aid package based on need, with consid-



Twin Falls High School senior Jarrod Paul searches the internet for college information as school counselor Gordon Smith watches.

ation for what the student brings to our institution," said Ron Christensen, financial aid director at Albertson College of Idaho. "High grade-point averages, good ACT and SAT scores — those are all pluses."

"Typically, a student will get a financial aid package that includes several elements — loans, work-study, maybe some grants or scholarships," said Douglas Severs, director of financial aid at Idaho State University.

"We try to tailor it to each individual's needs."

"What makes you needy?"
Newsweek columnist Jane Bryant
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'Financial aid increasingly means loans, not scholarships or grants.'

— Newsweek magazine

Can you send your kid to college and retire?

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — You're 55 years old, your wife is 53. The youngest of your three children will graduate from college next June along with what's left of your life savings.

Your worldly possessions consist of a nine-year-old pickup truck, a four-year-old mini-van with 12 payments left and your home equity, against which you've taken a second mortgage.

But you've been thinking lately about all those posters of golden sunsets and skylark golf courses you've seen over the

years, and measuring the emotional distance between the snow blower in the driveway and the Florida Keys.

Don't get your heart set on seeing them, advises Twin Falls financial planner Jim Love.

"If you're in that position, there's not a lot you can do but plan to keep working," he said.

"If you can't save for both college and retirement, make retirement your priority," says Newsweek magazine financial columnist Jane Bryant Quinn. "You can borrow money for college, or

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Experts: Finishing college in 4 years getting rarer

Colorado Springs Gazette

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Politicians love 19-year-old Jessica Sousa. Not because she's bright or beautiful, which she happens to be. No, they love her because she's a quick study: She'll earn her bachelor's degree in four years.

The trouble is, she's one of a dwindling number of students who will. Sousa's school, the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, only 13 percent of students earn a bachelor's degree in four years. And things aren't much better at the CU system's flagship campus at Boulder, where only 40 percent of students get a degree in four years. The reason, experts say: Many students are working to finance that degree.

That trend has politicians upset. When kids take longer to graduate, it costs them, their parents, their school and taxpayers more money. And it clogs up classrooms for an ever-increasing wave of new students.

Politicians want something done — they said so in House Bill 1219, a kind of "tough love" message they sent to higher education last year. Among other things, it requires state universities by 1999 to speed up what's called "time to graduation" — or face a funding cut.

The universities say they're responding by improving class scheduling so students get required courses when they need them. They're offering more classes at night. And next month, the CU regents will consider requiring students to declare a major by the time they amass 60 credit hours — about half of

what's needed for a degree.

Linking a student to a department or program means earlier and better academic counseling — and that means students spend less time spinning their wheels, says the regent proposing the measure.

But none of those actions addresses the major reason students are taking longer to get their sheepskins, says David Merkwitz of the American Council on Education. The root problem — and school administrators and politicians have seen the trend for 15 years — is that more college students are working, and working longer hours, to afford the skyrocketing cost of getting a degree, he says.

"Part of the reason the time-to-graduate has risen is that institutions are actually talking students we all said we want-

ed to get a higher education," Merkwitz said.

"Remember those statistics in the '80s showing more children living in poverty? Well, those kids are now going to college."

And it isn't just poor kids who are working longer hours to pay their \$300 or \$400 rents, their \$70 books and the \$2,000 to \$5,000 tuition Colorado schools charge, a cost that has been going up more than 3 percent a year. CU Colorado Springs officials estimate 75 percent of the 5,800 students on their campus work.

One of those students is Idaho native Lincoln Lear. Although he's taking nearly a full load of 15 credits a semester, Lear works five hours a day four nights a week and all day Saturdays at Office

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Quinn wrote last spring. "You qualify if the cost of your college comes to more than you and your family are expected to pay. Your expected contribution derives from a federal formula that considers such things as income, assets, age, family size and each earner's need for a retirement fund."

The cornerstone of the process is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Colleges use it, and their own applications and means-testing procedures, to decide who gets what money. Once submitted, FAFSA takes four to six weeks to be processed and sent to the colleges in which you're interested.

Most school make their finan-

cial aid decisions between Jan. 1 and March 1 and all do so on a first-come, first-served basis, so the earlier you submit the paperwork, the better your chances of getting help.

There are three major federal loan programs:

- **Federal PLUS Loans.** This five-year-old program is specifically designed to make unearned education available to the child of any creditworthy adult citizen, regardless of cost.

The interest rate is capped at 9 percent, but it's variable — it's currently 8.9 percent. Parents may borrow up to the cost of education minus other financial aid.

"To qualify for the maximum loan, pay off your consumer debts," Quinn said. "You want

to show the cleanest possible credit report."

Repayment starts within 60 days after the money is disbursed, so payments begin while the student is still enrolled. The parent borrower has up to 10 years to repay the loan with a \$50 minimum monthly payment.

• **Federal Stafford Loans.** The largest and most commonly used student loan program, these loans are made through financial institutions. Students must show financial need.

The federal government pays the interest on this loan while the student is in school. Most lenders were to accrue the interest so the student doesn't have to make loan payments while still in school.

The interest rate is capped at 8.25 percent. Freshman can borrow up to \$2,625, second-year students up to \$3,500, and juniors, seniors and fifth-year students up to \$5,500. Graduate students can borrow up to \$8,500 a year.

Repayment starts six months after you graduate or drop out. A student has up to 10 years to repay the loan at a minimum of \$50 per month.

• **Federal Perkins Loans.** Awarded on the basis of financial need, these loans come directly from the college.

The interest rate is 5 percent and repayment starts nine months after you graduate or drop out. Maximum loan for an undergraduate is \$3,000 a year, and the interest rate is 5 percent.

In addition to loans, the federal Pell Grant program gives money to needy students, who qualify on the basis of their parents' income. Pell money doesn't have to be repaid.

Most colleges award grants or scholarships based on merit — but the meritocracy tends to be strict.

"There are plenty of kids who want to go to college who can't get scholarships," said Jim Love, a Twin Falls financial planner.

• **Work-study,** a federally subsidized program under which students can work up to 15 hours a week, is also widely available, but participation is up to student. They're typically minimum-wage jobs on campus that can add up to \$2,000 to \$2,500 to a financial aid package.

Want to learn more?

There are hundreds of websites on the Internet where parents and students can find information on college scholarships and financial aid. And if you're a student, chances are your school has two helpful pieces of software somewhere in its computer system — the College Information Service (CIS) program that matches scholarships to available need, and Collegeview, which contains financial aid information about virtually every institution of higher education in the country. For more information about Collegeview or CIS, or for help surfing the Net for financial aid information, see your high school counselor.

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your kids can, but no one borrows his way through old age."

The stark reality is that, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, the average middle-income couple — which it defines as earning \$30,000 to \$65,000 a year — is going to have to save a six-figure sum in order to retire comfortably in 2016 or after. And if you have bright kid you'd like to send to Harvard, figure on \$50,000 to \$200,000 more.

Is it realistic to expect a middle-class couple to roll up a half million-dollar nest egg for college and retirement?

"No," Love said. Instead, he favors real estate investment as the only dependable way to retire, and says that's the only sensible way to pay for college too.

Get yourself a new first mortgage and use the money to buy a duplex in the town where your child is going to college," he said. "It's deductible, and your child can rent out the other apartment as income."

That's an unconventional approach, but mortgages — mostly second mortgages and home equity loans — are playing a larger part in paying for college.

"We have a lot of parents of our students who use second

mortgages rather than taking out (federal) PLUS loans because the interest rates are more favorable," said Ron Christensen, financial aid director at Albion College of Idaho.

But why should be Mom and Dad be carrying a debt load into their sunset years after Junior gets a job?

Largely because it's one of the few ways that Junior can get enough money for college. The conventional federally backed student-loan programs, such as Stafford and Perkins loans, weren't designed for an era in which the average public college costs \$7,000 a year and the average private university \$18,000.

PLUS loans — the federally insured Parent Loans to Undergraduate Students — were approved by Congress in 1991 to fill that gap. If their credit is good, Mom and Dad can borrow up to the college's full cost, minus other aid received — even if it's the cost of an Ivy League education.

The interest rate is capped at 9 percent and the minimum monthly payment is only \$50, but the payments start within 60 days of the time you get the money — and you have to pay off the debt in full within 10 years.

Terry Hartle, vice president of the American Council on Education, told Newsweek last

spring that the mostly commonly asked question from parents was, "How can I make my child responsible for this loan?"

Should a Baby Boomer with retirement in his or her sights make such a commitment?

Not without some serious soul-searching.

"Baby Boomers are typically saving at one-third of the pace that would allow them to (retire comfortably)," said Craig S. Karpel, author of "The Retirement Myth" (\$18). "Realistically, few of them are going to multiply their savings rates."

Love argues that unencumbered home equity will be especially important to the retirees of the future because reverse mortgages — under which lenders pay a percentage of the home's equity monthly or annually until the homeowner dies or sells the house — will be an important source of income.

"You can't depend on the gov-

ernment for your retirement because Uncle Sam doesn't want you to retire," he said. "He wants your taxes, that's why he's raised the retirement age and will continue to do so."

Pensions, even 401(K) plans, might not be there when you reach age 65, Love said, and it's risky to bet your security on the stock market.

"The land isn't going anywhere," he said. "The bottom may fall out of the value, but it will come back."

Bestselling novelist admits dark past

NEW YORK (AP) — Undone by her own scandalous past, romance novelist Danielle Steel is rebuilding her shattered life in a real story that sounds a lot like her melodramatic fiction.

The writer-turned-socialite took a fall with gossip tabloid reports that two Steel ex-husbands had criminal records. One she married in prison while he served time for robbery and sexual assault, the other was a recovering heroin addict she met after hiring him as a moving man.

"I had two indiscretions in my

young and they came back to haunt me," Steel says in the Dec. 20 Entertainment Weekly. "I'm probably the most up-tight, conservative person you'll meet, I'm very religious. I've been that way my whole life, which is why I married those two morons instead of just sleeping with them."

The disclosures reportedly helped end her fourth marriage after 15 years. Ex-husband John Traina has said he was humiliated about the tabloid expose and a 1994 unauthorized biography.

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Max, while his wife works full-time at a Wendy's. They're living in the basement of his wife's parents' home while they look for an affordable place to live.

Leah said he's not sure if he'll be able to get his degree in physics and energy science in four years. "I'd be surprised — a lot of it will depend on how our finances go."



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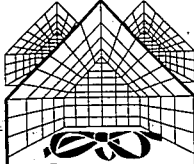
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RAMBO-ASTLE

MURKAUGH - Gene and Sue Ann Rambo of Murrnagh announce the engagement of their daughter, Leslie Ann Rambo, to Nathan Jed Astle, son of Sem and Gerry Astle of Drusch.

Rambo is a 1994 graduate of Murrnagh High School and a 1996 graduate of Ricks College.

Astle is a 1993 graduate of Dorrnich High School, he attended Idaho State University before serving a two-year LDS Mission in the Georgia, Macon Mission. He is currently attending Ricks College.



Leslie Rambo and Nathan Astle
The wedding is planned for Friday in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

ELLIOTT-KNIGHT

WENDELL - John and Carol Elliott of Wendell announce the engagement of their daughter, Amber Rae Elliott, to James D. Knight, son of D. Lyle and Karen Palmer and David and Diane Knight, all of Utah.

Elliott attended Utah State University in Logan, Utah. She is employed at Papa Kelsey's in Logan.

Knight also attended USU. He is employed by Moore Business Electronics in Logan.

The wedding is planned for



James Knight and Amber Elliott
Friday in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

BURGESS-NELSON

JEROME - Dave and Kathy Burgess of Jerome announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Marie Burgess, to Corey William Nelson, son of Bill and LaTroy Nelson of Buhl.

Burgess is a 1995 graduate of Jerome High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Target as a supervisor in Twin Falls.

Nelson is a 1994 graduate of Buhl High School and a graduate of the Naval Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill. He is serving in the Navy in Port Hueneme, Calif.



Corey Nelson and Nichole Burgess
The wedding is planned for Jan. 3 at The White House in Twin Falls.

WILDMAN-MASCHEK

TWIN FALLS - Walter and Debbie Wildman of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Wildman, to Steven Maschek, son of Leah Skinner and Roger Maschek, also of Twin Falls.

Wildman is a 1995 graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is currently attending Idaho State University, as a nursing major.

Maschek is a 1992 graduate of TFHS. He is attending the College of Southern Idaho. He serves as a LDS Mission in Seoul, South Korea.

The wedding is planned for Saturday in the Salt Lake City



Emily Wildman and Steven Maschek
LDS Temple.
A reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the LDS Church, 229 Parke Ave. in Twin Falls.
The couple will reside in Twin Falls, continuing their education.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE RONKS

TWIN FALLS - The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ronk of Twin Falls will host a celebration for the Ronks' 50th wedding anniversary from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Friends and relatives are invited.

Ronk and Nelda Shippers were married Dec. 19, 1946, at the First United Methodist Church in Manhattan, Kan., by the Rev. Judd Henry Jones. After their graduation from Kansas State University, they moved to Twin Falls.

Ronk was co-owner of the Green Cross Veterinary Hospital. He retired in 1988. After the College of Southern Idaho was started, she taught clothing construction for many years. In recent years, they both have had part-time jobs.

They have been active in the Methodist Church and other community organizations.

Their children and spouses include Cyndy and Con Paulos of Jerome, Jay and Suzan Ronk of



Howard and Nelda Ronk



Pocatello, and Jeff and Kay Ronk of Amarillo, Texas. They have eight grandchildren and two grandchildren that adopted them.

THE MCGHEES

JEROME - Bemie and Mildred McGhee of Jerome, anniversary their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 4.

The McGhees met and married in their hometown of Jerome. He served in the Army during World War II and moved to Idaho from Arkansas and found employment at the local hardware store. She had moved to Idaho from Oklahoma and was employed as a clerk in a local shop.

They raised their family on an 80-acre farm north of town where he had a home-based appliance repair business. They both also drove school bus and operated their own fast food restaurant in town.

After 12 years, they sold the farm and in 1968, they moved into Jerome and have since lived at the same address. They were both



Bemie and Mildred McGhee

longtime employees of the former Tupperware Manufacturing Plant south of town.

The McGhees are the parents of four children, Larry McGhee of Boise, Linda Kerr of Canyon County, Calif., David McGhee of Las Vegas, Nev., and Lea Leigh of Rogerson. They also have six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Psychologist: Bullying school behavior on rise

Knight-Ridder News Service

What shocked psychologist Deborah Ross when she began studying pain in children was what young leukemia patients told her heart them most.

These children had been subjected to chemotherapy, medications, surgery and radiation treatment. But their worst pain, they reported almost unanimously, was the pain of being teased about their hairless and illness-related appearance.

It was the memories of other children, they said, that was unbearable. While this kind of behavior is older than the school system itself, experts say it is becoming a dramatic scene in different types of mean-spirited behavior among all age groups of children. These can range from teasing and bullying to far more serious types of incidents.

As many as 3 million cases a year of attempted or completed assault, rape, robbery, theft and destruction of others' possessions occur in schools nationwide, says Ross, who spent several years researching teasing and bullying for her new book, "Childhood Bullying and Teasing: What Schools, Parents and Other Professionals and Parents Can Do" (American Counseling Association, \$24.95).

"Last year we had quite a few behavior problems," says Gina Yanes, assistant principal at Gardner Academy in San Jose, Calif., public elementary school. "I had students coming in for all kinds of behavior problems related to teasing and bullying. It escalates into other kids chasing each other around the school yard. It was almost epidemic."

Teachers and the principal were spending so much time on the problem that they became

desperate to find a way to deal with it, says Yanes. This fall, the school introduced "PeaceBuilders," a program that teaches students, teachers and parents specific techniques in how to deal with conflict.

Teasing is generally defined as verbal attacks that occur over time, while bullying is considered an unprovoked attempt to inflict physical or psychological hurt.

"We had a lot of both," says Yanes, adding the sentiment of her colleagues. "A lot of name-calling — for some reason calling a student's mother names is very common — leading to angry fights where one child calls his buddies and it turns into groups."

The worsening of the problem is confirmed by Ross' research: "I think the thing I find most disturbing is that if a child is a bully at 8, the chances for him to be likely to be very poor." Ross said in a telephone interview from her home on Bainbridge Island, in Washington state. Ross is to leave from the University of California Medical School in San Francisco to work on a new book.

The young bully is likely to drop out of school and engage in more criminal activity. He probably has a bad loss of self-esteem and a group who are his henchmen and he has to go on to bigger and better things to impress them."

Long accepted as a fact of childhood, bullying and teasing are a part of life for about 20 percent of school-age children either as victims or perpetrators. The victims suffer everything from embarrassment and self-esteem problems to stomachaches, fear of going to school and even thoughts of suicide.

Adults who look the other way, or use justifications such as "kids need to tough it out," or "boys will be boys," are just as much a part of the problem as the media bombardment of violent role models, say experts.

Knight-Ridder News Service

DANVILLE, Calif. — When Anne Hutchison sets out in her recreational vehicle for three years of solo travel, she won't take a boyfriend or husband along, but she will pack a well-worn pair of men's size-14 shoes.

"I put them out on the porch of the motor home. It's a form of protection," Hutchison said. "That way nobody bothers me."

Hutchison, 66, is among a growing number of women who store their worldly possessions, rent or sell their homes and hit the road alone in their RVs.

Women aren't content to just ride shotgun anymore. Females are crowding the roads with their own rigs and bringing increasing business to campgrounds, truck

stops and motor home dealerships, industry officials report.

Hutchison is the owner of a 33-foot 1995 Beaver Patriot. The Danville, Calif., woman recently returned from a solo year on the road and planned to leave again soon for a three-year tour of the United States and a search for a new place to buy a house.

The retired, divorced mother of two grown daughters doesn't have a clear traveling plan, but knows she wants to see the country's national parks — all 300 of them.

"I don't know where I am going or when I am coming back and that's why I don't have the tenseness in my face anymore." But with her home in Danville rented and friends in dozens of states, she'll surely keep busy.

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FAMILY LIFE

Tense? Let your troubles bubble away

Utah's hot springs lure tourists

HONEYVILLE, Utah (AP) — Genes are certainly important. Diet and exercise also help ensure a long, healthy life.

But 76-year-old Clair Huggins claims that the bounce in his step on his head are due to more than just diligence and good luck. His secret to happy longevity may be gurgling under ancient rocks just a few miles north of this pint-sized town in north Box Elder County.

"This is the cheapest and best doctor you'll ever find," said Huggins, eyeing a steaming pool of water. "Heck, if you've got arthritis or anything else, it fixes what ails you."

His cronies agree. They are already neck-deep in the soothing, and some say therapeutic, waters of the Crystal Springs resort. Smiles run across their faces as they bob under the gentle waves. Above them, an autumn storm brews.

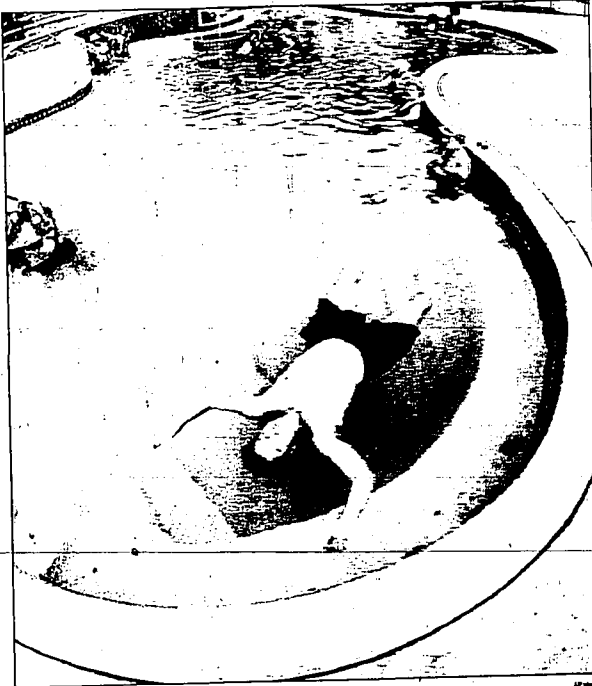
The men don't care. They chuckle among themselves and trade jokes. It's as if they are harboring some secret the rest of the Western world would kill for.

"I'll tell you something else," said one of the men, 46-year-old Randy Johnson. "It saves my marriage. Because when I'm done here, I have no reason to fight with anyone."

John and Barbara Yaros-Mitchell aren't aiming to cure every ill in modern life. But they are hoping to parlay the Crystal Springs legend into a commercial success.

The two new managers of the resort foresee a plush conference center on the grounds where Shoshone Indians once sheltered themselves from the harsh winter. They see ski and tourist buses where exhausted railroad workers used to scoop the spring's waters into cedar boxes for soothing mineral baths.

And the Mitchells envision tourists from Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Utah arriving year-



Lonnie Smith made the drive from Ogden, Utah, to float recently in the hot springs at Crystal Hot Springs resort in Box Elder County near Honeyville, Utah. The new owners are trying to make Crystal Hot Springs a destination resort.

round, lured by the talk of healing pools flanked by snow-capped mountains.

"This is a pretty hard place to beat," said John Mitchell. "It's a pity we don't have more people coming out here. It's a waste."

Mitchell and his wife were hired this year to rejuvenate the 95-year-old resort by the Crystal Hot Springs Development Corp., a Utah-based company with owners

scattered throughout the United States. Barbara Mitchell is retired from IBM Corp. after 27 years in marketing and communication. She is also a certified massage therapist and ski instructor.

John Mitchell is a former university professor who taught in Asia before moving to IBM where he ran a weekly news show for the company.

Both hope their business exper-

ience and passion for outdoor life will jolt the resort back to life.

Under previous managers, the resort's bathhouses and showers were often left unattended and dingy. The restaurant closed and few amenities, such as picnic tables, were available for families to use.

Worse, the resort lacked direction. It drew only about 45,000 people last year and there weren't any concrete plans in place to improve. "The managers were not sure what they wanted to do with it," said co-manager Chris Dallin.

Dallin is a Box Elder County native who has worked at the resort since 1982. He remembers the days when people flocked to the resort for fun and relaxation.

Dallin is convinced the resort can reclaim its former glory by boosting its rare qualities — a hot and cold spring located less than 100 feet apart.

Only in Africa does such a configuration exist elsewhere on Earth. The characteristic has earned Crystal Springs a notation in "Ripley's Believe It Or Not."

Crystal Springs is located on a major fault zone, as are most thermal springs. The springs' temperatures range from 121 to 134 degrees and have remained fairly constant for almost 150 years.

The waters from the springs are funneled into three hot tubs, a mineral pool, lap pools, a 300,000-gallon Olympic-sized pool and flows down a water slide. There is no need for artificial heat for the pools, where temperatures range from 85 to 105 degrees.

Just as important is the mineral content of the springs. About 95 percent of it is dissolved solids by weight are sodium and chloride with traces of barium, calcium, fluoride, iron, magnesium, manganese, potassium, silver, strontium, sulfate and lithium.

The salt in the water supposedly pulls toxins out of the body while the lithium relaxes tense muscles.

Dallin is careful not to claim that the springs are just what the doctor ordered. But 74-year-old Ruth Johnson will. Johnson and her husband drive nearly 30 miles from Ogden two times a week to stretch out in the resort's pools. She can tell the difference.

in her body after they take a dip. "I find I can get up in the morning without trouble now," said Johnson. "It's really great."

The Shoshone covered the Crystal Springs area because its "healing waters" never froze. Later it became a stage stop, and the place where workers on the nearby transcontinental railroad soaked their

wet bones after back-breaking labor. Japanese settlers also reportedly rigged tubs at the springs for traditional baths.

After 1900, Crystal Springs Past owners built the lodge, planted trees and constructed a huge dance hall, which saw some legendary partying.

The original lodge burned down in the 1930s but a new one was erected just before World War II. Amputees and other injured soldiers were taken to Crystal Springs to enjoy respite in the waters.

Several owners expanded the resort prior to the corporation taking over in 1994.

The Mitchells have introduced trout into a nearby pond and hope to bring in geese, deer and other animals for tourists to enjoy. They also have other plans for the 30-acre resort, including more outdoor concerts, events every weekend and maybe even a golf course.

John Mitchell hopes to slowly build the resort into a tourist magnet while professing he's not worried too many people might ruin the placid surroundings.

"That's a problem I'd wish for," he said.

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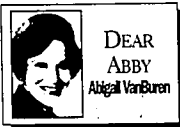
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Gifts from the heart will please seniors on your list

DEAR ABBY: Last year I missed your column on Christmas gifts for seniors. I remember in the past you printed some great suggestions, and since there are several seniors on my list this Christmas, how about helping us again?



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

— JESSICA IN ANAHEIM, CALIF.

DEAR JESSICA: Certainly! I combed my past columns and found a wealth of ideas that come from the heart, not the wallet. Remember, most seniors have more than their share of dusting powder and aftershave, and have run out of room for bud vases and bird feeders. Consider these more practical alternatives:

- Postcards or lined stationery and envelopes with a generous supply of postage stamps.
- A gift certificate for their favorite grocery store, deli or pharmacy.
- An assortment of greeting cards for birthdays and anniversaries, as well as get-well and condolence cards.
- A "paid in advance" certificate for 10 lawn mowings or snow shoveling by a neighborhood youngster.
- A "certificate" for a service you can perform that is difficult for them — a thorough house cleaning, a month's laundry, a handyman visit for home safety inspection and minor repairs.
- An offer to rewrite their address book in larger, more legible print.
- A month of Sunday drives to church, or to the country, the

- museum or the park.
 - If the person on your list is on a limited income, a check in any amount will be appreciated.
 - A subscription to their favorite magazine or the daily newspaper.
 - A basket of goodies assembled especially for them — cans of ham, tuna, chicken, hearty soups, chili and stew, instant coffee and tea bags, crackers; instant soup mixes.
 - A selection of their treasured, tattered photos retouched and placed into a new album, with captions.
 - If a senior says, "Please don't give me anything," that usually means, "I have more things than I need." However, a gift of your time may be appreciated and will be remembered long after the holiday has passed and the material gifts are stored away.
- DEAR ABBY:** The recent list you published of armed services addresses for your annual "Operation Dear Abby" brought back a flood of memories.
- Five years ago, a parent volunteer in my second-grade class

brought me a clipping from your column and suggested that this would be an excellent writing project for my students. We wrote to two of the addressed and received two responses. Both were from U.S. Marines in Japan. They became splendid pen pals, but one went above and beyond the call of duty.

This pen pal, Dennis DeNoi, always sent each child an individual response, even if it was just a few lines. (Remember, he was writing to a class of 30 children whose writing was not always legible.) Needless to say, this wonderful Marine caught the attention of the teacher, and we began an 18-month correspondence that eventually resulted in a very happy marriage.

My husband will retire soon from his beloved Marine Corps after 22 years of service to his country, to begin a new career in law enforcement. As the fifth anniversary of our first letter approaches, I want to say, "Thank you and God bless you!" You and this wonderful man have given me so much. I am forever grateful.

I encourage all of your readers to support Operation Dear Abby and our servicemen and women. You may use my name.

— CHERYL TUCKER DE NOI, LOS ANGELES

DEAR ABBY: My heart went out to the woman who wrote about her panic disorder and inability to drive. However, I was even more troubled about her isolation and shame over having an

illness — panic disorder — that is no more a sign of "weakness" than is diabetes, heart disease or any other ailment.

While I heartily echo your encouragement that she seek help from a mental health professional, and while her personal physician is an excellent place to start, please tell your readers about a wonderful service sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). It's a 24-hour toll-free line: 1-800-647-2642, which provides free literature about panic disorder.

Too many people who need professional help due to financial limitations, geographical restrictions and fear of being thought "crazy." Straightforward information not only can prove useful, it also can give sufferers the reassurance they may need to seek help. Although panic attacks are agonizing to experience, they are usually treatable — and often by understanding them, relief can be gained.

You do people a world of good with your sound, sympathetic and commonsense advice, Abby. As a mental health professional for the past 20 years, I'm a huge fan and never miss your column.

— SYMPATHETIC TO PANIC SUFFERERS

DEAR SYMPATHETIC: I am pleased to publicize the National Institute of Mental Health toll-free number, because an estimated 24 million Americans suffer from one or another of the anxiety disorders. As you pointed out,

panic disorders are treatable with education and medication. Thank you for making the effort to inform my readers.

DEAR ABBY: When my mother died in 1995 at the age of 83, she left behind five cartons of loose photographs that she had intended to sort and label. "Sometime when I have time," she always said. I couldn't identify half the people in the pictures, but I knew who could.

After the funeral and lunch at the small country church, I spread the photographs on two table tops and invited the gathered relatives to dig through them to select those photos they wanted for themselves or others they know who were in them.

For more than three hours, the survivors marveled, laughed and reminisced about days gone by. My uncles and aunts identified the individuals in the frames, sought out the person to tell them the occasion and setting when the picture was taken, and then handed them the pictures.

Everyone left with a handful of precious memories.

— BILL B. FROM MINNESOTA

DEAR BILL B.: What a terrific

idea. And what a clever theme for a holiday party when relatives gather to celebrate.

DEAR ABBY: I have read your column for many years, but this is the first time to write.

When my mother was getting old and in poor health, I would see friends of hers and they would say, "I would call your mother, but I'm afraid she might be sleeping or resting." Abby, that is not the way she wanted it to be.

Now that I am getting old, my greatest joy is for someone to visit or call me. Wake me up! I have plenty of time to sleep. Please call me any time of day or night — early or late. Just call me. It would make my day.

— WAITING FOR A CALL IN TUCSON, ARIZ.

DEAR WAITING: I can think of few things as depressing as isolation. Stop waiting for your phone to ring and make some calls to others.

You don't say how old you are, or the condition of your health, but if you're able to leave your dwelling, a wonderful way to meet people and stay involved is to volunteer your time for a worthwhile cause. Please consider it.

U.S. becoming increasingly solitary society

Knight-Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — America is becoming an increasingly solitary society, according to a new census study, which says people living alone now account for one out of every four households — up from less than 8 percent in 1940.

"I value my privacy and my time, otherwise I couldn't run my business the way I want to," said 40-year-old Jeff Flower of San Jose, who runs an advertising agency out of his apartment and who joined the trend about three years ago when he got divorced.

"I see my friends with a slew of kids and swing sets and orthodon-

tists' bills and it just appalls me," he said. While he's far from a hermit, Flower added, "there are days when I really don't see anybody else."

That kind of isolation has become more and more common, as the traditional two-parent family household has steadily diminished in recent years.

"The increasing diversity of household types continues to challenge our efforts to measure and describe American society," said Ken Bryson, a demographer who wrote the U.S. Census Bureau study made public Tuesday. It chronicles a number of changes in American households and families from 1970 to 1995. Among them:

- The percentage of households occupied by married couples with children has dropped from 40 percent to 25 percent.
 - The share of households with five or more people has declined from one out of every five to one out of every 10.
 - The percentage of single-parent families headed by women has more than doubled to 12.2 million. But one of the biggest — and least talked-about trends — is the explosion of people living alone. Since 1940, their numbers have increased from 2.7 million to 24.7 million.
- The trend is uniform among blacks, whites and "other" racial

groups, as the study categorized them, but less so among Hispanics. While Hispanics account for nearly 8 percent of all households, they make up slightly more than 4 percent of households with only one person.

Solitary householders can be found among all adult age groups, the study shows, although they are particularly prevalent among the elderly. That is not surprising, given the country's rapidly aging population and the increasing likelihood among older couples that one spouse will die, leaving the other widowed and alone.

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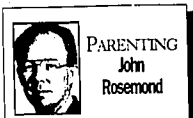
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FAMILY LIFE

Self-evident facts of child-rearing escape today's parents

My petitioner and I were in the lobby of an auditorium in which I was about to speak in Lancaster, Pa., talking about a relatively minor discipline problem she was experiencing with her 6-year-old son. I asked how her husband reacted to it.



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"Well," she answered, "to tell you the truth, I don't really trust my husband to discipline the kids."
"Why not?" I asked. "Does he tend to be overly physical?"
"Oh, no," she replied. "He doesn't even believe in spanking."

"So what's the problem?"
"He hurts their feelings."
I looked at her for a moment, sizing up my options, before deciding to go for it.
"Well, actually, that's the idea," I said.
She looked dumbfounded. "No! I mean, you can't be serious."
"Yes, indeed, I'm dead serious," I replied. "Discipline doesn't work unless it hurts the child's feelings. Now, don't get me wrong, I'm not talking about causing permanent damage. I'm

great degree, these laments can be traced to parents who are not willing to hurt their children's feelings.

Children are not adults. A responsible adult, when he wrongs someone else, is capable of imposing penance upon himself and prescribing appropriate atonement.

Not so with children. The younger the child, the more necessary it becomes — when the child does something wrong — that an adult impose penance upon the child and mandate appropriate atonement.

Helping a child understand that he did something wrong usually requires making the child feel bad — as in, hurting the child's feelings. The "sting" of discipline creates a permanent memory, one that serves to inhibit future behavior of the same sort. Without the sting, the memory will not form, therefore, the inhibition. The accumulation of such painful memories constitutes what is known as conscience, and a person so endowed is capable of being a

functional member of society. This is the "price" humans pay for the relative protection of civilization. When there are too few such "inhibited" individuals, civilization begins to come apart at the seams.
For all these reasons, I wanted to shake this woman and scream,

"Wake up! Please, for everyone's sake, wake up!" Instead, I patiently explained what every prior generation of American parents grasped without explanation. The question becomes: If it has to be explained, will it ever again be understood?

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talking about causing a little pain."

"But why?" she asked, mournfully, as if grieving over shattered illusions.

That such formerly self-evident facts of bringing up children have to be explained to today's parents is why today's children, by all accounts, are less well disciplined than children of any prior generation. Veteran teachers describe them as "self-absorbed" and "disrespectful." Parents say things like "I'd have never talked to my parents the way my children sometimes talk to me" and "Anything (in the way of corrective discipline) my parents did worked, but nothing I do seems to work for long." To

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FAMILY LIFE

Ready to wrap? Get organized, experts say

Knight-Ridder News Service

You think you've got it rough, having to wrap a couple of dozen presents before Christmas.

Consider Debbie Barth. On a typical day she might wrap 200 — and have to start all over again the next day.

Barth supervises the gift-wrapping station at Belden Village Mall in Jackson Township, Ohio, which bustles this time of year. On a recent day she and three others — Inge Torok, Jean Winsfeld Stewart and Cheryl Moriarty — were staffing the gift wrap booth, deftly cutting, folding, taping and maneuvering while still managing to keep their humor intact.

They know all the right moves. They have all the right equipment. And their expertise can help make your job a little easier. Here are some tips from the pros that you can put to work on your own pile of presents:

- **Get organized.** Gather your equipment before you start: scissors, tape, tissue paper, boxes, wrapping paper, ribbons and bows, gift tags, a pen and an apron with pockets — great for keeping little items like your pen and gift tags handy.

- **Make sure you have plenty of supplies.** Buy extra tape, then buy more extra tape.

- **The wrappers at Belden Village work at a station, standing at counters with bolts of paper at the ready.** You can set up a similar work area for yourself. It doesn't need to be elaborate — just a card table or other work surface and something to hold your equipment.

- **Put a paper shopping bag or other container on the floor next to you to catch scraps.**
- **For storing your supplies, buy a gift-wrap organizer.** Rubbermaid and other manufacturers make containers specifically for that purpose — long plastic boxes with snap-on lids and trays that fit inside to hold little items like tags and bows.

- **Hanging gift-wrap organizers are also available** and can be stowed in a closet. They look a little like suit bags but have pockets designed for holding wrapping equipment. They're available at some homewares stores, including Bed Bath & Beyond, and from catalogs such as Lillian Vernon.

- **Get good stuff.** Keeping your sanity is worth the price of an extra pair of scissors and roll of tape. If you stash them in your organizer just for wrapping, you'll never have to go hunting.

- **While you're at it, spend a little extra on equipment that will save you time and aggravation:** good-quality paper, sharp scissors and a heavy, office-type tape dispenser. The Belden wrappers can cut paper quickly by letting the scissors' sharp edges do the work; they make a cut to start, then slice the paper by pushing the open scissors away from them without making cutting motions. If you try it with lightweight paper, though, you're apt to end up with a torn, crumpled mess.

- **Having a heavy tape dispenser is almost as good as having an extra hand:** You just reach and rip.

- **Keep it simple.** Belden Village's customers have just four kinds of wrapping paper to choose from, all of which go with a gold bow. You can save yourself a lot of storage space and decision-making by similarly limiting and coordinating your choices.

- **Maybe you don't want to use just gold stick-on bows, but how about buying a couple of bolts of florist ribbon? It'll probably last you for years, and it looks great tied into a simple bow.**

- **Another idea for simplifying the process is to create a sort of assembly line.** Do the preparation work on all your gifts first, such as removing price tags and

lining boxes with tissue. Then wrap all the gifts in paper, but be sure to attach gift tags or somehow mark each gift with the recipient's name. Tie on the ribbons last.

- **A handy tip from Barth:** To remove a stick-on price tag, try rubbing a piece of invisible tape onto it with your fingernail, then pulling the tape up sharply.

- **Wrap it right.** Using the right amount of paper makes the job

easier, Barth says. She cuts a strip of paper the width of the roll and keeps it handy as a makeshift measuring tape to tell whether the paper is wide enough to wrap around the gift horizontally.

- **Sharp corners can foil even the most careful gift wrapper.** They have a way of ripping through the wrap before the recipient gets that chance.

- **Torok faced that problem**

when she had to wrap a metal carpenter's level. So she wrapped it first in a plastic shopping bag before covering it with gift paper. Tissue paper can also be used instead of plastic.

- **Barth said the staff has used that technique to wrap** makes, then wound strips of wrapping paper around the handle. The strips work for all kinds of tubular shapes — she even wrapped a hula hoop that way.

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Lone Ranger's code of ethics rings true from yesteryear

The Orange County Register

You rush into the house and tune in the radio for the next episode of your favorite show. First, the galloping strains of Rossini's overture from "William Tell."



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"believes that our sacred American heritage provides that every individual has the right to worship God as he desires."

Small wonder that those who remember the Lone Ranger long for his virtues instead of the violence that besets children's TV today.

Trendle advised lead writer Fran Striker to "play down gambling and drinking scenes as far as possible and keep the Lone Ranger out of saloons. When this cannot be avoided, try to make the saloon a cafe -- and deal with waiters and liquor instead of bartenders and liquor."

"The Lone Ranger never smokes, never uses profanity and never uses intoxicating beverages." He "is a man who can fight greed, yet takes time to treat a bird with a broken wing." He

"That men should live by the rule of what is best for the greatest number. That sooner or later we make payment for what we have done. That all things change but truth, and that truth alone, lives on forever. In my country, my country, my country."

Charles Moore, who portrayed the Lone Ranger in films and on television, says in his recent book "It Was That Masked Man" that "it's fashionable to think of virtue and honor and heroism as naive, confused emotions. But deep down, I believe that people still cling to those ideals."

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Alzheimer's, other debilitating problems can complicate holiday

The Orlando Sentinel

For most people, the holidays mean family gatherings where the young and old get together to share good times and good memories.

Those get-togethers are not so carefree, though, in families where one member is a caregiver and one is a relative suffering from a disease such as Alzheimer's or other debilitating problems associated with aging.

But with creative planning and family cooperation, the holidays can be less stressful for those involved.

"The holidays tend to be a stressful period for all of us," said Terri Hosto, a research instructor in neurology at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Mo. "If someone is in a caregiving situation and trying to do additional things to keep up with the family traditions, trying to do all those things will add to the physical fatigue and emotional stresses of the day."

More than seven of every 10 people with Alzheimer's disease live at home, and family and friends provide nearly 75 percent of their home care. Alzheimer's is a progressive, degenerative disorder that attacks the brain and results in impaired memory, thinking and behavior.

Depending on the stage of the disease, holiday plans may need to be modified to accommodate the relative living with Alzheimer's. For many families, these changes have become commonplace -- 19 million Americans say they have a family member with Alzheimer's, according to the Alzheimer's Association.

One in 10 persons over 65 and nearly half of those over 85 have Alzheimer's disease. A person with Alzheimer's can live from three to 20 years or more from the onset of symptoms. Approximately 4 million Americans suffer from the disease. Holidays can have a different feel to them when a relative is suffering from Alzheimer's or from a related condition such as

When the holidays are not so carefree

Here are some gift suggestions for Alzheimer's patients:

• Sweets, which Alzheimer's patients often crave. In case of dietary restrictions.

• A visit to the person's home to prepare a favorite food.

• Photos of events you have shared. Place them in an album or on a poster board so you can talk about them during subsequent visits.

• A tape recorder and tape of familiar songs you can play during visits.

• A trip out to lunch, to the zoo or to see the holiday decorations.

For safety reasons, avoid candles, poisonous plants and tree ornaments that look edible.

Source: Terri Hosto, social worker and research instructor in neurology at the Missouri and Aging Project at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Mo.

Parkinson's disease, a degenerative disease of the central nervous system, or Huntington's disease, an inherited, degenerative brain disease.

The relative with Alzheimer's might not be able to participate in activities as before. It can be difficult for family members unfamiliar with the symptoms of the disease to understand why Grandpa repeats himself or forgets his name or confuses his granddaughter with her mother.

Visiting family members may be upset by changes in the person with Alzheimer's, or make demands on that person that he

or she cannot handle," said Machine Behrens, a professor of psychology at Winthrop College in Winston-Salem, Calif. And those (sometimes) make the primary caregiver's list -- as mediator -- much more stressful.

Family members may feel under pressure to make things as normal as possible if it is the first holiday after the diagnosis, said Lorenza C. Butler, assistant professor of adult development and aging at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va.

If grandpa has been institutionalized, the celebration should be localized. Gift-giving may change. Relatives may shower her with mementos rather than expensive or jewelry, figuring the no longer has need for gifts without a useful function.

Still, experts agree that much of the stress and many awkward moments in caregiving are the most holidays gathered included everybody. But now large, boisterous groups may confuse or even frighten the ailing relative. Schedule several small gatherings instead of one grand family supper.

• Allow the primary caregiver to call the shots. Because she has the inside track on the condition of the Alzheimer's patient, it's a good idea to funnel holiday plans through the primary caregiver.

• Simplify. Perhaps in the past, holiday gatherings included everybody. But now large, boisterous groups may confuse or even frighten the ailing relative. Schedule several small gatherings instead of one grand family supper.

• Incorporate activities into the routine of the ill relative. Many holiday activities unfold in the evening, but perhaps the relative with Alzheimer's is at his best as an afternoon. Pencil in the caregiving earlier in the day.

• Be flexible.

• Take the holidays to your relative.

Social Security questions answered

Knight-Ridder News Service

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Don't call GI Joe a doll

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — What a doll, that GI Joe.

Seriously. But don't mention that to the nation of boys who still play with the first combat "action figure" to have a name, rank and serial number. Don't tell it to a generation of grown men who practiced hand-to-hand combat in backyard sandboxes with their GI Joes in the mid-1950s, even as real GIs fought in Vietnam. Don't tell them the original GI Joe that first hunkered down on toy store shelves in 1964 — the same one Hasbro has recreated this year as the GI Joe Masterpiece Edition — is none other than a 12-inch-tall doll for boys.

"That's a nasty word," protests Don Levine, not altogether serious, who has usually been adamant about calling the toy soldier he created 32 years ago an action figure and not a doll. During his recent nationwide tour to promote the \$50 Masterpiece Joe at Target stores and the \$100 Astronaut Joe exclusive to FAO Schwarz, he cringed often, he says, when mothers thanked him for making that doll for their sons. "No, it's a man," Levine emphasizes, "the mothers."

But when you see these large, special-edition GI Joes, the first thing that occurs to you is that they are not really dolls. The GI Joe Masterpiece Joe is just as big as some dolls that girls dress with frilly, lacy things and primp their synthetic hair, all the while fantasizing about being romances. And while GI Joe's wardrobe of changeable attire and accessories doesn't include anything frilly or lacy, Joe is big enough to date Barbie.

"Every place I go," says Levine, "guys say to me, 'You don't know what my GI Joe did to my sister's Barbie doll.'" But Levine knows. He loves those Nissan TV ads where a GI Joe-like action figure driving a toy sports car steals the Barbie-like doll away from the wimpy Ken-like doll. It was the beautiful Barbie, after all, that inspired him to create Joe. In 1963, Levine was senior vice

president at Hasbro, the toy company that had grown enamored with Mattel's hot-selling Barbie dolls. Not only did little girls love their Barbies, but the more they bought, the more there was to be done. "We liked the idea that if a little girl purchased a Barbie doll, she was pushed into a loop of accessorizing it," says Levine, now president and CEO of DML Associates Inc., a toy consulting firm in Providence, R.I. "We decided to do a military figure like that. The Barbie phenomenon, except with GI Joe. A doll that would be okay for boys to play with."

Borrowing the name from the 1945 Robert Mitchum war movie "The Story of GI Joe," Levine essentially muscled up pretty-boy Ken until he got the physique of a "fighting man from head to toe," as the 6'9 ad put it. On that macho frame, he hung olive-green Army fatigues, an M-1 rifle and other accessories of war. And, here was a doll for boys with visions of wartime atrocities dancing in their heads. Here was a doll boys could slam, shoot, blow up, beat up and bury. Rugged and manly, Joe was designed to be a GI doll the all-American boy would want to bond with in the worst way.

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Parents shouldn't worry if toddlers aren't talkative

The Associated Press

JoAnn Egan encourages her young charges each day to "please use words."

Mrs. Egan, owner of Sunny Days daycare center in Canton, Conn., hopes her preschoolers can communicate their problems and frustration in English, but she doesn't worry if they don't.

"Even when they're not speaking, they really do understand what we say," she said.

Understanding words is much more important for toddlers than using them, according to a 12-year child development study that should reassure parents about the general intelligence of toddlers who are less talkative than their playmates.

"Don't worry about the child who is not talking much if that child seems to understand what he or she hears and is asked to do," said Yale researcher J. Steven Reznick, an associate psychology



Your kids

professor at the Yale Child Study Center.

Reznick and colleagues at the Institute for Behavioral Genetics at the University of Colorado tested 408 pairs of same-sex twins from Colorado — half identical, half fraternal. They found that language comprehension, rather than actual speech, at ages 14 months and 20 months was a better indication of how well the twins would do on intelligence tests at 24 months.

Researchers found that a toddler's surroundings have a greater impact on how many words a child understands. Genetics, on the other hand, were a strong influence on how much a child talked.

"Some children are born to be chatty while others are born to be reticent about sharing their growing vocabulary knowledge," Reznick said.

Reznick said the study, which will be published next spring in "Monographs of the Society for Research in Child Development," underscored the importance of reading and talking to babies and toddlers. But he cautioned parents not to overdo it.

"A constant barrage of words would likely only confuse a toddler," he said.

Between 14 and 20 months, language comprehension begins to rapidly develop when the child finally realizes that everything has a name.

"We call it the 'Aha! insight' because children are suddenly motivated and excited to learn the label for every animal, every toy," Reznick said.

Girls did slightly better than boys on all the tests, perhaps because they developed language a bit earlier or because parents interact differently with sons and daughters, the study said. Sixteen percent of girls and boys were tested.

The study seems to back up what many parents and childcare experts observe every day: Silence doesn't equal stupidity.

Rachel Carroll, assistant director of the Apple Tree Learning Center in Grinnon, Conn., said parents occasionally express concern that their child is not as talkative as others.

"It all depends on their personality," said Carroll, noting that sometimes an older sibling may tend to do all the talking in a home.

Parents should be alarmed, however, if a child does not respond to simple commands or recognize familiar words such as "nose," "ears" and "eyes" at about 14 months.

In that case, Reznick suggested a child's hearing be checked. Most children that age can say about 10 words but understand about 100.

Twins used in the study were of normal birth weight, born no more than six weeks early and were tested at 14, 20 and 24 months of age. Reznick said 83.5 percent of the twins were white, 9 percent Hispanic and 2.2 percent black.

The study is part of the 12-year MacArthur Longitudinal Twin Study that began in the mid-1980s and explores genetic and environmental influences on development in the second year of life.

What to do with relatives, friends who sincerely don't want gifts

The Orlando Sentinel

Surveys show that, despite all the phony good cheer pumped out by department stores, most of us aren't enamored of holiday gift-shopping.

Jammed highways, overflowing parking lots, check-by-jowl crowds — and loved ones who are perennially hard to buy for.

What a hassle.

Most irksome of all are the relatives and friends who say they don't want anything. "No, really, don't bother."

Some people mean that for real," says Gini Cucuel, a licensed mental health counselor in Winter Park, Fla. "But some are just protesting too much and really want something but think it's only polite to say they don't."

Of course, most people who say "Don't get me anything" and don't mean it expect us to know they don't mean it, Cucuel says.

Nevertheless, there are some souls out there who, for a variety of reasons, genuinely prefer not to receive gifts.

For instance, Cucuel says, "Some people are so particular about what they want, or so practical about not spending money on something frivolous, that they say they don't want anything because they're afraid people will buy them the wrong thing."

Sure, Aunt Minnie could just return that stupid inflatable guard dog you bought, but she doesn't want the aggravation of shipping it back.

Then again, some parents do such a thorough job of teaching their kids not to ask for things that the kids "can't even say thank you" when they get something," Cucuel says.

It's almost as if they're embarrassed to have gotten a gift. And they carry that unease with them into adulthood.

Some gift-phobics with low self-

worth "feel very awkward about being noticed, very unsure of themselves," says Russel Hiatt, a licensed marriage and family therapist in Orlando, Fla.

These are the same folks who don't know how to accept a compliment, Hiatt adds. "They always discredit the compliment in some fashion."

"What a nice dress!"

"Oh, it's just an old rag."

"Oh, please. Just say, 'Thanks'; then zip your lip."

Of course, there are people who are very altruistic, "who have grown up in an environment where giving was always emphasized as the way you get a lot of good, positive feedback," Hiatt says.

And that's a nice thing.

But it's tough to buy presents for them.

They can be generous to a fault — buying gifts when there's no occasion, always picking up the check in restaurants — yet they refuse any reciprocity.

"A lot of people just see themselves as givers," Cucuel says, "as the ones who are supposed to do the giving. They learned giving skills, and they love to give."

But, like the people with low self-worth who don't want the spotlight of gift-getting, these folks often give anonymously; they don't want the limelight of gift-giving.

They haven't learned "receiving" skills.

"The whole idea of it's more blessed to give than to receive" has been drilled into a lot of people," Cucuel says. "It's really their profession of righteousness in a sense. They take it to such an extreme that they deprive people of giving to them."

Then there are the folks who just don't want to incur any sense of obligation.

"A lot of people don't want to start any kind of convention that

they're going to have to keep up with," Cucuel says.

"We've all had it happen: An acquaintance buys us a gift but it never occurred to us to do the same. So we end up embarrassed — and realize we'd darn well better buy something next time.

Some people just have to be "ahead in the obligation race," Hiatt says.

They pile up good self-esteem by doing and giving for others. Their thinking goes something like this: "I have to give much more than I get. If you give me something, I have to work even harder to catch up."

Says Hiatt: "What we interpret as an addition" — a gift we're giving that person — "they interpret as a subtraction," something that upsets the balance of their fragile self-esteem.

Go figure.

Whatever you do, though, don't let the gift phobic control your behavior.

"If you feel you'd like to give back to that person, reciprocate for their generosity, go ahead and do it," Hiatt suggests.

Some gambits for achieving equity with the gift phobic:

- Say, "Let me do something for you for a change —" then do it, regardless of the predictable protestations.
- Say, "It's my turn" and follow through.
- Say, "Why don't you do this part, I'll do that part?" if you want to pay part of the dinner tab, for instance.

Remember, you're not being pushy or ungrateful, you're standing up for your own right to be a giver.

A Cucuel says, "A gift is not given until it's received."

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Boolin relates experience

BUHL - The Magic Valley Women's Club has planned its December meeting for 6 p.m. Monday in the meeting room at the Bull Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center (across from R & B Grocery on Highway 30).
The Rev. Theodora Boolin will be the guest speaker. She will relate some of her experiences living in various areas of the world. Any male or female person interested in community service is invited. Refreshments will be served.
For more information, call Judy Squire at 543-8803 during the day Tuesday through Saturday or 543-8439 other times.

Annual show scheduled

TWIN FALLS - The Sixth Annual Cabinetmaking and Woodworking Christmas Show and Auction will be presented Tuesday through Saturday at the Herrert Center, located on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho.
Works by members of the Woodstock chapter of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America will be featured. The auction is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free.
The Herrert Center is open from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2335.

NARFE elects officers

TWIN FALLS - Chapter 1859 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees will hold its monthly meeting at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Elmer's Pancake and Steak House on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.
Lt. Col. Charles Chambers will be the guest speaker. New officers will be elected. Those attending are asked to bring some canned goods for a donation to the Salvation Army.
All current and retired federal employees, both members and non-members, are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Russell Resenau at 733-0969 or 1-800-280-0528.

Course for teens offered

TWIN FALLS - A self-awareness course for teens is being offered Jan. 3, 4 and 5, 1997, in the Twin Falls area.
"Walkin' the Talk" focuses on self-esteem, accountability and integrity. Teens will work in small groups coached by adult and teen graduates. One adult works with every six students in setting up an environment where the teens can immediately look at the outcomes of their choices. A supportive adult selector for each teen will be invited to participate in the final day.
The event planned for January is designed for ages 15 to 17 (and very committed 14-year-olds). Registration is from 5 to 5:30 p.m. Jan. 3, with the course running until 10 p.m. On Jan. 4, participants go to the Walker Center in Gooding for a ropes course, returning for a potluck dinner and dancing with friends and family in the evening. The course resumes at 5 a.m. Jan. 5, with a celebration and acknowledgments with friends and family at 7 p.m. Instructors are Sue Billington Wade and Gordon Leftenant.

Wade is an adjunct professor in secondary education at Boise State University. She has more than 20 years experience in elementary, secondary and collegiate teaching and coaching and currently supervises student teachers.
Leftenant has been a practicing physician for 15 years. He was in clinical practice in the U.S. Navy and for four years at the Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. He began working three years ago in transpersonal education, where his

field of emphasis is on personal communication and emotional wellness.
Tuition is \$175, with a \$25 deposit required to secure space in the course. Minimum enrollment is 20 teens, and class size is limited to 42 people. For more information, call Gayle Anderson at 734-8224.

Sojourners plan potluck

TWIN FALLS - The Sojourner's Club is having a potluck luncheon meeting at noon Tuesday at the home of Elaine Bowen.
The program will be presented by Sonja Denton and the SOS Singers. Those attending are asked to bring toiletries and unwrapped toys to be donated to Volunteers Against Violence.
Reservations should be made by today. For more information, call 734-6239.

Financial aid night set

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls High School is hosting a financial aid night beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Roper Auditorium.
The seminar is open to all Magic Valley area students and parents who are interested in learning about the types of financial aid available to students and how to apply for financial aid. It will benefit all those who are college bound, as well as those interested in vocational or technical schools.

Bus service offered

MOSCOW - The University of Idaho is offering low-cost bus service to southern Idaho for Christmas vacation.
Scheduled stops include New Meadows, Boise, Mountain Home, Twin Falls, American Falls, Pocatello, Blackfoot and Idaho Falls.
Buses will leave the UI campus Friday and return to campus on Jan. 12, 1997. The round-trip cost is \$60 to Boise and \$90 to south central and southeastern destinations.
For reservations or more detailed travel information, call (208) 885-5757 or fax (208) 885-9494.

Tree care addressed

TWIN FALLS - A presentation on living Christmas trees will highlight the Twin Falls Master Gardener Club's monthly meeting, set for 7 p.m. Monday at the extension office.
Kimberly Nurseries will present the program on selecting and caring for living Christmas trees while highlighting the Twin Falls Master Gardener Club's monthly meeting, set for 7 p.m. Monday at the extension office.
For more information, call Cindy Bjornberg at 423-4097.

Star party planned

TWIN FALLS - The Herrert Center for Arts and Science and the Faulkner Planetarium is hosting a star party at 8 p.m. Friday, weather permitting.
Anyone who has completed the sky will be Saturn and the moon. For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2655.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Lockhart cast in play

Michelle Lockhart was a cast member in Boise State University's recent production of "Shy Fox," a story about clever con men at work in the 1880s in San Francisco adapted from a classic comedy. Lockhart played the part of a larcenous victim competing to win a fake inheritance. She is the daughter of Linda Burdy of Twin Falls, a 1993 graduate of Lakeland High School and a junior theater arts major at BSU.

Foukal wins crown

Ashley Foukal has been named a Miss Junior Petite South Twin Falls and will represent Twin Falls at the Miss Junior America Pageant set for July 31 through Aug. 3, 1997, in Orange, Calif. Ashley is the 7 1/2-year-old daughter of Ron and DeAnn Foukal of Twin Falls. She enjoys gymnastics and reading and is in Mrs. Crook's second grade at Filer Elementary School. Her sponsor is Sage Gymnastics.

Palmer awarded title

Angela Palmer has been named a Miss Junior Pre-teen South Twin Falls for the Miss Junior America Pageant next summer. She enjoys swimming and reading and is in the fourth grade at Lincoln Elementary School. Her parents are Darwin and Terri Palmer of Twin Falls, and her sponsor is the Twin Falls Optimist Club.

Evans wins essay contest

Ashley Evans, a student at Kimberly Elementary School, is a winner of the

KIDS TEACHING KIDS



Key Club members from Filer High School and students from Filer Middle School present prevention skills at Hagerman, Filer and Hollister Elementary schools. Students are members of a group called "For Kids, By Kids." They use lifelike puppets to engage children in an interactive prevention message on making healthy choices concerning honesty, alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Idaho Forest Products Commission's Forest Products Week Essay Contest. She received an honorable mention award for an essay telling out forest products touch people's lives and, if she were in charge, what she would do to manage the forests to provide not only for tangible products but also clean air and water, wildlife habitat and other benefits.

Maughan family reunites

Twin Falls County Commissioner Dennis Maughan was joined by several family members for Thanksgiving at his home. Those attending the family gathering were Maughan's wife, Pam; their children, Ryan and his family and Tiffany; his brothers, Douglas Maughan of Twin Falls and Scott Maughan and his family of Orange, Calif.; his sisters, Vicki Daily and her family of Freedom, Wyo., Chris Kelly and her family of Sparks, Nev., and Michelle Orelas and her family of Las Vegas; Maughan's father, Fred Maughan, and his wife, Kay, of Portland, Ore.; and his mother, Carole Rocha, and his stepfather, Ray Rocha of Twin Falls. A total of 31 people had dinner together. Everyone who came brought an item to be placed in a time capsule that was sealed and will be opened on Thanksgiving Day in the year 2066.

Speech club attends BSU

O'Leary Junior High School's Speech and Debate Club recently attended the Boise State University Invitational Speech Tournament in Boise.
Heather Hodges represented O'Leary in expository speaking, and Molly McBride participated in the salesmanship division.
Heather received a third-place finish in the third round of competition. Molly placed in all three rounds for a second-place finish overall in her division. Molly and Heather were the only two seventh-graders at the

high school students in both events. Heather is the daughter of Mick and Kyle Hodges, and Molly's parents are Mike and Jan McBride. O'Leary's debate advisor is Jim Motes, and the principal is Wiley J. Dobbs.

Center receives tree

The Rock Creek Rehab and Medical Center received a fully decorated Christmas tree donated by the ShopKo Care Club on Dec. 13.
ShopKo Care Clubs are groups of ShopKo volunteers that hold a number of community events to benefit area families, children and charities. ShopKo Store Manager Dana Johnson said the clubs are an important link between ShopKo and the community and that it's "heartwarming to share the spirit of the holiday season by brightening the lives of others."

Humphries interns

Holly Humphries is finishing a five-month internship in Washington, D.C., with Sen. Larry Craig. She said she enjoyed researching environmental issues affecting Idaho. Humphries, 21, is the daughter of Max and Darla Humphries of Twin Falls, owners and operators of Maxie's Pizza and Pasta in Twin Falls. She is a senior at Utah State University in Logan, majoring in

political science. She plans to graduate in June, take a year off, then pursue graduate studies.

Students or recent graduates interested in interning with Craig should contact one of his regional offices or Pat Olsen in Washington, D.C., at (202) 224-2752.

Lentz work recognized

An Idaho-based U.S. Department of Agriculture Scientist has won a top research award for work that helped growers combat erosion. The award is given by the Agricultural Research Service, USDA's chief research agency.

Roddick D. Lentz of the ARS Northwest Irrigation and Soils Research Laboratory in Kimberly was chosen "1996 Early Career Scientist of the Year" among the federal agency's scientists in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. He and other ARS scientists were recognized Dec. 1 at an awards assembly at the agency's Beltsville, Md., agricultural research center.

The "early career" award is given to outstanding scientists who have been with the agency less than seven years and earned their highest academic degree within the past 10 years. The award acknowledges Lentz's studies on environmentally friendly compounds known as polycarylamides that bind to soil particles, reducing erosion and boosting infiltration of water on furrowed farmlands. Lentz collaborated on much of the work with Robert E. Sojka at the Kimberly laboratory.

Lentz earned a bachelor's degree in 1979 and a master's degree in 1985, both in soil science from Oregon State University at Corvallis. He received a doctorate in soil science in 1991 from the University of Minnesota at St. Paul. He is a member of two academic honorary societies - the American Society of Agronomy and Soil Science Society of America - and several other professional organizations. He and Sojka won a technology award from the International Erosion Control Association early this year for their pioneering work with polycarylamides.

SERVICE NEWS

Gracida departs

TWIN FALLS - Marine Lance Cpl. Eric Gracida, son of Nance A. McNew of Twin Falls, recently departed on a six-month deployment to Okinawa, Japan with the Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines.
Home based in Camp Pendleton, Calif., Gracida's unit deployed as part of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU). Prior to the deployment, Gracida trained rigorously for the demanding challenges he may encounter with the special operations capable MEU.
A 1993 graduate of Twin Falls High School, he joined the Marine Corps in December, 1993.

Sommer recognized

TWIN FALLS - Navy Airman Bryan J. Sommer, son of Dave C. and Judy L. Sommer of Twin Falls, recently received a Letter of Recognition while assigned with Patrol Squadron 40, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, Wash.
Sommer was recognized for his superior performance of duty. Displaying remarkable dedication and initiative, Sommer

consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner.

A 1995 graduate of Twin Falls High School, he joined the Navy in August 1995.

Performance commended

TWIN FALLS - Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Darryl J. Moorman, son of Sam A. and Karen L. Moorman of Twin Falls, was recently recognized while serving with Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit, University of Idaho.

Moorman was cited for superior performance of duty as a midshipman working toward an undergraduate degree. Midshipmen participate in physical fitness training and other extra-curricular activities such as the drill team and color guard. When midshipmen like Moorman excel in one of these areas, they are presented with an award of scholarship.

During each undergraduate semester, officer candidates like Moorman complete naval science courses as well as a full academic schedule leading to a degree. These courses, combined with annual summer training aboard ships and shore installations, serve to prepare NROTC graduates for the duties and responsibilities of a commissioned officer.

Burbank returns from sea

BUHL - Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Vance C. Burbank, son of Michael E. and Eleanor K. Burbank of Buhl, returned from a six-month deployment to the western Pacific and Indian oceans aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Arkansas.

Burbank is one of more than 550 Sailors returning to his home port of Bremerton, Wash., as part of the eight-ship USS Carl Vinson Battle Group, which also included nine nuclear aircraft squadrons, submarines and surface combatants.

Burbank experienced Navy history on the deployment. It was the last deployment for USS Arkansas, which will be decommissioned shortly after its return to Bremerton. USS Arkansas was also the last ship in a class of nuclear-powered guided missile cruisers.

During the deployment, USS Arkansas supported naval units and Air Force B-52 bombers as they launched Tomahawk cruise missiles during Operation Desert Strike, and remained in the Persian Gulf to carry out sanctions imposed by NATO against Iraq.

Despite the high operational tempo of the deployment, Burbank and other crew members were able to visit ports such as Australia, Bahrain, Hong Kong, Japan and Singapore.

A 1990 graduate of Buhl High School, he joined the Navy in June 1990.

Return from the Gulf

TWIN FALLS - Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Ian G. Crawford, son of Dennis A. and Laurie L. Crawford of Twin Falls, has returned from a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Shiloh.

Crawford was one of more than 400 Sailors departing the ship's home port of San Diego in May for the journey to the western Pacific and Indian oceans. Crawford's ship was part of the USS Carl Vinson Battle Group, which included nine tactical aircraft squadrons, and eight submarine and surface combatants.

In September, Crawford participated in Operation Desert Strike, a retaliatory cruise missile strike in response to Iraqi involvement in the Kurdish civil war. Despite spending 150 days of the 180-day deployment steaming 53,000 miles at sea, to visit Bahrain, Hawaii, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Oman and Thailand.

A 1990 graduate of Twin Falls High School, he joined the Navy in January 1994.

I want your news

If it's news to you, I want to hear about it. I'm April Crouch (Sis-rieh), the community editor at The Times-News. It is my job to fill this page with news about:
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Ogden paralegal moonlights making primitive Santas

A sweet look for clay models

SOUTH OGDEN, Utah (AP) — The Christmas books are arranged neatly on one shelf, the law books on the next.

"You can't get any more contrast than that," says Robyn Jones with a laugh.

She is referring to her two loves — the law and Santa Claus.

By day, Jones is a full-time paralegal for the Strong and Hanni law firm in Salt Lake. By night, she's a folk artist who specializes in primitive, clay Santas that are sold throughout the world.

Her limited editions and originals — which retail for \$40-\$100 and \$250-\$750, respectively — are owned by the likes of Karl Malone, Jane Fonda, Peggy Fleming, Roger Staubach and George Brett.

With no formal training or background in art, Jones started her business, "Santa Clays," five years ago. A year later, she got a lucrative contract designing Santas for Midwest of Cannon Falls, Minn. — one of the largest gift lines in the world.

Jones quit her paralegal job and did Santas full time for one year. But she wasn't happy.

"Making Santas appealed to my artistic side, but I felt like something was missing," she said. "I needed something intellectually stimulating."

So, she went back to the law, and did Santas on the side.

She has maintained her own business, making the limited editions and originals, while designing for Midwest's mass production.

Jones is very low-key about her work and her success.

Even the office manager at her law firm was in the dark about her after-work activities, Jones said.

The office manager recently was passing through the Salt Lake International Airport, when she stopped at the Utah Products Shop, where Jones' Santa Clays are sold.

"She came back and said, 'I saw the most fabulous things at the airport, and do you know this Robyn Jones?'" said "Yeah, I kind of do — it's me," Jones said.

Her work has found some loyal fans, who intently follow her work, according to Virginia Evans, owner of The Treasure Basket in Ogden, which carries her Santas. And Jones is one

of the top artists at the Utah Products Shop, said Sue Crismon, co-owner of Air Terminal Gifts, the airport's general concessionaire.

"We've shipped her stuff all over the world," Crismon said.

Ogden collector Suzanne Lindquist, who said she has enough Robyn Jones' ornaments to cover a tree 9-10 feet tall, described the artist's work as unique and whimsical.

The face of a Jones' Santa has a distinctive look — a sweet countenance, Lindquist said.

"She (Jones) has a great sense of humor and I think that comes through in her art and in the sweet, happy faces of her Santas," Jones insists on painting the face of each Santa herself.

She has a bevy of friends, kids and college students who help paint the Santas, but she always stamps them, paints their faces and fills their packs herself, she said.

And she spends a great deal of time finding unique items — mink, feather trees, miniature toys, antique skates, and so on — to embellish them and fill their packs. "It's fun to give new life to things," she said. "There's more there than meets the eye."

A lot of her work has a German influence — a result of collecting pre-war German postcards and paper mache Santas, she said.

She started making Santas after emergency surgery required that she take off three months from work.

"I had always gone 90 miles per hour," she said. "All of a sudden, I had to sit down and stay put. I just about went Looney Tunes."

Bored, she started thinking about redoing the ornaments on her Christmas tree.

She took a favorite ornament — a Santa Claus bought in Germany — into a craft store, looking for a way to replicate it. "I knew nothing about clay at the time," she said.

She started to make a few items, and, pretty soon, friends were asking for them. Next, she sold a whole basket of ornaments to the owner of Rocky Mountain Christmas Gifts in Park City.

From those first ornaments, she's broadened her range to include figures up to 4 feet tall. And she's expanded to take in other holidays.



Robyn Jones displays some primitive Santas made of clay in her studio in South Ogden, Utah on Monday. Jones had no formal background when she started her "Santa Clays" business venture five years ago.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Boolin relates experience

BUHL - The Magic Valley Women's Club has planned its December meeting for 6 p.m. Monday in the meeting room at the Buhl Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center (across from R & B Grocery on Highway 30).
The Rev. Theodora Boolin will be the guest speaker. She will relate some of her experiences living in various areas of the world. Any male or female person interested in community service is invited. Refreshments will be served.
For more information, call Judy Squire at 543-8803 during the day Tuesday through Saturday or 543-8439 over times.

Annual show scheduled

TWIN FALLS - The Sixth Annual Cabinetmaking and Woodworking Christmas Show and Auction will be presented Tuesday through Saturday at the Herrett Center, located on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho.
Works by members of the Woodstock chapter of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America will be featured in the auction scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free.
The Herrett Center is open from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2335.

NARFE elects officers

TWIN FALLS - Chapter 1959 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees will hold its monthly meeting at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Elmer's Pancake and Steak House on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.
L. Col. Charles Chambers will be the guest speaker. New officers will be elected. Those attending are asked to bring some canned goods for a donation to the Salvation Army.

All current and retired federal employees, both members and non-members, are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Russell Rosenau at 733-0969 or 1-800-280-0528.

Course for teens offered

TWIN FALLS - A self-awareness course for teens is being offered Jan. 3, 4 and 5, 1997, in the Twin Falls area.
"Walkin' the Talk" focuses on self-esteem, accountability and integrity. Teens will work in pairs, as well as in both small and large groups coached by adult and teen graduates. One adult works with every six students in setting up an environment where the teens can immediately look at the outcomes of their choices. A supportive adult selected by each teen will be invited to participate in the final day.
The event planned for January is designed for ages 15 to 17 (and very committed 14-year-olds). Registration is from 5 to 5:30 p.m. Jan. 3, with the course running until 10 p.m. on Jan. 4. Participants go to the Walker Center in Gooding for a ropes course, returning for a potluck dinner and dancing with friends and family in the evening. The course resumes at 9 a.m. Jan. 5, with a supportive adult entering at 5 p.m. and a celebration and acknowledgments with friends and family at 7 p.m. Instructors are Sue Billington Wade and Gordon Leftenant.

Wade is an adjunct professor in secondary education at Boise State University. She has more than 20 years experience in elementary, secondary and collegiate teaching and coaching and currently supervises student teachers.

Leftenant has been a practicing physician for 15 years. He was in clinical practice in the U.S. Navy and for four years at the Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. He began working three years ago in transpersonal education, where his

field of emphasis is on personal communication and emotional wellness. Tuition is \$175, with a \$25 deposit required to secure space in the course. Minimum enrollment is 20 teens, and class size is limited to 42 people. For more information, call Gayle Anderson at 734-8224.

Sojourners plan potluck

TWIN FALLS - The Sojourners' Club is having a potluck luncheon meeting at noon Tuesday at the home of Elaine Bowen.
The program will be presented by Sonja Denton and the SO5 Singers. Those attending are asked to bring toiletries and unwrapped toys to be donated to Volunteers Against Violence.
Reservations should be made by today. For more information, call 734-6239.

Financial aid night set

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls High School is hosting a financial aid night beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Roper Auditorium.
The seminar is open to all Magic Valley area students and parents who are interested in learning about the types of financial aid available to students and how to apply for financial aid. It will benefit all those who are college bound, as well as those interested in vocational or technical schools.

Bus service offered

MOSCOW - The University of Idaho is offering low-cost bus service to southern Idaho for Christmas vacation.
Scheduled stops include New Meadows, Boise, Mountain Home, Twin Falls, American Falls, Pocatello, Blackfoot and Idaho Falls.
Buses will leave the UI campus Friday and return to campus on Jan. 12, 1997. The round-trip cost is \$60 to Boise and \$90 to south central and southeastern destinations.
For reservations or more detailed travel information, call (208) 885-6757 or fax (208) 885-9494.

Tree care addressed

TWIN FALLS - A presentation on living Christmas trees will highlight the Twin Falls Master Gardener Club's monthly meeting, set for 7 p.m. Monday at the extension office.
Kimberly Nurseries will present the program on selecting and caring for living trees. Anyone who has completed the master gardener program is welcome. For more information, call Cindy Bjorneberg at 423-4097.

Star party planned

TWIN FALLS - The Herrett Center for Arts and Science and the Faulkner Planetarium is hosting a star party at 8 p.m. Friday, weather permitting.
Prominent features in the sky will be Saturn and the moon. For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2655.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Lockhart cast in play

Michelle Lockhart was a cast member in Boise State University's recent production of "Sky Fall," a story about clever con men at work in the 1880s in San Francisco adapted from a classic comedy. Lockhart played the part of a larcenous victim competing to win a fake inheritance. She is the daughter of Linda Boudy of Twin Falls, a 1993 graduate of Lakeland High School and a junior theater arts major at BSU.

Foukal wins crown

Ashley Foukal has been named a Miss Junior Petite South Twin Falls and will represent Twin Falls at the Miss Junior America Pageant set for July 31 through Aug. 3, 1997, in Orange, Calif. Ashley is the 7 1/2-year-old daughter of Ron and DeAnn Foukal of Twin Falls. She enjoys gymnastics and reading and is in Mrs. Crook's second grade at Filer Elementary School. Her sponsor is Sage Gymnastics.

Palmer awarded title

Angela Palmer has been named a Miss Junior Pre-teen South Twin Falls for the Miss Junior America Pageant next summer. She enjoys swimming and reading and is in the fourth grade at Lincoln Elementary School. Her parents are Darwin and Terri Palmer of Twin Falls, and her sponsor is the Twin Falls Optimist Club.

Evans wins essay contest

Ashley Evans, a student at Kimberly Elementary School, is a winner of the

KIDS TEACHING KIDS



Key Club members from Filer High School and students from Filer Middle School present prevention akits at Hagerman, Filer and Hollister Elementary schools. Students are members of a group called "For Kids, By Kids." They use lifelike puppets to engage children in an interactive prevention message on making healthy choices concerning honesty, alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Idaho Forest Products Commission's Forest Products West Essay Contest. She received an honorable mention award for an essay telling out forest products touch people's lives and, if she were in charge, what she would do to manage the forests to provide not only for tangible products but also clean air and water, wildlife habitat and other benefits.

Maughan family reunites

Twin Falls County Commissioner Dennis Maughan was joined by several family members for Thanksgiving at his home. Those attending the family gathering were Maughan's wife, Pam; their children, Ryan and his family and Tiffany; his brothers, Douglas Maughan of Twin Falls and Scott Maughan and his family of Orange, Calif.; his sisters, Vicki Daily and her family of Freedom, Wyo., Chris Kelly and her family of Sparks, Nev., and Michelle Ornelas and her family of Las Vegas; Maughan's father, Fred Maughan, and his wife, Kay, of Fort Worth, Texas; his mother, Carolee Rodda, and his stepfather, Ray Rocha of Twin Falls. A total of 31 people had dinner together. Everyone who came brought an item to be placed in a time capsule that was sealed and will be opened on Thanksgiving Day in the year 2006.

Speech club attends BSU

O'Leary Junior High School's Speech and Debate Club recently attended the Boise State University Invitational Speech Tournament in Boise. Heather Hodges represented O'Leary in expository speaking, and Molly McBride participated in the salesmanship division. Heather finished in the third round of competition. Molly placed in all three rounds for a second-place finish overall. Heather and Molly were the only two seventh-graders at the tournament and were competing against high school students in both events. Henter is the daughter of Mick and Kyle Hodges, and Molly's parents are Mike and Jan McBride. O'Leary's debate advisor is Jim Mosley, and the principal is Wiley J. Dobbs.

Center receives tree

The Rock Creek Rehab and Medical Center received a fully decorated Christmas tree donated by the ShopKo Care Clubs by Dec. 13.

ShopKo Care Clubs are groups of ShopKo volunteers that hold a number of community events to benefit area families, children and charities. ShopKo Store Manager Dana John said the clubs are an important link between ShopKo and the community and that it's "heartwarming to share the spirit of the holiday season by brightening the lives of others."

Humphries interns

Holly Humphries is finishing a five-month internship in Washington, D.C., with Sen. Larry Craig. She said she issued researching environmental issues affecting Idaho. Humphries, 21, is the daughter of Max and Darla Humphries of Twin Falls, owners and operators of Maxie's Pizza and Pasta in Twin Falls. She is a senior at Utah State University in Logan, majoring in

political science. She plans to graduate in June, take a year off, then pursue graduate studies.

Students or recent graduates interested in interning with Craig should contact one of his regional offices or Pat Olsen in Washington, D.C., at (202) 224-2752.

Lentz work recognized

An Idaho-based U.S. Department of Agriculture Scientist has won a top research award for work that helped growers combat erosion. The award is given by the Agricultural Research Service, USDA's chief research agency.



Rodrick D. Lentz

Rodrick D. Lentz of the ARS Northwest Irrigation and Soils Research Laboratory in Kimberly was chosen "1996 Early Career Scientist of the Year" from among the federal agency's scientists in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. He and other ARS scientists were recognized Dec. 1 at an awards assembly at the agency's Beltsville, Md., agricultural research center.

The "early career" award is given to outstanding scientists who have been with the agency less than seven years and earned their highest academic degree within the past 10 years. The award acknowledges Lentz's studies on environmentally friendly compounds known as polycarylamides that bind to soil particles, reducing erosion and boosting infiltration of water on furrow-irrigated farmlands. Lentz collaborated on much of the work with Robert E. Seljok at the Kimberly laboratory.

Lentz earned a bachelor's degree in 1979 and a master's degree in 1985, both in soil science from Oregon State University at Corvallis. He received a doctorate in soil science in 1991 from the University of Minnesota at St. Paul. He is a member of two academic honorary societies - the American Society of Agronomy and Soil Science Society of America - and several other professional organizations. He and Seljok won a technology award from the International Erosion Control Association early this year for their pioneering work with polycarylamides.

SERVICE NEWS

Gracida departs

TWIN FALLS - Marine Lt. Eric Gracida, son of Nance A. McNew of Twin Falls, recently departed on a six-month deployment to Okinawa, Japan with the Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines.

Home based in Camp Pendleton, Calif., Gracida's unit deployed as part of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU). Prior to the deployment, Gracida trained rigorously for the demanding challenges he may confront with the special operations capable MEU.

A 1993 graduate of Twin Falls High School, he joined the Marine Corps in December 1993.

Sommer recognized

TWIN FALLS - Navy Airman Bryan J. Sommer, son of Dave C. and Judy L. Sommer of Twin Falls, recently received a Letter of Recognition while assigned with Patrol Squadron 40, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, Wash.
Sommer was recognized for his superior performance of duty. Displaying remarkable dedication and initiative, Sommer

consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner.

A 1995 graduate of Twin Falls High School, he joined the Navy in August 1995.

Performance commended

TWIN FALLS - Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Daryn J. Moorman, son of Sam A. and Karen L. Moorman of Twin Falls, was recently recognized while serving with Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit, University of Idaho.

Moorman was cited for superior performance of duty as a midshipman working toward an undergraduate degree. Midshipman participate in physical fitness training and other extra-curricular activities such as the drill team and color guard. When midshipmen like Moorman excel in one of these areas, they are presented with an award of scholarship.

During each undergraduate semester, officer candidates like Moorman complete naval science courses as well as a full academic schedule leading to a degree. These courses, combined with annual summer training aboard ships and shore installations, serve to prepare NROTC graduates for the duties and responsibilities of a commissioned officer.

Burbank returns from sea

BUHL - Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Vance C. Burbank, son of Michael E. and Eleanor K. Burbank of Buhl, returned from a six-month deployment to the western Pacific and Indian oceans aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Arkansas.

Burbank is one of more than 550 Sailors returning to his home port of Bremerton, Wash., as part of the eight-ship USS Carl Vinson Battle Group, which also included nine tactical aircraft squadrons, submarines and surface combatants.

Burbank experienced Navy history on the deployment. It was the last deployment for USS Arkansas, which will be decommissioned shortly after its return to Bremerton, USS Arkansas was also the last ship in a class of nuclear-powered guided missile cruisers.

During the deployment, USS Arkansas supported naval units and Air Force B-52 bombers as they launched Tomahawk cruise missiles during Operation Desert Strike, and remained in the Persian Gulf to carry out sanctions imposed by NATO against Iraq.

Despite the high operational tempo of the deployment, Burbank and fellow crew members were able to visit ports such as Australia, Bahrain, Hong Kong, Japan and Singapore.

A 1990 graduate of Buhl High School, he joined the Navy in June 1990.

Return from the Gulf

TWIN FALLS - Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Ian G. Crawford, son of Dennis A. and Laurel L. Crawford of Twin Falls, has returned from a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Shiloh.

Crawford was one of more than 400 Sailors departing the ship's home port of San Diego in May for the journey to the western Pacific and Indian oceans. Crawford's ship was part of the USS Carl Vinson Battle Group, which included nine tactical aircraft squadrons, and eight submarine and surface combatants.

In September, Crawford participated in Operation Desert Strike, a retaliatory cruise missile strike in response to Iraqi involvement in the Kurdish civil war. Despite spending 150 days of the 180-day deployment steaming 53,000 miles at sea, Crawford and fellow shipmates were able to visit Bahrain, Hawaii, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Oman and Thailand.

A 1990 graduate of Twin Falls High School, he joined the Navy in January 1994.

I want your news

If it's news to you, I want to hear about it. I'm April Crnich (Scribble), community editor at The Times-News. It is my job to fit this page with news about: Community meetings, Celebrations, Social events, Reactions, Individual achievements, Your kids and their activities.

I will also want to publicize your pictures of special events in the life of the community that are of interest to our readers. Please send your news and photos to: Community Editor April Crnich The Times-News P.O. Box 658 Twin Falls, Idaho 83403

You can reach me by fax at 734-6538. You can also mail me at below. Be sure to include my return address. Deadline for the Sunday page is 5 p.m. Wednesday. Deadline for the Thursday page is noon Friday. Deadline for the Tuesday page is noon Friday. Deadline for the Saturday page is 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Ogden paralegal moonlights making primitive Santas

A sweet look for clay models

SOUTH OGDEN, Utah (AP) — The Christmas books are arranged neatly on one shelf, the law books on the next.

"You can't get any more contrast than that," says Robyn Jones with a laugh.

She is referring to her two loves — the law and Santa Claus.

By day, Jones is a full-time paralegal for the Strong and Hanni law firm in Salt Lake. By night, she's a folk artist who specializes in primitive, clay Santas that are sold throughout the world.

Her limited editions and originals — which retail for \$10-\$100 and \$250-\$750, respectively — are owned by the likes of Karl Malone, Jane Fonda, Peggy Fleming, Roger Staubach and George Brett.

With no formal training or background in art, Jones started her business, "Santa Clays," five years ago. A year later, she got a lucrative contract designing Santas for Midwest of Cannon Falls, Minn. — one of the largest gift lines in the world.

Jones quit her paralegal job and did Santas full time for one year. But she wasn't happy.

"Making Santas appealed to my artistic side, but I felt like something was missing," she said. "I needed something intellectually stimulating."

So, she went back to the law, and did Santas on the side.

She has maintained her own business, making the limited editions and originals, while designing for Midwest's mass production.

Jones is very low-key about her work and her success.

Even the office manager at her law firm was in the dark about her after-work activities, Jones said.

The office manager recently was passing through the Salt Lake International Airport, when she stopped at the Utah Products Shop, where Jones' Santa Clays are sold.

"She came back and said, 'I saw the most fabulous things at the airport, and do you know this Robyn Jones?'"

"I said, 'Yeah, I kind of do — it's me,'" Jones said.

Her work has found some loyal fans, who intently follow her work, according to Virginia Evans, owner of The Treasure Basket in Ogden, which carries her Santas. And Jones is one

of the top artists at the Utah Products Shop, said Sue Crismon, co-owner of Air Terminal Gifts, the airport's general concessionaire.

"We've shipped her stuff all over the world," Crismon said.

Ogden collector Suzanne Lindquist, who said she has enough Robyn Jones' ornaments to cover a tree 9-10 feet tall, described the artist's work as unique and whimsical.

The face of a Jones' Santa has a distinctive look — a sweet countenance, Lindquist said.

"She (Jones) has a great sense of humor and I think that comes through in her art and in the sweet, happy faces of her Santas," Jones insists on painting the face of each Santa herself.

She has a bevy of friends, kids and college students who help paint the Santas, but she always stains them, paints their faces and fills their packs herself, she said.

And she spends a great deal of time finding unique items — milk, feather trees, miniature toys, antique skates, and so on — to embellish them and fill their packs. "It's fun to give new life to things," she said. "There's more there than meets the eye."

A lot of her work has a German influence — a result of collecting pre-war German postcards and papier mache Santas, she said.

She started making Santas after emergency surgery required that she take off three months from work.

"I had always gone 90 miles per hour," she said. "All of a sudden, I had to sit down and stay put. I just about went Looney Tunes."

Bored, she started thinking about redoing the ornaments on her Christmas tree.

She took a favorite ornament — a Santa Claus bought in Germany — into a craft store, looking for a way to replicate it. "I knew nothing about clay at the time," she said.

She started to make a few items, and, pretty soon, friends were asking for them. Next, she sold a whole basket of ornaments to the owner of Rocky Mountain Christmas Gifts in Park City.

From those first ornaments, she's broadened her range to include figures up to 4 feet tall. And she's expanded to take in other holidays.



Robyn Jones displays some primitive Santas made of clay in her studio in South Ogden, Utah on Monday. Jones had no formal background when she started her "Santa Clays" business venture five years ago.

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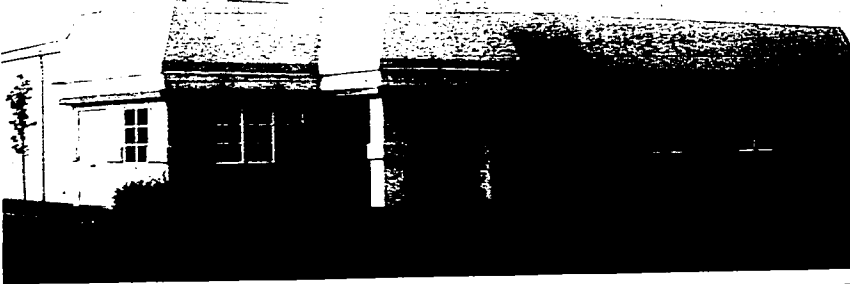
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BIGGEST CHRISTMAS SALE OF THE SEASON! The excellent 3 story home has been reduced by more than \$10,000. 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 1/2 baths, formal dining room, located on quiet cul-de-sac. Come stop! This one will not last! **CALL FOR DETAILS. \$119,900. YOUR HOST: LOW FORT**



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TWIN FALLS 4 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, over 3200 sq. ft. N.E. location. Full basement. Priced at \$110,000. For an appt. 733-6348 Thomas Realty

TWIN FALLS A great view on a large lot, a great home for children, it has four large bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, patio & 2 car garage. Edge of town. \$98,500. Call Willis Stone 324-7270

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TWIN FALLS SOUTH OF TF - Large 38x60 shop and home on 5 acres. Just off major highway. Shop is heated efficiently (used oil furnace), insulated, 2 finished offices, 1/2 bath, RV dump, extra storage outside, 2 bdrm, 2 bath very nice home with deck and landscaping, possible to rms or 1/2 acre. Just reduced \$150,000. Much more. Call Carolyn or Dick Noh 655-4268.

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TWIN FALLS Choose your colors. Each side of this spacious zero lot line home has 3 bedrooms & 2 baths with a finished daylight basement & 2 car garage. Each side sold separately. Drive by & take a look at the corner of Sunrise Blvd. North & Carlis Cove. For further details call Ed Smith at 733-2466.

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TWIN FALLS Custom built ranch home with 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, partially finished basement, gas, and water 199 on acreage \$154,400. Talk to Gary or Shirley.

TWIN FALLS Location Counts This new listing has 6 bedrooms, 2 car garage, large family room and a satellite system all for only \$122,000. Call Mark Johns 724-4599 or Daniso Messersmith 736-8770 for your personal viewing.

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TWIN FALLS Brick Exterior - 4 Bdrms 2 1/2 baths, 2 laundries, 2 triplex, plus lg bonus room. Over 3000 sq. ft. on main level. \$135,000. Call Ed 733-6521 Mountain View Realty 734-1898.

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TWIN FALLS - New 3 bdrm, 2 bath, dbl wide w/foundation, appls, full texture & energy pkg., on 1/4 acre lot. \$56,900. Call 423-6489 Sunrise Custom Homes.

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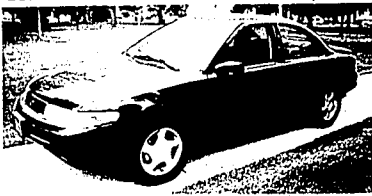
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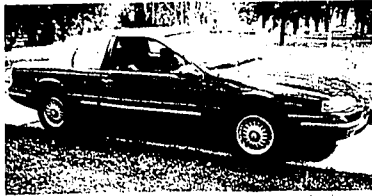
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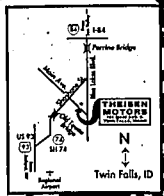
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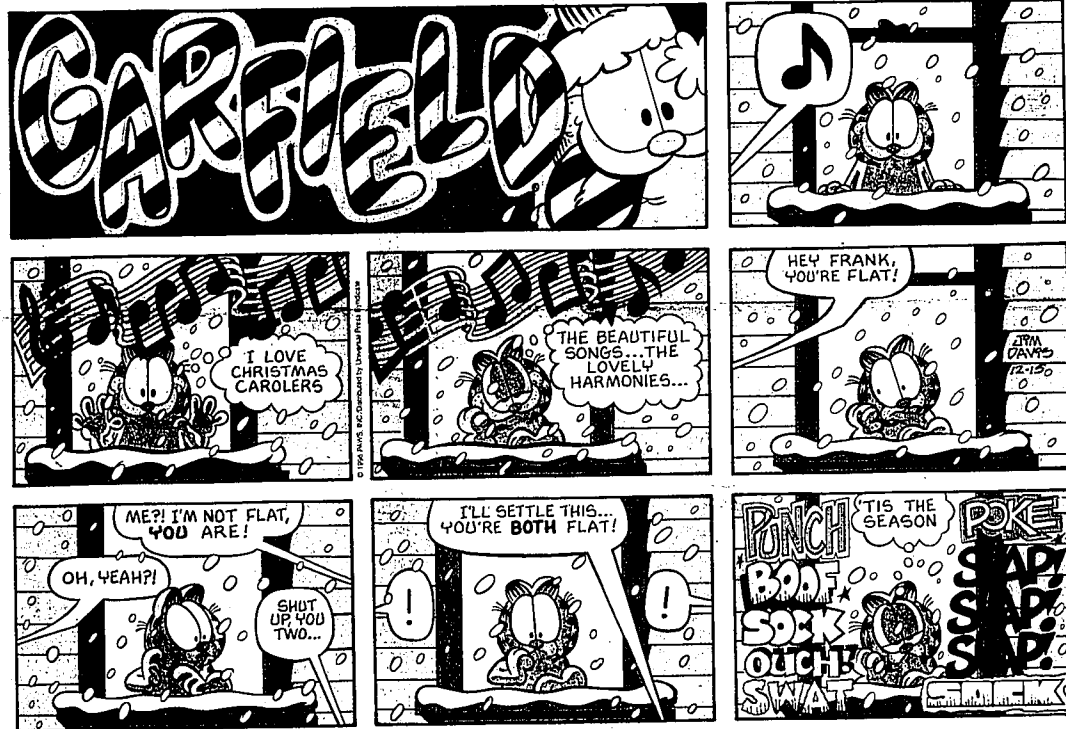
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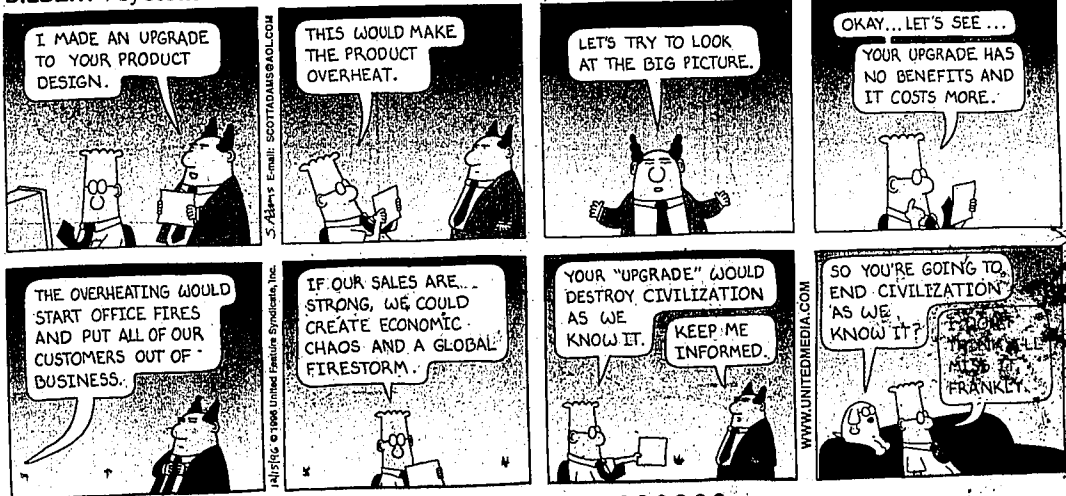


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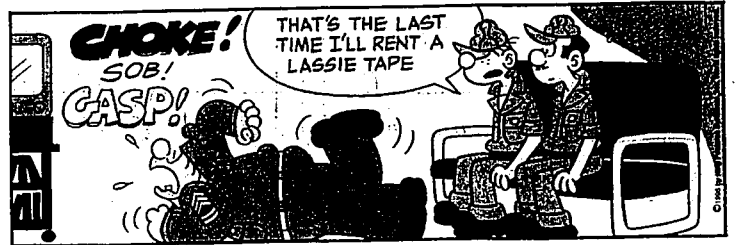
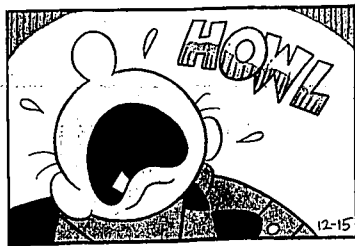
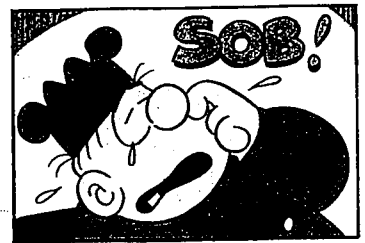
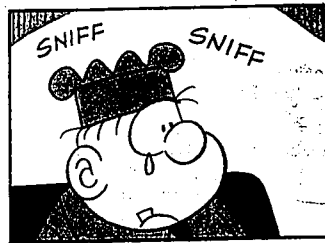
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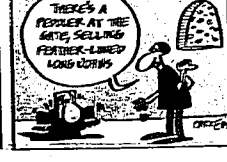


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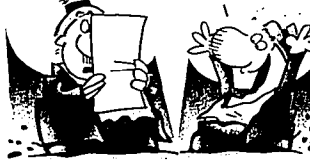


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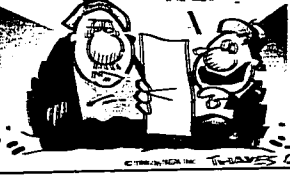
AND "PENICILLIN WAS DISCOVERED IN 1929"?! IT ASKS FOR MEDICAL HISTORY.



THE ONLY THING I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND IS WHY THEY WANTED ME TO FILL IT OUT IN SUNSHINE.



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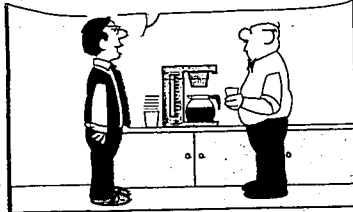


HOW DID YOU END UP HERE, BRUTUS? WAS YOUR OLD MAN IN THIS LINE OF WORK?



NO, NO, MY DAD HAD THE BEST JOB IN THE WHOLE WORLD: HE WAS A TEACHER! HE MADE KIDS' LIVES BETTER, PLUS HE GOT TWO MONTHS VACATION A YEAR!

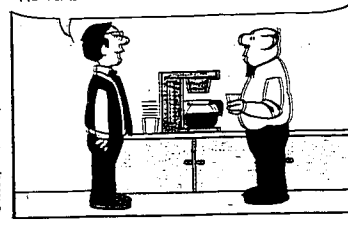
YEAH? WELL, MY OLD MAN HAD THAT BEAT!



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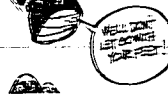
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OH, NO!



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FRED WINNEAR—former host of *Tv's Talk Soup* and *Later* and a star in the movies *Sabrina* and most recently *Dear God*—admits he had low expectations for himself. Yet somehow, in an unconventional but sure-footed climb to success, he has managed to be in the right place at the right time.

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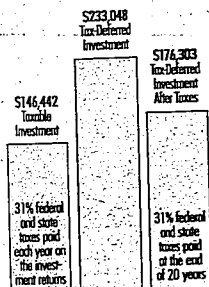
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"Growing up, I was never good at anything," says Greg Kinnear, former TV host of *Later* and now star of the film *Dear God*. "I had a sense of being the odd man out." Finally, he says...

'I Got To The Place I Was Supposed To Be'



GREG KINNEAR HAS FOUND MOVIE stardom, coming to it almost inadvertently from cable and late-night television. His acting has won critical praise, even comparisons to the late Cary Grant and Gig Young, actors superbly gifted at the kind of light romantic comedy Kinnear is now doing. Yet, despite his achievements and new fame, Kinnear, 33, remains modest and self-effacing in person, surprised by and a little wary of the success that has overtaken him. Above all, he is grateful.

"Thank God for this business, this little niche that has been carved out in the employment landscape for people like me," he said, "because I honestly didn't know what I would be doing otherwise."

"When I was growing up, I had a sense of displacement, of being the odd man out. I spent my teenage years in

Birmingham and Athens. I had a hard time in school. I never excelled scholastically. I was never good at anything. I come from a pretty nose-to-the-grindstone kind of family, and early on I knew I had to make a living."

I went to see Kinnear to learn more about his life and the talent that had taken him so far in only five years. We met in Los Angeles, where he shot his latest film, *Dear God*, a Frank Capra-like comedy directed by Gary Marshall. It came just a year after his first film, *Swine*, a \$54 million romantic comedy co-starring Harrison Ford and Julia Ormond. When Sydney Pollack, the film's director, chose Kinnear for one of the three leading roles, it was completely unexpected. Kinnear was a relative unknown who only recently had come to public attention through *Talk Soup*, a

program on cable-TV's E! channel, and NBC's *Later*, a late-night talk show.

Kinnear is handsome, with a thin face, blue eyes and a high forehead framed by wavy brown hair. He's personable and polite, and his humor is never offensive. With his gentle laugh and crooked smile, he is at once both sexy and non-threatening. He is, in a word, charming—and completely aware of the fact.

I asked about his beginnings.

"The fondest memories I have are of Lake Wawasee in northern Indiana, where we spent the invariably hot summers of my childhood," Kinnear recalled. "My parents would drive my two brothers and me up to our little cabin, and we'd proceed to raise hell and wreak havoc over the course of our stay. My dad got us up at dawn and took us fishing, something I still love, and we'

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n, and Mom was always around to age us. We were all so close."

Kinnear's brother Jim, 39, is today junior's director of the Corvallis, Ore., television and Visitors Bureau. His twin brother Steve, 37, is business manager of the Billy Graham Training Center in Asheville, N.C. His parents are retired live in Arizona.

Kinnear was born and raised in Glasgow, Ind., where his father, a welder, was president of the family siding business. When Greg was 9, his father took a job with the State Department, and the family settled in Weston, Va. Three years later, in 1975, the family moved to Beirut, Lebanon. Greg Edwards was posted as a trade officer at the American Embassy a few weeks before the terrible civil war between Muslim and Christian militias in the city apart. I asked Kinnear about the time in Beirut.

"We were there a good three months before bad things really started to happen, and they started to happen very slowly," he replied. "At first you'd hear occasional gunfire around the city, like a tiny, soft claps of a little kid's hands. Usually it happened only at sundown, when it escalated every night and, along with the machine-gun fire, we started hearing explosions. Then we had a couple of hits very close to where we lived. "Our neighbors, the Gallaghers, lived across the street, and I was really close to their son. Mr. Gallagher was one of the first Americans kidnapped in Lebanon. He disappeared one day and was not released for months. It was scary and

Whatever fear or sense of displacement I had, the fact that we left Indiana was the best thing that happened in my life, because it changed the way I look at the world."

strange. The bombing increased, the nearby. One day I had a softball game at the American Embassy. It had a beautiful field. We heard a shot. They thought it was a sniper, and they grabbed us students and ran us off the field and held us in school. Then one day the American ambassador was assassinated, and all sorts of frightening things started to happen, and it got worse and worse.

"The last few weeks we stayed inside our house with the shutters closed, sitting on the floor listening to the BBC by candlelight. That's how we got the signal that we were being evacuated. In the early morning they loaded us into a couple of buses, and we headed off to the airport. To get there you had to go through PLO camps, dangerous areas. A tank pulled into the road, and we were stopped. I'll never forget this. These

armed gentlemen, PLO soldiers, got on and walked around our bus doing a check on passports. For the first time, I saw my mom look frightened. They finally let us through, and we got to the airport, where there were two beautiful TWA 747s waiting on the tarmac, loaded with American Coca-Cola and pizza, to take us to Athens. Several weeks later, my father joined us."

For the next six years, Greg lived in Greece. At an American school there, he met a teacher who changed his life. "I had a great drama teacher named

Ind... God bless it, was the best thing that ever happened in my life, because it changed the way I look at the world.

I learned a huge lesson. With my generation, I think there is a great deal of cynicism that has set in. There's a sense that things aren't working right. But I've been around. American democracy is still the best. That's a wonderful, redeeming, hopeful lesson to learn."

After graduating from high school in 1981, Kinnear returned to the U.S. and entered the University of Arizona.



Clockwise from left: Kinnear with his girlfriend, Helen, a writer; interviewing Les Thompson in 1985 on NBC's *60 Minutes*; in his first film, a remake of *Sabrina*, co-starring Julia Ormond and Harrison Ford; Kinnear played Ford's charming younger brother, David Larrabee.



Mrs. Pinopoulos, who was the first one to get me interested in performance," he recalled. "She went out of her way to be encouraging, to tell me, 'This is good.' I remember thinking, 'Well, I finally got a thumbs-up!' Because of her, I quickly got involved in improvisational speaking, acting, the debating club. There were competitions between our school and other international schools—in Egypt, England, Italy, Spain—and we took trips to these little tournaments. I even hosted a radio show in high school [*School Daze With Greg Kinnear*, a rock music program on Armed Forces Radio]. Anything that was performance-oriented, I was really interested in doing."

He thought a moment. "Looking back on those years ahead, whatever fear I had, whatever sense of displacement, the fact that we left Logansport,

by be a hell of an actor if you put him in the right thing. Same with Peter Jennings. You cast him opposite Meryl Streep and, by God, you've got yourself a movie there. The lines between news and publicity have been blurred. It's increasingly difficult for the viewer to discern between what is true and what's a lie. That's incredibly scary."

Kinnear graduated with a degree in communications and headed for California. He landed a job as a purchasing agent in an electrical supply house—not the career he had in mind.

"I lasted five months," he recalled. "I quit and was on my way back to Tucson to curl up in a fetal position in my parents' living room and hang out there indefinitely when I got a call about an opening at Empire Films. I marched right in and said, 'I'm your man...'"

Empire Entertainment, a now-defunct operation, specialized in low-budget exploitation movies like *Space Sluts in the Slammer*, and Kinnear's job was

marketing them. It wasn't broadcast journalism, but six months later he made the jump into cable television as a video jockey for the new Movietime channel. "They launched Movietime on July 31, 1987," he recalled, "and I was the first half-hour of it. It was a big gala event—all these people in the theater, monitors set up—and they did a countdown to air time. It came on at 8 p.m., just as it was 11 bad! It was abysmal, horrible television with an unpolished, awkward host, yours truly. But everybody started clapping and, you know, this thing was off and running, and suddenly it felt like New Year's Eve! I had the sense that maybe I'd gotten to the place where I was supposed to be, arrived where I was meant to be."

"That feeling lasted about half an hour," Kinnear said, laughing. "Then I started thinking, 'It's too good to be true.'"

Kinnear stayed with Movietime for

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KINNEAR'S CAREER



Talk Soup on E! Entertainment Television was Greg Kinnear's first big success, in 1992. The program compiled highlights from *Garfield*, *Sally Jessy Raphael* and *Donahue*, with commentary and reactions provided by Kinnear. It became the cable channel's hottest show because of Kinnear's irony and wit.



With his natural gift for light comedy, Kinnear quickly got to be the star of his own movie—only his second film in this season's *Dear God*. He plays a cynical ex-con who lands in the Post Service's dead-letter department and is transformed by acts of charity.



Kinnear's third film, due out this spring is a romantic comedy, *A Smile Like Yours*, co-starring Lauren Holly. They play a married couple. He's a construction worker, she's the owner of a perfume shop, and they're struggling to have a baby. Another comedy, *Old Friends*, in which Kinnear co-stars with Jack Nicholson, is in the works.

ee years, occasionally moonlighting an actor on *L.A. Law*, *Life Goes On* and other TV shows. But in 1991 he was kicked when Movietime changed its format—and its name, to E! Entertainment Television. He rebounded by producing and acting as host of a series for the Fox network called *Best of the Worst*, an irreverent celebration of “the dumb, the stupid, the nonfunctional things in life,” from disgusting airline food to Elvis impersonators. The series bombed, but not before it caught the attention of E!, which hired Kinnear back as the host of *Walk Soup*. The show was a compilation of highlights from *Geraldo*, *Sally Jessy Raphael*, *Donahue* and other TV concessions. Done on the cheap, it became E!’s hottest program because of Kinnear’s irony and wit. As a result, NBC aired him away in 1994 to replace Bob Costas as host of *Later*, which promptly increased its ratings. But by then, Kinnear had begun a serious movie career with the filming of *Sabrina*.

How did he get the role of David Larabee, the younger brother in the film? “Sydney Pollack was having a heck of a time casting the part,” Kinnear said. “Tom Cruise passed on it. A lot of other actors were approached as well, and they couldn’t or wouldn’t, whatever, and they worked their way down the ladder until they got about to [diet salesman] Richard Simmons, who said he couldn’t possibly do it because he had a Carnival cruise to somewhere. So, whaddya know? ‘Greg, come on in!’ And I did.”

Kinnear lives with his girlfriend, Helen, 29, a writer. I asked about her. “She’s a terrific lady whom I met almost three years ago when she was visiting here from jolly old England,” he said, sounding pleased with himself. “We met at a party, struck up a conversation, and she made me laugh, which doesn’t happen very often. I’ve gone through my series of girlfriends and, for one reason or another, things haven’t worked out. With Helen, it’s very serious, one of the great loves. My parents have been married for 40 years, and, from what I’ve seen just living out here, the idea of divorce scares me. I want to have a marriage and kids, but I’ve got to do it right the first time.”

Before I left, Kinnear told me that he had finished another romantic comedy, *A Smile Like Yours*, and had signed to star in *Old Friends*, with Jack Nicholson. “The fact that I enjoy this so much,” he added, “and that I’m also able to make a living doing it, still makes absolutely no sense to me. At any given moment, I have the sense that my train is seconds away from derailing. I know I’m lucky. But I still worry that maybe it’s a little too good to be true.”

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IS CHEATING EVER OKAY?

A 16-year-old boy recently said to me, "Everybody in high school cheats." I decided to explore the issue during a conversation at Kinnelon (N.J.) High School with Abigail (Abby) Felcyger, 17; Kristofer (Kris) Sendor, 18; Evan Chung, 16; Sabina Inoop, 17; and Alejandra (Sandy) Madriz, 17:

Lynn Minton: Does everybody cheat?

Abby: Maybe some people do, but I don't. I have a moral code I go by, and it does not include cheating. I do well in school because I want to end up in a good college. But if I cheat and I'm not capable of doing the work, what use will it be to go to that college?

L.M.: A boy I talked with, who does cheat, told me "it's a test: is just a quiz on memorization, like a vocabulary test that just has no point, or a lot of math formulas, or dates and names in history—stuff that's hard to

remember—I come to class with a cheat sheet." His feeling is, "You don't really need the dates, the formulas, etc., so why not help yourself along?"

Kris: Everybody else has to do the work, why shouldn't he? He's giving himself an unfair advantage.

L.M.: He also said, "My big thing is that as long as I leave it another time, I'm all right with it."

Evan: He's not going to learn it another time. I do it. I don't think it's right, but I do it. Sometimes, it's all right to cheat to get your work done, because some oth-

Lynn Minton Reports Fresh Voices

er things are more important to do.

L.M.: Where do you draw your line?

Evan: I'm not going into a teacher's room to steal a copy of the test. That's probably where I draw the line.

L.M.: What's on the other side of the line?

Evan: Glancing over to my partner's desk. And I have a calculator—you can just put formulas in there, it's very accurate.

L.M.: What is your response to his doing that?

Evan: To do well.

Subbie: You're just cheating yourself. Unless there's a curve, it really doesn't affect other people as much. But if you get an A, and you didn't learn the stuff, then you're going to suffer. Later.

Evan: I'm not going to suffer. That's last year in geometry. I'm never ever going to do that again. So, why not?

Subbie: Everything's worth knowing.

Abby: Glancing at your partner's papers—do you do it without your partner knowing?

Evan: Oh no, this is a moral thing. This is cooperation.

L.M.: Is it true that there's not enough time to study?

Evan: Yes, along with other things. With me, there's a lot of pressure and stress, and sometimes it leads people to cheating.

L.M.: I'm sure to do that, if you're not put upon you by your parents, and that's a pretty good reason to cheat, I think.

Subbie: I think that guy you talked to, Lynn, was lazy. At first he might have had stress and been pressed for time. But then he got away with it. And he got lazy. It became okay.

L.M.: I'm interested in what you said, because the guy said he felt cheating was satisfaction.

Evan: I agree.

Sandy: Some people might not think they're capable of learning everything, even if they get one or two weeks to learn it. I need to cheat. At first, I just didn't think I could learn it all. I didn't really do much. If I'd just got down letters—for "Thomas Jefferson," let's say I'd put "TJ." I'd know what he did, but it was easier good at names or dates. If I just put "TJ," I'd be okay.

Subbie: But after a while, I memorized those names and dates. I don't cheat now. I was able to learn, and it stayed.

L.M.: Another thing the boy said is "I'm not doing it because my knowledge was good. Wasn't he saying that he had a hard time and still felt that way. So if you can barely get out a little bit, it's a good thing. Cheating doesn't

Evan: That's wrong. It is a negative thing. It's worth thinking it's pretty much over. I don't feel good about it. I don't remember a time when I've done it that recently.

Abby: I'm proud of my grades—I work a hard day for them. I couldn't be proud of something I didn't truly earn.

Sandy: You have to be open-minded. You can't be so certain. Being that I was when that person will learn.

Subbie: Because if not, then he's lost forever. He will never learn anything, and he won't accomplish anything.

L.M.: What really turned the corner for you?

Sandy: I felt I was better than that. Now I don't cheat. "This is something I can do. I can learn, if I try." It's just a little more effort into everything.

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Women are a major force for peace in Bosnia, said Swanee Hunt, the U.S. ambassador to Austria.

"They represent 70% of the electorate, because so many men have been killed. Like the women of Northern Ireland, they have a spirit of cooperation and courage that is extraordinary."

Since President Clinton posted her to Vienna in 1993, Hunt has devoted much of her time and spent \$300,000 of her own fortune trying to help heal the wounds of the women of Bosnia.

Swanee, 46, is the youngest of 15 children born to H.L. Hunt, a Texas oil billionaire once called the richest man in the world. Some also called him a



Ambassador hunt with women refugees near Tuzla, Bosnia. She has helped them with her time—and money

bigamist. Hunt had three families with three women marriage dates are questionable. Swanee was 7 when Hunt married her mother, Ruth, in 1957. Hunt died in 1974. Swanee herself has been married twice. She and her current husband, the conductor Charles Ansbacher, have three children between them.

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Swanee told PARADE she started out a conservative like her right-wing father. "When he was 73 and I was 13, we would make speeches together," she recalled. In 1964 Swanee was a Goldwater Girl, like Hillary Rodham Clinton, but (also like Hillary) her politics soon veered in the other direction. She spent 20 years doing philanthropic work in Denver's inner city through her private foundation while earning advanced degrees in theology and counseling psychology. She was a major fund-raiser for Clinton in 1992, and the Austrian post was her reward.

In Vienna, Swanee was the host to talks between Bosnian Muslims and Croats, and she helped put together a commission on the mass murder of Muslims at Srebrenica, which she terms "the worst atrocity on European soil since World War II." She also has been a key player in President Clinton's \$5 million program to offer business training, loans and grants to women in Bosnia. Last month she was in Tuzla to open a computer training center for Bosnian women.

Will she be staying on as ambassador? "That's up to the President," she said diplomatically. "I will not be asking to leave Vienna." Oddsmakers predict Clinton will keep her.

Forman Finds His Hustler

Who was the first choice for the title role in "The People vs. Larry Flynt," the new film about the controversial publisher of "Hustler" magazine? According to the director, Miles Forman, it was Bill Murray. "It was surprising to me that he never, ever answered my calls," the Oscar-winning director recalls in the book "The People vs. Larry Flynt: The Shooting Script," due out next month from Newmarket Press. "Then I met Woody Harrelson, and I was set from the moment I met the guy." As for the rock star Courtney Love, who plays Flynt's late wife, Althea—a stripper who contracted AIDS and was found dead in her tub—Forman adds: "I didn't even know who she was. When Courtney came on, I was intrigued. I was not at all sure at the first moment whether she was Althea, but I knew that I was in the presence of a really extraordinary, special kind of personality."

The film, which critics praised at the New York Film Festival, opens nationally next month.



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"We help them get used to the culture of the work place," explains Leo Brown, 44, co-owner of America Works. "It's like having a coach."

America Works focuses on entry-level jobs in fields like food service. "People are on our payroll for the first four months," says Brown. "It's a trial period. We charge the company an hourly rate. In return, an America Works representative helps the new job-holder with child care, transportation and housing needs."

In New York, once an America Works client has been on the job (and off welfare) for seven months, the company gets a fee of \$5,400 from the state. "We only get



Leo Brown co-owns America Works, trying to get off welfare.

paid if we're successful in getting someone long-term." And that's America Works' focus in jobs in New

The Latest Phone Etiquette From Miss Manners



Judith Martin, alias Miss Manners

Which is more rude, Call Waiting or a busy signal? That's one of the questions for Judith Martin in her latest book on etiquette, "Miss Manners Basic Training: Communication," due out next month from Crown.

Her answer: "Call Waiting is ruder...It wastes the time of someone who already had been engaged in conversation, and it sets up another rude situation: The person being called is expected by both parties to choose which of the two calls is more important. So both parties are put off at least temporarily, and whoever loses is miffed."

The book offers tips on all types of messages, from chain letters to fax memos.



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and if we're successful," says Bowers. "We're driven to get someone a job he or she will keep for a long time." And that's how staff bonuses are figured. America Works has placed 12,000 welfare recipients in jobs in New York, Connecticut and Indiana.



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Which Way Will Taiwan Go?

In 1997, President Clinton is expected to visit Beijing for the first time, and President Jiang Zemin of China may make his first visit to Washington, D.C.

One issue that prevented previous visits was U.S. relations with Taiwan, which Beijing considers to be part of China. When President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan came to the U.S. in 1995 for a reunion at his alma mater, Cornell, it aroused China's fury. Then, last March, when Lee was re-elected in Taiwan's first democratic Presidential election (he previously was chosen by the Congress), China rained down missiles in the sea off Taiwan, and the U.S. sent in the Seventh Fleet to stand by.

Relations between China and Taiwan seem to have calmed down. This month, President Lee and members of the three major parties (Lee's Nationalist Party, also called the Kuomintang; the pro-democracy Democratic Progressive Party; and the New Party, which wants to reunify Taiwan and China) will discuss future policies.

Should Taiwan develop a closer relationship with mainland China or preserve the status quo? Whatever it decides, the U.S. will be affected, since the island nation is our seventh-largest trading partner. Last year U.S. exports to Taiwan came to \$20.77 billion.

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A friend gave me the following riddle: "There are three words in the English language that end in *gry*. One of them is *hungry* and another is *angry*. Everyone you knows what the third word means, and everyone uses it every day. And if you have listened very carefully, I have already told you what the third word is. What is it?" No one knows the answer. Do you?

—Rachel Durlap, Scottsdale, Ariz.
This isn't a riddle; it's a hoax. The question has been around for a long time (I wrote about it years ago), but it suddenly has turned up in e-mail boxes, on bulletin boards and over fax machines all across the country. I estimate that I've heard from at least 1000 readers and quite a few radio stations. Although there are a very few obscure and archaic words that loosely fit the description, there are no more common words that end in "gry."

I have an accounting degree from a reputable college, but for the life of me I cannot grasp the difference between television "ratings," the percentage of television households watching a program (isn't the television in use?), and television "shares," the percentage of households where the television is in use (isn't a program being watched?). Can you explain this?

—Barbara Greene, Baltimore, Md.
Even accounting degrees don't prepare us for the weird world of television numbers, do they? Here are three terms explained in the form of equations:

- Rating = number of households tuned to a particular station divided by number of households that own a television set.
- Share = number of households tuned to a particular station divided by number of households with a television set on.

There is a third measure called HUT (Households Using Television):
• HUT = number of households with a television set on divided by number of households that own a set.

The difference is subtle but important to people like heads of programming and advertisers.

Recently you published a question about boring through a sphere and leaving a 6-inch cylindrical hole through the center. The reader asked, "What is the volume of the remainder of the sphere?" You replied, "Amazing! The problem appears solved." Amazing! The problem appears to be missing enough data—like the size of the sphere—for a solution, but it turns out that the volume of



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—P. Orin Cornett, Laurel, Md.
The sentence should have read, "Whether you bore a slim hole or a fat one in this case (measuring a 6-inch hole, not a 6-inch sphere), you'll always wind up with 113,09724 cubic inches of sphere remaining."

Of what use is philosophy when, as has been said, "almost every truth asserted with complete assurance by one philosopher has been disputed by another?" If we don't get truth, what do we get?

—Anonymous, Forty Fort, Pa.
We get truths, half-truths and no-truths, all flying around as people (not just philosophers) engage in that very natural intellectual activity; arguing. It's just the verbal form of more physical competition among people, like struggling for territorial dominance. But at least when we're free to argue, the truth does get exposed. If we didn't argue, we'd hear a lot less of everything, even the good stuff. The trick is to learn how to tell which is what.

I know you don't write an advice column. But what do you think is an intelligent way to respond when someone is clearly trying to give you offense?

—Jennifer, Macon, Ga.
When someone attempts to give you offense, refuse to take it. In addition to being healthy for you, this is a great kindness to those who will later regret their behavior, and it's a great frustration to all the rest.

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S

The word was brool.
The correct definition is a low murmuring or humming noise.



If you have a question for Marilyn vos Savant, who is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records' Hall of Fame for "Highest IQ," send it to Ask Marilyn, PARADE, 7th Third Ave., New York, NY 10017. Because of volume of mail, personal replies are not possible.

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 he recalled, "and
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 were five people
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**Career
 Highlights:**

Joined United
 Press (UP),
 1937; UP was
 correspondent,
 1941-43; chief
 correspondent
 at Nuremberg
 war crimes
 trials, 1945; UP
 bureau manager
 in Moscow,
 1946-48.
 Peabody award,
 1962 and 1967;
 Presidential
 Medal of
 Freedom, 1981.

Television:

Includes
 CBS News
 correspondent,
 1950-60; anchor,
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 correspondent,
 1981—*You Are
 There*, 1953-57;
*The 20th
 Century*, 1957-70;
*The Watergate
 Affair*, 1972
 (Emery Cronkite
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On Jan. 2, the Dis-
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Cronkite Remembers. He has a
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 formative look at U.S. Presidents
 from Hoover to Bush. And Knopf
 just published his long-awaited
 autobiography, *A Reporter's Life*.
 Fifteen years after stepping down
 as CBS Evening News anchor,
 Walter Cronkite has become a
 cottage industry.

Right after Election Day, Wal-
 ter and I talked in his CBS office,
 while just outside his chief of
 staff, Muelan Adler, and two
 secretaries answered all phones,
 typed, sorted files and phoned
 visitors, for their boss to come to
 dinner or join a committee.

Had he missed the excitement
 of anchoring the election night
 coverage? "Oh, yes," Cronkite
 said, clenching his fist. "Any
 given morning news event, and
 the old joints start to flex."
 I asked about his CD-ROM on
 the Presidents. "It's not my point
 of view but an historical look," he
 said, "with special emphasis on
 political swings and their impact
 on the power of the Presidency from
 Hoover, the last of the pre-nomina-
 lized government Presidents, then
 FDR, the first of the new breed."

I asked how Bill Clinton might
 be ranked on a scale of greatness.
 "He's close to be classified as
 one of the successful Presidents,"

Cronkite said, "but in the long
 haul, you don't know yet. The
 economy his first four years was
 certainly successful. He's cer-
 tainly demonstrated ability. It's
 questionable whether that should
 qualify him for greatness."

What about the book? "I'd write
 an couple of coffee-table books
 before [several on sailing]," he
 said, "but I never did a book like
 this." And did he write his auto-
 biography himself? "Yes. One
 thing I can't understand are: jour-
 nals who need a ghost writer."

What did Cronkite think about
 the proliferation of cable chan-
 nels and 24-hour news shows,

**Back on the air
 and out with a new
 look at age 80,
 that American icon
 Walter Cronkite
 takes a look back
 and peers ahead.**

and the competition for on-air
 talents and for an audience? Good
 or bad? "Good for the viewers," he
 said. "I'm not sure all of them are
 going to be viable. But the more
 choice, the better. So the viewer
 will get at least one channel that
 does serious news. The networks
 do news now as entertainment."
 And the new series, *Cronkite
 Remembers*, how does that start
 off? "We start with my book," Wal-
 ter said, grinning. "One of the ma-
 jor events of the 20th century. It

CORRECTION: In our Nov. 17 issue, the name of
 the actor Sherman Hemsley was misspelled in
 this column. PARADE regrets the error.

Parade's guide to Better Fitness

We have three school-age children. All of them are overweight and out of shape. Can you help us?

It's never too soon to encourage your kids to get in shape. (And I suggest that you waste no time, because the bounty of holiday desserts in the coming weeks will likely take its toll on your kids' weight as well as your own.) A new guide—*The Family Workout Booklet: Quality Time Together*, by Barry D. Kipnes—is a good start. It is a shape-up program for the whole family that stresses getting parents involved in fitness activities with their children aged 5-10. It gives the parents basic information on creating fitness programs for everyone, with tips on warming up



Michael O'Shea

and specific exercises for cardiovascular fitness, strength and flexibility.

Here are examples of its guidelines for setting up a training program:

- Both parents and children should be cleared by a physician before beginning an exercise program.
- Start off slowly. Do not try to do too much too soon.
- Build up to a more strenuous training program.
- Set reasonable goals.
- Always begin an exercise program with a gradual warm-up.
- In order to keep from being bored, change the exercises. Maybe jog one day and skate the next.
- Stay with it! It takes a while to get in shape. Improvements will come.

The booklet gives tips on sport-specific skills, such as how to throw and catch a ball and how to shoot a basket. It is an excellent starter guide for parents with little or no fitness knowledge.

Send \$4 to Barry D. Kipnes, 26 Kingswood Lane, Dept. P, Lynn, Mass. 01905.

Michael O'Shea, Ph.D., is founder and chairman of Sports Training Institute.

Have a question on exercise and health? Write Fitness, Box 4963, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10163-4963. We can't give personal replies but will try to answer your concerns in future columns.

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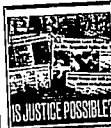
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Does Our Justice System Work?

WHAT READERS SAY



IN OUR JULY 28 report "Is Justice Possible?" PARADE described the controversial views of New York State Supreme Court

Judge Harold Rothwax, who said: "Criminal justice in America is in a state of collapse. We have formalism and technicalities but little common sense. It's about time America wakes up to the fact that we are in the fight of our lives."

The judge blamed this situation, in part, on what he regarded as poorly thought out and ill-advised decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court and appellate courts. Among the changes he recommended are reforms of the Miranda rule (to be told you have the right to an attorney and "the right to remain silent"), search and seizure rules and unanimous jury verdicts.

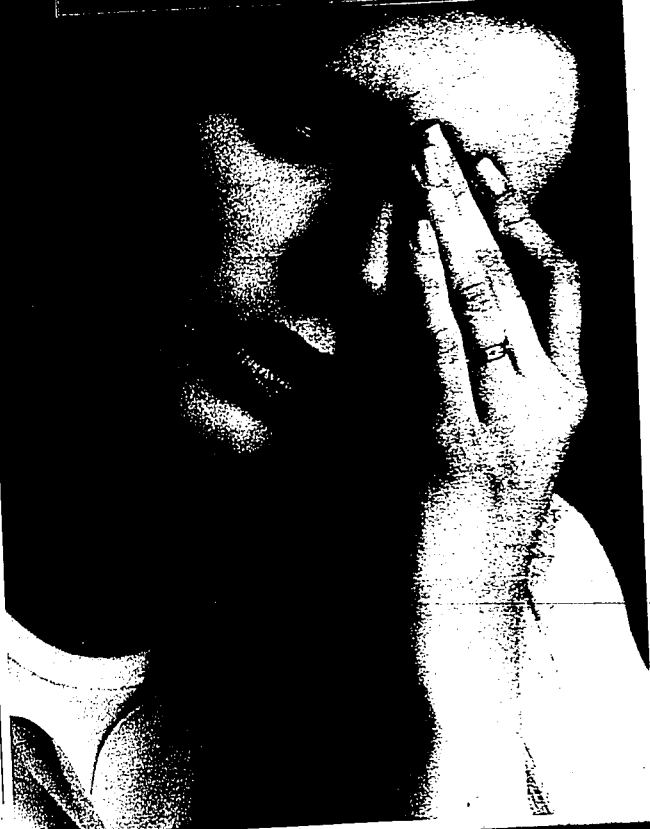
Judge Rothwax is the author of *Guilt: The Collapse of Criminal Justice*, in which he writes, "Our system is a maze constructed of elaborate and impenetrable barriers to the truth. Without truth there can be no justice." The end result? "Criminals are going free."

By overwhelming numbers, PARADE readers endorsed the judge's views in mail and telephone polls. In all, there were 54,739 responses.

"I applaud Judge Rothwax and his attempts to rectify a system that seems to have gone awry," wrote Mary G.

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McCarthy of Roanoke, Va., in a note typical of those praising the judge. "I only hope that he is able to make a difference; even small strides will be helpful in a country that seems to have lost hope in justice."

In the mail poll, responses came from 29,743 readers, who were asked to consider six questions. The first three concerned the same for each. Eighty-one percent said "no" to each of the following questions:

- 1) "A defense attorney knows that a witness for the prosecution is telling the truth—but he tries to destroy the witness's credibility. Is this okay?"
- 2) "A defense attorney knows his witness will commit perjury—but still puts him on the witness stand. Is this okay?"
- 3) "A defense attorney gives his client legal advice knowing it will tempt him to lie on the witness stand. Is this okay?"

Thyr and Pat Zweifel of Riverdale, Ga., wrote: "What can we all do to change the system and stop the bad defense lawyers who know their client is guilty but lie and distort the truth and get them off free?"

But Glen Mowrer, a public defender for 29 years in L.A. and Santa Barbara County, Calif., was outraged by the judge's views, writing: "I have never known" that a client was going to commit perjury. But even if I knew, I would have no hesitation in challenging the prosecution's case, because I believe the decision-making power should be left with the jury, not the trial attorney. Is an innocent person entitled to a defense only if he can convince an attorney of his innocence?"

Three other questions concerned recommendations made by Rothwax: replacing the Miranda rule with taped arrests and interrogations, giving judges a discretionary role in search and seizure issues, and placing a limit on when a defendant has a right to a lawyer. Once again, 81 percent agreed with Rothwax and 15 percent disagreed. Four percent were undecided or made no choice.

"As the laws are written now, they do favor the criminals, who show they are in jail or worse," wrote Mrs. Shirley Goldberg of Charleston, S.C.

Bob Abernethy of Santa Monica, Calif., disagreed with Rothwax. "The Miranda warning and the exclusionary rule were formulated not to coddle the guilty but rather to protect the innocent," he wrote. "A precept of the American justice system is that it is 'better that 10 guilty be set free than to convict an innocent.' A system that deals with several hundred thousand cases each year will still produce several thousand bad or improper results, even when open

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ating at 99 percent efficiency."
 "The reason we are 'in the fight of our lives' is because of the numerous social problems facing our society," said Maxine Fasulis of San Francisco. "To suggest that we can make society safer and more just merely by changing practices in the criminal courts is pure folly. If the bottom line is that 'criminals are going free,' who are all these people filling our jails, and how did they get there?"

One of Rothwax's tenets is that a criminal trial should be a search for the truth. Donna Swinford of Greensburg, Ind., agreed, writing: "All court cases should be a search for the truth, and all relevant information allowed. It's time for some common sense."

Those who dissented blasted the judge on that position. Herman H. Hankins Jr. of Arkadelphia, Ark., wrote: "A criminal jury trial is not a search for truth. Rather, it is to determine the guilt or innocence of the accused. What bothers me most is that you gave such credence to his [Rothwax's] 'twisted ideas.'"

In the telephone poll, 24,996 readers responded to a question about whether the O.J. Simpson trial had changed their views on America's court system. Eighty-seven percent said it had—for the worse.

"I believe the O.J. Simpson case was disgusting," commented Eugene C. Hauser of Pittsburgh. "It proved that money can buy anything—even murder." W.A. Wilson of Portland, Ore., praised Rothwax's description of the trial as "an obscene circus."

Three other questions were posed in the telephone survey. Readers were asked if they agreed or disagreed with the following (totals do not equal 100 percent due to 2714 invalid responses):

- 1) "In practice, the aim of a criminal trial is to find the truth." Agreed: 59 percent. Disagreed: 36 percent.
- 2) "Jury verdicts in criminal trials should be unanimous." Agreed: 17 percent. Disagreed: 77 percent.
- 3) "Our court system allows too many criminals to go free." Agreed: 87 percent. Disagreed: 8 percent.

Of the 24,996 callers, 14,423 identified themselves as female, 9174 as male. The remainder, 1399, did not indicate gender. The heaviest response came from two age groups: 12,818 from those aged 51 to 74, and 6309 from those aged 36 to 50.

One reader, Beckie A. Miller of Glendale, Ariz., seemed to reflect the concern expressed by many readers. She wrote: "We, all Americans who are truly outraged and sickened by what we have learned of our system, must speak up now and vote to change things." □

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Antibiotic	0	0	0	0
Cardiovascular	0	0	0	0
Diuretic	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	8	2	0	2

Table 1. Number of patients prescribed 1 or more of the following drugs in the 100-day period following admission to the hospital. 100-day period of admission to the hospital was defined as the period from the date of admission to the date of discharge or death. Other adverse drug reactions occurred at other times during the 100-day period. Data are presented as number of patients (n) and percentage (%).

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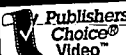
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| 2 cups rolled oats | 1/2 cup dried blueberries | 1/4 cup sunflower seeds |
| 1/2 cup coarsely chopped hazelnuts (filberts) | or dried cranberries | light-brown sugar (packed) |
| 1/2 cup unprocessed coconut bran | 1/4 cup coarsely chopped dried figs | 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon |

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Spread the oats on a baking sheet and toast in the oven until lightly browned, about 10 minutes; shaking the pan once during cooking.

Transfer to a large bowl.
2. Place the hazelnuts on the baking sheet and toast in the oven until lightly browned, 6 to 7 minutes, shaking the pan once or twice during cooking. Add to the oats along with all of the remaining ingredients. Toss well, then cool. Keeps for several weeks stored in airtight bags or containers.
Yield: 8 1/2 cups. Per 1/2 cup: 230 calories, 33g carbohydrate, 7g protein, 10g fat, no cholesterol.

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OLD-FASHIONED MULLING SPICES

Mulling spices are fun to cook up in apple cider, but they're great in red wine too. It's tasty spices with ginger and cranberry juice before adding them to the clock.

- 2 oranges
- 2 lemons
- 3 cinnamon sticks, each 3 inches long

1. Preheat oven to 200°F. Remove the peel from around the oranges and lemons in long strips using a paring knife, avoiding as much of the bitter white pith as possible. Lay the orange and lemon rack on top of a baking sheet. Bake in oven for 1 hour, then shut off the heat. Leave the peels overnight to dry.

2. Place the dried peels in a bowl and combine with the cinnamon sticks, nutmeg, cloves and allspice. To present these mulling spices as a gift, place them in a cellophane bag and tie the shut with a string or pack into a decorative glass jar. Don't forget to include a bottle of apple cider (or dry red wine) and the following recipe for making the best holiday spirits with mulling spices.

MULLED CIDER: Place 2 cups granulated sugar and 4 cups cranberry juice (or water) in a large pot. Tie the mulling spices in a piece of cheesecloth and add to pot. Bring liquid to a boil, and simmer (or 15 minutes). Add 2 quarts apple cider (or dry red wine) and heat just to a boil. Serve warm in mugs, using a ladle. Garnish with thin orange slices.

Yield for mulled cider (using cranberry juice): 20 servings. Per serving: 182 calories, 42g carbohydrate, 3g protein, 8g fat, no cholesterol.

STEFFI BERNE'S CHERRY FRUITCAKE

For those folks who never liked traditional fruitcakes, Steffi Berne, a marvelous baker and the author of *The Tea Pot Cookbook*, cooks up this special loaf that should make fruitcake lovers out of all of us. When the cake is cut into half-inch slices, it is splendid for toasting!

- 1 cup dried cherries
- 1 1/2 tablespoons kirsch or other cherry-flavored liqueur (or an orange-flavored liqueur)
- 1 tablespoon hot water
- Unsalted butter, for pan
- Dry, unflavored bread crumbs
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 3 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup (firmly packed) light-brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- Grated zest of 1 lemon
- 2 large eggs

1. Place the dried cherries in a jar with a tight-fitting lid. Pour the liqueur and hot water over the cherries and cover. Invert the jar several times so the liquid is distributed (and ultimately absorbed) evenly. Set aside for at least 3 hours or overnight.
 2. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Butter a 5-cup loaf pan and dust it with the bread crumbs, shaking out any excess. (If you are using a loaf pan with a black surface, reduce the oven temperature to 325°F to prevent burning.)
 3. Sift the flour, baking powder and salt together. Set aside.
 4. Cream the softened butter and cream cheese with an electric mixer. Add the sugars and the lemon zest; beat until fluffy and pale yellow. Beat in the eggs, one at a time. Add the reserved flour mixture, beating on low speed until incorporated. Stir in the cherries and any remaining liquid.
 5. Scrape the batter into the prepared pan and smooth the top. Bake in the center of the oven for 45 to 60 minutes, or until a wooden toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. (The top of the cake will probably crack. Check the cake after 40 minutes. If it is quite brown on top, cover it loosely with aluminum foil for the remainder of the baking time.) Remove the cake from the oven and cool in the pan on a rack for 15 minutes. Invert the cake onto a wire rack to cool completely. Wrap it in plastic wrap and set aside overnight before slicing or freezing or giving it as a gift.
- Yield: 1 loaf, about 12 servings. Per serving: 224 calories, 28 carbohydrates, 4g protein, 11g fat, 84mg cholesterol.

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CHILI SPIKED DRIZZLE

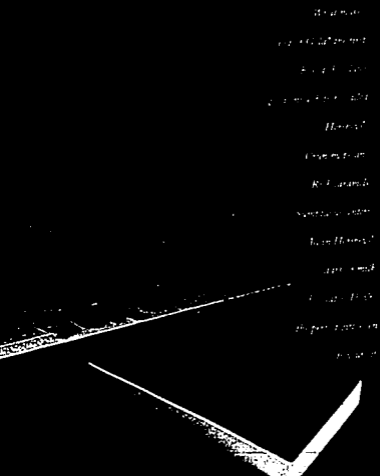
A chili-flavored oil in a pretty bottle is always a great gift for sprinkling on pizza, eggs, and grilled fish or veggies. You must store it in the refrigerator and bring it to room temperature just before using.

- 4 cloves of garlic, peeled
- 4 to 6 small (or 2 to 3 longer) dried chilies, to taste
- 2 branches fresh rosemary, well washed and dried
- 8 ounces (1 cup) extra-virgin olive oil

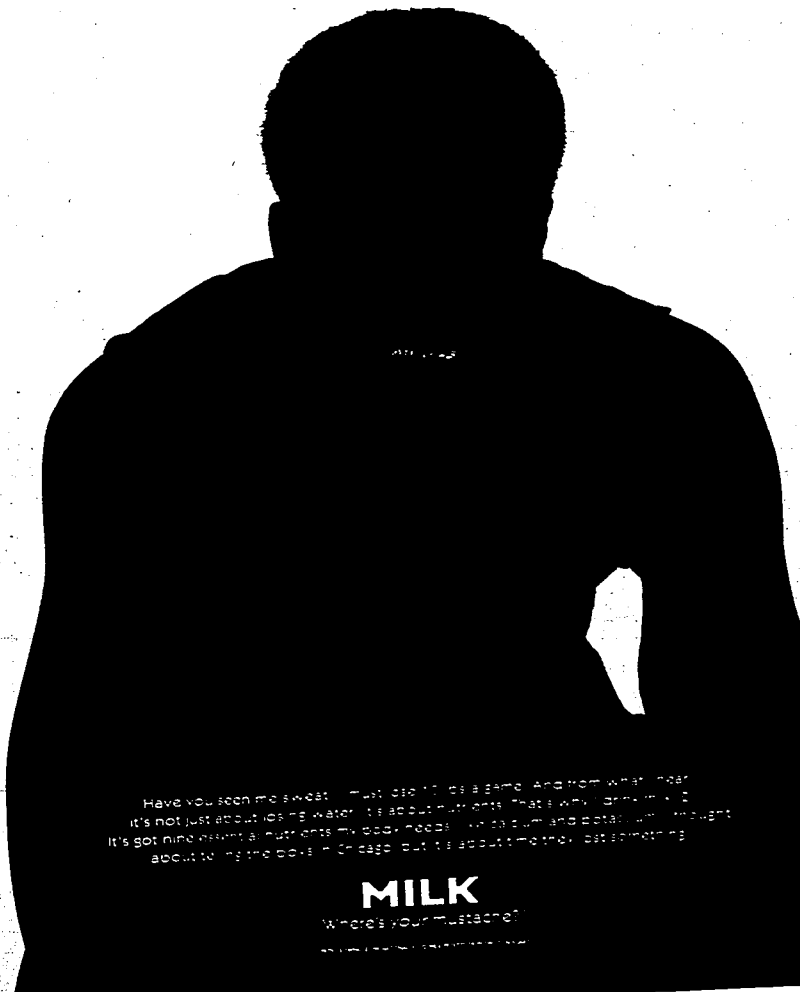
1. Sterilize an 8-ounce bottle and lid in boiling water for 10 minutes. Drain well. (It should be dry inside.)
2. Place the garlic, chilies and rosemary in the jar.
3. Heat the olive oil over low heat for 2 to 3 minutes to warm it through. Carefully pour the oil into the bottle over the garlic, chilies and rosemary, leaving 1/2 inch of head space. Cool to room temperature and seal the bottle.
4. Refrigerate until needed. Bring to room temperature before using.

Yield: 1 cup. Per 1 tablespoon: 124 calories, .8g carbohydrates, .2g protein, 14g fat, no cholesterol.

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72 MARKET STREET PECAN PIE

The best pecan pie I ever ate was at 72 Market Street, Tony Bill's restaurant in Venice, Calif. The dough has lots of butter in it, so remember to chill it well before rolling it out. Work carefully—it's a big pie.

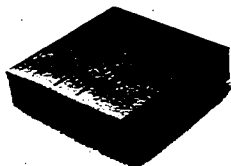
For the crust:

- 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cups (3 sticks) cold unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
- 2 egg yolks
- 4 tablespoons ice water
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract

For the filling:

- 4 eggs
- 3/4 cup pure maple syrup
- 1 cup (packed) dark-brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter
- 2 cups chopped pecans
- 10 to 12 whole pecans, for decoration
- Whipped cream or ice cream (optional)

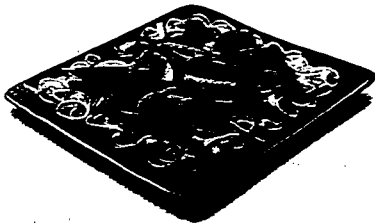
1. To prepare the crust, place the flour, sugar and salt in a food processor fitted with a steel blade; mix to combine. Add the butter and process until the mixture resembles coarse meal.
2. Add the egg yolks, ice water and almond extract, then process until the dough just comes together at the sides of the bowl. Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1 hour.
3. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
4. Roll the dough between two sheets of waxed paper to fit a 10-inch pie plate. Drape the dough into the plate, trim it to fit and crimp the edges decoratively. Place the prepared pie crust in the refrigerator to chill while preparing the filling.
5. Place the eggs, maple syrup, brown sugar and vanilla in a bowl and whisk to combine.
6. Place the butter in a small saucepan and melt over medium-low heat until it becomes a light brown color. Pour the "browned butter" into the filling mixture and whisk to combine. Reserve.
7. Place the chopped pecans in the pie shell and cover with the filling. Decorate the top with the whole pecans around the edge. Bake in the center of the oven for 50 minutes to 1 hour, or until filling is set and crust is browned. Cool on a rack and serve at room temperature with a dollop of whipped cream or ice cream. Serves 10 to 12. Per serving (based on 12, without whipped cream or ice cream): 693 calories, 42g carbohydrates, 5g protein, 47g fat, 85mg cholesterol.



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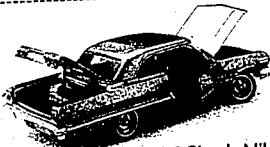
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