

## GOOD MORNING

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Today: Light snow likely in the morning. Mostly cloudy with scattered snow showers in the afternoon. Highs near 30. Lows 25 to 30.

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**Get the picture?** Kids, as usual, were the focus for the second annual Times-News Holiday Photo Contest.

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**Slim help:** The new TV ratings will give parents a little help—though not much, today's editorial says.

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### CITY PARK CHRISTMAS

The fourth and final installment of Christmas in City Park is scheduled for 5 p.m. today in Ivin Falls. Barbershop quartet arr. Comado Burr Hush and friends will provide the entertainment in the park's bandshell.

Admission is free and refreshments are available.

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At left, Twin Falls High School student Aaron Miller works to solve a problem on a recent precalculus test. The class is a popular one at the school, where precalculus and calculus courses are full. At right, Chris Irwin quietly celebrates finishing 50 math problems in a minute at Harrison Elementary School, where recent efforts to boost math scores have had a tremendous positive effect, with Harrison students' standardized scores climbing in recent years.



ANDY BARTER/The Times-News

## Behind the numbers

Twin Falls, Jerome schools offer higher math, but don't require students to take it

By Liz Wright  
Times-News writer

**TRICKY MATHS**—The word "multiplication" staggers off her tongue with difficulty, but Bulgarian native Scantella Nolekova can circle off her times tables like a pro.

Some things are purely American, such as Scantella's dreams of becoming a country Western singer, but concepts such as math are understood worldwide.

"The numbers are different in Bulgaria, but the same here," said Scantella, 8. "If you know the math here, you can do Bulgarian math."

Her new homeland doesn't appear to be the best country for mathematics, however. According to the Third International Mathematics and Science Study, a 48-nation study, American eighth-graders lagged behind their counterparts in 20 countries.

Some Twin Falls math scores struggle just to meet the national average, while others are far ahead of the state and nation.

This dichotomy well describes Twin Falls' public schools, and the way they prepare children for a future in math.

While the schools provide plenty of opportunities for children to better themselves and take higher mathematics, at the same time, high schoolers can choose to stay in a basic math program that offers little foundation for today's working world.

In terms of preparing children for their futures in math, the Ivin Falls School District is in some places above the rest, but in other places, some say, it needs work.

**Algebra at school and work**  
Where Peggy Gull of Jerome dropped out of the fourth grade and raised a family, algebra wasn't much more than a



ANDY BARTER/The Times-News

Peggy Gull knows the truth behind what most employers are saying: The skills that math teaches are important in every occupation.

For that reason, Gull, who insists on tolerance on parts at Seastrom Manufacturing Co. Inc. in Twin Falls, chose to take algebra at the College of Southern Idaho.

missed opportunity. Now, 35 years later, it's essential to her future.

Gull is taking a remedial algebra course at the College of Southern Idaho. She says it can help her get a better job.

She works at Seastrom Manufacturing Co. Inc. in Twin Falls, checking assembly-made machine parts.

"It's different when you're older than normal students," she said, laughing. "I have to work really hard at math."

Business owners say the average worker needs to know math more than ever. In particular, employers are more often seeking out job applicants with some

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## Harrison Elementary enjoys a math renaissance

By Liz Wright  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS**—Every year until now, when schools announce the results of students' standardized test scores, friends call parent Linda Maughan to rub in the bad news.

They point out the disparity between the scores of the top schools and Harrison Elementary School, whose students have historically ranked low on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills.

In a world where test scores are the only statistic that gauges students' performance for patrons, the comments cut deep. Some of Maughan's friends decided against living in the neighborhood because they wanted their children to attend a high-scoring school. Others have questioned why she sticks with Harrison.

"Harrison has always been in the twilight, it hurts your feelings," said Maughan, who volunteers at Harrison and sends her three children there because she likes its quality of education.

This year, she might get a different round of phone calls. Harrison students rocketed to the top in math, even surpassing what is traditionally the top school, Morningside Elementary School, at third- and fourth-grade levels.

Over the past three years, Harrison students went from the low 30s to the 80s, doubling their scores in most cases.

Teachers attribute the scores to a concerted effort to improve math performance. Two years ago, new Principal Steven Gull sat down with teachers and together, they shared ideas about how to overcome the scores.

In part, the teachers landed on the idea of reinstituting a math game called "50 in a minute," in which students race to solve 50 math problems, such as times tables, in one minute.

Students practice every day in class for the "50 in a minute" competition.

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3 shopping days until Christmas



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## The donor tale: A story of White House open doors

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON**—Big Democratic donors first so emboldened their personalities to the president seeking government appointments—and got them. One was invited inside the Oval Office to talk policy.

Another even managed to get a Chinese government arms dealer into a White House conference lunch with the president.

It's the sort of access average Americans only dream of, the very stuff that candidate Bill Clinton promised to end when he vowed to free a government "held hostage by big-money interests."

Instead, the feverish fund-raising machine that Democrats built over the last four years tapped donors for contributions ranging from \$1,000 for the

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family's legal defense to six-figure checks for the party. And now the money raisers are staring down the barrel of an intensifying criminal investigation.

To date, disclosures have revealed a sloppy fund-raising system that allowed hundreds of thousands of dollars of donations from prohibited foreign entities or dubious sources to flow into the Democrats' coffers.

More than \$2 million already has been returned by the party or the president's legal fund. Businessman with shadowy interests in Asia and members of obscure Buddhist sects were among the givers getting their checks back.

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## Speaker recants, admits he violated House rules

The Washington Post

**WASHINGTON**—After more than two years of steadfast denials of wrongdoing, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., admitted Saturday that he broke House rules and "brought down on the people's house a controversy which could weaken the faith people have in their government."

With a one sentence affidavit, Gingrich admitted to the charges in the House ethics committee's 22-page "Statement of Alleged Violation"—the House version of an indictment—issued Saturday.

It said Gingrich failed to ensure that charity-financed projects—a college course he taught and a televised town hall meeting—would not violate federal tax law.



Newt Gingrich

And then, the statement said, he gave the panel untrue information as it investigated those projects.

The committee of five Republicans and five Democrats will soon meet to recommend to the House a punishment, which could range from a denial of any of his rights as a lawmaker to expulsion from Congress.

It was unclear whether the committee would meet before Jan. 7, the day Gingrich hopes to become the first

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## No riflery for Gem students

State school officials reject Superintendent Fox's suggestion

The Associated Press

**MOSCOW**—The Idaho High School Activities Association has said thanks but no thanks to Schools Superintendent Anne Fox's suggestion that riflery and other shooting sports should become extracurricular activities in Idaho's junior high and high schools.

The association's board voted the idea down at its December meeting. Critics of the Fox plan said guns have no place in public schools—particularly in light of the federal Schools to Be Free of Weapons policy. It bans weapons on school property and calls for a mandatory one-year expulsion of any student found with a weapon at school.

Fox says competitive shooting can boost self-esteem, increase students' ability to focus and even help improve their relationships with parents.

"We're throwing kids out of school for a year if they bring a gun to school, and now we're supposed to have a rifle team?" Moscow Superintendent Jack Hill said at a school board meeting during the week.

Liability issues alone would make the proposal almost impossible, said Don Armstrong, president of the activities association and Pocatello school superintendent.

Costs and facility concerns would be problems, he said. Armstrong said to his knowledge, no school in Idaho has a shooting range, and construction would be expensive.

The Washington Interscholastic Activities Association does not recognize riflery as a sanctioned competitive sport. Others say Fox's idea has merit, and could prevent gun-related injuries.

Steve Brandt, owner of Brandt's Gun Shop, Moscow, is a National Rifle Association certified instructor.

He said proper knowledge and training about firearms can prevent curious children from trying to play with them as toys.

"My father had guns and I've had guns for all of my kids' lives and there's never been a problem because they were taught there is a time and place for them and they are not toys," he said.

## Loophole keeps assistance available

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK**—Single, frequently homeless people will continue to get food stamps that had been targeted for cutoffs next year, The New York Times reported.

A loophole in a new federal welfare law that will allow the food stamps to continue to flow to up to 400,000 single and childless men and women, the newspaper said in Sunday editions.

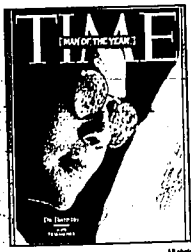
The welfare-overhaul bill that President Clinton signed into law in August slashed food stamp eligibility to just three months every three years unless the recipient worked, or was looking for work or had job training.

Thirteen states, including New Jersey and Illinois, have asked the Agriculture Department, which runs the food stamp program, to exempt hundreds of thousands of people from the three-month, three-year provision, the Times said.



NATION

'Man of the Year' selected



NEW YORK (AP) — Time magazine's 1993 Man of the Year is AIDS researcher Dr. David Ho, who pioneered a treatment for HIV infection that has shown promise in beating back the deadly disease.

Ho, scientific director of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York, has fundamentally changed the approach to combating the AIDS virus, Time said in its Dec. 30, year-ending issue.

Ho, a 44-year-old father of three, used a "cocktail" of anti-

retroviral drugs to combat the AIDS-causing virus, HIV, in early stages of infection. His work included using protease inhibitors to help clarify how HIV overwhelms the body's immune system, insights that helped treatment research focus on early stages of infection instead of later terms of the illness.

Ho "did not make the most headlines, but he helped make history," the magazine said.

The cost of Ho's "cocktail" treatment — up to \$20,000 a

year — puts it beyond the reach of all but the best-insured patients. And Ho himself said he has only begun an experiment that might help a small group of men in the first three months of infection.

Still, Time said his work "might, just might, lead to a cure."

In 1996, 3.1 million people became HIV-infected, bringing the worldwide total to 22.6 million people living with HIV or AIDS, according to the United Nations.

Money scandal forces sect into limelight

LAKE ELSINORE, Calif. (AP) — Minh Nguyen says it would be impossible to find a group of people less politically minded than his fellow disciples of Supreme Master Suna Ching Hai.

The follower who dares to introduce politics to a meditation gathering at Ching Hai's center here is swiftly shown the door, Nguyen said.

Yet members, who sometimes meditate for nine hours a day in this manicured patch of ranch country two hours southeast of Los Angeles, have been thrust from obscurity into the national limelight.

The fund created to pay President Clinton's legal bills from the Whitewater case and other matters disclosed last week that it had returned \$640,000 to donors, many of whom belonged to the sect.

Nguyen's personal check for \$1,000 has not been returned. He said he made the donation to the fund earlier this year after members learned through electronic mail, TV and newspaper reports, that they could help defray Clinton's mounting legal bills.

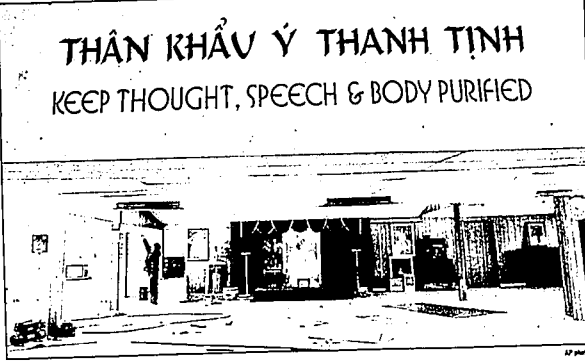
"He is a good person, a spiritual person," Nguyen said of Clinton.

Standing on the outskirts of Ching Hai's compound in the rugged Riverside County hills, Nguyen said the entire affair was "only a mistake."

"This is a spiritual place," the Vietnamese native said. "It doesn't matter what happens outside. We just enjoy the spiritual life here."

But investigators working for the fund reportedly suspected many contributions were bogus because the donors appeared unable to afford \$1,000 gifts. Some signatures on the donation checks had identical handwriting, and some of the donations were in sequentially numbered money orders from people in different cities, the fund's lawyer has said.

In March, fund-raiser and Clinton friend Charles Yah Lin



A worker measures a space where he is replacing paneling inside the ashram, a place of meditation. In a compound outside Perito, Calif., on Thursday, members of the sect are anticipating a visit by their spiritual leader, Suna Ching Hai. The sect burst from obscurity into limelight when sources of questionable donations to President Clinton's defense fund were checked.

Trie delivered \$460,000 to the Presidential Legal Expense Trust. He later provided more money, but the fund returned all of it — a total of \$640,000.

Fund administrators feared that Trie was using Ching Hai members as a front to conceal the true source of the donations, or to violate contribution limits set by the fund. But Trie's link to the group is unclear and no larger scheme has been uncovered.

On Thursday, the Justice Department issued subpoenas both to the White House counsel's office and the trust seeking records related to the return of the donations.

Nguyen, 34, a U.S. citizen who owns a vegetarian food manufacturing firm, said he was not reimbursed by anyone and that no wife, a fellow disciple and a Republican, did not contribute.

And while some sect members

borrowed the money from friends, he did not.

"People, from my point of view, they appreciate the government

to give them freedom to come to the U.S.A. and start a new life," he said of the many Asian immigrant members.

THÂN KHẨU Ý THANH TỊNH  
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U.S. airplane sales to Croatia are blocked

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Croatian President Franjo Tudjman, a key American ally in the volatile Balkans region, has blocked a \$400 million U.S. commercial aircraft sale to Croatia Airlines and bitterly attacked U.S. efforts to promote democratic reforms in his country, according to U.S. officials.

Tudjman earlier this month publicly accused the U.S. Embassy in Zagreb of encouraging opponents intent on unseating him and his Croatian Democratic Union in elections scheduled for next year. Without providing details, the Croatian leader said he felt compelled to take action "more openly" against U.S. Ambassador Peter Galbraith, a longtime Tudjman supporter who increasingly has stressed a human-rights agenda in Croatia.

Tudjman's actions underscored the fragile state of U.S. relations with Croatia at a time when U.S. and other peacekeeping troops are beginning a new, 18-month operation in neighboring Bosnia. Cooperation from the Bosnian leader was critical in ending the Bosnian civil war last year and remains vital to the success of the current NATO-led mission.

The most dramatic sign of Tudjman's disaffection, according to U.S. officials, was his decision on Nov. 28 to buy a new fleet of planes from the European aviation consortium Airbus Industrie. The decision came little more than a week after senior Croatian officials had assured U.S. officials that they favored the American aerospace giant Boeing Co. for the contract.

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### DNA testing to be done on crash remains

NEW YORK (AP) — Unidentified remains of TWA Flight 800 victims will undergo costly DNA testing in an effort to match them with the 15 people still unaccounted for after the jetliner's fiery crash.

A formal request was sent Friday to the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory in Rockville, Md., said Jack Ballanyne, Suffolk County supervisor of forensic services.

A spokesman for the lab, Chris Kelly, said it will be up to the Pentagon to formally approve the tests and make funding arrangements. But Kelly said the lab has been on "sort of a standby" in the case.

Medical examiner Dr. Charles Wetli had angered families of the victims by refusing to agree to conduct nuclear DNA tests, which cost about \$600 each. Wetli did not return phone calls seeking comment on the policy change.

All 230 people aboard were killed when the Paris-bound 747 jumbo jet exploded in midair off Long Island's south shore in July. Of those, 215 were recovered and identified by fingerprints, dental records and other standard means. DNA was used to determine six identities and to verify two others.

More than 100 skeletal fragments cleaned from underwater crash sites remain unidentified.

Big 3: Airbag switches better

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DETROIT (AP) — The Big Three automakers will propose installing air bag on/off switches as an alternative to mechanics disconnecting the devices, Detroit Free Press reported Saturday.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is drafting rules which will allow vehicle owners to make their own decisions regarding air bags, and may include the option to have them disconnected.

The automakers said they would rather overhaul many of the 56 million air bag-equipped vehicles to install on-off switches.

"I don't think it makes sense at all," Chrysler Corp. Chairman Robert Eaton said of the mechanics proposal. "Properly supplemental advantage."

On-off switches also were endorsed by G. Richard Wagoner, General Motors Corp. president of North American operations, and Helen Petruskas, vice president of environment and safety engineering for Ford Motor Co.

The automakers prefer that only the passenger-side air bag be controlled by an on-off switch, the newspaper said. The cost of retrofitting existing vehicles and how it would be done have not been determined.



Elementary school students Candice Bautista-Moore, 12, and Sara Daniels, 11, walk to be called on during 6th-grade English literature class at Lakeview School in Oakland, Calif., on Thursday. The school board voted Wednesday to approve a controversial resolution declaring 'Black English' a second language.

### 'Black English' debate rages on

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — This much is settled — Black English will be recognized as a second language in Oakland schools. Whether it is considered on par with the students or a help-insult to the students or a help-insult to the students is the subject of hot debate.

Critics said the decision to interpret Black English in class, rather than just calling it "wrong," underestimates black students' learning abilities and could give them the wrong idea about what it takes to succeed.

"This hurts the kids, that's the real tragedy of it," said John Fonte, a visiting scholar in education at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington. "The way to learn English is to study English."

Proponents say the idea is to help students make the transition to standard English by understanding and translating their mother tongue.

"We're not saying (Black English) is wrong, we're saying it's different and not that it has to be abandoned but that something has to be learned," said Peter Haberfeld of the Oakland teachers' union, which supports the change. "It's building on kids' strengths."

The Oakland School Board voted Wednesday to officially recognize Black English, also known as Ebonics — a term combining "ebony" and "phonics."

How the new policy will be implemented hasn't been worked out, but possibilities include placing Black English-speaking students in classes that will help them learn standard English. It also creates a program to train teachers to understand Black English.

The American Speech, Language and Hearing Association has classified Black English as a social dialect with

### Athletes will stand trial for alleged rape

CASSOPOLIS, Mich. (AP) — Three former college basketball players accused of raping a female student and capturing it on videotape will stand trial, a judge decided after watching the tape.

The players' former coach at Southwestern Michigan College, Steve Proefrock, identified them on the eight-minute video as it was shown in court.

"It looked like a group of animals attacking," prosecutor Scott Teter said after Friday's hearing. Authorities have accused four athletes of raping or helping to rape the 19-year-old woman Nov. 1 after she apparently passed out at an apartment near the campus in Dowagiac, 90 miles east of Chicago.

its own lexicon and syntax. For instance, if a student says "He done did it" for "He has done it," teachers would translate the phrase to standard English, rather than just correcting the student.

English words in Black English lose a "d" following a vowel, so "good" becomes "goo," and the final "th" is sometimes replaced with "f," so "with" becomes "wif." Speakers also can use double or even triple negatives, such as "I'm not going back there no more."

School board members insist their motivation is improving the performance of black students, who make up 53 percent of the 52,000-student district and 71 percent of those enrolled in special education courses.

The decision has provoked strong reactions from black leaders and others across the country. Poet Maya Angelou called the decision a mistake.

*'We're not saying (Black English) is wrong, we're saying it's different and not that it has to be abandoned but that something has to be learned.'*

—Peter Haberfeld, Oakland teacher

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NATION

# Subjects in drug trials not informed by Feds

CLEVELAND (AP) — When it came time to test the hepatitis A vaccine, the government gave it to a group of people among the most susceptible to the disease: American Indian children.

But parents on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in the Dakotas were never told their children were taking part in a research project, and that the vaccine hadn't been approved yet, according to The Cleveland Plain Dealer. "They were using our kids as guinea pigs," said Ella-Mae White Tail, who signed her 11-year-old up for the shots in 1991. "In the beginning, I thought it was approved by the (FDA). And then, I found out the truth."

The government tested unproven drugs on unknowing Americans, the newspaper said in a four-part series last week.

The "Hepatitis A Vaccine Prevention Program," which tested a vaccine for a British pharmaceutical company, was sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Indian Health Service.

The vaccine eventually was proved to be safe and effective, and is now widely recommended for international travelers, American Indians and others at high risk of catching hepatitis.

American test subjects have been kept in the dark or were not fully informed in 63 percent of all medical research that the newspaper could identify as government-sponsored from 1977 through 1995.

Analyzing internal Food and Drug Administration records of inspections on a portion of the nation's medical research, the newspaper found consent forms were unclear or sometimes missing. Such forms are evidence that patients were fully informed of the risks.

In experimental trials, "you have the heightened obligation to tell the patient — someone who trusts you with their most precious possession, their life and well-being — you don't know the answers," said Dr. Bernadine Healy, dean of the Ohio State University medical school and former director of the National Institutes of Health.

In one case, the CDC admitted it erred in not telling some parents their children were given an experimental measles vaccine called E-2. The government is now collecting blood samples to learn whether the vaccine's affect on the children's immune systems.

The medicine, called Levaquin, fights certain types of pneumonia, sinusitis and bronchitis — bacterial infections that afflict more than 50 million people each year.

The drug, to be marketed by Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical of Raritan, N.J., a Johnson & Johnson company, also can be used to treat some skin, urinary tract and kidney infections.

## The Plain Dealer's four-part series also found that:

- At least 1,000 Americans in 23 states have participated in medical research without required evidence that they not only consented, but that they were fully informed of the risks.
- Research still is conducted on unknowing people.
- More than half of foreign research submitted to the FDA during the last decade was unreliable.
- Local ethics committees frequently fail to ensure that people know they are being used in research.

paper found consent forms were unclear or sometimes missing. Such forms are evidence that patients were fully informed of the risks.

In experimental trials, "you have the heightened obligation to tell the patient — someone who trusts you with their most precious possession, their life and well-being — you don't know the answers," said Dr. Bernadine Healy, dean of the Ohio State University medical school and former director of the National Institutes of Health.

In one case, the CDC admitted it erred in not telling some parents their children were given an experimental measles vaccine called E-2. The government is now collecting blood samples to learn whether the vaccine's affect on the children's immune systems.

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# Math

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algebra experience. Algebra requires complex reasoning that goes beyond simple addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Con Paulos, a Jerome car dealer, said his dealership sometimes sponsors employees' additional training at CSI, including math courses.

These days, workers should be capable thinkers, "at least in algebra and geometry," Paulos said.

"It teaches them logic, some abstract logic," he said. "I think those are things they need for better understanding."

### Algebra not required

The Twin Falls district doesn't require algebra in high school. High school students can take courses such as basic math and business math, which don't go beyond addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This year, 135 students are enrolled in business math classes at Twin Falls High School, while 423 are enrolled in higher math.

For college-bound students, there are disparities as well. Students can graduate with math credits from Twin Falls High School, but Idaho colleges require applicants to have six credits of math.

Some teachers say algebra should be a high school requirement since the concepts apply to the workplace.

"I'd like to see everybody have a lot of algebra and geometry," said Richard Cummings, a business math teacher at Twin Falls High School.

But other teachers say that an algebra requirement would make a bad situation worse.

"The problem is I have with assignments is that if there isn't support at home, the children aren't doing well at school," said geometry teacher Barbara Jund.

"I know that math has become important because of the requirements in technology. However, time-wise, it's really hard for students to work in."

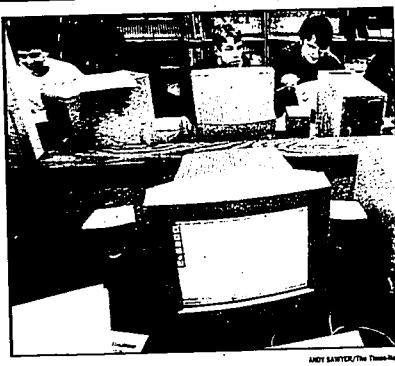
"I think it's a good idea," said Larve Jansen, a teacher at Twin Falls High School.

"But in practice we have some students who can't grasp algebra in concept."

This winter, the Legislature will consider a State Board of Education proposal to add an additional math requirement, along with more science, to high school students' core class load.

The new course wouldn't have to be higher math, and districts could tailor their own curriculum, said LaRon Smith, a former Twin Falls High School teacher who is now a math curriculum coordinator for the Education Department.

"It could be highly beneficial, of course," Smith said. "On the other hand, it could be a waste of time. It depends on how it was structured and how it meets the



In a computer lab at Twin Falls High School, geometry students learn how to manipulate the shapes and relationships they're studying on a computer.

needs in the school district. "We certainly need a more mathematically literate society," Smith said.

"Over and over, businesses and industries that hire high school graduates tell us they don't have the math skills they need."

The proposal's critics, however, want to preserve requirements in the humanities.

Sharon Harris, 16, has a knack for math and is taking precalculus for college. However, she doesn't want to see classes such as music and drama be pushed aside. "I heard a quote once from (the movie) 'Mr. Holland's Opus,'" Harris said. "If you keep taking away courses such as art and music and language, pretty soon these kids won't have anything to read or write about."

**Global competition**  
Local Twin Falls teachers are skeptical of the international study that places American teenagers lower on the world's math ladder. They think the study is biased, because it might compare other countries' best students to average American students.

If the study made a proper comparison, "we'd be right up there competitively," said Duane Semak, head of the math department for the Twin Falls School District. "It's not a good reflection of our system."

Besides, American students have more part-time jobs and after-school activities than many students overseas, said Kathy Dabeszani, a ninth-grade math teacher at Robert Stuart Junior High School.

Dabeszani taught schoolchildren in Iran in the 1970s and noticed the students pursued few interests other than academics.

"Their studying is such a mind-set, that's all that they do," she said. "I thought it was really sad. I think they led a really limited life."

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above the national average—reaching the 53rd percentile this year, after scoring in the 32nd percentile in 1994. Students in other grades scored below the national average, but higher than in previous years.

• Oregon Trail Elementary School: Sixth-graders have stagnated for the past two years at the 25th percentile after scoring in the 52nd percentile in 1994. Third-, fourth- and fifth-graders made small gains, but remained in the 20s and 30s.

• I.B. Ferrine Elementary School: Sixth-graders plunged to the 39th percentile in 1996 from the 65th percentile in 1994. Fifth-grade scores seemed to be on their way back—the score was in the 63rd percentile in 1994, and in the 58th percentile in 1996.

• Sawtooth Elementary School: Students remained in the 50s and 60s over the three years. Third- and fourth-graders' scores decreased slightly, while fifth- and sixth-graders' scores increased slightly.

• Robert Stuart Junior High School: Eighth-grade students held steady at the 51st percentile in 1996 from the 49th percentile in 1994. Ninth-graders increased to the 58th percentile in 1996 from the 39th percentile in 1995. But seventh-grade scores dropped to the 28th percentile in 1996 from the 38th percentile in 1995.

• Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School: Eighth-grade scores increased slightly over three years, scoring in the 68th percentile in 1996 from being in the 52nd percentile in 1994. Seventh-graders scored at the 64th percentile in 1996 down from the 72nd percentile in 1995. Sixth-graders scored at the 63rd percentile in 1996, up from the 51st percentile in 1994.

• Twin Falls High School: Its high math scores faded slightly, but stayed well above the national average. Eleventh-graders scored at the 61st percentile in 1996, compared to the 77th percentile in 1994. Tenth-graders made slight gains to the 56th percentile in 1996 from the 53rd percentile in 1994.

Within the subject of math,

computation was a problem at all grade levels. Students scored anywhere from dramatically lower to just slightly above the national average in their work with fractions, percentages and decimal numbers.

The district wants scores at least in the 55th percentile. District Superintendent Terrell Donich said the schools are making a concerted effort to improve computation skills by drilling students more often in the basics.

"It's not that we don't teach them," he said. "Sometimes you forget some of what you learned, if you haven't practiced it in a long time."

### Getting the message

At Twin Falls High School, many students seem to understand the importance of math to their futures. Kathy Stover's pre-calculus class is so packed that she has to bring in an extra table every day to seat several of her 33 students. The rest of her calculus and precalculus classes are full.

"I'm hoping we get another math teaching section if we can get these numbers," Stover said.

Higher math isn't as easy as times tables—and tougher to catch up on when students fall behind, as 18-year-old Robert Moffitt learned recently.

Emerging from a recent precalculus test Moffitt appeared exasperated but hopeful.

"I didn't do very well," Moffitt said. "I didn't know the first couple of chapter sections. I was gone."

But like many students, Moffitt is bringing higher math to be ready for college, where he might study pharmaceutical medicine or music.

"No more stressing out about that test," Moffitt said. "Now I'll just wait until the next one."

Locally, officials have been working toward a better math curriculum.

For several years, the Twin Falls School District has been working on "standards" for its curriculum. In the math curriculum, algebra is woven into every grade level.

Teachers also want to give students ample chances to familiarize themselves with computers and calculators. They say the technology frees them to delve into higher math skills.

"It really makes you think a lot more and it sinks in a lot easier," said Patrick Kealy, 17, who recently was manipulating a computer mouse in the Twin Falls High School computer lab to figure out quadrilateral shapes for his geometry class.

But if Jim Dawson's load means anything, the time for improvement has come. Dawson teaches basic algebra to about 300 students at CSI, about half of them are graduates of Magic Valley high schools.

For one of Dawson's students, Scott Davis, 31, of Jerome, it's never too late to realize the significance of math. He is learning it all over again while taking his core courses for a nursing degree.

"When you're in school, you learn this and that, and even as a child, you want to know why," Davis said. "I think I finally understand the importance of algebra in life... It teaches you to think."

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# Harrison

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The competition comes around once every two weeks. During the competition, students file into a room and take their seats at rows of tables. Peaches pinned over paper, they wait for Title One teacher Kathleen Johnson to tell them "go" and start timing them with an oven timer.

Students receive soda shop certificates and other incentives if they can do 20 equations in a minute. Total class scores are posted on the wall facing the school office. Teachers say the

practice takes little more than a few minutes a day—but the results have been surprising.

Before, third-grade teacher Bev Taylor didn't think the students were faring too badly on their standardized tests, and that low scores were just a given.

"Now I think, 'God, why wasn't I upset?'" she said.

The idea behind the math contest is to make math fun by practicing equations in short spurts of time. Recently, during the competition, some children hopped up and shrieked with joy when they passed the test.

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# Clinton wants work-study to enlist reading tutors

WASHINGTON (AP) — Promoting his goal of "shining the light of literacy" on millions, President Clinton said Saturday he hopes to use a new work-study program to enlist an army of literacy tutors on college campuses. Clinton said 20 leading college presidents have pledged to dedicate half their federally funded work-study slots to those students willing to work as reading tutors for young children.



Bill Clinton address.

thousands of new tutors, a down payment toward our goal of enlisting 100,000 work-study students to help America read," the president said in his weekly radio address.

as a nation we must make sure everyone can read — adults as well as children," he added. "Without literacy, the history books and job manuals are closed, the Internet is turned off and the promise of America is much harder to reach." Last August, Clinton unfurled an ambitious \$2.5 billion plan to combat illiteracy and mobilize the government and the nation to ensure that all children can read by the end of the third grade.

His "America Reads Challenge" suggested 30,000 reading specialists and tutor coordinators — including 11,000 AmeriCorps volunteers — to help organize a national network of reading tutors to give children individual attention. In October, Clinton asked that a significant proportion of 200,000 work-study slots Congress created last fall be dedicated to help boost the reading skills of children.

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# Militias enlist with Republic of Texas movement

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Even as a legal confrontation between the Republic of Texas and state officials appears more likely, a number of independent militias are enlisting in the fledgling movement.

Both sides say they are concerned about a conflict turning violent.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales won contempt-of-court citations against the Republic and its officials in October, but has not moved to enforce them.

"At the moment he tries to apply them, there will be an armed response," said Ralph Turner of Pottsboro, who was named as the Republic's secretary of defense.

He added that the organization is not looking for trouble. "Blooded is not what any of us want," he said. "My first agenda is to use diplomacy." Turner was chaplain of the Texas Constitutional Militia's northern region, which affiliated with the Republic this year.

Morales said he has seen no evidence that the group would act violently, but added, "We are mindful of the history of these types of organizations and recognize that we must be prepared for any kind of eventuality prior to the issuance of any warrants."

It has been more than two years since anti-government, paramilitary groups of the far right began attracting national attention because of reports that they were training to defend their families and their country — from their own government.

An avalanche of criticism following the Oklahoma City bombing in April, 1995, along with subsequent arrests of several militia members in undercover operations around the country, left many gun-shy about the attention they had drawn.

Texas law enforcement officials and militia leaders decline to estimate the number of units or membership, citing either a lack of hard numbers or, in the case of the militias, security concerns.

It is known, however, that



FBI agents Paul Lazzari, left, and Greg Boosalis of Milwaukee, Wis., keep a low profile while monitoring activity on the Montana Freeman compound near Jordan, Mont., May 14, 1996.

some Texas militia organizations have splintered into smaller groups.

Officers in his help of these units said it has helped them avoid attention from the public and law enforcement. The smaller groups, in which all the members are known to each other, make it easier to avoid infiltrators, some said. A few militias broke up because of leadership squabbles.

Some militias or their members have gone underground — a development that concerns law officers and groups trying to track their activities.

Perhaps most significantly in Texas, several militia units have signed on in recent months with the Republic — dropping the word "militia" and calling them-

selves "defense forces" for reasons of public relations. State officials initially ignored the Republic movement as its provisional president stood on the steps of the Capitol in January and proclaimed Texas a free nation.

Republic leaders were largely ignored when they told the Internal Revenue Service and other federal agencies to leave the state. They used their own courts to issue a \$93 trillion lien against the state, the U.S. government, the United Nations and the Holy See of the Catholic Church.

Morales began a counterattack when it became apparent last spring that the Republic's self-styled "Common Law Court of Pleadings" in Arlington was approving billions of dollars in liens

against government officials and agencies and private businesses.

Morales told court officials throughout the state that the common law court had no legal standing and its liens should not be accepted.

When the Republic continued filing court papers and sent notices to bankers claiming it had taken over state assets, Morales took the matter to the courts and obtained contempt citations against the group and 28 of its leaders for misrepresenting themselves as public officials.

Fines ordered by state District Judge Joseph Hart in October nearly double each day and now amount to more than \$1 trillion — against a group that passes the hat to pay for its hotel meeting rooms.

Morales said, "At some relevant and appropriate point, we intend to act on the citations." He said in a recent interview that militia members have the legal right to possess firearms that most "are no more dangerous than the Rotary Clubs or Lions Clubs that meet every week."

"This group, the Republic of Texas, has crossed that line." He said his department is working with federal, state and local law officers to monitor the Republic's forces.

Mike Cox, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety, agreed that most militia groups pose no danger, but said the DPS was prepared to act if problems arose.

"One of the things a department like this can do is move a lot of people into a location pretty quickly," he said.

In October, Republic president Archie Lowe of Rice, Texas, was arrested on traffic charges in College Station, and the DPS sent three officers to help the sheriff's department after it received a faxed threat. No violence occurred.

Turner said the threat apparently was made after a member of the Republic's provisional council issued an unauthorized alert on the Internet. He said he and other Republic officials had admonished the council member and were establishing procedures to avoid similar, false alarms.

## Number of militia units in U.S. still increasing, monitors report

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — John Trochmann spends more time talking about the militia movement in high school classrooms than practicing maneuvers near his Militia of Montana headquarters.

Norman Olson still trains in Michigan, but says his emphasis now is on setting up a provisional government and united militia that can step in when the United States ultimately implodes because of social, cultural and governmental excesses.

The buzzwords still fly: gun control, the New World Order, Waco, Ruby Ridge, black helicopters, Russian tanks, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the FBI.

And the groups are still growing. Militia monitors at the Southern Poverty Law Center in Alabama estimate that there are 950 units encompassing all 50 states — up from an estimated 224 groups in 39 states a little more than a year ago. Many of the groups may have

been in operation but were not known to the law center in 1995, its officials said.

But there have been changes. Some militia members quit after the bombing in Oklahoma City last year. Some groups have splintered because of security concerns or leadership disagreements. The arrests of militia members on weapons or conspiracy charges in Georgia, Arizona, Washington, West Virginia and Ohio have prompted some militias to go underground.

"There's been a lot of shuffling," said Randy Trochmann, a co-founder of the Militia of Montana and nephew of John Trochmann. "There's been a lot of growth."

"You don't see the big organizations like in Michigan that you saw a year and a half ago," said Randy Trochmann, of Noxon, Mont.

Olson now heads the Northern Michigan Regional Militia — his third unit in recent years after being forced out of the first two because his views were too extreme.

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# No fanfare for 50th birthday of resort that changed Strip

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The \$6 million cost was chump change compared to modern times, with half-billion-dollar, eye-popping megaresorts sprouting on the Las Vegas Strip.

But the opening of Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel's Flamingo Hotel on Dec. 26, 1946, forever changed the face and fortunes of this desert gaming mecca.

And it marked the beginning of the end for the famed mobster who spent a crime-filled life evading the law, but could not escape his own kind.

There'll be no birthday bash when the Flamingo turns 50 later this month.

Any mob ties were clipped by the time billionaire Kirk Kerkorian bought the famous resort in 1967, later selling it to hotel giant Hilton Corp.

"The Bugsy image was not something that was particularly endearing to the Flamingo or Hilton," Flamingo Hilton spokesman Terry Lindberg said recently. "This was not George Washington or Abraham Lincoln. We're talking about a robber, rapist and murderer. Those are not endearing qualities."

"We want to remember the history of the Flamingo without glamorizing it. We've made a conscious decision to distance ourselves from the Bugsy heritage."

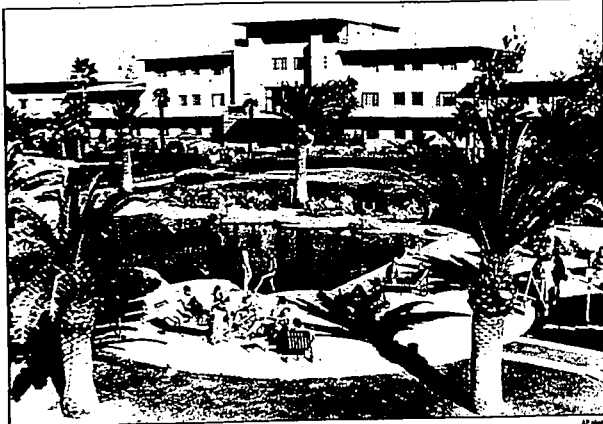
A couple of years ago the Flamingo tore down the last vestige of the Siegel saga. Known as the "Bugsy bungalow," it was a fortified cottage with concrete walls 3 to 4 inches thick, built to soothe the nerves of an increasingly paranoid Siegel, who would spend the final months of his life looking over his shoulder.

Siegel was one of the mob's most feared tacticians, with a rap-sheet ranging from drug dealing to white slavery, book-making to murder. None of the charges ever stuck. In 1936, he was sent from New York to oversee the mob's West Coast operations in Los Angeles. He made numerous visits to Las Vegas, a remote, desert-locked gambling outpost.

The suave Siegel, known for his Hollywood good looks and hair-trigger temper, dreamed of a flashy gambling oasis. Legend has it that in early 1945, he picked a lonely spot seven miles out in the desert from downtown Las Vegas and kicked at some dirt in a symbolic ground breaking for his fabulous Flamingo.

Siegel had coaxed \$1 million from his mob partners, Meyer Lansky and Lucky Luciano. He found himself stretched thin overseeing West Coast rackets and Las Vegas bookmaking operations, keeping a step ahead of the law, balancing a private life that included a wife and two children in Los Angeles, and lover Virginia Hill, his nursing hemorrhaging cow at his diamond in the desert.

World War II was winding down, Bugsy was paying a premium for scarce building materials, and some competitors were stealing him blind. Old-timers told of expensive palm trees that were shipped each day from Baker and Barstow,



This is an outdated photo of the Flamingo Hotel, known as one of Las Vegas' most elegant resorts in the 1940s and 1950s.

Calif., only to be shipped back at night, then back to Las Vegas the next day. He wound up buying the same trees several times.

Construction snafus were the norm. A heavy beam in his private fortified enclave was 5 feet, 8 inches above the floor, a physical and emotional irritant for the 5-foot-10 Siegel.

The \$1 million projected cost ballooned to \$6 million. Siegel had promised Lansky and Luciano their Flamingo would open the day after Christmas 1946.

It did — sort of. The showroom, restaurant and casino were ready; the hotel was not.

Entertainer Rose Marie shared the billing opening night, Dec. 26, 1946, with long-time pal Jimmy Durante and band leader Xavier Cugat.

Two plane loads of Hollywood stars were recruited to make the short hop to Las Vegas for the gala opening. There were 30 or 40 big stars, people like Clark Gable, Lana Turner, Joan Crawford, Anne Jeffreys, Caesar Romero, Rose Marie recalled in a recent telephone interview from her home in Van Nuys, Calif. "The show was spectacular, everything was great, but no locals came. Las Vegas was cowboy hotels; this was Monaco."

All the stars went back the second day and the only people left were the locals. We worked to 9 or 10 people a night for the rest of the two-week engagement.

The locals just didn't come out to the Flamingo. They were used to cowboy boots, not rhinestones.

Rose Marie laughed as she recalled being shorted \$11 in her \$2,750 weekly paycheck, raising a fuss with someone, only to learn she was hassling Siegel.

"I thought 'Geez, they're going to pick me up in an envelope,'" she said.

"But Bugsy was very good to me, he treated me like a lady. He was a real gentleman."

Her first brush with Hill was

a little touchier.

The mob moll praised Rose Marie's performance, but suggested she lose some weight.

The entertainer told Hill she was four months pregnant, and expected to lose the weight in another five months.

Hill apologized, said she was making a trip to Paris, "and asked me if there was anything she could bring back. I told her a christening dress for my baby."

The dress has been used for several family members and she still has it today, Rose Marie said.

The Flamingo closed on Feb. 1, 1947, while construction was completed on the 200 hotel rooms. It reopened March 1, 1947, and was beginning to emerge from the red. But the recovery wasn't fast enough for Lansky and Luciano, who wanted an accounting of the money they'd sunk into the Nevada desert.

For the first time since he was a teen-ager, Bugsy was receiving — not delivering — heat from the mob.

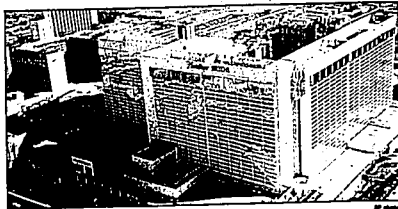
On June 19, 1947, Siegel and Hill had one of their celebrated fights, and she boarded a plane for Paris. Some suggest she'd been warned to stay clear of her lover. June 20, 1947: Bugsy visited movie pal George Raft in Hollywood, tended to some Flamingo business, dined with friends, then returned to Hill's Beverly Hills mansion.

About 10:30 p.m., someone crept through the shrubbery at the exquisite estate and unleashed a flurry of shots. Two bullets pierced Siegel's skull, killing him instantly. The crime has never been solved.

Within minutes, word of the execution spread to Las Vegas. Siegel's partners immediately announced they were taking control of the Flamingo.

Virginia Hill?

She was called by a congressional committee to testify about the mob in 1951. It was found dead on a mountaintop in Austria on March 14, 1966. The death was ruled a suicide, but



This is a November 1995 photo of the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas. The Flamingo has grown to 3,642 rooms with the help of the Hilton Hotel Corp., making it the fourth largest hotel in the world.

dent the past 21 years, the hotel has grown to six high-rise towers comprised of 3,642 rooms, making it the fourth-largest hotel in the world.

The mob? The last vestiges of organized crime faded from the Las Vegas scene in the late 1970s as giant public corporations took control of the famous resorts.

Bugsy's dream? Rose Marie recalls Siegel telling her "in a few years, this whole place is going to be filled with beautiful hotels."

"I thought, 'Are you crazy? In this desert!'" Comedian Alan King, a long-time Las Vegas performer,

remembers a similar Siegel prediction. "I thought, no wonder they call him Bugsy."

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Steve Carney, right, takes time out from his part as a wife man to take a call on his cellular phone during the Live Nativity scene at the Court of Home Church of the Nazarene on Wednesday.

# Developer sues county over waste-site plan

MOUNTAIN HOME (AP) — Idaho Waste Systems Inc. has filed a \$200 million complaint against Elmore County over county commissioners' rejection of the company's plan to build a regional landfill 25 miles east of Boise.

Elmore County made unreasonable demands on the company as a condition of issuing a permit, said Fred Shoemaker, attorney for Idaho Waste Systems.

For example, Elmore County required the company to show proof that it had secured land easements for access to the landfill and to prove that it owned sufficient water before granting a permit.

Often developers must only show their plans to meet permit requirements, rather than to purchase materials, Shoemaker said.

"They wanted a firm proposal put in the plan," Shoemaker said. Elmore County commissioners last month upheld a decision by the county's Planning and Zoning Commission to reject a permit for the landfill that would take up to 5,000 tons of garbage daily from Idaho and other states.

"They aren't going to have a lot of hypothetical things," county Commissioner John Shrum said. "Them saying they've got the water is a lot different than having the water."

If Idaho Waste Systems had complied with the county's requests, the project might well have been approved, Shrum said.

Elmore County's decision to reject the landfill came after it got federal approval to continue using its own landfill, making reliance on Idaho Waste Systems unnecessary, Shoemaker said.

"That's when the worm turned," Shrum denied the county's landfill played any role in its decision.

"We've been operating a lot longer than they have," Shrum said. "Even in the event they took our garbage, we'd maintain our landfill to have something to fall back on."

Many Elmore County residents fought the landfill last summer. Three-thousand people signed a petition saying Idaho's open spaces should not be used for a dumping ground.

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## Committee to examine U of I tenure, promotions

MOSCOW (AP) — University of Idaho President Robert Hoover wants a complete review of the tenure and promotion process at the school.

Under his direction, acting Provost George Simms and Faculty Council chairman Bill Vorman will make appointments to an internal review panel by mid-January. An evaluation report and recommendations for change are due by spring.

"They're going to look into the criteria for tenure, promotion and merit — to see if those really

reflect our mission," Hoover said. "It's a process that should make our teaching, research and outreach more effective at the university."

Hoover said Idaho must heed the national call for scrutiny of tenure and promotion at public universities. He hopes to ascertain whether the Idaho system is equitable.

"To see if we're following our own rules," he said. "To see how we can improve them. To make sure our rules and regulations are the ones we want to have."

## U of I: Scale back 2 positions

MOSCOW (AP) — The University of Idaho Faculty Council has moved to eliminate Vice President for Research Jeanne Shreeve from her position of influence over faculty promotions.

Shreeve's position and that of associate provost would be written off the university's Promotion Review Committee if amendments approved by the faculty senate are formally adopted next month.

In a 12-4 vote, the Faculty Senate recommended removing the vice president for research and the associate provost — a position currently held by Dene

Thomas — even though both positions are nonvoting.

But some faculty members believe Shreeve and Thomas enable the Promotion Review Committee to maintain a consistency and a minimum level of excellence.

"I'm sure at least in some respects the changes are designed to make it easier to be recruited and easier to be promoted or in the minds of some to make the process more fair."

Engineering Dean Richard Jacobson said "I really believe there's another side to this — those who believe there's a need to maintain high standards."

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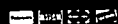


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This Rwandan boy lost his parents during the recent refugee exodus from camps in Tanzania. He is now in an orphanage in Kibungo where he was sleeping on the floor on Friday. Hundreds of children have been separated from their families during the return of refugees from Tanzania in the last week.

## Rwandan refugees sent home, others flee

KIGALI, Rwanda (AP) — Herded by Tanzanian police and soldiers, more than 200,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees trekked homeward Saturday. Others, fearful of returning to Rwanda, fled deeper into Zaire and set up new camps.

More than 100,000 refugees were expected to cross into Rwanda from Tanzania in the next few days, with the rest arriving sometime next week, said Paul Stromberg, spokesman for the U.N. refugee agency.

The agency has endorsed the Tanzanian government's decision to drive the refugees back to Rwanda by Dec. 31, even though the agency has long opposed forced repatriation.

"It is not a shift in policy. It is more adapting to the realities of the time," Pamos Muzumusi, another spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, said from Geneva.

Muzumusi said the agency's mandate has always been that people should go home when conditions improve, and Rwanda is "safe enough for the refugees to return."

Stromberg said the flow of refugees from Tanzania would continue into next week as Rwandans farther from the border make their way home.

"We have 100 trucks helping the vulnerable and to shorten the trip for them," said Stromberg.

## Foreign mission tries to restore opposition wins

BEGRAD, Yugoslavia (AP) — Pro- and anti-government forces lined off in a city south of Belgrade on Saturday, and an international face-finding mission reportedly sought ways to restore opposition election victories.

The mission, led by former Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez, met with members of the opposition and representatives of President Slobodan Milosevic's Serbian government. Officials from the mission confirmed that there were problems with the Nov. 17 local elections. Milosevic initially protested, but agreed to the mission after he announced opposition victories in those elections.

"Our perception now is that an effort is needed in order to overcome this," Gonzalez said. "There is a confirmation of the initial impression that we had. The problem does exist."

Milosevic had claimed there were no election irregularities.

About 100,000 people rallied in the streets of Belgrade, blocking the center of the capital for several hours. Earlier in the day, about 10,000 students held their daily protest.

## Bomb threat makes Christmas shoppers nervous

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Stores filled with Christmas shoppers also were filled with anxiety Saturday after reports that a mysterious group threatened to bomb stores in Sweden's two biggest cities.

The threat was first reported in Goteborg, 250 miles west of Stockholm, and quickly came to dominate national news.

Several newspapers have reportedly received letters in recent weeks claiming that two bombs would be set off in stores Sunday, one in Goteborg and one

in Stockholm. Police in Goteborg found two bombs on Thursday and Friday in the city center.

They each contained all the material necessary for an explosion but the components were not connected.



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## Somalian clashes yield no results

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Renewed fighting in Mogadishu has left hundreds dead and more than 1,500 wounded in what appears to be a bid by two Somali factions to pressure a key player to make a peace deal.

In the most recent clash, eight people died in south Mogadishu in artillery exchanges Wednesday between forces loyal to Hussein Aidid and those of his rivals Osman Hassan Ali.

Aidid, the leader of the strongest Somali faction, has refused to take part in a new round of reconciliation talks that has brought together 26 Somali factions at a resort outside the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa. His principal enemies were

there: Ali Mahdi Mohamed, whose Abgal clan controls north Mogadishu, and an embattled enclave in the southern half of the city; and Hassan Ali, also known as Axa, who is Mohamed's ally from south Mogadishu.

This is not the first time Somali leaders have failed in efforts to put an end to the six-year civil war, which, combined with severe food shortages, has left more than 350,000 dead, the economy in shambles and no central authority in the country.

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# Bloody clash on the West Bank

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — A fight between settlers and schoolchildren escalated into a melee between hundreds of Israelis and Palestinians in Hebron on Saturday, and a U.S. mediator returned to the region to revive negotiations over the troubled city.

U.S. envoy Dennis Ross was to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat late Saturday or Sunday. Peace talks are deadlocked over a long-delayed Israeli troop withdrawal from Hebron, where 500 Jewish settlers live amid 130,000 Palestinians.

On Friday, Arafat accused Ross of being biased in favor of the Israelis, and Palestinian officials said they doubted he could jumpstart talks.

In Hebron, Israeli soldiers in helmets, with guns cocked, hit, kicked and punched Palestinians after fights broke out near Jewish settlements in Hebron's Old City. Reporters saw at least one Palestinian beaten unconscious, and another bleeding



Israeli soldiers arrest a Palestinian whom they beat in a scuffle during clashes between Jewish settlers, Palestinians and Israeli soldiers in the occupied West Bank town of Hebron Saturday.

from his nose and mouth.

Several Palestinian youths pelted the soldiers with stones and tomatoes. Settlers clapped and cheered as the soldiers pushed

the Palestinians away.

The fighting broke out along the main road running beside the settlements. Some 200 Jewish settlers, many of them armed,

exchanged blows and insults with 100 Palestinian residents before Israeli troops intervened.

It was unclear what sparked the confrontations.

# Czech president sets democratic example

Los Angeles Times

PRAGUE, Czech Republic — The busy front doors of the Third Surgical Clinic on London Street here look anything but presidential. But that is exactly the point.

For the past month, the no-frills hospital has been home for Czech President Vaclav Havel, who had a cancerous tumor removed from his right lung several weeks ago and is now recuperating from pneumonia and other complications.

The neighborhood clinic has also been home to hundreds of ordinary Czechs — some even bedding down in Havel's intensive care unit — as the everyday medical emergencies of central Prague pack its corridors and operating rooms.

"He is such a great humanist that he just wants to be treated like the rest of us," said Emma Polodnova, an athen gallbladder patient resting on a wooden bench in the admissions lobby. "We love him so much because of the way he is."

At his own insistence, the president is eating ordinary hospital food (breakfast of bread, chopped liver and coffee with milk), is staying in ordinary hos-

pital quarters (the fifth-floor intensive care ward) and is being treated by ordinary hospital physicians (his surgeons, one Czech newspaper calculated, were paid less than his car mechanics).

When Havel was rendered speechless two weeks ago by an emergency tracheotomy, he took to jotting down notes. His requests to nurses, according to hospital reports, have never been without "please" and "thank you." Unable to deliver his regular weekly radio address, he penned a gracious letter of gratitude to television viewers.

Havel has always been a different sort of politician, a thoughtful playwright turned courageous dissident who led the struggle against totalitarianism in Czechoslovakia, becoming its first post-Communist president. He prefers discussions about human decency and virtue to debates over budgets and taxes.

Though time has tarnished the luster of many heroes of 1989, Havel's standing at home and abroad remains unparalleled among his contemporaries. Opinion polls consistently show he is viewed favorably by about three-quarters of his countrymen.

# Netanyahu criticized by all sides

## Israeli prime minister is said to be all talk and no action with peace

JERUSALEM (AP) — After six months in power, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is facing a barrage of criticism contending he is talking too much about peace while doing too little to make it happen.

Arab countries have put relations on hold. President Clinton is openly critical, and there are reports Washington might withhold \$2.7 billion in loan guarantees for Israel.

Yasser Arafat warns that Netanyahu's policy on Jewish settlements in Palestinian areas is a "declaration of war." Negotiations with Syria are in the form of military maneuvers and angry communications.

Even Netanyahu's own security chiefs are reportedly in revolt, fearing plans to expand Jewish settlements on the West Bank could trigger a new outbreak of violence by Palestinians.

Netanyahu's defenders argue he is merely giving the peace process a reality check after excessive optimism of the preceding Labor Party government. They dismiss verbal attacks from Arab leaders as psychological warfare designed to test the mettle of the new government.

And despite the criticism, there is little sign that "Bibi," as Netanyahu is popularly known, is about to yield to the pressure or is in the kind of political trouble that could drive him from office. His Cabinet said Thursday that the government will go ahead with plans to expand settlements.

Editorials in Israel's predominantly liberal press have been savaging Netanyahu, and opinion polls indicate he trails opposition leader Ehud Barak in popularity.

"After six months in power, he has used up enough words for half a term, but has yet to reach a single decision," said Yoel Marcus, a columnist for the left-leaning newspaper Haaretz.

Netanyahu aides dismiss the grumbling. "It takes a while to get people used to a different mode of thinking," said David Barillan, a top aide. "The euphoric picture painted by the previous government of peace around the cor-



After six months as Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu is criticized for much talk about peace but doing little to make it happen.

ner was very seductive, and it is hard to disabuse people of the notion that this is not so."

Netanyahu, at 47 the youngest premier in Israel's history, came to power in the May election on a have-your-cake-and-eat-it-too platform that promised both peace and security, with minimal territorial concessions.

He pledged to continue the peace process, the series of Israeli-Palestinian agreements that led to Israel's troop pullbacks in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and the creation of Palestinian autonomy.

Under the accord, Israel is also committed to an army withdrawal from 80 percent of the West Bank city of Hebron and to three further pullbacks by the end of 1997. It must also hold

"final status" talks on the big outstanding issues: the future of Jerusalem, Palestinian refugees, Jewish settlements and final borders.

That agenda is at odds with the ideology of Netanyahu's Likud Party and its government partners. The coalition parties oppose allowing a Palestinian state and giving up the Golan Heights to Syria, while they favor expanding Jewish settlements.

In trying to please everyone, Netanyahu has had trouble pleasing anyone.

Many settlers are critical that the Likud leader has been unable to build any new settlements despite all the rhetorical support.

"It isn't always the pace we wanted," said Aharon Dömb, spokesman for one settler group.

Some peace supporters see hope in Netanyahu's public musings about the nature of the eventual Palestinian entity, which he has said might be like the U.S. commonwealth of Puerto Rico — a far more generous model than adopted by previous Likud leaders.

But Palestinian leaders see little hope in Netanyahu's current course, saying there has not been any forward movement for almost a year.

"Netanyahu must understand that he cannot lay the foundation for conflict, confrontation and explosion, and then claim verbally that he is committed to a peace process," said Hannan Ashrawi, the minister of higher education for the Palestinian autonomy zone.

The latest crunch came when a Jewish settler and her 12-year-old son were slain in a highway ambush claimed by a radical Palestinian faction.

Netanyahu responded in the manner of previous rightwing governments, which expanded settlement activity in response to terrorism.

He authorized government subsidies expected to total \$30 million to encourage settlement growth and proposed building 1,000 new housing units next to the Beit El settlement where the ambush took place.

## Russian bodies found

PRIOZYORSK, Russia (AP) — Two more bodies were recovered Saturday from the wreckage of an apartment building torn apart by an explosion in northwestern Russia, bringing the death toll to 12.

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## EDITORIAL

### TV ratings give parents some much needed help

President Clinton was correct last week in his faint praise of the new TV ratings: "a huge step forward over what we have now, which is nothing."

The ratings fall way short of what concerned parents might like. Instead of providing details about program content, they ask parents to accept the networks' judgment about what's appropriate for different age groups.

Still, the ratings give parents at least a dim road map through the smutty morass of primetime TV.

Child-advocacy groups have agitated for more than that. They want specific warnings or even direct regulation.

But a whole-hog cleansing of TV. Land would be out of step with the smaller-government tenor of our times. So we'll experiment with a modest approach. If it doesn't bring results, we'll try something else.

Parents should find the ratings fairly easy to use. For instance, "TV-G" programs are supposed to be suitable for all audiences. "TV-PG" suggests parental guidance. Next comes "TV-14," inappropriate for children under 14. The steamiest and most violent shows would carry a "TV-M" rating.

Parents need to understand the limitations of these ratings. Your 7-year-old may be more mature or less mature than average. You may decide that TV-14 programs are way too sexy

for your 14-year-old.

Furthermore, shows will be rated by the same networks that put them on the air in the first place. How far do you trust those people's judgment and moral standards? (Case in point: A sample rating we saw listed the racy "NYPD Blue" as TV-14. Just how racy does a show have to be to rate a TV-M?)

In other words, parents still have to make their own choices and their own rules.

That will always be the case, no matter what kind of ratings or regulations come about. The truth is, television in the '90s is a swirling cesspool, propelled by the frantic competition for market share. Precious little primetime programming meets traditional standards of morality and taste.

These ratings provide parents with a tool, albeit a limited one. The V-chip, scheduled to appear in the marketplace by 1998, will be another.

But the chore of shielding children from TV's horrific violence, sleazy jokes and gutter language must fall to parents. Always did. Always will.

Just remember: Libraries are full of books. Toy stores are full of family board games. Hobby stores are full of craft projects. The "off" button is still the most useful tool for controlling what children watch.



### Local paper ignores problems in nature

The Times-News editorial of Dec. 17 taking me and Idaho Watersheds Project to task for attempting to bring responsible management to public lands in Idaho watersheds is a good example of head-in-the-sand neo-evangelical stupidity.

While all Americans love cowboys and the mythology of the "Old West," we also love clean water and good hunting, fishing and recreation on our public lands. The last 120 years of essentially unregulated control by public land ranchers of this extraordinary public land resource in the West has resulted in many, many abuses which have degraded all these other multiple uses.

In my work with Idaho Watersheds Project, I am attempting to bring some balance and accountability to public lands ranching. There is really no excuse for the conditions on creeks throughout southern Idaho, eastern Oregon and northern Nevada and Utah. While the Times-News might prefer to ignore the existence of creeks damaged by mismanaged livestock, ranchers in order to sustain the myth of ranchers as stewards of

**READER COMMENT**  
Jon Marvel

land and water, it is also hard on the people who try to make a living off it.

Since my lifestyle and those of 99 percent of the citizens of Idaho are not thought of as irreplacable, I wonder why the lifestyle of public-lands ranchers is any different. Why is the 130 years of ranching settlement in the West given so much importance? I would have more admiration for ranchers and their lifestyle if they showed a moment's respect for the 10,000 years of hunting and gathering custom and culture which preceded their arrival in these parts.

If letting the West be the West means continuing to ruin water quality, destroy fisheries, reduce hunting opportunities and degrade wildlife habitat and recreation opportunities, I'll freely leave that position to *The Times-News*. For a major Idaho daily to promote the status quo "hodgepodge of good and bad grazing practices" as a desirable vision for the future of Idaho's public lands is certainly a flawed and unfortunate view. Idaho Watersheds Project is aiming a lot higher than that.

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**Christmas legacy to our children**

Every year at this time, we all here in America get caught up in the web of Christmas. Either we love it or hate it. People feel that, well, since John or Mary are getting me a gift I better get them one. We feel just as giving a dollar or two to the Salvation Army.

But still we're forgetting the real and true meaning of Christmas. What kind of legacy are we leaving behind for our children. If only we knew, if only we could really know, what our Savior really did for us. There are so many people, God's children. All of us that he loved so much. All that Christ wanted for us to do is love God with all our heart, mind and soul, and the second is to like unto it to love his children, all of us. We could give the greatest gift of all if we would just love, really love our neighbors all over the world. Find someone who really needs our help, not just this time of the year but every day.

When Christ was in the garden of Gethsemane, he ended up alone. Even his best friends couldn't stay awake to be with him. For what he did for us was something he had to do alone, because of the concept of loving the Father and all of us. Jesus Christ gave the greatest gift of all time. His whole life for you and I.

Please let us all teach each other that kind of gift and leave that kind of legacy for our children and the homeless all over the world. I feel that this time of the year is becoming the saddest and loneliest time for more and more of his children everywhere.

JIM BOHRN  
Twin Falls

brought along a truckload of furnishings, a rather large but nicely crafted office desk, complete with full computer. In short, almost all my possessions were, Santa-like, neatly arranged in the pack on my back.

In the middle of the log, I stopped, half sick, as the bark on the log beneath my feet began to shift. I was from the mess I'd gotten into. No television helicopter was dropping a sky-hook from above through the roar of the cascading waters below.

I prayed for God's help—nothing left to do. By and by a light appeared. It got brighter as it approached. A form appeared in the light as perhaps an angel might. Yeah, God! His answer to my prayer would superman-like reach and touch me and we would float weightless to the far side of the log.

But no. Hovering in front of me, it held out a child wrapped in a blanket. A voice, from where I could not tell, said, "Take this!" Dumbly, I agreed and started the angel disappeared.

Still on the mist-slickened log, my thoughts turned to near despair. God's answer to my prayer was to load me down still more! This would not do!

I heard a loud buzzing noise in my ears, and the mist on my face was now clammy and warm, as was the pillow cover beneath my head...

PHIL AUTH  
Bergers

### CIA is culprit for foreign unrest

After 36 years of one of the ugliest civil wars ever recorded, Guatemala has decided to end it all with an amnesty. All-in-all-in-face.

Assassins, torturers, slaughterers and those who did their best to commit genocide against the Mayans, everybody's in the clear. Hey, it's their choice.

For those who believe that peace is so much harder without justice, there is one hind their backs, whistling innocently. Isn't that nice? The Guatemalans have decided to end their civil war and grant one another amnesty. Nothing to do with us, but so happy for the neighbors.

Of course, we've been in it up to our necks ever since 1954, when the CIA overthrew a democratically elected Guatemalan leader, Jacobo Arbenz Guzman, and replaced him with a series of right-wing governments. This led directly to the uprising in 1960. That the CIA's coup was largely responsible for Guatemala's civil war is beyond question.

So we in Arbenz and touch off a civil war that killed more than 100,000 people over 36 years, according to the Washington Post. But naturally, that was not our only contribution. We trained many a Guatemalan military "leader" at our own School of the Americas right here in the U.S.A. As the Department of Defense recently admitted, no one's surprised except that of the American me-

**MOLLY IVINS**

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**A tale for the Christmas season**

As I began to cross the log, I took no notice of the cascading, frost-laden waterfalls in the chasm below.

But the foaming mist began to make the log slippery. Ever so cautiously, I inched my way forward, carefully balancing the heavy pack on my back. Why had I brought all that stuff anyway?

My pack was heavy laden with books of higher education and a cumbersome replica of a large house. I'd also

**Partial-birth abortion is murder**

This pregnancy has gone full cycle. Before us we have a viable human being, capable of crying, suckling and sensing pain. This child is not completely out of the birth canal. An opening is made in the back of its head, and its brains are sucked out. This is called partial-birth abortion. What manner of interpretation can this have, but murder?

Hitler destroyed human lives. How is this different? There are many childless couples who would like to have this child. What does the arena of medicine feel about this procedure? The clergy and we as a civilized society?

CHARLES S. SATHER  
Twin Falls

### Doonesbury



### By Garry Trudeau



### Mallard Fillmore



### By Bruce Tinsley



# Age-old gentility shouldn't be outdated in U.S. culture

Pursuant to the Motion Picture Production Code's mandate that "no picture shall be produced which will lower the moral standards of those who see it," the script of "Casablanca" (1942) was changed, the word "like" replacing "enjoy" in what was originally this line for Captain Renault (Claude Rains): "You enjoy war. I enjoy women."

The Hays Office, enforcer of the code, issued this edict after reviewing the script of "The African Queen" (1951): "There must be no unacceptable exposure of Rose's (Katharine Hepburn's) person as she 'tucks her skirt up into her underclothes.' We assume the intention here is to tuck the skirt under the knees of her bloomers."

America has liberated itself from not only such pettifoggery but also from what is now considered the tyranny of taste. So, is everyone happy?

Not exactly. There is a certain lack of refinement in Dennis Rodman's America, a lack linked to three linked ideas: distinguishing between liberty and license is inappreciated; manners are servants of hypocrisy; concern for appearances and respectability is a craven treason against self-expression.

The eclipse of civility is a fact fraught with depressing significance, as explained in the autumn Wilson Quarterly, in essays by Richard Bushman, a Columbia historian, and James Morris of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. The gravamen of their arguments is a coarse and slatternly society — boomboxes borne through crowded streets by young men wearing pornographic T-shirts and small caps backward; young women using, in what for-



GEORGE F. WILL

merly was called polite society, language that formerly caused steevedores to blush — jeopardizes all respect, including self-respect.

Bushman says the young American nation had to overcome the fear that gentility, the product of an elite culture, put common people at a disadvantage, hence compromised democracy. But as American lives became less and less governed by austere material conditions and austere religious codes, rules of gentility supplied governance for human nature's unruly impulses.

Bushman defines gentility as "a compulsion to make the world beautiful" beginning with the individual and extending to the home — a piano on a carpet in the parlor; polished walnut furniture; ceramic dinnerware — and to parks and museums to elevate the public's taste. Gentility stimulated a market for many of capitalism's goods, and capitalism democratized gentility by making those goods affordable.

As urban density came to a former frontier society, Bushman writes, "the premium on simply getting along in public grew." There were uniformed ushers in theaters, sometimes distributing printed rules of decorum, such as not talking during the performance. Behavior was better when cinemas were opulent. Bring back the printed rules for the bores whose minimalist manners are suited to today's "immitables."

Time was, writes Morris, Americans understood that rules of civility do not just smooth sur-

faces, they "inscribed the soul." Today America is a nation of "vulgar solipsists," chatting away on cellular phones in public, unconcerned for privacy or dignity. Or safety. A bumper sticker: "Hang up and drive."

Morris warns: "In this age of 'whatever,' Americans are becoming slaves to the new tyranny of nonchalance. 'Whatever.' The word draws you in like a plumped pillow and folds round your brain, the progress of its syllables is a movement toward... a universal shrug. It's all capitulation. No one wants to make a judgment, to impose a standard, to act from authority and call conduct unacceptable."

So this nation, where traditions "have the shell life of bread," is getting perhaps not the behavior it deserves, but that which it countenances. The future stares blankly at us through the eyes of the "fragile young men/women" in Calvin Klein ads, "in a conga line of pointless sexuality," having opted "for a new cologne over bathing."

In the imperturbable cool of the 1990s, writes Morris, "Sights that not long ago would have left audiences open-mouthed with wonder leave them droop-eyed with boredom." Today's is not the "honest coarseness of frontier settlers removed from society and struggling with bears and the seasons." It occurs in a land where plenty inflames the sense of entitlement to more of almost everything, but less of manners and taste, with their irritating intimations of authority and hierarchy.

Today, Dennis Rodman. What next?

George F. Will is a Washington Post columnist.



## CIA case: Fact may mirror fiction

"A"nd he shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the

JAMES P. PINKERTON

Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls...

The story starts with the role of the president and the Senate in filling top federal jobs. For many Americans, the most informative treatment of the subject remains Allen Drury's 1959 novel, "Advice and Consent."

The story starts with the president's nomination of one Robert Leffingwell as secretary of state. One past utterance comes under scrutiny during those fictional confirmation hearings: Nominee Leffingwell once said that, in dealing with the Soviet Union, "We must not bind ourselves arbitrarily to the outworn principles of the past when we find those principles standing in the way of affirmative action for peace."

Asked by a skeptical senator what those "outworn principles

of the past" might be, Leffingwell responds about the need for Americans to sympathize more with the Russians' point of view.

The real Anthony Lake, nominated by President Clinton as director of central intelligence, is already under fire for everything from his stock portfolio to Iranian arms shipments to Bosnia. Yet the real struggle begins next month, when he must seek the advice and consent of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

So here's another question: What was Anthony Lake, as director of policy planning for the State Department, thinking about when he helped write Jimmy Carter's notorious commencement address at Notre Dame University on May 22, 1977? That was when the 39th president announced, "We are now free of that inordinate fear of communism."

Those real-life words strangely echo the fictional Leffingwell's "outworn principles" phrase for a

good reason: Novelist Drury was able to capture the smug mindset of those who "understood" that anti-communism was something to be outgrown. Carter's speech signaled to the world that the United States was no longer interested in bearing the burden of opposition to totalitarianism.

There's still the question of Lake's judgment. Lake was one of millions of Americans who took a soft line toward Soviet expansionism — but those Americans aren't seeking to be CIA director. And some of those Carter-era phrases, for example, just after the "inordinate fear" line. Carter explained that defeat in Vietnam had been good for America because "through failure we have now found our way back to our principles and values." Just as Leffingwell was pressed by senators to explain what "outworn principles" we had to leave behind, Lake should be asked by the Senate next month what "principles and values" were regained as a result of the Communist victory in Vietnam.

James P. Pinkerton is a columnist for Newsday.

### Truckers don't pay enough

I fully agree with the letter Oct. 14 by Elaine Martin Vogeleis regarding heavy trucktrailers on our highways. She expressed sincere concern about excessive road damage caused by heavy trucktrailers and also highway safety problems created by using too many long trailers on each truck.

The truckers seem to be unwilling to reduce their truck/trailer gross vehicular weight or pay their fair share for roadway upkeep. On the contrary, there is a national movement underway to further increase the GVW of trucks/trailers on our roads and highways. In view of the above and in the best interest of the taxpayers, I believe the time has come to seriously consider a total ban on all heavy trucktrailers in Idaho.

Heavy freight should be shipped into and out of Idaho by railroad and distribution stations could be set up wherever needed. Lightweight trucks/trailers could be used for local delivery. This action would benefit the taxpayers in several ways: (a) our roads and highways would last much longer; (b) the cost savings in road upkeep would be enormous.

Consider the present situation. Road repair is under way in many locations throughout the state, but we still have a \$4.1 billion backlog that we have no funds for. Briefly stated, the heavy trucks/trailers are causing damage to our roads and high-

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ways faster than the taxpayers can afford to repair them; (c) driving our state roads and highways would again become a pleasure without the heavy trucks and, I believe, would be much safer.

The truckers claim they pay high fees and taxes toward road upkeep, but they fail to mention these operating expenses are tax deductible. In effect, the taxpayers are subsidizing the truckers and this is not fair. There is no logical reason to allow heavy truckers to continuously damage our roads and highways at taxpayer expense. Railroads are assigned to carry heavy loads but roads and highways suffer extensive damage when heavy loads are allowed.

Instead of catering to the special-interest group (truckers) lobby, I hope our state Legislature has the will and fortitude to do what is best for the taxpayers regarding this issue.

Please contact your state legislative representative and request the Legislature act to either (a) substantially reduce the trucks GVW to minimize road damage and also limit the

trailers to one long or two short for safety reasons or (b) ban all heavy trucks/trailers in Idaho.

VAUGHN PETERSON  
Burdley

### Christmas money lost

On Tuesday, I drove to the College of Southern Idaho and sold back my textbooks to the college. I was pleased when I received \$100 for them. This was my Christmas money for my three children.

I went over to the mall to do some Christmas shopping for my boys. About one hour into my shopping, I reached into my pocket and realized my money was gone. I had lost \$60 to \$70. It must have dropped either at the ShopKo registers or in Lamont's.

I am praying that whoever found it will realize it is money for Christmas presents for my three boys, and return it to me or the mall management. If it is not returned, I can only hope that whoever found it needs it more than I.

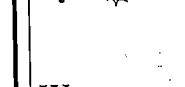
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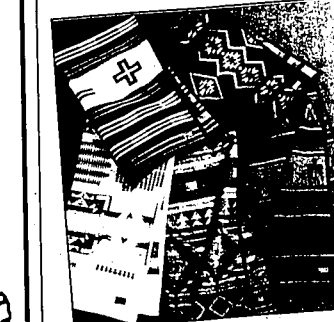
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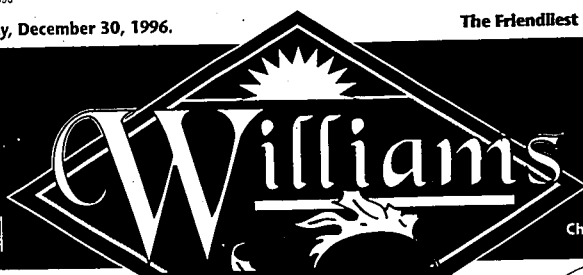
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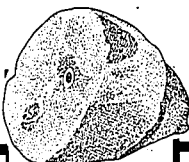
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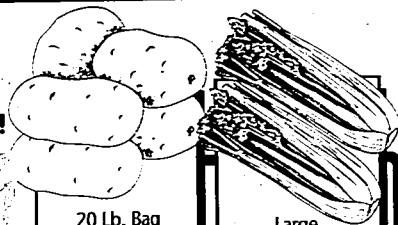
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The Times-News

## It sure ain't purdy, but it's poetry

Of all the Yule poems I've ever experienced, Leon Ford's winning verse in the first annual Don't Ask Me Say I Ain't Hallmark Christmas Card Writing Contest is definitely one of them.

"I think I would give up a rustler's reward.  
To get a bulldoggin' cowboy Christmas card.  
Just an old picture a snow-covered old cattle yard.  
And a sad bronco buster all banded up and scarred.  
While Santa Claus tells him as he rubs his wounds hard,  
Try square dancing next year, Merry Christmas, old pard!"



**DON'T ASK ME**  
Steve Crump

Leon, who lives in Twin Falls, won because - virtually alone among the three dozen entries - he didn't leave his meter running.  
Roger Maschek of Kimberly did, so he gets second place.

"In Magic Valley - it's Christmas Time.  
We buried the cat - the hounds are fine.  
I'm content right now - there's a reason.  
I'm restin' up for the calfin' season.  
Me and my new wife have a lot o' fun.  
Glad as hell - the Christmas shop-pin's done.  
My line o' credit - is max't to the limit.  
My wallet's got - nothin' in it.  
It's time to cel'brate the birth o' Christ.  
I'm goin' to church - but I ain't goin' twice.  
As sure as hell - and God's in heav'n I hope you all have a great '97."

Butch Snyder of Jerome threw convention to the wind and wrote us a free-verse holiday greeting, good for third place.  
Let me rephrase that.  
Butch Snyder of Jerome won third place.

"Twas the day before Christmas.  
As I was sliding down Galena Pass.  
Being on the road this day to visit a client in Sun Valley  
was not smart but I was worried about my monthly sales tally.  
Thoughts went through my mind of my girls,  
who was waiting under the mistletoe in Burley.  
When the snowfall increased as I went through Blaine,  
The possibility of a late Christmas Eve was something I knew.  
As I passed through Shoshone with my cell phone on roam,  
I called to my little sugar plum to tell her that my travel plans had been dumb  
and to ask her to delay the Christmas cheer or save me some.  
But by her unintelligible answer it was clear she had drank all the rum."

For that last line, Butch also wins the Polly Bloom Award for Outstanding Pursuit of a Rhyming Noun Against His Own Better Judgment.

Leon, Roger and Butch each get themselves real purdy certificates to prove to Hallmark that they're ready for prime time, even if they're not ready to write Christmas cards.

Leon also gets a box of "Merry Christmas 1996" cards, and Roger and Butch will receive all the cards I got last year with the names crossed off so's they can use them again.

But not on me. Forty-five years of getting the very same card from Uncle Bud and Aunt Beulah oughtta be enough, so I wrote and sent them a forwarding address.

Roger's, as it happens.

Steve Crump, the Times-News features editor, reminds you that if it weren't for Christmas, your four sons would be named Leviticus, Deuteronomy, Numbers and Ruth.

## Waste cleanup will be slow, costly

By N.S. Nibbenhead  
The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - The federal government already has spent about \$83 million on a project to clean up buried radioactive waste at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, but it has not yet turned a shovel of dirt.

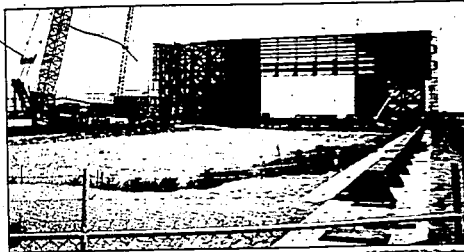
The contract for the cleanup of Pit 9 at INEL's radioactive waste dump was signed in October 1994, but the project already is more than a year behind schedule.

Lockheed Martin Advanced Environmental Systems, despite a nine-month test phase to win the contract, found the first-of-its-kind project more complex than expected. Solvents and plutonium from the buried waste at the INEL have seeped into the ground and threaten the Snake River Plain Aquifer, which supplies drinking and irrigation water for the Magic Valley and much of southern Idaho.

The federal government has promised Idaho since 1970 that it would dig up the buried waste. It is closer than it ever has been to getting started. Proposed plans call for a test in April 1998 of the equipment being built to do the job.

Pit 9 is a one-acre portion of the INEL's radioactive burial ground used from 1952 to 1970. The test would use actual waste from the pit. If it goes well, excavation and treatment of waste in the pit could begin by August 1998.

But first the contractor and state and federal officials must agree to changes in the schedule.



A mobile retrieval building will dig up long-buried radioactive waste in Pit 9 at INEL, one section at a time, but unforeseen problems have delayed the project more than a year.

### Who's who?

The two companies involved in radioactive waste cleanup at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory are both subsidiaries of multinational defense contractor Lockheed Martin Corp. Lockheed Martin Idaho Technologies Inc. holds the consolidated contract for managing all operations at INEL. Lockheed Martin Advanced Environmental Systems is the subcontractor that holds the contract to clean up Pit 9 at INEL.

The cleanup contract was awarded in October 1994 to the Lockheed Environmental subsidiary, based in Houston. The company now is based in Albuquerque, N.M. Lockheed Martin Idaho Technologies Inc. administers the contract between the Energy Department and Lockheed Martin Advanced Environmental Systems for the Pit 9 cleanup. The Energy Department's manager at INEL, Bill Lockwood, holds responsibility for the contract. INEL spokesman Eric Page said.

Delays have plagued the project. The contractor missed two design deadlines in February when project officials sub-

mitted incomplete designs, said Dennis Nygard of the state Division of Reclamation. Please see **WASTE**, Page B3.

## How it works: Building would exhume waste

By N.S. Nibbenhead  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Behind a chain-link fence, long concrete foundations stretch across about an acre of trawny desert grass that covers a pit of radioactive waste buried in the late 1950s.

A 150-by-80 foot building will roll along giant rails set in those foundations. The building contains remote-controlled cranes and equipment that will dig up the long-buried waste to be processed in a nearby concrete building.

The Pit 9 project is part of an effort to locate and buried, plutonium-contaminated radioactive waste at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory can be cleaned up. The facility under construction will dig up the waste, sort it, treat it and package it for ultimate disposal.

During the 1950s and 1960s, numerous waste - contaminated with plutonium - from the Rocky Flats nuclear bomb factory near Denver was buried willy-nilly in pits and trenches in the 85-acre burial ground now known as the Subsurface Disposal Area of the INEL's Radioactive Waste Management Complex. Please see **BUILDING**, Page B3.

## Tickled pink over winning the elusive Elmo

By Kent McCleary  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Kay-Bee Toys sold out. ShopKo sold out. The Tickle Me Elmo doll in a display capsule at the Magic Valley Mall Saturday afternoon was likely the only one available among thousands of square feet of retail space.

That Tickle Me Elmo was available by drawing. "I was actually going to get one earlier," said Amber Brumers, 21, after signing her entry form. "I don't know why, exactly. It's kind of cute."

Sharp, 24, of Heyburn, won the drawing. When the drawing started, she had walked down the mall.



Whinner Spring Tilley and Elmo. Going home together for the holidays.

"I want to get pizza. (Family members) stayed around to see who had won, and they met me halfway. I just wanted to eat," she said.

Josh Sharp walked uncertainly around the mall after the drawing. The U.S. Forest Service handed the county a \$590,000 bill Monday for the cost of fighting the fire. The county has until Jan. 15 to pay it or to propose a payment plan.

Otherwise, the Forest Service will refer the bill to the U.S. Department of Justice.

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Hundreds turned out for a chance to win the coveted laughing Elmo at the Magic Valley Mall on Saturday. Spring Tilley was across the mall at the food court when her ticket was chosen.

ing lot. It was the only one he had."

"I think you squeeze him or something and he laughs. My 3-year-old son watches Sesame Street. Elmo is fairly new, but I know he likes Elmo," said mall shopper Jaymie Hatfield, 24 of Gooding.

"I wanted him for my grandson. I didn't realize it would be that big of a deal," said Hatfield's father, Bill Wilkins of Gooding. "I only saw it when they first started advertising it on TV."

Sharp extended his box-bound Tickle Me Elmo, holding it at arm's length. Elmo vibrated spasmodically, its plush

covered middle jiggling as a short, high-pitched giggle sounded. "My little nephew went nuts over it," Sharp said. Tilley's doll is for her daughter.

With so much publicity surrounding the doll, people have done some strange things. We don't want any problems.

— Jim Campbell, Magic Valley Mall security director

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Bywater said he thinks it is the Forest Service's right to withhold names from the investigation, under privacy provisions in the Freedom of Information Act.

## Cassia County awaits insurance report on Elba fire

By Jennifer Bunch  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - Cassia County maintains a "wait and see" attitude about how its insurance carrier will deal with financial claims brought against the county in the wake of the Elba wildfire.

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claims totaling nearly \$960,000.

The Forest Service gave the county a copy of the investigation it conducted into the fire. The investigation determined a fire line had not been completely around the burn area. The county had been trying to burn the noxious weed medusahed, a non-native, aggressive weed.

Rick Ferguson, a claims manager for the county's insurance carrier in Boise, said his Idaho County Risk Management Program "would just as soon not discuss the case at all."

Cassia County Prosecutor Stephen Bywater said if ICRMP doesn't agree to pay the claims, claimants have the right to take the matter to court. Insurance coverage will kick in if the court decides the county should pay the claims, Bywater said. The county must pay a

\$5,000 deductible on each claim, he said.

County Weed Superintendent Gordon Edwards told The Times-News it will be up to the insurance company to decide whether it thinks the county should be responsible for the fire. In conducting the burn, the first concern was for the safety and welfare of the county, Edwards said.

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OBITUARIES

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TWIN FALLS



Marian O. Langton

Marian O. Smith Langton, 85, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1996, at home.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, 1996, at the First United Methodist Church in Payette.

Her husband started buying "rides and a motor" by the carload and owned a motorboat in Twin Falls.

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Following her retirement in 1965, Mrs. Langton lived in the Magic Valley Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Mother moved to New Plymouth to live on her daughter's farm. She instantly became involved in several activities in Payette County.

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Years preceded her in death nine years ago.

She was a member of the Skyline Christian Church and a member of the PEO Chapter B1 in Idaho Falls.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, 1996, at the Rupert First Christian Church with Pastor Thomas Baird officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Skyline Christian Church, 1930 W. Broadway, Idaho Falls, ID 83402.

She is survived by two sons and daughter-in-law, Lynn and Lois Langdon of Buhl, and Danny and Kathleen Langdon of Santa Monica, Calif.

Survivors include two sisters, Letha (Bill) Stonemetts of Twin Falls and Gladys (Leonard) Kuntz of Jerome. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, Ben, Dan and Marshall, and a sister, Theda McManaman.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, 1996, at the Jerome Cemetery with the Rev. Thomas Thompson officiating.

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JEROME

Carolyn Sema, 61, born as Carolyn Emma Jenkins on Oct. 22, 1935, to Carl and Gladys (Klein) Jenkins of NM, passed on to a new life.

She worked hard all of her life, her last employer was Gem Linen Supply, however, she was a cook, nurse aide, waitress and housekeeper at the Magic Valley.

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SERVICES

Max White, of Twin Falls, memorial service, 7 p.m. today, Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls.

p.m. Monday, Hagerman Cemetery, Viewing, 4 to 7 p.m. today, Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Edith Gill BURLEY - Edith Gill, 84, of Wendell and formerly of Burley, died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1996, at the Magic Valley Manor in Wendell.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Arzenna B. Arterburn, of Bliss, graveside service, 11 a.m. Monday, Hagerman Cemetery, Viewing, 4 to 7 p.m. today, Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Robert P. Minshew TWIN FALLS - Robert Perry Minshew, 84, of Reno, Nev., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 19, 1996.

Mable Schick Peeke, of Filer, 11 a.m. Monday, Filer LDS Stake Center, 841 Midway, Viewing, 4 to 7 p.m. today, White Mortuary, Twin Falls and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main in Burley with Robert Adams officiating. Burial will follow at the Gem Memorial Gardens in Burley.

HOSPITALS

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Admitted Neil Anderson and Grace Taylor, both of Burley; Joann Corbridge, of Sonja Parish of Kimberly; and Michael Woodland of Paul.

MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to either the American Cancer Society, 2676 Vista Ave., Boise, ID 83705, or the Ronald McDonald House, 101 Warm Springs Ave., Boise, ID 83712.

Released Max Haug, Ralph McCombs and Theresa Teeter, all of Heyburn; Theresa Barefoot and Melba Rogers, both of Burley; Kay Rigby of Malta; Kent Stallings of Rupert; and Daryl Washburn of Oakley.

Admitted Darcy Nelson, Lucy Wright and Jeremiah Ventura, all of Rupert.

Released Edith Morgan, Julia Rameriz and Donna Jessop, all of Rupert.

Births A baby was born to Sonja Parish of Kimberly.

New Clinton adviser is Coeur d'Alene native

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - President Clinton has selected a Coeur d'Alene native as his top domestic policy adviser.

During the past year, his assignment has been developing Clinton's domestic agenda for the second term.

Bruce Reed, formerly an assistant, was appointed on Friday to replace Carlo Rasco.

Reed is "an original thinker, someone who long ago rejected that easy answers form any part of the political spectrum," Clinton said.

Reed, 36, is the son of Coeur d'Alene attorney Scott Reed and longtime Idaho state Sen. Mary Lou Reed.

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Reed learned of their son's new job Wednesday. "He is not an enormous surprise," the elder Reed said. "Of course, we're very proud."

The magazine "U.S. News and World Report" has called Reed "Bill Clinton's vicar of ideas."

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He was valedictorian of the Class of 1978 at Coeur d'Alene High School. His wife, Bonnie LeFard, was salutatorian.

Reed earned an English degree at Princeton. He took a semester off in 1980 to work for Idaho Sen. Frank Church's losing re-election campaign.

Merry Christmas! May the angels on high bring you peace this holiday season. From the staff of... REYNOLDS Funeral Chapel

Buhl man in critical condition after fall The Times-News BOISE - A Buhl man injured when he fell into Sinking Canyon Thursday afternoon is still in critical condition.

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Public outcry halted the practice in 1970.

In December 1991, Idaho state officials signed an INEL cleanup plan with the Energy Department and the Environmental Protection Agency. That plan included digging up Pit 9 to learn about the waste buried there, what has happened to it since it was buried and how to clean up the whole complex.

The burial project began in 1952. In 1954 plutonium-contaminated waste began arriving from a Colorado bomb factory. The waste was buried in 20 pits and trenches dug in the shallow desert soil, many of them unlined.

Pit 9 covers about one acre. From 1957 to 1969, the government dumped about 110,000 cubic feet of plutonium-contaminated waste in Pit 9, then covered it with about six feet of soil. Historical records give an

idea of how waste once may have been distributed in the pit, but a 1969 flood floated and mixed up most of the 4,000 drums and 2,500 boxes of waste.

The waste in the pit includes plutonium and other radioactive materials and organic solvents along with parts of machinery and reactors—even an old pickup truck bed.

Exploration wells have found organic solvents at just over the federal limit in the aquifer 580 feet below the old dump and 240 feet below the ground.

Once dug up, the waste will be transferred to a nearby treatment center where it will be shredded, the radioactive contaminants separated and waste turned into a solid glass-like substance. The building's filters are designed to stop dust particles from escaping into the atmosphere.

Large pieces, like a pickup truck bed with no internal con-

mination, would be separated, decontaminated—washed with soap and water—and returned to the pit along with other items and soil.

Smaller pieces, solvents and contaminated soil would be physically separated and may be chemically treated to remove radioactive components.

Though never tried on the type of waste at the INEL, physical separation has been used to decontaminate plutonium-contaminated sand on Johnson Island, a U.S.-owned island in the Pacific Ocean.

Organic chemicals would be broken down. The solvent carbon tetrachloride, for example, would be broken into its constituent parts and released as carbon dioxide and ordinary table salt.

Concentrated radioactive material and still-intact waste barrels would be heated in a furnace and turned into an obsidian-like glass. It would be packaged and stored for eventual disposal.

Waste

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Environmental Quality.

The state wants to resolve the problems and get the project back on track. Officials expect the project to be a remedy for Pit 9 and the rest of the INEL's buried waste, Nygard said.

Digging up buried plutonium-contaminated waste has never been done before. And the process turned out to be more complex than the contractor thought, said Claire Fitch, Pit project manager for Lockheed Martin Idaho Technologies Inc., the contractor that oversees INEL operations for the Energy Department, including the Pit 9 Project.

A full-scale test of Pit 9 cleanup was to have been conducted last August. But a proposed change in the technology for removing plutonium from the soil has put the test back about 4 months.

Delays have been a recurring problem.

In December 1991, INEL, Idaho and the Environmental Protection Agency signed an agreement that called for cleanup of Pit 9 and set deadlines.

In February 1992, then-INEL contractor EG&G Idaho projected the cleanup would cost about \$115 million, including \$65 million to treat, store and dispose materials not returned to the pit.

In the spring of 1993, two contractors—Waste Environmental Services Inc. and a Lockheed subsidiary—presented similar extraction proposals that were tested on

non-hazardous material. They were paid \$8 million each upon completion of the nine-month tests.

In October 1994, the Energy Department signed Lockheed Environmental Systems and Technologies Co. to a \$179 million contract to clean up buried radioactive and hazardous waste in Pit 9.

The department picked the Lockheed subsidiary because the company was willing to sign a performance-based contract. That means if the project doesn't work to the satisfaction of the state, the EPA and the Energy Department, the company won't get paid, INEL spokesmen Brad Bugger said.

The Energy Department is not entirely happy with the contractor's performance so far. Project delays have resulted in increased costs, according to a November performance evaluation. The company has not been good about evaluating or planning to reduce the effects of delays or documenting progress on Pit 9, according to the evaluation.

Lockheed Martin Advanced Environmental Systems underestimated the complexity of the project. When it signed the contract, Lockheed thought it could meet the "overly optimistic" schedule, Fitch said Tuesday.

It's challenging to build a processing facility that has never been done before. Though the concepts were tested, the project was far more complex than expected once building got started, said deputy project manager Bill Cole

of Lockheed Martin Advanced Environmental Systems.

A major stumbling block was the chemical leaching system that was to extract plutonium from the waste. It worked in the lab, but full-scale tests raised concerns that it would not perform in practice.

Instead of redesigning the system, Lockheed decided to switch like a fancy potato sorter, contaminated dirt on a conveyor belt would pass under radiation detectors that would trigger gates which in turn would divert contaminated soil.

But the state has some questions about the sorter, how it will meet the goals set out in the cleanup plans and how the results will be monitored, Nygard said.

The state is waiting for answers from Lockheed Martin Advanced Environmental Systems, in the form of plans and designs that explain how the system will work. The state recognizes the complexity and difficulty of the project, but officials are interested in making sure delays don't happen again, Nygard said.

The April 1998 test has two steps. First, a non-radioactive surrogate material is used to ensure the process works as it's supposed to. Step two tests the process with actual contaminated material from Pit 9.

Officials then evaluate the results and decide whether to go forward.

"We would all like to see this as a success," Nygard said.

Ticked

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Sharp's Tickle Me Elmo giggled and giggled, the sounds almost drowned out in the mall.

"It's not that loud," said Josh Sharp. "It's for my nieces. I don't

have to put up with it," he shrugged.

"I was hoping to get two. I have two nieces, and I can't just give it to one. If I can't find another one, I might sell it, if someone will pay the same as I

paid for it."

A circle of mall marketing and security officials stood around Tilley as she prepared to take Tickle Me Elmo home.


"All this fuss for a doll?" Tilley asked.

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# N. Idaho shut out of committee

## Legislature's committee chairmen all hail from southern Idaho

BOISE (AP) — Northern Idaho will be left out of managing legislation in the next session of the Legislature.

There is not a single committee chairman in the House from the northern part of the state. And Gary Schroeder of Moscow, the Senate Education chairman, is the only one that comes from the north.

Rep. Donna Jones, the new chairwoman of the House Revenue and Taxation Committee, comes from Payette, just 60 miles northwest of Boise.

The rest in the House are from the Ada-Canyon County area, the Magic Valley or eastern Idaho.

In the Idaho Legislature, committee chairmen are all-powerful. They decide what goes on the agenda for discussion and it is rare that a bill opposed by a chairman becomes law.

The full House or Senate can vote on the floor to pull a bill out of committee, but that has only happened a handful of times the last two decades.

Most committee chairman assignments are based on seniority, although the House is trying to get away from that tradition.

That means Canyon County, a Republican stronghold where the



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— House Speaker Michael Simpson

voters send the same people back to the Legislature year after year, has far more than its share of committee chairmanships. Of the non-freshmen from Canyon County, only Rep. Bill Deal of Nampa isn't a chairman.

Canyon County provides seven of the 24 chairmen in the Legislature, including five of the 14 in the House.

In contrast, it might be years before anybody becomes a chairman from Kootenai County, where the voters regularly replace legislators.

"Most of the representatives from northern Idaho are relatively new in the Legislature," said House Speaker Michael Simpson.

"That's just a pattern. If those

people stay in the Legislature, eventually they will become chairmen."

Besides, Simpson notes, for the first time there are four legislators, two Republicans and two Democrats, from northern Idaho on the powerful Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, which decides how to spend the money.

Simpson isn't worried about the fact that lawmakers from Canyon County hold a disproportionate share of the committee chairmanships.

"Those individuals just have don't think you will see all of those people staying in the Legislature that much longer. Some of them will retire," he said.

The House will continue to dis-

cuss whether seniority should be the basis for awarding chairmanships. The Senate seems set on preserving the status quo.

Republican Reps. Mark Stubbs of Twin Falls and David Callister of Boise have been prodding lawmakers to change the system. They contend that when Idaho's term limit law starts retiring lawmakers in 2002 or 2004, many who are freshmen now will have to get out before they have a chance to become chairmen.

That's why the House has six new chairmen for the upcoming session, Simpson got three committee chairmen to voluntarily surrender their assignments to take seats on House Appropriations.

He said he asked a couple of other chairmen to make the same move but they declined.

"The discussion by Stubbs helped fuel this," Simpson said. "If anything, it may have made some of those chairmen realize that maybe they didn't need to be chairmen. To be on JFAC (the budget committee) would be good, too."

"Obviously, it allow us to do something with the committee chairs that will put to rest some of the unrest among the other members."

# Federal grants will assist struggling Idaho county

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — It was the Christmas present that law enforcement was hoping for, a grant giving Bonneville County a deputy prosecutor to handle just domestic violence cases.

Local authorities have received the news that they are tentatively selected for a \$341,405 federal grant. It will be used to fund a full-time prosecutor and secretary to handle domestic violence cases. It also will pay for a full-time offender program coordinator and full-time victim coordinator at the Domestic Violence Intervention Center, as well as an additional part-time counselor.

The 18-month grant will pick

up the tab for one-time purchases of office equipment for the new employees.

The highly competitive nationwide grant does not require matching funds. Bonneville County was one of 122 jurisdictions across the country to get part of the \$28 million. And it is the only department in Idaho to receive the prized grant, said Bud Langerak, Bonneville County Sheriff's domestic violence investigator.

The money should be in place in eight to 10 weeks, Langerak said.

On Nov. 22, the local programs also received a \$122,905 state grant.

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# Lack of funds halts building of Utah domestic abuse shelter

WEST JORDAN, Utah (AP) — Construction of a 12-unit, family-style domestic abuse shelter has stopped due to a lack of funding.

Organizers say it will take \$75,000 to finish the South Valley Sanctuary, which sits half-finished on two acres just south of City Hall. Construction began in June 1995.

Betsy Atkinson, West Jordan's assistant city manager, is heading the drive to raise the funds needed to build the south-valley shelter. So far, West Jordan has kicked in \$160,000 and the state Domestic Violence Advisory Council has committed \$250,000.

"But it's going really slowly," Atkinson said Friday. "As far as major construction, they've pulled out until we get enough money to get it going again."

A donation of \$140,000 from

the Eccles Foundation and the \$250,000 from the state, along with other, smaller donations paid for the foundation, walls and a roof of the West Jordan shelter.

Utah now has 13 shelters open. In addition to the south-valley facility, another sanctuary is planned for Davis County, said Diane M. Stuart, Utah's domestic-violence coordinator. In Salt Lake County, the only shelter is the YWCA's downtown 18-unit facility.

"We're sheltering almost 2,000 women and well over 5,000 are getting services beyond that," Stuart said.

But the number of domestic abuse cases continues to rise. In 1995, for instance, 15 of Utah's 61 homicides were committed within the family. Reported spousal abuse cases jumped from 3,957 in 1994 to 5,740 in 1995.

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# New fee hike may profit park

KALISPELL, Mont. (AP) — Increased fees could raise more than \$1 million for Glacier National Park over the next three years, if the same number of visitors show up and Congress doesn't decrease funding to the National Park Service.

"You have to be careful," the park's head fee collector, Jerry Nelson, said of the estimate. "It depends on a lot of unknowns and a lot of variables."

Earlier this fall, the National Park Service announced a new experimental fee structure intended to boost park revenues.

The weekly charge for a carload of visitors, the most commonly paid fee in the park, doubles from \$5 to \$10.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Officials with Heritage Healthcare Corporation announced this week that they have sold Canyon View Hospital and Counseling Centers, a 28-bed psychiatric hospital here, to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. The sale and transition will be effective midnight on December 31, 1996. At that time, Canyon View will operate as the behavioral health service of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

The change in ownership will provide opportunities for new growth and direction. All services currently provided by the facility which include inpatient and outpatient treatment services, support groups, aftercare groups, etc., will continue without interruption. Psychiatric medical records, although catalogued in the main Medical Records Department at MVRMC, will continue to be maintained at Canyon View for confidentiality purposes. Former patients will continue to have access to their medical records by directing a written request for information to:

Canyon View Hospital and Counseling Centers  
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## CLUB PROFILE

### Magic Valley Pinochle Club



Club members enjoy a game of pinochle. From back to front, Roy Williams, Betty Giles, Archie Malone, Margaret Rayles and Bob Wilson.

Purpose: The Magic Valley Pinochle Club offers the public the opportunity to play pinochle and meet new people.

Meets: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings at the Disabled American Veterans Hall, corner of Shoup and Harrison.

Cost: \$2 donation at each meeting.

**Profile your club**

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The Spirit of the Holidays float was held Dec. 12. First place went to this float representing 'The Griswolds' from 'National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation.' The float was created by Randy Clark, Kim Hodge and Brian Tardoff.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Little Critters give aid to needy family

**BUHL** - The Little Critters 4-H Club is sponsoring a community project to help a needy family in Twin Falls.

Club members are collecting toys and clothing for the family. They will be wrapping, preparing and delivering the gifts on Monday. Donations are being accepted. A drawing will be held Monday afternoon with a Buhl City official drawing for donated prizes to be given away.

Any extra proceeds will be given to the Buhl family that was burned out of their home this week.

For more information or to make a donation, call Carol Mattress at 326-3622 or Brenda Luper at 543-8153.

### Senior center plans Christmas dinner

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center has planned a Christmas dinner for Monday at the center, 616 Eastland.

The first serving is at 11:30 a.m., with the second set for

noon. Santa will visit, and special music and treats will be provided.

### Quesnell installed as honored queen

**TWIN FALLS** - Elizabeth Quesnell, 13, daughter of Michael and Valerie Quesnell of Twin Falls, will be installed as honored queen of the International Order of Job's Daughters.



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Rehel, 43 at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Masonic Temple on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

Other officers to be installed are Alyson Peterson, senior princess; Meghan Deibert, junior princess; Jessica Carter, guide; Jenni Fiedt, marshal; Jennie Hedge, chaplain; Jill Newham, librarian; Megan Smith, treasurer; Renee Wiseman, musician; Sarah Dean, first messenger; Sarah Lincoln, second messenger; Adienne Annis, third messenger; Ingrid Bailey, fifth messenger; Karinna Johnson, senior custodian; Devin Snyder, junior custodian; Becky Brant, inner guard; and Vanessa Hoge, outer guard.

Those who will be installed as their members are Jackie Baxter, custodian of light; Stefanie Poe, flag bearer; Jessica Schmidt, assistant treasurer; Jenni Krall, assistant musician; Jackie Clark, assistant librarian; Denise Bynles, assistant treasurer; Colene High, assistant custodian; Amy Slagowski, singer and team; BreAnn Albrecht, hospitality assistant; Megan Hensley, Kristin Garcia and Jean Newbery, pro team; Laurie Strand, choir captain; and Tasha Elliot, Tim Fiedt, Annie Henna, Erin Magill, Mallory McClintock, Kelsey Peterson, Allison Redman, Emily Reichen, Kelly Seaman, Beth Strickland,

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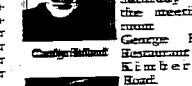
Rotating Emperor, Queen Alyson Redman will be the installing officer. She will be assisted by Susanna Rowe, installing guide; Cami Strickberg, installing marshal; Mary Lynn Montgomery, installing chaplain; Cheryl Boone, installing musician; Jill Beaman, installing senior custodian; Emily Reichen, installing junior custodian; Linda Simpson, installing member; Lisa McInnis, installing flag bearer; and Rachelle Scarrin, installing musician of light.

Jim Watson-High is the master, and Ray and Sonnie Strickberg are the hosts. The high and song command, and Heidi David and Michael Westman will hand out programs.

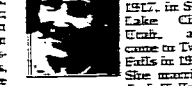
The public is invited to the installation and reception following the ceremony.

### Holland celebrates 80th birthday

**TWIN FALLS** - An open house to celebrate Carolyn Holland's 80th birthday is planned for 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday in the meeting room at George K's Restaurant on Lake City Blvd.



Carolyn Holland, 80, will celebrate her birthday Saturday.



Jackie Holland, 80, will celebrate her birthday Saturday.

She was married to Jack Holland in 1954, and they lived in Twin Falls until 1984. They moved to Buhl, where they lived until returning to Twin Falls in 1991. She worked as a dental assistant for Louise Wachsen in Buhl and as an administrative assistant for William Heston in Twin Falls until her retirement.

She was a ski instructor at

Pomerelle for 36 years, teaching hundreds of area youth how to ski and instilling in them her love for the sport. She was named instructor of the Year in 1987. Pomerelle named its ropetow area "Carolyn Holland Hill" in her honor. The Holland's loves-in-life have been each other, their children and grandchildren and skiing, in that order.

The event is hosted by her children, Buck and Julia Holland of Jarley, Jill and Richard Fackrell of Las Vegas, Nev., Lynn and Kathy Holland of Pleasant Hills, Calif., and Russ and Sally Holland of Rupert. She has 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

## CLASSES

### Aromatherapy techniques taught

**TWIN FALLS** - D. Maya Deane, a certified aromatherapist at Clinical Aromatherapy and Shop, 124 Main St. W. (upstairs in the Paris Building) is offering several classes that are set to begin soon.

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## EVENTS ELSEWHERE

### Equestrian group works to raise funds

**GRAND VIEW** - The Idaho Parks and Recreation Department is working with a newly formed equestrian group called the Mountain Home Pleasure Riders to help raise funds for facilities to be built at the Bruneau Sand Dunes State Park.

Lyn Martin and Annemarie Becker, spokespersons for the group, said grant monies are available for a limited time. The group will apply to the parks department for matching funds to assist in building a horsemen's facility within the park. Bids have been solicited for installation of a vault toilet, water and power lines, with construction to begin in the spring of 1997. A picnic area with electricity, corals and handicapped access will be done later.

Fund-raisers sponsored by the Mountain Home Pleasure Riders will start with an auction in early spring and proceed through the summer with poker riders, scavenger hunts, etc. Horse enthusiasts can look forward to a summer of enjoyable activities that will benefit them and their children.

The Mountain Home Pleasure Riders group is hoping other clubs and horsemen will join the effort. For more information, call Lyn or Larry Martin at 587-8744.

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### Student teachers conclude season

Three Twin Falls area residents, attending the University of Idaho in Moscow have been student teaching during the fall semester.

Mindy Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Reynolds of Buhl, is an elementary school teacher major. She was a student

teacher at Poppelwell Elementary School in Buhl.

Audrey Swayze is an English education major and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Swayze of Filer. She was teaching at Filer Middle School and Filer High School.

Victoria Salinas, a non-matriculated student and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ladrado Salinas of Twin Falls, has been teaching at Upward Bound at the U of I.

### Military academy nominations made

Rep. Mike Crapo has announced his selections for military academy nominations for the Class of 1997. Twin Falls area nominees are Kelly Frunson and Thomas Howell, both from Buhl High School.

### Optimist club joins national effort

The Twin Falls Optimist Club is participating in a nationwide effort to educate parents and caregivers about the special precautions they must take when driving with children in cars with airbags. The "Always Buckle Children in the Backseat" public education campaign is the result of a new partnership between Optimist International and Morton International, a leading manufacturer of airbags.

A recent national survey conducted on behalf of Morton International determined that many drivers don't know and don't follow the advice of safety experts to keep children safely buckled in the backseat. The ABC program is part of a new response to this research to spread critical safety messages to parents throughout the country.

Robyn Stanhope is the chairperson for the Twin Falls club's ABC program. The club is distributing child-safety brochures and window stickers bearing the "Always Buckle Children in the Backseat" safety message to retailers, car dealers and rental agencies, educators, health care providers and community groups.

For more information on the program, contact any member of the Twin Falls Optimist Club.

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If it's news to you, I want to hear about it. It's April Cronch (Sivich), the community editor at The Times-News. It is my job to fill this page with news about:

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# Land near Snake River to be given to public

LEWISTON (AP) — A scenic parcel of Snake River shoreline is on its way into public ownership. The Nature Conservancy on Friday bought the 565-acre Lime Point property from the Idaho Heritage Trust for \$215,000, and plans to transfer the land to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

The parcel about 24 miles south of Lewiston includes more than a mile of river frontage. It was donated to the Idaho Heritage Trust by Washington Water Power Co. in 1993. "It is an absolutely key parcel," said Mark Elsbree of The Nature

Conservancy's northern Idaho office in Hayden Lake.

The acreage, named for a large outcropping of limestone, includes a large, broad flat that is popular with campers and river runners as a lunch stop. Fish and Game owns the surrounding Craig Mountain Wildlife Management Area.

"Lime Point has provided prime fishing, hunting and camping access for sportsmen for many years," said Gary "Sam" McNeill, Fish and Game's regional wildlife habitat manager in Lewiston.

When the property is transferred to the state, The Nature Conservancy will not make a profit on the deal.

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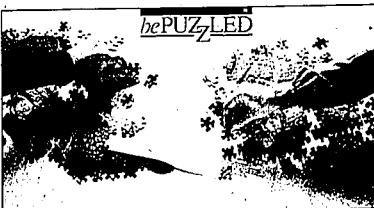
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Boys' high school basketball

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Class A-1, Region III

Overall	W			L			Pct.	GB
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Highland	4	0	1.000	0	0	0.000	0.0	
Wagon Falls	2	2	0.500	1	1	0.500	1.0	
Pocahontas	2	2	0.500	1	1	0.500	1.0	
Minico	2	5	0.286	1	2	0.333	1.5	
Burley	2	5	0.286	0	1	0.000	1.5	

Class A-2

Jerome	4	2	0.667	1	0	1.000	0.0
Wood River	2	2	0.333	0	0	0.000	0.5
Buhl	0	7	0.000	0	1	0.000	1.0

Class A-3, Canyon Conference

Wendell	6	0	1.000	2	0	1.000	0.0
Declo	5	2	0.714	0	0	0.000	0.0
Gooding	5	2	0.500	1	1	0.500	1.0
Kimberly	4	1	0.800	0	0	0.000	1.0
Valley	2	4	0.333	1	1	0.500	1.5
Glenns Ferry	2	2	0.500	0	1	0.000	1.5
Filer	4	2	0.667	0	2	0.000	2.0

Class A-4, Northside

Shoshone	4	1	0.800	0	0	0.000	0.0
Carey	2	0	1.000	0	0	0.000	1.0
Dietrich	6	0	1.000	0	0	0.000	1.0
Camas Co.	0	1	0.500	0	0	0.000	1.0
Bliss	3	3	0.500	0	0	0.000	1.0
Richfield	1	4	0.200	0	0	0.000	1.5
ISB	0	0	0.000	0	1	0.000	1.5
Ketchum*	1	0	1.000	0	0	0.000	1.0

Class A-4, Southside

Murtaugh	5	2	0.714	0	0	0.000	0.0
Oakley	3	3	0.500	0	0	0.000	0.0
Castleford	3	3	0.400	0	0	0.000	0.0
Hagerman	2	4	0.333	0	0	0.000	0.0
Hansen	1	3	0.250	0	0	0.000	0.0
Rainier	1	5	0.167	0	0	0.000	0.0
TP Christian*	2	4	0.333	0	0	0.000	0.0
MY Christian*	0	0	0.000	0	0	0.000	0.0

\* Plays JV only; ineligible for post-season.

Jerome boys, girls win

The Times-News

ELKO, Nev. — The Jerome boys' and girls' basketball teams completed a weekend sweep of Nevada teams, but had roads prove home Saturday evening to celebrate.

Their games highlighted a light schedule of high school basketball.

Boys

Jerome 56, Spring Creek, NV 41 (boys)

Spring Creek — The Tigers turned up the offense in the second quarter and finished the game with some excellent free throw shooting Saturday.

Jerome coach Brent Clark said Spring Creek was a big physical team with three players between 6-6 and 6-8, but the Tigers played very good defense to keep the ball away from their big men.

Brian Williams led Jerome with 14 points, including 5-5 from the charity stripe in the fourth quarter when Spring Creek got into foul trouble. As a team, Jerome was hot in the final quarter, connecting on 17 of 21 free throws.

Jerome 56, Spring Creek 41. Jerome: 36/113-41. Spring Creek: 24/62-37. Jerome: 14/22-37-56. Spring Creek: 14/22-37-56. Jerome: 14/22-37-56. Spring Creek: 14/22-37-56.

Oakley 47, Filer 37

FILER — The Wildcats struggled to stop the inside game of Taylor Critchfield Saturday in a non-conference boys' basketball match.

The 6-6 post scored close to half of Oakley's points, hitting 9-of-16 shots from the field and 9-of-14 at the line.

Defensively Oakley kept Filer from running. "They did a pretty good job getting back and keeping us from getting very many breaks," said Filer coach Stacey Behrens. "We didn't shoot the ball very well or very often."

Oakley 47, Filer 37. Oakley: 21/38-14-47. Filer: 18/38-14-37. Oakley: 21/38-14-47. Filer: 18/38-14-37.

Declo 82, Glenns Ferry 51

DECLO — The Hornets hit eight 3-point goals in the first half to down Glenns Ferry in a Canyon Conference boys' basketball game Saturday.

Declo went inside to Brian Fries in the second half. Fries scored 16 of his 19 points after the break.

Glenns Ferry 51, Declo 82. Declo: 25/23-15-51. Glenns Ferry: 19/31-15-51. Declo: 25/23-15-51. Glenns Ferry: 19/31-15-51.

Local sports

Girls

Jerome 50, Spring Creek 32

ELKO, Nev. — The game was moved up to 2 p.m. in order to allow Jerome to get it back home before the roads froze up, but it didn't work.

Instead, it was the Tiger shooters who froze up early, allowing Spring Creek to stay in the game until the third period.

"It was ugly," Tiger coach Michelle Skyles said.

"We just weren't mentally ready to come out and play well."

Jerome (8-2) defeated Battle Mountain Friday night. A schedule change prevented the expected matchup with powerful Hawthorne.

Jerome 50, Spring Creek 32. Jerome: 25/19-50. Spring Creek: 12/22-32. Jerome: 25/19-50. Spring Creek: 12/22-32.

Friday night

Shelly Kuller scored 14 points in the first quarter en route to 21 in the game.

"The didn't want to change defenses, so we kept going to her," Skyles said.

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Buhl 52, Declo 33

BUHL — Jana Watson and Jennifer Bartosky combined for 13 points as Buhl (8-3) routed Declo to a non-conference girls' basketball game Saturday night.

Oakley lost to Aberdeen 35-33 and beat Wells, Nev. 42-30.

In the other match Aberdeen defeated Wells 39-30.

Aberdeen 35, Oakley 33. Aberdeen: 19/28-35. Oakley: 13/28-33. Aberdeen: 19/28-35. Oakley: 13/28-33.

Wrestling

OAKLEY — The Oakley Hornets came through their wrestling tri-match with a split Friday.

Kansas has little trouble with NC State

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Paul Pierce scored 21 points with a variety of inside moves and jump shots to help top-ranked Kansas take apart the nation's best defense and lead the Jayhawks to their 10th straight win, a 84-56 victory over North Carolina State on Saturday night.

Men's college basketball

When it was not Pierce, the Jayhawks (10-0) turned inside to Scott Pollard and Rafel LaFrenz to build a 39-25 halftime lead as Kansas beat North Carolina State for the 10th straight time and won their 33rd consecutive game in Allen Field House.

Pierce finished with 21 points as Kansas scored the most points against the Wolfpack (5-2) this year. The previous high was the 53 points they North Carolina State gave up to Florida Atlantic on Nov. 22. LaFrenz had 17 points and Jerod Haase added 15 for Kansas.

No. 2 Wake Forest 90, Campbell 55

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Tim Duncan extended his streak to 17 straight games and Loren Woods scored 10 points during a decisive first-half run as No. 2 Wake Forest rolled over underdog Campbell 90-55 Saturday.

The Demon Deacons (8-0), holding their eighth straight opponent under 35 percent shooting, remained unbeaten heading into their Dec. 31 showdown with No. 9 Utah. Seven of Wake Forest's eight wins have been by 24 points or more.

Campbell (2-4), playing its highest-ranked team since losing to top-ranked Duke in the first round of the 1992 NCAA tournament, lost its third straight game.

No. 3 Kentucky 88, Georgia Tech 59

ATLANTA — Kentucky's 1-2 punch of Derek Anderson and Ron Mercer got plenty of help from the rest of the Wildcats in dominating Georgia Tech 88-59 Saturday night for their eighth consecutive victory.

Kentucky (8-1) hasn't lost in more than five weeks, since a 79-77 overtime decision to lose in its opener, Nov. 15. Georgia Tech (4-3) dropped its third straight.

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Olympia Scott scored 23 points and No. 1 Stanford defeated Santa Clara 80-57 Saturday night in the championship game of the Diet Coke Shootout.

Jamila Wideman had 17 points, Naomi Mutuaupale added 17 points and Vanessa Nygaard had 14 points and 10 rebounds for Stanford (11-1), which pulled away after leading by only five points at halftime.

Connecticut 85, Kansas 64

STORRS, Conn. — Nykesha Sales scored 23 points as second-ranked Connecticut staked its claim to the nation's No. 1 ranking with an 85-64 victory over No. 17 Kansas on Saturday.

Old Dominion 86, Rutgers 59

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Clarisse Machungama scored 18 of her 23 points in a decisive first half and Nyree Roberts added 21 points as No. 4 Old Dominion beat Rutgers 86-59 Saturday.

Tennessee 68, Texas 65

AUSTIN, Texas — Abby Conkin grabbed a rebound of Texas' last shot, then sank two free throws with 0.9 seconds left in overtime as No. 6 Tennessee beat No. 13 Texas 68-65 on Sunday.

N. Carolina St. 116, Delaware St. 39

RALEIGH, N.C. — Kenyatta Williams scored 21 points Saturday to lead No. 8 North Carolina State to a 116-39 victory over winless Delaware State.

Eight players scored in double figures for North Carolina State (9-2), producing the Wolfpack's most points in a game since a 127-50 trouncing of Howard in 1993.

Texas Tech 78, S. Methodist 69

DALLAS — Abica Thompson led 20 points and Kenneth Kester led 11 Texas Tech to a 78-69 victory over Southern Methodist on Saturday.

Duke 85, Manhattan 36

DURHAM, N.C. — Payton Black and Kara Orr each had 17 points and No. 15 Duke Saturday in an 85-36 romp over Manhattan.

Notre Dame 75, Valparaiso 56

VALPARAISO, Ind. — Beth Morgan, Rosamie Bohman and Kasey Geier each scored 13 points Saturday, leading No. 16 Notre Dame to a 75-56 victory over Valparaiso. Mollie Peirick added 11 points for Notre Dame (9-3) and Sheela McMillen had 10. Sarah Strickland led Valparaiso (5-4) with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

No. 4 Michigan 73, No. 6 Arizona 71, OT

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Maceo Baston and Robert Traynor each scored four points in overtime Saturday as No. 4 Michigan defeated No. 6 Arizona 73-71, giving coach Steve Fisher his first win in five tries against the Wildcats.

The game was tied at 64 at the end of regulation, but the Wolverines (8-0), off to their best start since the 1988-89 club won its first 11 on the way to a national championship, jumped to a four-point lead on a basket and two free throws by Baston.

Michigan never relinquished the lead in the game played at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

No. 10 Villanova 91, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 66

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Jason Lawson had 15 points and 13 rebounds, leading five Villanova scorers and ending the 10th-ranked Wildcats beat Mount St. Mary's 91-66 Saturday night.

Howard Brown had 14 points and Rafal Bigus had 14 career highs, as the Wildcats (7-1) played without their leading scorer, freshman Tim Thomas, who was sidelined with a bruised left calf.

The meeting was the first between the schools since 1958, with Villanova now holding a 9-1 edge in the series which began in 1939.

No. 13 Indiana 75, Evansville 57

INDIANAPOLIS — Andrae Patterson scored 17 points and grabbed seven rebounds Saturday to lead No. 13 Indiana to a 75-57 victory over Evansville in the RCA Dome.

Charlie Miller added 15 points and six rebounds to help the Hoosiers (10-1) win their fourth straight game.

Chris Hollender led the Aces (5-6) with 15 points and Karen Richardson added 10 before fouling out with 8:54 to go.

The victory was Indiana's second this season over Evansville. The Hoosiers beat the Aces 74-73 on Nov. 27 in the semifinals of the Preseason NIT in a last-second shot by Patterson.

No. 15 New Mexico 76, Sam Houston St. 55

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Sophomore center Kenny Thomas scored 18 points, 11 in

the first six minutes of the second half, to lead No. 15 New Mexico to a 76-55 victory over Sam Houston State on Saturday night.

Thomas, playing with a mouth still sore from an opponent's elbow that loosened two teeth last week, broke the game open with his early second-half scoring burst and rebounding.

No. 16 Minnesota 70, Nebraska 56

LINCOLN, Neb. — Reserve Quincy Lewis scored 13 points and led a second-half run that sent No. 16 Minnesota past Nebraska 70-56 Saturday night.

The first game tied at 40 before Sam Jacobson hit a 3-pointer with 12:54 left for Minnesota (3-1). Lewis followed with a 3-pointer and a short jumper as the Gophers went on a 13-3 spurt.

Minnesota scored five of 10 on Bobby Jackson's free throws with 5:25 remaining. Nebraska (6-2) cut the lead to six on Tyrone Lee's driving layup with 4:05 remaining, but got no closer.

No. 17 Xavier 113, Akron 111, 3 OT

AKRON, Ohio — James Posey scored five of his 17 points in the third overtime Saturday and No. 17 Xavier escaped with a 113-111 victory over Akron.

The Musketeers (8-0) survived 44 minutes by Akron freshman point guard Jermal Ball, who blocked forces forced each of the overtime in one of the best individual performances nobody got a chance to see.

The Zips (1-6) led by 13 points in the first half, fell behind by 14 in the second and tied it at 81 to force overtime on a baseline drive by Ball.

No. 18 Louisville 91, No. 19 Arkansas 88, OT

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — DeJuan Wheat held scores in the first half because of foul trouble, scored 10 points in overtime and Nate Johnson made three free throws in the final 24 seconds as No. 18 Louisville beat No. 19 Arkansas 91-88 Saturday.

Wheat's 3-pointers in overtime put the Cardinals (8-0) ahead 50-37 and 83-80. His baseline jumper made it 85-84 and his two free throws made it 87-86 with 1:25 left. Johnson's free throws with 24 seconds left gave Louisville an 89-86 lead.

Women's college basketball

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Auburn 96, N. Illinois 77

DE KALB, Ill. — Laticia Morris scored a career-high 31 points, including seven straight during a crucial 14-0 run that propelled No. 20 Auburn to a 96-77 victory Saturday over Northern Illinois.

The Tigers (8-0) used that run to go up 27-18, and never trailed thereafter.

Drake 80, Iowa 59

DES MOINES, Iowa — Kiersten Miller made seven 3-pointers and scored a game-high 26 points Saturday, leading Drake to an 81-59 upset No. 21 Iowa.

The Bulldogs (5-2) got their first win over Iowa since the 1983-84 season, when they beat the Hawkeyes 64-63 in Iowa City.

Clemson 73, Washington St. 63

BOISE — Seniors Laura Cottrell and Jaci Stimpson combined for 25 second-half points Saturday night to lead No. 22 Clemson to a 73-63 victory over Washington State in the opening round of the Swire Coca-Cola Holiday Classic.

Florida and host Boise State met in their first round game Saturday night.

No. 25 DePaul 72, Ohio St. 66

CHICAGO — Kim Williams had 24 points, six assists and four steals Saturday night in leading No. 25 DePaul to a 72-66 victory over Ohio State.

The Blue Demons (6-1) led 38-31 at halftime and opened the advantage to 44-33 early in the second half.

KIMBERLY 56, SHOSHONE 46

Kimberly 56, Shoshone 46. Kimberly: 25/19-56. Shoshone: 12/22-46. Kimberly: 25/19-56. Shoshone: 12/22-46.

Game summary: After trawling out from the trip to Shoshone, the Kimberly Bulldogs hit some time with 3-pointers and pulled away from the Indians Saturday in a boys' non-conference basketball game.

Kimberly was 50 cold from the field in the first half, but the Bulldogs managed only 20 points and Shoshone held the one-point lead at the half.

But the Bulldogs switched to a quicker, more potent offense in the second half, forcing Shoshone to abandon its zone defense. That paved the way for more penetration and more trips to the free-throw line for Kimberly.

After falling behind 15 points with just over three minutes remaining, the Indians forged a comeback. A 3-pointer by Pat O'dell cut the lead to eight at the 1:45 mark. Shoshone held Kimberly to a nearly scoreless first half and converted a couple free throws by the Bulldogs put the game out of reach.

Marring the final game before the holiday break was an injury to Shoshone's Scott McClure. With 18 seconds left in the game, McClure went down

with a knee injury and had to be carried off the court.

"He's our guts. He makes us sick," said Shoshone coach Larry Messick. "It's a tremendous competitor. It puts a downer on the game, really doesn't mean anything when something like that happens."

Player of the game: With Kimberly's leading scorer, Scott Plew, struggling to find a rhythm, senior Jackson Ably stepped up and sparked the Bulldogs' 3-pointers on the night. The key one coming a minute into the second half. It gave the Bulldogs a lead they never lost. Dille also hit 3-of-4 free throws with 40 seconds left in the game to shut down a small Shoshone run. He ended the night with 15 points.

Turning point: Home, plain and simple. The home must have been playing in the locker room because the Bulldogs came out a whole different team. Kimberly went on a 16-0 run to open the second half, hitting three 3-pointers in the stretch.

Once Shoshone switched to the man defense, the Bulldogs drove the hoop and picked up some easy points at the line.

SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Stanford beats Hawaii for volleyball title

CLEVELAND — Kerri Walsh had 17 kills and eight digs as Stanford won its third NCAA women's volleyball title in five years, defeating Hawaii 15-7, 15-3, 15-5 on Saturday. Walsh, selected as the tournament MVP, was supported by Kristin Folkell, who had 16 kills and nine digs. Stanford, which also won the title in 1992 and 1994, became the third school to win three championships, joining UCLA and Hawaii. Stanford (31-2) jumped ahead 3-0 in the first game and 4-0 in the second. Hawaii (25-3) was tied 2-2 in the third game when Stanford put it away with a six-point run. Joselyn Robbins led Hawaii with seven kills and eight digs and Angelica Jlungput had seven kills and seven digs.

Former CSI star leads California to win

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Ed Gray scored 26 points to lead California to a 76-63 victory over Penn State on Friday night in the opening game of the Jimmy V Classic doubleheader at the Meadowlands. Gray, a former College of Southern Idaho star, has been the Golden Bears' leading scorer in all but one game this season. He scored the last seven points in a 9-2 run to open the second half that gave California (6-2) a 52-32 lead with 16:34 to play. Gray, who entered the game averaging 22 points, finished 10-for-21 from the field, including 3-for-6 from 3-point range. He added eight rebounds, five assists and four steals.

Paterno takes birthday on road again

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Penn State football coach Joe Paterno turned 70 Saturday and, for the fifth straight year, he celebrated on the road without much fanfare. The coach who has led the Nittany Lions to two national championships spent his birthday with a whistle in hand, holding two practices at Scottsdale Community College. Paterno is leading No. 7 Penn State (10-2) to a New Year's Day game with No. 20 Texas (8-4) in the Fiesta Bowl, and blowing out candles is not tops on his priority list. "What does it matter? It can be 70, 60, 50, they're all the same and I try to take all of them low key," Paterno said. "Anyway, this is not my party. It's theirs. This is for them." Paterno, who began coaching Penn State in 1966, has had some success following his birthdays. At 50, Penn State defeated Arizona State 42-30 in the 1977 Fiesta Bowl. At 60, Paterno and the Nittany Lions beat Miami in the Fiesta Bowl 14-10 to cap off an unbeaten (12-0) season in which they were consensus national champions.

Powers, Dunn take halfpipe contests

CARRABASSETT VALLEY, Maine — World champion Ross Powers led the men and Shannon Dunn paced the women Saturday to win the halfpipe contests in the first \$75,000 U.S. Snowboard Grand Prix at Sugarloaf, U.S.A. Powers, an 18-year-old student from South Londonderry, Vt., who won the halfpipe title in the FIS Grand World Snowboard Championships last January at Lienz, Austria, knocked out J.J. Callier of Dillon, Colo., in the head-to-head final round. Dunn, a 23-year-old rider from Middleville, Utah, who was halfpipe champion in the 1994 U.S. Open, defeated Tricia Byrnes of Burlington, Vt. The first place finishers each won \$6,000, with runners-up receiving \$4,500.

Americans do it again in World Cup luge

KONIGSSEE, Germany — Chris Thorpe and Gordy Sheer capped a torrid opening month of the season Saturday by winning their third World Cup doubles luge event in four starts. On the strength of three gold medals and a silver, the American duo extended their overall lead in overall standings to 19 points over Germany's Stefan Krause and Jan Behrendt. It was their fourth career victory, and marked the eighth consecutive international event since last year in which they have medaled. The win also extended a doubles streak that has seen U.S. sleds grab gold in the four World Cup events held to date. Thorpe, of Marietta, Mich., and Sheer, of Croton, N.Y., had the two fastest times of the day down Konigssee's technically demanding track. They were clocked in 44.989 and 45.071 seconds for a total of 1 minute, 30.060 seconds. It put them 0.14 seconds clear of Italy's Gerhard Flankensteiner and Oswald Haselreider.

Settles thinks about taking redshirt year

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Iowa forward Jess Settles, slowed by injuries this season, may apply for a medical hardship and return next season as a fifth-year senior. Hawkskey coach Tom Davis said Saturday. Settles, an all-Big Ten selection last season, has not practiced this week and he was doubtful for Saturday night's game against Missouri. Settles, who missed seven games and didn't start in another seven two years ago because of a bad back, played last Saturday against Iowa State, his first action in six games. Settles could be eligible for a medical hardship if he appears in fewer than 20 percent of Iowa's games this season and does not play in the second semester.

Chicago nets hockey win over Utah

SALT LAKE CITY — Steve Malinski scored with 1:18 left to give the Chicago Wolves a 3-2 International Hockey League win over the Utah Grizzlies Friday night. IHL scoring leader Rob Brown put the Wolves (17-12-2) on the board with the only goal of the opening period. Tim Berglund scored a shorthanded goal for the Wolves at 3:33 of the second. The Wolves' three goals came on only 17 shots, all in the first and second periods. Both Utah goals, by Chris Taylor and Brett Lievers, came in the second period. Winning goalie Wendell Young saved 26 of Utah's 28 shots. Mark McArthur made 14 saves for the Grizzlies (18-16-3).

Compiled from wire reports

Pats' comeback sends Reeves out a loser

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The embrace between Dan Reeves and Bill Parcells lasted only seconds at midfield but it spoke volumes.

Parcells hustled to the New England locker room for an emotional celebration after the Patriots secured a first-round playoff bye by rallying from a 22-0 halftime deficit to a 23-22 victory over the New York Giants on Saturday.

Reeves went to his locker seemingly just to say goodbye after four years as coach of the Giants (6-10).

Drew Bledsoe capped the sensational comeback for New England (11-5) by throwing a 13-yard touchdown pass to Ben Coates on a fourth-and-7 play with 1:23 to go giving the Patriots their eighth victory in 10 games.

"We were lucky to win and lucky to get out of here alive," Parcells said after coaching his first game against the Giants since resigning as coach following the 1990 Super Bowl victory over Buffalo.

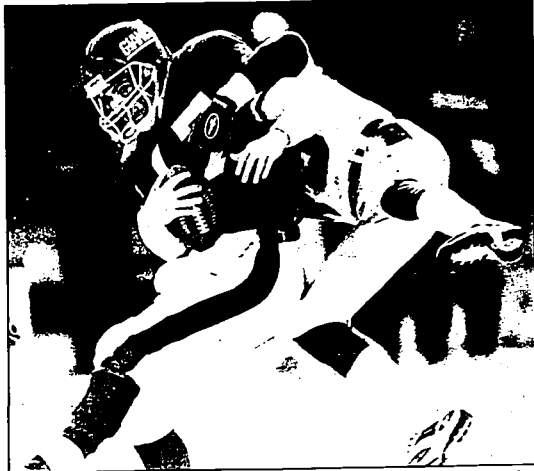
"We may not be the most talented team in the playoffs but these guys have a lot of character and heart," he said. "It was a great rally. They really had us on the ropes."

Coates dragged two Giants defensive back the final yard for New England's third touchdown in the final 12:20, assuring the Patriots a week off and denying Reeves a going-away present.

Earlier in the week, Reeves said he expected the Giants to fire him when the season ends, and indications are that could happen as soon as Monday. He said he expects to talk with management Monday.

"I took this job under certain circumstances and it just hasn't worked out the way that we all wanted it to," said Reeves, who led the Giants to the playoffs in 1993 and hit the next three seasons.

This last loss was one of the toughest of his



New York Giants quarterback Dave Brown (17) is sacked by the Patriots' Otis Smith for a loss of seven yards in the first quarter Saturday in East Rutherford, N.J.

long coaching career. The Giants played a flawless first half in building a 22-0 lead, then collapsed in the second half.

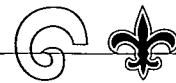
"It typifies how the whole season has gone," Reeves said. "We had tremendous

highs and tremendous lows. The first half was a tremendous high and the second half a tremendous low. When it comes down to making the plays at key times, that's the thing that plagued us."

Rams win game, may still lose head coach

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Rams awoke from a sluggish start to beat the New Orleans Saints, although it may not have helped save their coach's job.

Eddie Kennison caught a 15-yard touchdown pass from backup quarterback Jamie Martin with 5:30 to go as the Rams, who had trailed 10-0 at the half and looked dispirited in the process, rallied for a 14-13 victory in a game of NFL downtrodden. The Rams (6-10) won three of their last four, but the victims and Atlanta (3-12), so the finish may not mean a whole lot to coach Rick Brooks' future. Brooks likely needed to make a bold statement to save his job,



and this wasn't it.

Team president John Shaw said he'll make a quick decision on the fate of Brooks, who has two years left on a four-year contract and is at least a popular choice. A poll by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch was 3-1 in favor of retaining Brooks and a Belleville (Ill.) News-Democrat poll was 5-1 for Brooks, a nice guy who just hasn't been able to win. He was one of the league's darlings after a 5-1 start last year but is 13-19 overall. Brooks chewed out his

offense at the end of the first quarter, in which it totaled 33 yards. But at times he also seemed dispirited, electing to run out the clock at halftime after Kevin Carter recovered a fumble at the Rams 30 with 1:15 to go. He finally called a time-out after Harold Green ran for a first down at midfield with 18 seconds to go and the Saints got a sack on the next play.

Rick Venturi likely won't lead the Saints (8-13) in 1997, either. Venturi, who stepped in after the midseason resignation of Jim Mora, beat the New York Giants 17-3 last week but is only 2-17 as an NFL coach.

Martin played the second half in place of rookie Tony Banks,

who bruised his right elbow running a draw play with 1:04 left in the half. Martin, who was 12-for-19 for 132 yards and two touchdowns, got the Rams off the board with a 22-yard touchdown pass to Lesee Bruce with 4:29 left in the third quarter.

The Rams missed a chance to take the lead when Martin was whacked on the arm by Darren McMillan and his pass from the Saints was intercepted by Mark McMillan at the goal line and returned to the St. Louis held Eddie Kennison's 10-yard punt return to the New Orleans 33 put them back in position.

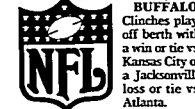
Six plays later, Martin hit Kennison, who was wide open, for the lead.

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The Associated Press

AFC East

NEW ENGLAND: Clinched division title. Clinches first round bye.



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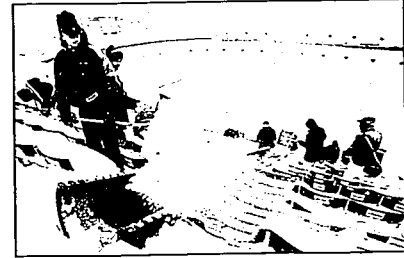
AFC Central

PITTSBURGH: Clinched division title.

KANSASVILLE: Clinches playoff berth with a win vs. Atlanta AND EITHER an Indianapolis loss or if the Buffalo-Kansas City game does not end in a tie.

AFC West

DENVER: Clinched division title.



Jon Bolandi, left, and dozens of others shovel snow from the Rich Stadium seats Friday in Buffalo after a major lake-effect snowstorm blanketed the area. Weather permitting, the Bills will play host to Kansas City today. Whichever team will clinch a playoff berth; if there is a tie, both will earn a trip to the postseason.

with a win at Washington by 78 or more points AND a Carolina loss vs. Pittsburgh AND a San Francisco loss vs. Detroit Monday.

PHILADELPHIA: Clinched playoff berth.

NFC East

DALLAS: Clinched division title. Clinches first round bye

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NFC Central

GREEN BAY: Clinched division title.

tion title and first-round bye. Clinches home-field advantage throughout the playoffs with a win vs. Minnesota OR a Carolina loss or tie vs. Pittsburgh OR with a loss to Minnesota by 17 or fewer points.

NFC West

CAROLINA: Clinched playoff berth. Clinches division title with a win vs. Pittsburgh OR a San Francisco loss vs. Detroit Monday. Clinches first round bye with a win vs. Pittsburgh OR a San Francisco loss vs. Detroit Monday AND Dallas doesn't beat Washington by 77 or more points. Clinches home field throughout the playoffs with a win vs. Pittsburgh AND a Green Bay loss to Minnesota by 19 or more points.

SAN FRANCISCO: Clinched playoff berth. Clinches division title and first round bye with a win vs. Detroit Monday and a Carolina loss vs. Pittsburgh.

Redskins bid farewell to venerable RFK Stadium

WASHINGTON (AP) — It has become one of the signature panoramas in television sports: The blimp's camera focuses on the Lincoln Memorial, then slowly pans past the Washington Monument to the Capital dome until it zeros in on the oval shape of RFK Stadium, filled, as always, to capacity. It's another tradition about to die in the modern era. Sunday's game between the Washington Redskins and the Dallas Cowboys ends, the NFL will say goodbye to the nation's capital.



Totally different because it was totally hostile to visiting teams, which emerged as winners only 37 percent of the time over 35 seasons. Perhaps visitors were

deceived by RFK's bland outward appearance, only to discover the unfriendly conditions within. "The locker room's cold," said Russ Grimm, one of the linemen known collectively as the "Hogs" during the 1980s. "From the time you walked out, it's a cold, eerie feeling. You come through the tunnel, it's damp, it's got moss growing on it." "You walk out on the field. In the early '80s, it looked good on TV, but it was pointed dirt. The fans are up there, they're screaming, yelling. I see people with hog poses, and stands bouncing up and down, and that's what football's all about. It was a great place to play."

And no matter how cold it got, the fans kept up their relentless din, cheering all the louder to make up for the muffling effects of gloves.

Temporary stands on the far side of the field — sitting in what was left-center field during RFK's baseball days — would shake and sway, driven by the frenetic stomping of thousands of freezies. Redskins coach Norv Turner remembers what it was like coming to RFK as a Cowboys assistant. "I know in '91 we came in here and the Redskins were undefeated and, shoot, that first quarter I don't think we got a first down," he said. "We had guys jumping off fields. It wasn't until we made a big play and got a big first down that the thing finally quieted down enough where we could operate."

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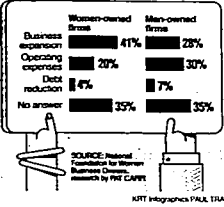
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How women and men business owners use credit:



## MONEY IN BRIEF

### Home-based business owners can Get a Life

**TWIN FALLS**—Free subscriptions to Get a Life, a quarterly newsletter for Idaho home-based business owners, are now available. The newsletter features information and inspiration for home-based entrepreneurs and people who would like to work from home. The winter 1996/1997 issue includes an article on making business New Year's resolutions, a profile of Hazelton-area home business owner Sherry Werner of Full-Part Express, and a calendar of upcoming events of interest to people working from their homes. Get a Life is published by Julie Fanselow, who has run a home-based writing business since 1991. For a subscription, send your name and address to Fanselow Communications, 1511 Ninth Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301; e-mail it to fanselow@light.com.net; or fax your request to (208) 735-1598.

### Humorist-Twiss to speak at Gooding banquet

**GOODING**—Jayhymne Twiss of Paul, a well-known humorist and motivational speaker, will be the guest speaker at the Gooding Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Jan. 16. Tickets are available from chamber directors and from the chamber office.

### Miller's See 'N Save store opens in Gooding

**GOODING**—The Gooding Chamber of Commerce welcomed a new business to Gooding—Miller's See 'N Save, located at 823 Second Ave. E. in the old Urta's Grocery store. Carla Abernathy is the manager. Miller's stock includes toys, cards, seasonal decorations, office and school supplies, gift items, plus much more, but there is a constant change of inventory. Miller's also takes consignments such as furniture, jewelry, handmade items and antiques. The store used to be located in Jerome. It is owned by Buzz Miller of Jerome. The store telephone number is 934-9180.

### Rates rise on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages

**WASHINGTON**—Thirty-year, fixed-rate mortgages averaged 7.74 percent this week, up from 7.57 percent last week, according to a national survey released Thursday by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. The increase pushed mortgage rates to their highest levels since late October. The low point for the year was 6.94 percent in early February while the high point was 8.42 percent in early July. On one-year adjustable rate mortgages, lenders were asking an average initial rate of 5.53 percent, up from 5.52 percent last week. Fifteen-year mortgages, a popular option for those refinancing mortgages, averaged 7.21 percent this week, up from 7.06 percent a week earlier. The rates do not include add-on fees known as points.

### Maybe your wallet won't have a hangover this year

The cost of celebrating New Year's Eve in New York City will cost revelers just 2.5 percent more this year than in 1995, according to the people who sell Don Perignon champagne. The winners' list of must-haves for the big night includes a mega-suite at the Plaza Hotel, which at \$15,000 is the same price as a year ago. But breakfast in bed is up to \$37.50 from \$35. Dinner at the trendy Sign of the Dove restaurant costs \$175, the same as last year. And a chauffeur-driven Rolls is up to \$1,500 from \$1,200. One item that's cheaper this year is an Amanti tuxedo, which will set you back only \$2,000, down from \$2,100 a year ago.

### Gift ideas for the people who have everything

Delta Air Line's Sky magazine has put together a list of interesting gift possibilities for Christmas. Among them: a kaleidoscope that uses not glass bits but Skittles, M&M's and other candy. Also, a \$28,000 digital camera. There's also a computer mouse that's a dead ringer for a cheeseburger.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Service with a smile

## Community banks make a comeback

By Pat Marcantonio  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — In 1904, John Evans' grandfather and four other investors gathered \$25,000 to open a bank in village of Albion. "One story I remember my grandfather telling me was the \$25,000 was more than they really needed, so they gave \$10,000 of it back," said Evans, also a former Idaho governor.

From such humble beginnings, the D.L. Evans Bank has grown to four branches and \$125 million in deposits. Local banks might not be as exciting as high-finance manueverers. But their success reflects a community's success, says J.P. Hamilton, chairman of the longtime Farmers National Bank of Burley.

This year, five locally owned banks are in various stages of seeking state approval. This includes two next spring in the former First Security Bank building on Main Avenue. It plans a sixth branch in Burley next year.

Finance director. Usually they may see one a year, but downsizing by mega-banks has opened a bank window of opportunity. "What happens is it gives the consumers more choices. The smaller (bank) won't have all of high-tech bells and whistles, but to some people, that's not particularly important," he said.

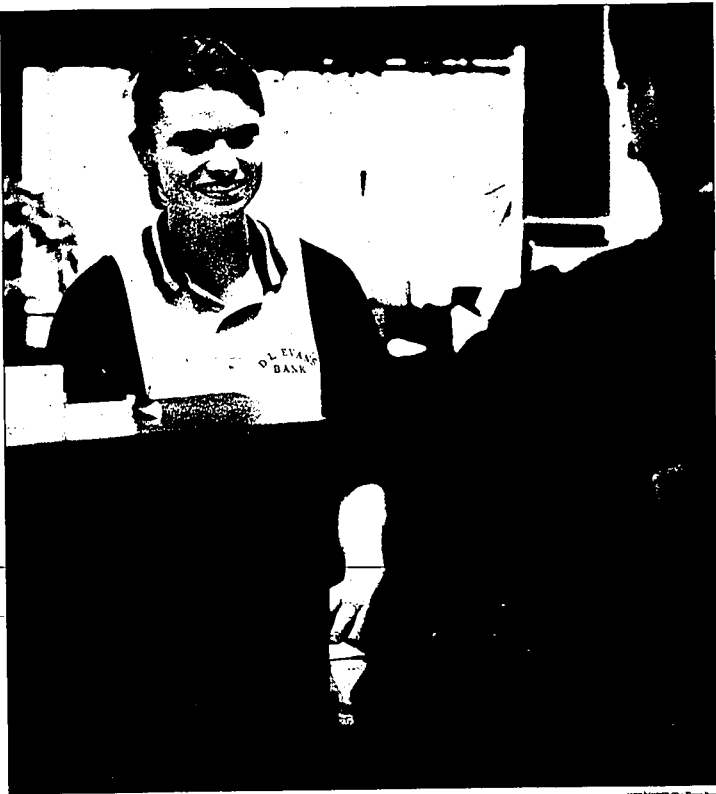
**The personal touch**  
The idea for the new First Bank of Idaho in Ketchum grew from discussions among local residents about the need for a local bank. Television station owner and state senator Clint Stennett took part and is a bank advisory board member.

"What we are hearing is people are just waiting for the day we open. A lot of people just want to do business with the people they know," Stennett said. To Bill Oakley, the big banks lost the personal touch. And that's why the retired Gooding accountant is a founder of the new Magic Valley Bank scheduled to open in Twin Falls next year. "I will be striving to give our customers, especially if you're near retirement and wondering if that glow you feel is real gold — or fool's gold. Here are reviews of some financial-planner shareware programs for IBM-compatible and Macintosh computers. The programs are available from the Internet at <http://5001.infiniti.net/shareware/121596/>. Users try the programs, then pay a fee to register if they decide to use them regularly.

**RETIREMENTOR (Mac)** — Enter the amount of money you made each year, and in a flash this retirement planning program will figure out what your Social Security check will be at age 66, and how much you'll earn if you retire at age 62. Moreover, if you tell Retirementor how much you have in assets (taxable and nontaxable), and what you think the inflation rate will be, you'll discover just how long you'll have to keep your nose to the grindstone. Helpful explanations make this an excellent way to plan for the future.

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Christa Evans, granddaughter of the founder of D.L. Evans Bank, waits on a bank customer on a recent afternoon.

growth to handle ours very nicely." Three Creek rancher and bank director Randall Brewer sees the new operation as an investment in his future and the region's. "With the larger banks, the profit is taken out of this community ... If the money was made in the Magic Valley, it should be kept in the Magic Valley," he said. "There seems to be a lot of interest in the community bank," Gee said. "Community banks certainly in Idaho and throughout the West have a very good track record. In many cases ... they are the fastest growing in the state."

**Big banks and small**  
While \$10,000 was sufficient seed money 90 years ago, try \$3 million in the 1990s. To receive approval, new banks must show they have experienced management, a business plan and, of course, capital. The finance department is the state regulator of the industry and keeps an eye on protecting consumers, Gee said. "The primary thing is capital, suffi-

cient capital because any new bank will lose money in its first year up to three years in existence, until it builds a customer base," he said. "We just chartered one in Boise with \$4.5 million in new capital, that's how much they raised." On the larger scale it's also been a busy year with almost every large bank reorganizing. Before 1995, banks that crossed state lines were required to have separate legal entities in each state in which they operate. With changes in state and federal laws, the banks can merge into a single entity. It was a cost-saving measure in the face of competition, Gee said. Community-bank growth is cyclic, Gee added. "There will be an influx of new community banks. Those successful will well be acquired and then sold out and the big banks get bigger," he said.

**Eye to eye**  
It's no surprise to Evans that local people want to open banks. All the giant-bank mergers and reorganization frustrate customers who feel they doing

long-distance banking, he says. "We're still rather provincial in the West and customers like to visit with bankers across the desk," he said. "I always remember I had a customer and who called me up and he said 'I wanted to visit with you eye-to-eye.' ... That's important to people. And it all gets down to personal service. Our customers are the kings." Their horizon limited by corporate bottom lines, larger banks lose sight of the small towns, Evans says. "Certainly the very large banks are looking at economy of scale, a bank in small town of 5,000 or 10,000 is not economically profitable. We just disagree with that. We think it's a very ripe opportunity to provide these services." "The little bank has some efficiency and economy and smaller overhead," said Hamilton, whose family started Farmers National Bank in 1917. Communication and delegation of authority is key, he added. Often, larger banks manage "by remote control from a distant city."

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## Choosing the right shareware to manage your finances

By Noah Matthews  
Knight-Ridder News Service

Most folks are spending every cent they have this time of year. But that's no reason not to take charge of your fortune, especially if you're near retirement and wondering if that glow you feel is real gold — or fool's gold.

Here are reviews of some financial-planner shareware programs for IBM-compatible and Macintosh computers. The programs are available from the Internet at <http://5001.infiniti.net/shareware/121596/>. Users try the programs, then pay a fee to register if they decide to use them regularly.

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**IBM shareware**  
**RETIREMENT PLANNER (Windows 95)** — This update of 401K Planner helps you decide if you're saving enough money for retirement. Use graphs and charts to help you develop a strategy for using a 401(k) plan or other retirement plan in con-

junction with Social Security. (401K224)  
**SOSECC (DOS)** — To help you decide when to apply for Social Security, this program shows the cumulative running totals of the options available to you. (SOSECC10.ZIP)

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Windows)** — A well-designed program that helps you analyze a wide range of financial questions. Modules include some for mortgage calculations, amortization, auto leasing, bonds, T-bills, CDs and cash flow. (WVFINAN4.ZIP)

**GOLDN YEARS (DOS)** — This project returns from as many as five retirement funds and show the yearly income using five payout methods — from earnings-only payouts to payouts over the years adjusted for inflation and compared to today's dollars. You can use the program to try out different funds and mixtures of funds. (GOLDNYS3.ZIP)

**LIFETIME WEALTH MANAGEMENT (DOS)** — Calculations, projections, graphs pour out as you consider options for 401(k) plans, other savings and investing in stocks, bonds and mutual funds. (LWMD38.ZIP)

**MONEY MATH (Windows)** — Along with a worksheet for retirement planning, this program does calculations for

a variety of problems. Among them are annuities, bonds, amortization schedules mortgages. (MOMATH4.ZIP)

**ENDGAME (DOS)** — Behind that ominous name, derived from the chess moves that lead to a checkmate, is a fairly benign program that helps you optimize retirement planning. The premise of the program is that if you married and had children fairly early you should plan on spending your money while you're alive rather than leaving it for the children to fight over. Or, like Bill Gates, you might compromise and plan to devote most of your money to good works but leave \$25 million or so to each child. (ENDGAME.ZIP)

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# Kiki has cash registers ringing

## Folk artist specializes in colorful, happy, hopeful works

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Kiki Oberstenfeld de Suarez views every one of her paintings and etchings as a little miracle — something that just happens.

Those little miracles have blossomed into a much bigger miracle — a big business.

The work of Kiki (she is known by her first name), who lives in an isolated mountain town in southeastern Mexico far from traditional resorts, has a following throughout the United States, Mexico and Japan.

Her folk art is reproduced on a variety of merchandise: mugs, plates, magnets, calendars, cards, tote bags, watches, computer mousepads, T-shirts and posters. About \$5 million in Kiki products were sold last year.

That's small compared with the \$88-million-a-year sales of Mary Engelbreit, the popular suburban St. Louis artist whose cute drawings decorate similar merchandise. But it's incredible to Kiki, 45, who never picked up a paint brush until she was in her late 20s.

"I got these ideas and it just comes out," she said during a recent visit to St. Paul, where one of her two U.S. marketing companies is based.

The story of Kiki the artist began in 1977.

A native of Germany, Kiki had been working with disabled people and abused children as she completed an advanced degree in psychology. She needed a vacation and a friend persuaded her to go to Mexico.

In San Cristobal de las Casas, the unexpected happened.

"I met my husband, I fell in love and I stayed," Kiki said. Five months later, Kiki and Gabriel Suarez de Macieras, a photographer and businessman, were married.

But you can't work as a psychologist if you don't speak the language, and Kiki didn't know Spanish.

Depressed and lonely, one day Kiki picked up some brushes and paints she found on her husband's desk.

"I did a little picture. It helped me out of the depression I was in."

She had discovered a new outlet for the passions that occupied her as a psychologist. They became the main themes of her artwork.

Kiki's work exudes hope. It speaks out against racism, shows concern about the environment and always portrays strong women.

There are several consistent themes. One is friendship, especially between women. Another is family, parents and children together, dreaming about a better world," Kiki said.

Although very detailed, Kiki's wise and whimsical drawings are childlike. Her best seller, "My Head is Full of Children," portrays the head of a woman with a divided face — half brown and half white — with children in brightly colored clothing, a gold cat and a potted plant sprouting from her scalp.

Another of her most popular works, "Book Woman" shows a



Above, artist Kiki Oberstenfeld de Suarez, or just Kiki for short, shows off her creation 'Mothering Doll.' Below, a mixed media picture by Kiki titled 'Book Woman.'

wild-haired woman dressed in bright colors sitting in a library reading, surrounded by books.

Kiki began with sketches, then branched into small copper etchings and large watercolors as she and her husband raised three sons, now teen-agers, and built a gallery, hotel and restaurant business.

A chance meeting developed into an international market for Kiki's work.

In 1979, Minnesota Larry LaBonte was photographing indigenous peoples in Mexico and needed a darkroom. Kiki's husband had one.

LaBonte's wife, Kathryn Shaw, traveled to San Cristobal the next year during a law school break and met Kiki. The friendship that developed led to further visits and changed both women's lives.

Shaw brought back a few Kiki etchings for a gift shop in St. Paul and they sold quickly. Then she took etchings to an art show in Dallas. From there, she moved to street shows and art fairs.

"For six years I ran a private law practice and sold etchings at art shows. I kept all my inventory in a closet (at home) under the stairs," Shaw recalled as she walked through her 3,400-square-foot warehouse.

Shaw quit her law practice in 1986 and began marketing Kiki full time. But when her husband and his brother, Dennis, who lives in Texas, decided to make a T-shirt sporting "Book Woman," Shaw wanted no part of it.

"I said I didn't want to be a T-shirt salesman. They started out without me." Her determination didn't last.

They began licensing Kiki images to companies that made other products and developing a dealer network of small gift shops and bookstores. Kiki's designs are now sold by about 3,000 dealers



and are offered in some mail order gift catalogs.

Shaw's husband, whose photographs have a strong following in Japan, introduced Kiki's work to the Japanese market.

Since 1993, annual sales for The Kiki Collection, the St. Paul business run by Shaw, have been around \$1 million. About half of last year's sales came from Kiki's work. Positive Images in Austin, Texas, run by Dennis LaBonte, did similar Kiki-generated rev-

enues, and licensed Kiki products account for another \$4 million in annual sales, Shaw said.

Kiki also has illustrated two children's books, "My Head is Full of Colors," and "Moya and the Town that Loved a Tree."

Kiki has no technical art training and doesn't think about commercial appeal when she paints.

"So how do you create a miracle? As Kiki says, 'My head is full of colors.'"

# Sandpoint company negotiates for plant

SANDPOINT (AP) — This could be the ultimate industrial development plan:

Take something nobody wants, needs and knock out a couple of value-added products in the bargain.

For good measure, find a way to charge suppliers to deliver the material needed for production.

Two Sandpoint businessmen are part of a larger effort to do all those things as they help dairy farmers around Oregon's Tillamook cheese factory dig out from under a mountain in manner of Heikki Kuster, president of Eco Tec of Northwest America, and Mike Merrell, a partner in the accounting firm of Merrell and Associates, this month were selected for final contract negotiations to design and build a \$15 million waste-to-energy plant that is scheduled for completion by the end of 1998.

"Tillamook Cheese is the second-largest cheese producer in the U.S.," Merrell said. "In order to make the cheese, they have to import a great number of nutrients for the cattle."

Those nutrients wind up as waste — about 170,000 tons a year.

"The concept for this project is

to take the manure and put it in a closed environment where the methane gas is captured to create energy, and the liquid is extracted, cleaned and returned for use as liquid fertilizer," Kuster said.

In converting methane to energy, the facility should produce about \$1.2 million worth of power to be used by the Tillamook Cheese plant each year.

As Tillamook gets its power and area farmers dispose of manure, Eco Tec will be in a position to create new products using the resulting biomass mixed with waste from other resource-based industries.

Merrell said Oregon-based wood products manufacturers are lined up to ship materials to the facility.

"Like the dairy farmers, they will pay a 'tipping fee' to unload the waste. Eco Tec then will combine the biomass fiber with wood waste to produce an estimated 82,000 cubic yards of potting soil annually.

"As strange as it sounds, people make a lot of money off of waste," Kuster said. "If you do it right — if you use waste as a raw material and turn around the idea that it is something useless — then you have a whole new idea for the U.S. market."

# Santa Claus, defying Grinch Greenspan, visits Wall Street

NEW YORK (AP) — Yes, Wall Street, there is a Santa Claus.

After stumbling 25 percent on Alan Greenspan's musings about "irrational exuberance" in the stock market, the Dow Jones Industrial got back on the up staircase this week.

The blue-chip index recovered its two-week Greenspan loss and then some, proving that the white-bearded geezer faithfully to the corner of Broad and Wall Streets nearly every year, even if the powerful chairman of the Federal Reserve plays Grinch.

Scary for some was that the stock gains resumed on Friday despite flat bond prices, leading some pundits to worry that equities are in the grip not of the bulls, but the bull-headed, and that Chairman Greenspan might be onto something.

The Dow average ended Friday's session up 10.76 at 6484.40, gaining 179.53, or 2.8 percent, for the week. The Dow was up nearly 22 percent from its close at 5,349.51 on July 15, and up 27 percent for the year after rising 33 percent in 1995.

The market's resilience left some market participants grateful but scratching their heads.

"I ask you," said William Mattison, president of the Gerard Klauer Mattison & Co. institutional brokerage in New York, "what has changed since July 15?"

"I don't understand how the mar-

ket can make this kind of move absent some kind of significant economic event," Mattison said. "And if that happened, I surely missed it."

When Greenspan made his speech Dec. 5, Wall Street suggested he was trying to talk the market lower without raising interest rates. Investors did respond by driving stock prices lower, and the Fed cut the rate at its meeting this past Tuesday late afternoon.

But by Thursday, investors decided they had given Greenspan his due, and they began returning to stocks.

"There's no question he had an impact, but the impact appears to be transitory," said A. Marshall Acuff, Jr., market strategist at Smith Barney Inc.

"And he chose the time of the year when it's difficult to have an impact." Year-end, when investors typically shower the market with their bonus and dividend checks, is "not exactly the best time of the year to try to stamp out a strong long-term bull market."

That propensity at year-end for powerful technical factors may be more, which right now do not look all that encouraging.

The Commerce Department said Friday that the nation's gross domestic product, the sum of all goods and services produced here, slowed dramatically in the third quarter to grow at 2.1 percent, a modest pace that many economists believe will persist through 1997.

Merry Christmas to one and all!

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# Banks

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"In our case, our three offices are 15 to 20 minutes apart," Hamilton said.

## Started small

Earlier in his career, U.S. Bank President Pete Sinclair helped start up a community bank in Portland, Ore., so he's heard all

the arguments against the big guys.

"They sound like me 15 years ago," said Sinclair, the Boise-based chief executive officer.

His operation prides itself on beating local banks at their own game. "We are a big bank but the uniqueness of our bank is that we allow and encourage local con-

trol. That's a competitive advantage U.S. Bank has had for number of years," he said. While a multi-million dollar deal might be kicked to corporate, local bank managers still make most of the decisions.

A network that stretches across six states is an advantage over smaller competitors, Sinclair says.

"We respect community banks and the service they provide," he added. "There is room for both."

Community bankers claim corporate banks just want to play in the titanic financial sandbox. Sinclair admits they do big business, but are aggressively appealing to family customers and smaller business.

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# TRADEWINDS

**TWIN FALLS** — Janet L. Neel, Certified Public Accountant welcomes Gary Tetz Jr. to her accounting office, 890 Shoshone St. E. Tetz is a second-year staff accountant with experience in financial statement compilations, payroll reporting and income tax preparation. Tetz also has experience in the construction industry through his affiliation with the family painting business. He brings a wealth of knowledge relating to income and expense tracking, job costing and the bidding process, Neel says. You may reach him at 734-8879.

**TWIN FALLS** — Jensen Jewelers announces the graduation of Nomi Gibson from Jensen Jewelers in the Magic Valley Mall from the prestigious "Graduate of Professional Jeweler" program.

Gibson completed an 11-week course which involves extensive training in all product areas of the jewelry industry, including diamonds, gemstones, stones, metals, and all facets of jewelry making.

**TWIN FALLS** — The Intermountain Jewelers Association presented the title of Jeweler of the Year award to Benno of Benno's Fine Jewelry in Twin Falls at its annual convention held in Sun Valley. The award is presented annually to a jeweler who has distinguished himself by practicing the highest level of professionalism in his business and by consistently serving his community and the jewelry industry, according to the association.

The association consists of member jewelers from Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Nevada and Oregon. They began his jewelry career in Germany following World War II. He later immigrated to the United States and has been operating Benno's Fine Jewelry since 1960. Deters has worked in the jewelry and watchmaking business for over 50 years and said, "I still love my profession. Every day is a new challenge that I look forward to."

**TWIN FALLS** — The Magic Valley Chapter of Bank Administration Institute (BAI) elected its new slate of officers for the 1996-97 year. The new board consists of Marie L. Sharp, Keycenter Manager of First Federal Savings Bank; Shane Jenkins, Business Banking Officer, Western Bank-A Division of Washington Mutual; Fred W. Jaynes, Loan Officer with Farmers National Bank; and Dobra Magee, Assistant Vice President/Manager of First Security Bank.

Chapter advisory members include Walter C. Nelson, Twin Falls; Eric Stiegers, Commercial Loan Officer with D.L. Evans Bank; Carol Claiborn, Branch Manager of First Security Bank; and Diana Franglo, Financial Services Officer with Wells Fargo & Co.

The Magic Valley Chapter is an extension of BAI, with the objective of delivering high quality, actionable information and professional development opportunities on a local level.

**GOODING** — The Gooding Chamber of Commerce welcomed new members to its board in November. Lonnie Scott, Patricia Cassidy, Lauren Shaver and Susan Collins will be joining Henry Kilmer, Jayne Shepard, Elaine Bryant, Greg Wineskin, Travis Evans, Tina Peer, and treasurer, Rick Basterrechea.



Benno Deters Dr. Vincent Williams

Scott is the branch supervisor for a new business in the Pioneer Credit Union. She also had worked for 6 1/2 years for Family Care Physicians in Jerome, for the ASCS, as a real estate appraiser, and an expert in the circulation department of the Missoulian. Scott, her husband, Ron, and children, Brian and Scott, live in Shoshone.

Cassidy moved to Gooding over a year ago when she married Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy. She has worked 15 years in the legal profession, including a paralegal in the criminal division of the Idaho Attorney General's Office. She has been active representing the Gooding city government in fund raising, grant writing, and legislative committees. She also was active in establishing the Youth Court as an alternative way of dealing with juvenile offenders.

Shaver is a Gooding native and grew up in the city. She and her father ran the Apiary together. He sold his business last spring and joined his wife in several new businesses.

Cassidy moved to Gooding three years ago and worked with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation as a counselor. She had previously worked in the same capacity in Washington and California.

Later, she obtained her real estate license and joined Hub City Realty. About a year and a half ago, she started Collins Property Management Services which handles rental properties for property owners.

**TWIN FALLS** — Dr. Vincent L. Williams of Twin Falls, was recently installed as the 1996-97 President of the Idaho State Dental Association (ISDA). As president, he serves as Chairman of the ISDA Board of Trustees and represents the statewide association.

The ISDA is a voluntary professional association of Idaho dentists.

"Williams grew up in Jerome and attended Boise State University, earning his bachelor's degree in biology in 1971. At Oregon Health Sciences University, he finished a doctor of medicine in dentistry in 1975."

Williams served as a dentist in the Naval Technical Corp in San Diego until 1979. Upon completing his tour of duty, he entered a residency program at Valley Medical Center in Fresno, Calif., completing specialty training as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon in 1981.

In 1982, he began his private practice in oral surgery in Twin Falls. Williams became a certified Diplomate in oral and maxillofacial surgery in 1994.

Williams also served as president of the South Central Idaho Dental Society, president of the Idaho Society of oral and maxillofacial surgeons, and trustee with the ISDA Board of Trustees.

Prior to becoming president, he served the ISDA as vice president and president elect. Williams also serves on the Magic Valley Medical Center Surgery Executive Committee and as a member of the Northeast Regional Examining Board conducted with specialty examinations.



Marion McCallum, owner of Party Animals of Medford, Ore., tends to her flock of pink flamingos in October. She also offers reclining cows, pigs and 6-foot-tall stalks.

## Lawn ornament business spreads wings

**CENTRAL POINT, Ore. (AP)** — The service Marion McCallum performs is pretty simple: "I drive down the freeway at 5 o'clock in the morning and creep across people's lawns," she explains happily.

"It's legal. Nobody's been hurt yet. And her customers seem satisfied. "They just say bring a bunch of cows," says McCallum, a 53-year-old Central Point-area woman. "They rave about it. They give me hugs."

"Amazing, isn't it, the amount of joy a yard full of beaming, well-wishing lawn ornaments can bring?"

Mooney-eyed cows with goofy grins. Lounging plastic pigs. Carefree sheep, flamingos, a gawky wooden stork — even a pretty pair of penguins all slicked up for their wedding day.

It can be a startling sight if you're the lucky one whose friends have decided to go to McCallum's business — Party Animals, she calls it — to set you up for a crack-of-dawn surprise.

"My wife," remembers R. Charles Snyder, "just freaked out."

Bored with the usual ambushes — strippers, guys in gorilla suits and the like — Snyder hired Party Animals to surprise his wife on her birthday in September.

He ordered 25 pink flamingos, and McCallum delivered. The birds waited patiently for Becky Snyder to make her way to the front yard, where the festive flock — surrounded by brightly colored balloons and a sandwich-board poster displaying a cheery birthday poem — faced the house.

"I told him it was beyond weird," Snyder's wife says, "What can you do but laugh?"

McCallum sighs contentedly. "I love that."

It's not a risk-free occupation, however.

Before scheduling one of her little raids, McCallum first checks with someone at the house to make sure it's OK.

And there's always the fear of

getting caught in the act. McCallum says she triggered an automatic sensor once, but other than that, she's been lucky so far.

Oh, and another thing: "I always ask if they have a dog," says McCallum, who wants to make sure her animals — or she — don't get cornered by turf-conscious canines.

"It's a fun business," she laughs.

The money side of the story is fun for McCallum, too. The cost of a standard lawnload of her cartoonish characters is \$45 — about the same as sending a nice birthday bouquet.

But it's enough to make the work profitable, she says.

She'll load her inanimate employees into the back of her pickup and show up for just about any occasion — weddings, bachelor parties, housewarmings, graduations, retirements, hospital homecomings.

McCallum leaves the displays up all day for her customers ("and all the world," she notes mischievously) to enjoy. Come dusk, it's quitting time for her crew, so she picks them up and takes them back home.

She got the idea about 1 1/2 years ago from a similar business in her old home, Nova Scotia, as she and an unemployed friend were trying to figure out a way for her friend to make money. Poor health sent the friend out of the area, though, leaving McCallum to care for the animals alone.

McCallum, already busy as a home-based medical transcriber, is undecided about the future of the venture. Her homework makes it tough to

break free for too many pre-drawn parties, and she's considered selling the business.

"I'm kind of trying to jug-

gle both balls in the court at the same time," she says, looking wistfully at some of her little friends.

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## Low rates encourage refinancing

The Dallas Morning News

**DALLAS** — Just in time for the holidays, home loan costs are falling to the lowest levels in years.

But while the appeal of lower payments may send some refinancers to the mortgage office and flush out a few potential home buyers, real estate agents and economists say this is the season for a real mortgage rush.

"We're seeing the typical holiday slowdown in home buying," said Dallas Realtor Jim Fite of Judge Fite Co. "We're selling housing, but it's not like it was two months ago. People ought to be buying now, though, while the rates are low."

And mortgage rates have come down.

Recently the average 30-year home loan made nationwide was 7.38 percent the lowest rate since March and about a percentage point below last summer's peak,

according to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Fifteen-year mortgages, a popular option for those refinancing mortgages, averaged 6.96 percent.

The decline in finance costs will be enough to lure many homeowners into the refinancing market, president David Lereah, chief economist of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, based in Washington, D.C. The drop in mortgage costs since July saves more than \$100 a month in payments on a typical 30-year fixed-rate loan.

"Right now, we are entering a refi boom. It's surging. It's going crazy," Lereah said. "The refinancing market is not seasonal. If people see the opportunity to do it, they will."

The volume of applications for home refinancing has more than doubled since July, according to surveys by the Mortgage Bankers Association.

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# Co-founder returning to Apple

## Revitalization needed

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Steve Jobs, the former whiz kid who helped Apple start the personal computer revolution more than 20 years ago, has returned to revitalize the struggling company a decade after his bitter ouster.

In a remarkable reunion announced late Friday, Apple Computer Inc. will buy Jobs' Next Software Inc. for \$400 million. Jobs, who started the company at age 21 in 1976 with Steve Wozniak, oversaw the creation of its Macintosh but was forced out in 1985 after a power struggle with CEO John Sculley. Jobs had brought Sculley, a former PepsiCo Inc. executive, to Apple to organize the growing company in 1983.

Now the 41-year-old Jobs is being counted on to help Apple revitalize its aging software and compete with giant Microsoft Corp. Jobs will report to Apple's chairman Gilbert Amelio, who called Jobs the company's "most talented visionary."

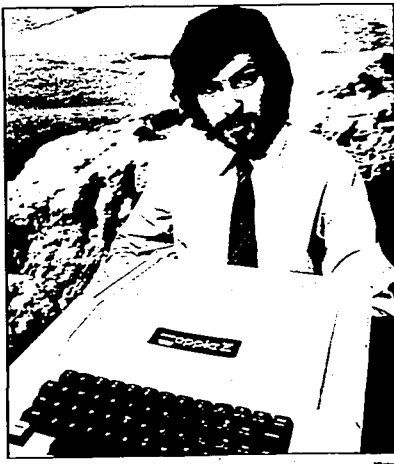
Jobs' return marked one of the most dramatic twists in the history of the Silicon Valley high-technology industry, which in some ways he is responsible for creating.

"This just looked like a much better place for us to be with our technology," Jobs said at a news conference. "I'm just very excited about this — to be working with Gil and his team."

He acknowledged he still had strong feelings for the company he helped create.

The announcement ends weeks of speculation about Apple's plans for updating the Macintosh's software, widely considered one of the most critical decisions in the company's history.

The Macintosh personal computer in recent years has lost signifi-



Apple Computer Inc. co-founder Steven P. Jobs shown December 1980, displays one of the company's first computers, the Apple II.



Steve Jobs, chairman and CEO of Next Software, Inc.

cant market share as PCs using Microsoft's Windows operating system largely eroded the Mac's traditional user-friendly advantage.

Apple hopes a more advanced operating system — which controls the Macintosh's basic functions — will help it regain technological leadership and keep it a significant player in the personal computer industry.

But its own efforts to develop the program fizzled earlier this

year. Recent published reports said Apple was talking with Be Inc., headed by former Apple chief technologist, Jean-Louis Gasse, and Sun Microsystems Inc. as well as Next.

Be Inc. was believed to be Apple's first choice. But it lost the deal because Gasse demanded too high a price, according to *The Los Angeles Times*.

Industry analysts said that a deal with Next makes sense for Apple.

the nation's third-largest maker of personal computers. All Next services and products will become part of Apple.

"The logic of it is certainly there — both in terms of the technology Next offers and, I'm guessing, the economic terms," industry analyst Robert G. Herwicz said.

Apple stock, down in early trading closed up \$1.25 at \$23.50 a share on the Nasdaq Stock market Friday.

Next's software, used in high-end business computers, is admired for its "object orientation" — technology that helps developers write new software quickly and simply.

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# Economic freedom is the greatest gift

By John Cunniff  
The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — There is a lesson clear as crystal and sparkling with possibilities for the world to heed: Countries with the freest economies have the highest living standards, and repressed economies have the lowest.

Almost paralleling this lesson is the realization that free economies are among the more peaceful, too busy raising and enjoying the lives of their citizens to be concerned with destructive conflicts.

Judge for yourself. The freest economies are those of Hong Kong, Singapore, Bahrain, New Zealand, Britain and the United States. The most repressed are North Korea, Laos, Cuba, Iraq, Vietnam, Somalia, Libya and Iran.

This being so, you'd think there'd be more than eight — and Britain and Taiwan to those already mentioned.

And that a new index, based on such things as property rights, tax policy and governmental activity, would show 78 countries with economies "mostly free," but only 72 "free" or "mostly free."

You may find such data in the "1997 Index of Economic Freedom," a four-pound, 520-page report, description and explanation of the world's economies, published by The Heritage Foundation and The Wall Street Journal.

Developed originally by Heritage, the volume benefits from additional text provided this year

## Analysis

by the Journal's staff, such as that "no amount of foreign aid can correct conditions caused by economically repressive policies."

Of the 78 countries ranked as economically unfree, 34 have received U.S. foreign aid for more than three decades, says Heritage policy analyst and co-editor Bryan Johnson. He asks that you consider these results:

• Per capita output in Haiti, recipient of U.S. foreign aid for 52 years, has fallen from \$360 in 1965 to \$225 in 1994.

• Peru, which has received nearly \$2 billion of American aid in 52 years, managed to climb in per capita gross domestic product to \$1,103 in 1994 from \$1,307 in 1965.

• Somalia has taken nearly \$1 billion in U.S. aid in the past 41 years, but its per capita GDP fell to \$111 in 1993 from \$123 in 1965.

By contrast, nations graduating into the developed world in the past 20 years — Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, South Korea and Chile, the freest of Latin American nations — did so largely without the crutch of foreign aid.

The lesson seems clear: When unleashed, human energy and innovation produces wonders — and dangers for those who wish to control it and place it in the service of a state that believes it knows best.

But, as Robert Bartley, Journal

editor observes, "rapid growth is itself unsettling, especially because it inevitably creates losers as well as winners." Progress is uneven. How do you protect these left behind?

As freedom grows so do consequences, each with an agenda, backing for the system's social and economic overights. Government involvement grows. And intervention. How far before freedom is diminished? And lost?

There is a tentative finding, says Melanie Kirkpatrick of the Journal, and co-fine with Kim Holmes and Bryan Johnson of Heritage, for freedom to erode ever so slightly among Western Democracies.

In the past year, the index for The Netherlands, Denmark and Luxembourg slipped a bit to "mostly free" from "free." Germany, still "mostly free" but involved with unification, has

fallen three years in a row.

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Section D

**On Dancer!  
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'Tis the season - for a holiday quiz.  
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answer.

**Questions**

1. Which of these gifts is listed in "The Twelve Days of Christmas?"  
(a) Eight maids a-milking; (b) Three French purses; (c) One Holiday Barbie; (d) 12 drummers jamming.
2. Where does Santa Claus live?  
(a) Greenland; (b) The North Pole; (c) Beverly Hills; (d) Anywhere he wants.
3. Name one ingredient in mince pie.  
(a) Mint; (b) Blackberry space jam; (c) Fireplace ashes; (d) Raisins.



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Denise Turner

4. Name one of Santa's reindeer.  
(a) Spot; (b) Bombi; (c) Blitzen; (d) Cupid.
5. In Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," what was the name of Ebenezer Scrooge's one-time fiancée?  
(a) Meg; (b) Belle; (c) Tinker Belle; (d) Madonna.
6. What is hakin' 2?  
(a) Fruit salad in Old England; (b) Plum pudding in the 17th century; (c) Reba McEntire's new song; (d) What Congress wants to do to the national budget.
7. According to the Bible, what animals were present at Jesus' birth?  
(a) Sheep; (b) Mountain lions; (c) Dalmatians; (d) Barney.
8. Who are Melchior, Balthasar and Caspar?  
(a) A new hip-hop group; (b) Members of President Clinton's new Cabinet; (c) A friendly cartoon ghost and his parents; (d) The three wise men in the Christmas story who were given these names around 500.
9. Who began the custom of exchanging gifts at Christmas?  
(a) Sears; (b) The wise men who brought gifts to the Christ child; (c) The Home Shopping Network; (d) Donald Trump.
10. According to which book, Mary and Joseph were married when Jesus was born.  
(a) Matthew; (b) Luke; (c) The Christian Coalition; (d) The Dead Sea Scrolls.
11. What famous American composer wrote "White Christmas?"  
(a) Irving Berlin; (b) Cole Porter; (c) Hootie; (d) The Blowfish.
12. How much money will the average Baby Boomer spend on Christmas this year?  
(a) Between \$200 and \$500; (b) Between \$5 and \$10; (c) Between 10 and 15 percent over the maximum limit on his or her credit cards; (d) Between \$900 and \$1,000.
13. Fill in the missing word: Deck the halls with boughs of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Mistletoe; (b) Holly; (c) Tinsel; (d) Martha Stewart.
14. Who is the villain in Dr. Seuss' famous Christmas book?  
(a) The Grinch; (b) Tiny Tim; (c) Cruella De Vil; (d) Arnold Schwarzenegger.
15. What are the three words Santa says when he's happy?  
(a) Cookies and milk; (b) Pull my beard; (c) Dennis Rodman's hair; (d) Ho ho ho.

**Here are the correct answers:**

1. a.
2. b.
3. d.
4. d.
5. b.
6. b.
7. This is a trick question. The Bible makes no mention of animals, though later writers have added donkeys, lambs and camels.
8. d.
9. b.
10. a. (Matthew 1:24). However, Luke 2:5 says they were not.
11. a.
12. d.
13. b.
14. a.
15. d.

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Denise Turner is the Times-News assistant features editor.

# Grandkids are forever

## Grandma's holiday photo from 1987 wins Times-News contest

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

**KIMBERLY** — Nine Christmases ago, Grace Cosulich grabbed her cassy Canon AE-1 and caught her then-year-old granddaughters, Elena, contemplating some mischief.

Classics are timeless. Cosulich's snapshot won the 1996 Times-News Holiday Photo Contest.

"The grandkids always come for Christmas, and I always have my camera ready," said Cosulich, who operates Intercommunitarian

Leisureday Studios with her husband, Dan. "She was quiet at the time, but she's 10 now, so she is mischievous."

Grace, who's 53, is free to share her 1987 photo with Elena, five girls with Elena, who's scheduled to arrive along with her brother and her parents for a Christmas visit today.

Or not.

"Maybe we'll have pizza," she mused.

"Actually, Grace is a bit more seasoned photographer than she lets on. The walls and ceilings of the entrance in her home are lined with her work, and when she goes on safari in Africa with her husband, she brings back lots of wild-animal pictures."

"She didn't do the backcountry hikes around here with the hunters anymore," she allowed.

Her prize-winning picture has never been enlarged, but it's made the rounds of family. And Grace is scanning her family photo albums for other snapshots that might merit display.

"I'm having a hard time finding the negatives," she said.

"But the albums are pretty organized."

So wonder she can find photos she took in 1987.

Wendie Quinley of Jerome won the \$25 second prize with a photo of her youngest daughter, Elizabeth, tucked out by the holidays.

Bryan Silvester of Twin Falls took third place, worth \$15, for his picture of three kids and a very unusual Christmas tree.

The photos were judged by T-N photographers Mike Salisbury and Andy Sawyer.



Sara Nichols, age 10 months, wears Santa's boots as her first Christmas.



Elena Cosulich is caught in the act of inspecting Santa's work in our big winner.

Elizabeth Quinley, a much-awaited second child after nine years of waiting by her parents, takes five in our runs-up.



Bryan Silvester of Twin Falls caught these kids in front of a very unusual Christmas tree in an Idaho glass shop.



Bryan Silvester of Twin Falls caught these kids in front of a very unusual Christmas tree in an Idaho glass shop.

## You want to go out for Christmas dinner? Good luck finding someplace open

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

**JACKPOT** — Let's say — hypothetically, of course — that you stuff a 12-pound turkey into the oven on

Christmas morning and are astonished to find, five hours later, that's it not just raw in the middle. It's still frozen. Let's suppose, just for the sake of argument, that you can't bring your-

self to open another can of yams. Let's pretend that as you were taking the pumpkin pie out of the oven, you tripped over the dog and dumped it upside down on the cat. Let's go out for dinner. In the mood

for a microwaved burrito from 7-Eleven? Your options aren't quite that stark, but they're definitely limited. With very few exceptions, the food service Please see DINNER, Page D2

FAMILY LIFE

# Genealogists use Web to do research

The Hartford Courant

For hundreds of years, people seeking information about their family's past have relied on footwork to visit libraries, cemeteries and dusty town records in the places their ancestors lived.

More recently, they have gone to the Family History Centers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which has preserved millions of birth, marriage and death records and made them available on microfiche, microfilm and CD-ROM.

Today, the computer and the Internet are transforming genealogical research, making it possible for researchers to travel no further than their den, using only a home PC with a modem and a CD-ROM drive.

But despite the excitement that has greeted the new technology, eager genealogists should be warned.

While they can find a lot of useful information on the Internet, they should realize that they will find few original documents there. Furthermore, they are unlikely to find their complete family history ready to be downloaded at the click of a mouse.

In general, the Internet is a place to plan your research: find library holdings, check the addresses of county offices and local historical societies and discover background information.

It also is a place to exchange information through newsgroups — discussion groups where you can post information — locate common ancestors and find out where to look.

It is not a source of primary documents, the original records that genealogists consider to be the most reliable. Because of the huge cost of entering vast quantities of primary source material into the computer, few genealogists think that much original data will be available soon.

"If you are trying to find the raw census, marriage or death records, that's not there," said Richard Eastman, who operates a genealogy bulletin board for CompuServe in Massachusetts. "But if you are looking for information on how to, or where, then

### For more information

More information about genealogical research on the Internet is available through these sources:

- "Your Roots: Total Genealogy Planning on Your Computer" by Richard Eastman (2/8-Davis Press, 1995, \$24.95).
- <http://www.motscornputing.com>, a Web site that is linked to about 250 other genealogical Web sites.

that's the best place that's there."

In Enfield, Conn., Jayne Stroup's workroom is crammed with boxes of old family pictures waiting to be labeled and three-ring notebooks containing information about her Maine ancestors.

The genealogy craze hit her about 18 months ago, and since then she entered information on more than 300 family members on Personal Ancestral File, or PAF, a simple-to-use, inexpensive, data-keeping program published by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. With it, she has printed family histories for her children and other relatives. Like many genealogists, she is obsessed by the gaps and holes in her ancestral charts.

Last January, Stroup, now 63, taught herself how to use the Internet, and today her calendar is full of appointments to tune in to genealogy chat rooms.

Wednesday evening, for example, is New England chat night on America On-Line, and she also spends Saturday nights from 7 to 8 p.m. in a forum dedicated to Maine residents past and present.

"Everybody is hunting for someone. If you are brand new, you can go to the beginning genealogy chat room. I'm still back here in the basics."

— Jayne Stroup

# Dinner

Continued from D1  
industry in south-central Idaho melts down on Christmas Day.

"Christmas Eve and Christmas morning are two of the slowest times of year for us," said Angie Baker, general manager of Cactus Petes Resort Casino. "But it picks up on Christmas afternoon, and from Christmas night through New Year's, it's one big party."

Dec. 25 is the slowest day of the year for sales tax collection, according to the Idaho Tax Commission, largely because it's the one remaining day of the year when major retailers don't do business.

And with seven-tenths of Americans sharing a meal with family and friends, it's also a lousy day to open a restaurant.

"There's a market for food service on Christmas Day, but it's different from other holidays," Baker said. "In our case, a lot of our customers meet friends and family here. We open up our buffet and typically serve about 800 for Christmas dinner."

### What's open?

Selected south-central Idaho restaurants planning to open on Christmas Day (do not include fast-food restaurants and truck stops):

- Twin Falls**
- Shari's, 1601 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., open 24 hours
  - Denny's Restaurant, 688 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., open 24 hours
- Barley**
- Perkins Restaurant & Bakery, 800 N. Overland Ave., open 7 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Jackpot**
- Barton's Club 93 (dining room and coffee shop), open 24 hours
  - Cactus Petes Resort Casino (all restaurants), open 24 hours
- San Valley**
- San Valley Resort (all restaurants), hours vary, but food service will be available from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m.



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Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot will be one of the few slots, or, spots where you can eat out on Christmas Day.

Like the other casinos in Jackpot and the truck stops that line Interstate 84, Cactus Petes has a built-in market and a commitment to round-the-clock business. A few other chain restaurants, such as Shari's and Denny's, share that philosophy and never close.

"It's a day for us to experiment a little and have some fun," Baker said. "We have a new executive chef this year, and he's been trying out new recipes on the staff for the last

few weeks." If you're planning to try some recipes of your own, keep in mind that your choices on Christmas Day are limited to convenience stores and truck stop stores. Batteries and dairy products — especially eggs — disappear early on Christmas morning.

Kool Whip is also a popular Yule item, according to Magic Valley quick-stop operators. But so, for that matter, are Tums.

# SOCIAL SECURITY Q&A

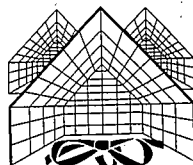
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Q. I'm 63 years old and I've been off work for the past few months with some medical problems. I want to go back to work, but my doctors say I should retire. If I apply for Social Security benefits now, won't my checks be reduced?

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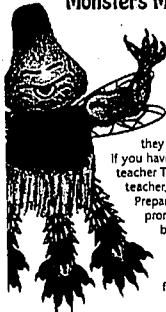
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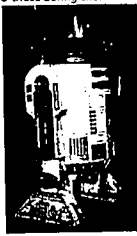
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**That's a Smart Machine**

If you're tired of taking out the trash or doing the dishes, register at the Computer Museum (you can use a nickname) and learn the basics of designing a robot to do those boring chores. Unfortunately, before your robot can tackle cleaning up your room, you'll have to design one that explores the surface of Mars or hunts for sunken treasure. Cool enough? There's plenty more to do at <http://www.ccm.org/>, like learn about networks, the Internet and the history of computers. For example, if you think your computer is old, take a look at the UNIVAC made in 1951. It's as big as your living room and cost about a million dollars! The computer you're using right now sits on your desk and is thousands of times faster!



**Dear Amy: Can computer viruses get my PC?** — Daniel, Richmond, KY

Dear Daniel: Your computer is safe from viruses if you go on the World Wide Web in just surf around or read e-mail. Forums only, downloading pictures or words is pretty safe, too, but look out if what you download is not what you expected. If someone says there is a free program that does something too good to be true—it probably is. The chance of a virus increase if you download something like an application or a program and then run it. So, be cautious if you are downloading a program from a person's Web site and not from a company. For more information go to <http://istonline.uoregon.edu/ist/home/edtechnew/antivirus/viruses.html>

**Dear Amy: What is Shockwave anyway? I see it mentioned on a lot of Web sites.** — William, Pocatello, ID  
Dear William: Shockwave is one of the latest plug-ins to deliver high-quality sound and animation over the World Wide Web. It works with the newest Web browsers such as Netscape and Internet Explorer so you can do interactive things like play games over the Internet. Macromedia Shockwave players are free and available from <http://www.macromedia.com/shockwave/download>. Before you download the plug-in, go to the Help and Resources info to see if your computer has the capability to support it.

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The Computer Museum collection dates back how many years?

Jewish live in which habitat?

How many red eyeballs are on the Monster Math logo?

## Nominate an everyday hero

The Times-News

Do you know an everyday hero? Someone who works with kids, gives his or her time and resources, helps a stranger in need — without taking any credit? We'd like to hear about such people. The Times-News is beginning a series of articles about the unsung heroes in the Magic and Wood River valleys. We'll publish them as a regular feature. Anyone who does something extraordinary — neighbors, scoutmasters, church group members, hospital volunteers, tutors — without getting paid for it, qualifies. So do professionals, such as caregivers and teachers, who contribute something extra. Send your nominations to Everyday Heroes, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. We'll need your name, phone number, the name of your Everyday Hero, and a few sentences about the person and what he or she does.

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## What kids want to know about Santa

What do kids want to know when they climb on Santa's lap? Louis J. Caduto, 43, has been a Santa at the Warwick Mall in Warwick, R.I., for 11 years, so he's become a pretty familiar with what kids want to find out about the Santa mystery. (Some of them don't care about the mystery.)



**Your kids**

Here are Caduto's top things that Kids Ask Santa (and his always-diplomatic answers):

- What do you do if there's no chimney? "I use a magical key to get in, and the first bedroom I go to is yours, to make sure you're sleeping."
- How do you get down the chimney? "It helps a lot if your daddy has cleaned it out."
- How's Rudolph? "Well, right now, he has a cold, but here's rubbing his nose to help him get over it."
- What are the names of all mine that I don't say their names until the night of flight. It might be bad luck."
- How's Mrs. Claus? (Caduto says kids never ask if he has children at home in the North Pole.) "She's fine. She's been baking a lot of cookies."
- What do you eat on the night of flight? "Mrs. Claus doesn't want me to have cookies all the time, so she usually makes me a tuna-fish sandwich to take with me."
- Am I too big to sit on your lap? "Just think of the words in the song: 'Kids from 1 to 92 ... Anyway, I'm insured.'"
- How come you don't have glasses like in your pictures? (This is a question from past years, says Caduto. This year, he does wear a pair prop of eyes.) "I'm a Santa of the '90s — I wear contacts."

## Dispel disputes between youth by ridding games of competition

Hey, everybody, let's play a game! Depending on who lives with you, this may be met by shouts of delight or groans of dread, or both.



TIME CRUNCH  
Gail Stewart Hand

Often touted as fun family time, playing games is actually tricky: Some family members may be hypercompetitive, others may be hypercooperative, others may be cheaters, or refuse to play at all. So, playing games is an early lesson in diplomacy. What makes a successful family game? One where the rules quickly are grasped, and changed if they don't fit your family. After experiencing numerous blowups between our children, I like to adapt games so that players are playing against "the game," not each other. That way, you still have fun, and there's much less hostility. Last year, our children were at each other's throats on Christmas Day over a game. It was supposed to divert them while I cooked, but it quickly became a contest of taunts and tears. Lack of sleep and too much fudge, combined with the competitive nature of most games, is an ugly concoction. In most games, if somebody wins, somebody loses. And that somebody often can't handle it. It's not a character flaw to be little, to judge your self-worth by whether you "win."

than playfulness, consider other activities. At our house, we play games for fun, which makes scorekeeping easy (who needs it?). Or we play games with the younger members getting breaks so they have a fighting chance. Experiment with changes that take the edge off games. Sometimes playing games for a certain amount of time, regardless of how it's going, generally lets you quit before anyone is exasperated or gloating. One difficulty in choosing games for the family is the different abilities of the various members. On Thanksgiving, our daughter wanted to play "Charades." But it became clear that generations no longer share the same culture. We go to different plays, listen to different lyrics. Luckily, we all watch "Nickelodeon," so guessing shows is easy. We just found a game that gets around these generational distinctions. It's called "25 Words or Less." The gist of it: Teams get

cards with five words each. Players must get others to guess what each word is with a few clues as possible. There's a timer, and a board with 25 spaces to keep track of how many clues a person gives. When the Seller family tried out the game for the Grand Forks Herald, "we changed the rules," Lynda Seller said. "We did only four out of the five words, because on each card there was one word that Ashley didn't know, couldn't even pronounce." But with these simple changes, they all had a good time. There is no game master out there who is keeping track of your scores. So, relax and play a game and eat some fudge. It's a good use of time.

Twice a month, "Time Crunch" features tips on using family time and ways to deal with time pressures on all family members. If you have comments or suggestions, write Gail Hand at the Grand Forks Herald at P.O. Box 6008, Grand Forks, N.D. 58206.

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FAMILY LIFE

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ROGERS-REED

BURLEY - Galan and Lorraine Rogers of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, MaryAnn Rogers, to Steven W. Reed, son of Lynn and Delilah Reed of Paul.

Rogers is a graduate of Burley High School and is attending Utah State University in Logan, Utah, and is scheduled to graduate in the spring of 1997. She is employed at Lewiston State Bank in Logan.

Reed is a graduate of Burley High School and attended Idaho State University. He is employed by Fresh Cut in Burley. The wedding is planned for



Steven Reed and MaryAnn Rogers

Friday in the Logan LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Burley LDS Stake Center.

THE HOLMANS

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. William C. Holman of Twin Falls will be honored with a family celebration on Tuesday for their 60th wedding anniversary.

Holman and Laura M. Miller were married Dec. 24, 1936, in Jerome.

They lived in Jerome until moving to Twin Falls in 1956. He worked as a farm implement service man in Jerome and Twin Falls before retiring in 1972. She is a homemaker and volunteered with 4-H, PTA, Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls and served on the election board.

They have been active in the Presbyterian Church in Jerome and Twin Falls.



William and Laura Holman

The couple has two daughters, Shirley (Ray) Harris and Wanda (Harry) Sanders, both of Twin Falls.

The couple has four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

THE CANOYS

TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. George Canoy of Arizona and formerly of Buhl and Twin Falls will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Thursday in Yuma, Ariz.

Canoy and Millie Kissinger were married Dec. 26, 1946, at the Christian Parsonage in Buhl, Twin Falls, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Salt Lake City, and currently reside in Arizona.

They worked for Jack Moss Bakery in Buhl where they met. He also worked for OK Bakery, Albertsons, Safeway and Buttreys. She worked for the Twin Falls School District in the hot lunch program and at Tupperware.

The couple has three children, Dan and Connie Caugh of Gilbert, Ariz., and Vaughn and Edna Jones, and Lyle and Sandy Canoy, all of Twin Falls.

The couple has 16 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.



Millie and George Canoy



THE KOHNTOPPS



Willma and Raymond Kohntopp

FILER - Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kohntopp of Filer will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Tuesday.

Kohntopp and Willma Hansing were married Dec. 24, 1936, in Twin Falls. They farmed in the Filer area until retirement in 1986.



The couple has two sons, Steve (Gail) of Filer and Dean (Carolyn) of Buhl. They have six grandchildren, one step-grandchild and five great-grandchildren.

A family celebration will be held in their honor on Monday.

ANNIVERSARY

THE ALLDRITTS

KIMBERLY - Mr. and Mrs. Everett E. Alldritt of Boise and formerly of Kimberly and Twin Falls will be honored at an open house Saturday in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Bethel Temple Fellowship Hall, 3200 and Ninth Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Alldritt and Elena Marie Norris were married Dec. 27, 1946, at the Bethel Temple Church in Twin Falls. He served in the Army during World War II.

They have lived in Kimberly most of their lives. The couple and their five children were graduates of Kimberly High School. They have lived in Twin Falls, Sandpoint and currently reside in Boise.

He worked as a farmer and dairyman, at Haines Auto Electric, Kellwood Hosiery, Contact Construction and Kimberly Nurseries. He is currently working at Ada County Operations in Boise. She is a registered nurse and worked in nursing for 30 years at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and North Idaho Home Health. He is an ordained minister with the United Pentecostal Church, assisting in Boise at this time. She is the pianist for her church. They



Everett and Elena Alldritt



have been active in farm, dairy and nursing organizations.

The event is being given by their children, Cheryl Howe of Kimberly, Adelin Alldritt and Eddie Alldritt of Twin Falls, Gayla Crall of Kuna and Virgil Alldritt of Portland, Ore.

The couple has 11 grandchildren.

THE STAFFORDS

TWIN FALLS - A surprise 50th wedding anniversary celebration given by their three children and two grandchildren honored Roger and Corinne Stafford over the Thanksgiving weekend at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Carol Stafford and Larry D'Arcy in San Francisco.

Joining the festivities were Ken and Kristie Stafford of Maryland, Dave and Coral Stafford, Glynis and Christopher of Oregon. The celebration included a three hour chartered yacht dinner cruise on San Francisco Bay.

Stafford and Corinne McBeth were married Dec. 1, 1946, at the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls, and have lived on their farm southeast of Twin Falls since that time.

He served in the Marine Corps during World War II, was a director of Grade A Milk Producers, raised dairy heifer and is still active in farming. He is an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church, sings in the church choir, and was scoutmaster of Troop 66 for several years.

She was actively involved in church music programs for many years, served in various capacities in Shamrock and



Roger and Corinne Stafford



Bickel PTAs, Harbor House and other community projects. She is also an elder in the Presbyterian Church. She retired from Twin Falls Bank & Trust/First Security Bank in 1992, after 32 years of service.

Woman, 72, a regular at Christmas Bird Count

The pale December sun breaks through the gray sky at dawn, as Virginia Goehner and a small party of birders scuff through sagebrush, stopping often to listen for a particular song, to watch for a sudden flush of wings.

Then Virginia hears it, a low-pitched, harsh "cha, cha, cha, cha." She moves slowly, softly, in the direction of the call, and covers the source — a cactus wren that builds its bulky nest in the spines of a cholla cactus.

Virginia feels a blip of excitement as she identifies the bird by its long beak, its white eyebrow and brown spotted breast. She passes the word to another birder who marks the find on a tally sheet.

Virginia is one of an estimated 45,000 volunteer census-takers in the National Audubon Society and seashores every holiday season to tally 600 species of birds.

For the past 15 years, Virginia, 72, of Tustin, Calif., has joined the Christmas Bird Count, often accom-



AGING Lucille S. deView

panied by a son and a daughter.

"My biggest thrill was some years ago, when we sighted an American golden eagle gliding near the mountains," she says.

"My saddest experience was going back to a canyon where we always saw three pair of endangered California gnatcatchers, only to find that the whole area had been bulldozed. The chaparral is disappearing fast. Each year we find fewer of our feathered friends."

The purpose of the annual bird count, held between Dec. 20 and Jan. 5, is to discover what birds are where and in what numbers; to spot trends; to determine

whether any species are dwindling in time to save them; to celebrate busy years around Virginia, who taught third grade before retirement, has gone back to her classroom several times to give talks about the barn owl and other birds that fascinate young scholars.

She serves on the education committee of the Sea and Sage Audubon chapter in Southern California and is a docent at the Audubon House in the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary.

Another enthusiast, Kaaren Perry of Laguna Beach, Calif., says census-takers are a hearty bunch, spending a long day outdoors in all kinds of weather — driving east turn and blowing sand in desert country or snow

drifts in winter climes. The thrill of discovery makes it worthwhile.

"Once, along the Pacific Coast, we went out in a boat, the better to count the shore birds," Kaaren says. "Up popped a red-necked grebe, unusual in that area. We almost jumped out of the boat in our excitement."

Another time, she spotted an uncommon hooded merganser with its elegant fan-shaped, white head patches and dark bill.

Yes, indeed, Christmas is for the birds — and birders.

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# Ways to terminate child's demands for maid service



**PARENTING**  
John Rosemond

**Now stop being such a stickler for detail and get down to business! Because I said so!!**

Once the picture list has been posted, be assured you're going to have to be firm concerning your new policies. Your son will definitely test the rules. When he asks you to do one of the things on the list, just take him into the kitchen (or, if that's not possible, just refer to it) and say, "See? I can't do that for you any more."

That should do it, but sometimes it doesn't, in which case you've got to move to Plan B.

Plan B: If your son persists in demanding that you do an unapproved task for him, don't try to persuade him to do it for himself or explain why he should. Any such attempt will only lead to argument. If he gives you any resistance at all, simply say, "OK. I'll wipe your bottom (or whatever). But the book I read says that if I have to do one of the things

on the list, you can't watch television (or go outside, or have a friend over) for the rest of the day and have to go to bed an hour early. Do you still want me to wipe your bottom?" The consequences of having Mommy "serve" unnecessarily must be powerful enough that you effectively make your son "an offer he can't refuse." Nonetheless he will probably want to test your resolve, so stand ready to stand and deliver on the consequences as described.

My experience with this recommendation says if you are consistent and dispassionate about the problem and the delivery of consequences it will take about two weeks for your son to decide he no longer needs a maid.

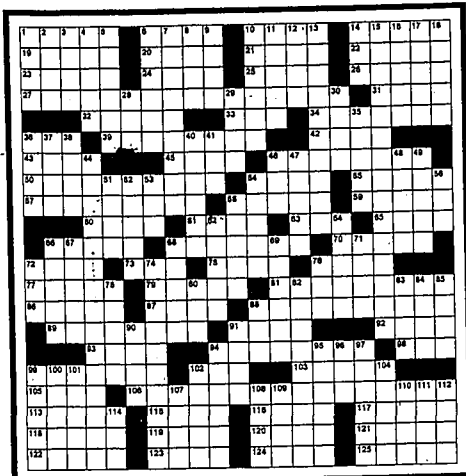
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## MISSING LINKS

By Alan Olschwang

## THE Sunday Crossword

Edited by Herb Ettenson



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Q. My 4-year-old wants me to do things for him which he's perfectly capable of doing for himself. These include wiping his bottom after he uses the bathroom, helping him get dressed in the morning, washing his hair, combing and rinsing him in the bathtub, and getting him things to drink out of the refrigerator. If I don't want to do any of them upon request, he becomes upset and usually starts to cry. I admit it — I usually give in to avoid a hassle. Neither of my two older children wanted this sort of "service" from me. Is this typical of the "baby" of the family, and regardless, is there a no-ens way of handling this sort of thing?

A. I can't guarantee no tears, but I can share a technique that's worked in many similar situations with children of your son's age. In fact, I've never known it not to work when parents have worked at it.

First, you must draw the line. Make a "picture list" of the things he wants you to do for him. Represent the things in question and paste them to a piece of poster board or construction paper. When finished, display it on the refrigerator.

Show your son the picture list and tell him you read a book that said 4-year-olds are supposed to do these things for themselves. Why tell him you read a book that told you to do this? Why not just tell him you've arrived at a decision yourself? It's easier for parents to stick to disciplinary procedures when the prescriptions in question from third-party authority figures. When children complain, parents can just shrug their shoulders and say, "I have no choice in the matter. Remember, so-and-so says this is the way it's got to be." Likewise, children more readily accept these "policy changes" when they're under the impression the policies were handed down from "on high."

"But John!" you say, "I didn't read this in a book!" You've determined to fight me on this, aren't you? In fact, since this same advice will someday appear in one of my books, you are, in effect, reading it in a book.



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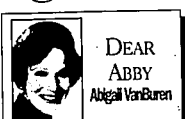
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I am now medically retired, but I still remember the joy I received. So now I send letters to those who are stationed overseas.

**RIVERDALE, CALIF.**  
DEAR NAVY PRIDE: Thank you for a beautiful letter, which I'm sharing with all those who have worked so hard to make our country a success. Operation Dear Abby a success. May the holiday be healthy and happy for all of you.

DEAR ABBY: I must comment in regard to the letter from "Hell on the Home Front" — the Florida mother whose young daughter had returned to the nest. For one thing, being out on her own has to be hell on the 18-year-old. She is fresh out of high school with no experience or realization of what life is about or the responsibilities entailed. I am 28 years old, and being on my own is no easy task.

The daughter may be crying out for guidance and companionship. Instead, her mother is look-



DEAR ABBY  
Abigail VanBuren

ing at her daughter as a burden and distraction — and even a destroyer of her marriage. That mother should take the time to speak with her daughter instead of telling her what to do or acting as if she were 18 years old herself. Obviously, they did not get along in the first place.

Please sign me — HAPPY TO HAVE HAD A TALKER WHO SAYS AND MOTHERED TO ME IN L.A.

DEAR HAPPY: I agree with you that there are fences that need mending in the household. The daughter may be immature and cannot be expected to know what she hasn't been taught.

DEAR ABBY: I have a Christmas story I would like to share with you.

Just about 14 years ago, our family spent the Christmas holiday skiing at Keystone, Colo. On Christmas morning, as is our custom, we were all gathered in the room, we were all gathered in the room as the radio played lovely carols. Our grandson Peter, age 6, struggled up to me with a large box he'd obviously wrapped himself with many pieces of Christmas wrap and lots of Scotch tape! Placing it in my lap, he said,

"This is for you, Granddaddy." I, of course, showed great excitement to be receiving anything so large. With great ceremony, I carefully unwrapped it. I looked inside and said, "Well, Peter, what a joke you've played on your old grandfather — you forgot to put anything in this box!"

With a startled look, he raised on his tiptoes, looked in the box and then looked at me, saying, "Oh, no, Granddaddy, I didn't give you an empty present. I filled it with love!" In that moment, our 6-year-old grandson gave us a gift we shall never forget and taught us the true meaning of Christmas.

— DAVID B. PICKFORD, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA  
DEAR MR. PICKFORD: Thank you for sharing your priceless gift. You should be very proud of your grandson.

DEAR ABBY: I have always known that making a will is important, especially if one has children. But for years I procrastinated and never seemed to find the time to do it.

I have finally made out my will — and in the process, I have discovered something significant. I didn't want to leave my children with "just a will," because the legal wording didn't tell them anything about what I feel is real-

ly important — how much I love them. So, I have written my kids a letter that's kept with my will. In it, I explain what I had hoped to teach them over the years, the kind of adults I want them to become, the moral code by which I would like them to conduct themselves, how I pray they value their mother and each other.

Abby, please suggest that your readers try this. They may find it helps them in ways a will never could in defining their goals and guiding their children. It doesn't have to be a long letter (in fact, it's probably better kept brief) as long as it comes from the heart.

— PLEASED PARENT IN WISCONSIN  
DEAR PLEASED: I have been an advocate of organizing one's thoughts on paper, and many readers have confided to me that just the process of writing their problems on paper has made them feel better.

I think your suggestion is valuable. A "personalized parent's guide" could be a valuable tool for both the parent and child.

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FAMILY LIFE

# A Christmas gift can create, crush, redefine a relationship

The Herald Column

Here it comes. The gift from your brother Joe. Joe is the stockbroker. Joe is very happy this holiday season. He is awash in money — having made a killing in the market this year. His gifts look simple enough, neatly packaged with big red bows. He hands them over, and you flash an uncomfortable smile. You carefully open the boxes.

It's a copiers machine, a set of Italian designer ceramic mugs and a year's supply of gourmet coffee. Your heart drops. You — a downsized insurance worker with a mortgage, car payments and three kids to put through college — have gotten your brother stippers. You hand over your gift

box and squirm. How awkward. Oh, the politics of gift giving. Social anthropologist David Murray says gifts are a subtle but potent set of signals. "Gifts are very intricate social communications that not only reflect the existing state of a connection between two people but also serve to create or redefine the relationship," says Murray, a research director for STATs, a nonprofit Washington think tank on media and science issues.

Gift giving, says Murray, is not always a congenial situation. Brother Joe's gifts, for example, may have been purposely extravagant.

"There is a very complicated symbolism in the U.S. pattern of gift giving, and it is not always a

friendly exchange. In fact, people have been known to duel with gifts ... to put a rival off balance," he said.

Murray said people should be mindful of other's circumstances when handing out gifts.

"The incumbency is on the person who gives the gift to think carefully on what obligation this entails," he said.

In some situations, extravagant gifts should not be a cause for alarm, he said.

Parents, for example, usually shower their children or grandchildren with holiday gifts, knowing their offspring can't deluge them with the same amount. Long-term relationships, whether between family members or friends, also present particular situations, Murray said.

# Christmas folklore fabricated recently

The Dallas Morning News

So much of our Christmas folklore, even in malls and TV sitcoms, seems timeless — all those carols and eggnog. But a lot of it recently — and for socio-economic reasons with little connection to Christmas. Consider Salvation Army Santas: Who ever thought of raising money in such a way?

The story of the Salvation Army Santas derives from two holiday customs: sharing the harvest feast and mummery, that is, poor people dressing up in costume to beg from the rich on street corners. But these rituals were processed through late-19th-century American capitalism.

According to Stephen Nissenbaum in "The Battle for Christmas," the Salvation Army held its first huge Christmas dinner in 1898 — for nearly 20,000 poor people in Madison Square

Garden. Prosperous New Yorkers paid to watch. Declared an approving New York Times: "THE RICH SAW THEM FEAST."

That may sound weirdly voyeuristic, but Nissenbaum adds that watching the poor eat continues today. We just watch them on TV — when newscasts offer holiday stories about soup kitchens.

"We're still watching them feast," the professor says.

Obviously, the Madison Square Garden dinners were expensive, so to pay for them, the Salvation Army hit upon a novel scheme. It hired unemployed men to dress up as Santa, stand on street corners — and beg the wealthy for gifts.

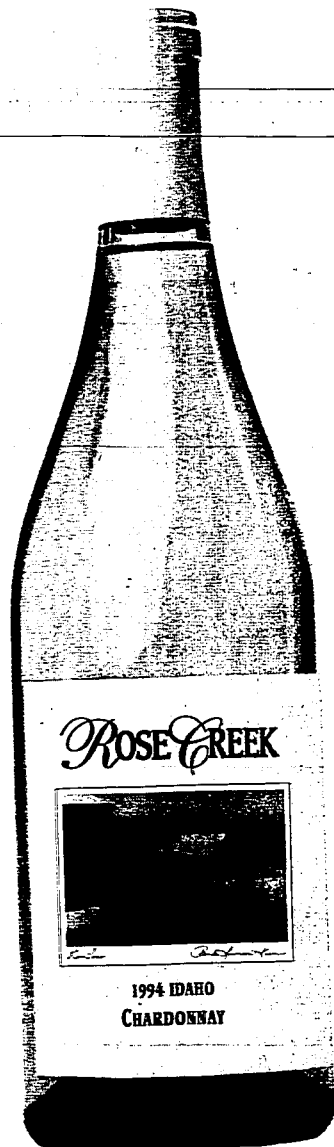
It's a seasonal complaint almost as old as the charge that Christmas is too commercialized: Holiday decorations go up earlier each year.

But, says Schmidt, retailers

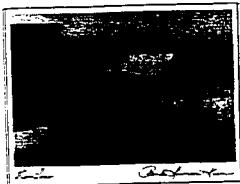
didn't start expanding the Christmas season. Churches and liberal-minded civic leaders did. Ninety years ago, the social-gospel movement (which sees Jesus as an advocate for the poor and outcast) believed Christmas had become an opportunity for members to exploit their easy lives trying to sleep sounder and give the clerics a break. A national came by the 1910s, the campaign was backed extensively by religious and political groups with the slogan "For the Sake of Humanity, Stop Early."

One of the great mysteries is how does Santa do it — the toys, the world tour, the home fixtures? Magic, of course, is one answer. But in popular editions of "A Visit From St. Nicholas" in the 1860s, illustrator Thomas Nast gave Santa his North Pole headquarters (it doesn't exist in the poem).

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 Proposals will be received by the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities at the Council Office, 280 N. Eighth Street, Suite 208, Boise, ID 83702 (mailing address: PO Box 80720, Boise, ID 83720-0280), until 5:00 p.m. M.S.T., Friday, February 7, 1997 at:

1. Provide home ownership assistance for individuals with developmental disabilities and other disabilities who are purchasing a home through the Idaho Home of Your Own Initiative.
2. Provide funding to develop and demonstrate innovative methods for Idaho communities to increase national community supports for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Instructional packets for each project detailing required information to be included in the proposals, funds available, and other necessary information are on file for examination and/or distribution at the Council Office in Boise at the address below. Individuals or organizations applying for these funds must adhere to the guidelines provided in the instructional package. These guidelines may be reviewed or obtained between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. M.S.T., Monday through Friday at:

**Lib: Jenkins**  
 Council on Developmental Disabilities  
 280 N. Eighth, Suite 208  
 PO Box 80720  
 Boise, Idaho 83720-0280

Telephone: 334-2178 (voice); or 334-2179 (T.D.D.) if you live outside Boise; you can contact the Council office toll free: 1-800-544-2433.

**IMPORTANT: ALL BIDDERS MUST BE REGISTERED AS VENDORS WITH THE DIVISION OF PURCHASING, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION** (Size of letter), prior to submission of a proposal. For information of how to register please call the Division of Purchasing at (208) 337-2465. Criteria for selection will be available for non-selection shall be kept on file and made available to requesting parties.

All proposals must be formulated as noted. Fax copies will not be accepted.

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the stockholders of the Company, the polls shall be open from 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the offices of the Company at 921 North Lincoln Avenue, Jerome, Idaho, for the purpose of voting on proposed amendments to the By-Laws, which said amendments shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the stock voted. The proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

**That Article III, Section 3 of the By-Laws be amended to specify that either the president, three (3) directors, or stockholders representing ten percent (10%) of the capital stock of the company are required to call a special shareholders meeting.**

**That the third paragraph of Article III, Section 11 of the By-Laws be amended to reference Idaho Code Section 42-2201 as the appropriate statutory authority for levying and collecting assessments.**

**That Article VI, Section 2 of the By-Laws be amended to clarify that three (3) directors or stockholders, representing ten percent (10%) of the outstanding capital shares of the company are required to call a special meeting of the stockholders.**

**That Article VI, Section 6 of the By-Laws be amended to provide that a proxy can be revoked by the person to add the following paragraph:**

**That Article VI, Section 8 of the By-Laws be amended to add the following paragraph:**

The Board is authorized to adopt reasonable rules and regulations to restrict the discharge of sediment and other chemicals into the Company's system or into any natural stream for which the Company is responsible. Shareholders may be required to construct and maintain, at their own expense, sediment control, or other facilities which, when properly operated, insure that return waters returned to Company facilities or State of Idaho waterways meet or exceed water quality standards of the Company. Water users failing to meet Company approved water quality standards shall lose the privilege to drain into use on the part of a water user to meet said standards may result in the Company's cessation of delivery of irrigation water to that user.

Proxies must be filed with the Company's Secretary at the Company office on or before January 10, 1997.  
**DATED the 19th day of December, 1996.**  
 Dennis Johnston, Assistant Secretary

quests for proposals (RFP). One is for the Adult Year Round Program (Title IVA), and one is for the Youth Year Round Program (Title IVB). Deadlines for submission of these RFPs is February 3, 1997.

Successful bidders shall operate from July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998. Estimated funding available is \$140,000 for the Adult program, and \$40,000 for the Youth program.

To obtain further information and an RFP packet, interested persons or organizations should contact Candy McElfresh, South Central Private Industry Council, Evergreen Building - College of Southern Idaho, PO Box 1844, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1844. Telephone: (208) 736-3064.

A Bidder's Conference is scheduled for January 7, 1997. Contact Candy McElfresh, 208-736-3064, for further information.

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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT**  
 Notice is hereby given by the Idaho Housing and Finance Association that the first application period for the 1997 Low-Income Housing Tax Credit is now open. Applications will be accepted through February 3, 1997.

During Application Period 1, approximately \$78,000 in credit will be as follows:  
 Nonretarded Credit: \$363,000

**100 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**101 LOST & FOUND**  
 FOUND 1 eyed female Border Collie, vicinity of Buhl, 736-2299.

**HOUND POUND TWIN FALLS ANIMAL SHELTER**

**FOUND**  
 1 Border Collie, black & white female, 1 eye.  
 2 Standard Poodle, black & gray, neutered male.  
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 5 Malomute black & white male.  
 1 (2) Corgi Collies, black & white female, 1 eye.  
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**FOUND** 1 furry brown dog, possibly a Griffon, male, blue collar, no tags. Vicinity SW of Burley. Call 579-5531 to claim.

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**LOST** Cordless drill in black case brown, 4th & Main in Jerome. If found please call 324-6517

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**Announcements**  
**See On E3**

**NOTICE OF A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND THE BY-LAWS OF THE NORTH SIDE CANAL COMPANY, LIMITED**  
 Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the North Side Canal Company, Limited, an Idaho corporation, that on the 15th day of January, 1997, the annual meeting of

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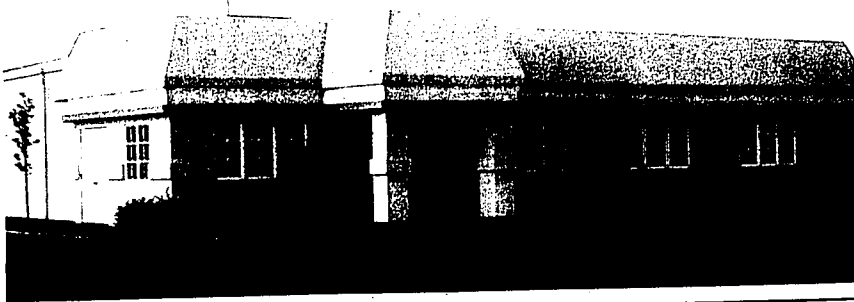


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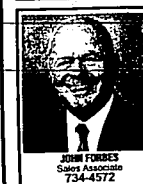
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\$43,900. What a curle in Hazelton! 2 bedroom home, nice & clean. Must see to appreciate home for this price. Give us a call for further information. KATHY OR VIRGINIA can help you today. #96-369

\$52,000. 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home in Jerome. Recently remodeled. New water heater, vinyl siding, gas forced air heat & lots more. You could own this for a great price! CALL NATHAN LYDA for your private showing. #96-386

\$54,900. Rental possibilities! Nice, updated home with metal siding, 2 bedrooms, pellet stove & family room in basement. Located close to shopping & downtown. CALL TAD ROSS 734-1914 today for more information. #96-292

\$73,000. Delightful, remodeled well-maintained & landscaped home, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, fenced backyard, storage shed, hot tub, decent location. CALL TOM LLOYD 543-9117 for more information. #96-391

\$73,900. New listing! Super nice 3 bedroom-home-with-rear-look-dishwasher, disposal & vinyl windows. Vacant & ready to move into. Priced right! CALL JOANNE NIELSON 420-5949 to see this home. #96-1174

\$75,000. Investors Delight! 2 house-on-lot. Both homes are in very good shape & have maintenance-free siding exteriors. Easy to rent. CALL LYNN RASMUSSEN for your personal showing. #96-388

\$78,900. Just listed! Wonderful spacious family home. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath with basement to expand. Hardwood floors with beautiful fireplace. Great neighborhood on very quiet street. Must see! CALL DIANNE DODMAN 678-7949. #96-387

\$79,900. Charm - Character - Convenience. This 2 story cottage style home comes with white picket fence! 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, GFA remodeled kitchen. A must see! All this on large lot. CALL DEANNA 733-0838 OR RALPH 733-9578 to see this home today. #96-365

\$80,000. New listing, watch the beautiful sunsets from this 4 bedroom-4 1/2 bath home. Over 1,500 sq. ft. Includes partly finished basement. Large fenced backyard for the kids. CALL BONNIE PARSONS, CRS. Quality Service with us! #96-385

\$83,000. This home is in great shape with loads of upgrades. Three bedrooms on main floor. Totally finished basement. Located on wonderful avenue. CALL KATHY OR VIRGINIA to see this one. #96-306

\$87,900. Price reduced. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in Kimberly. Great family room & jacuzzi bath. Detached garage wired for 220. Large fenced yard with covered patio & RV parking. CALL JOHN PRESADA OR PATTY EASTMAN. #96-301

\$104,500. Centrally located! Great family size home with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room, lots of storage, dbl. garage, fenced lot & not far from park, schools & shopping. Priced right. CONTACT THE HESS TEAM today! #96-360

\$115,900. 5.19 acres located in Jerome, great for horses! 3 bedrooms, 2 bath home with vaulted ceilings, jacuzzi tub & much more. A must see! CALL JAHNN REAVES 324-8443 for more details. #96-368

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\$128,000. Don't miss out on this great home built in 1995. Open floor plan, gas heat, central air, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with beautiful deck, fenced yard with sprinklers. Lots of extras. CALL PEGGY CONNALLY to see this wonderful home. #96-362

\$129,900. Nearly ready! And if you have an eye for aesthetics & value, this new Gibson/Wolverton home in Stonybrook is for you! CALL KATHY SCHRADER 736-9219 today! #96-292

\$142,000. New construction on 1.1 acres. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with room for expansion in the vaulted to finish basement. Vaulted ceilings, vinyl siding, deck & neat ceiling. CALL PATTY EASTMAN 324-1113 OR JOHN PRESADA 735-1272. #96-375

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\$188,700. Custom built home in Kanaka Rapids Ranch in Buhl. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,500 sq. ft., 3 car garage, corner fireplace, spacious kitchen pantry, & upgrades throughout. CALL WILLIE WELSH for more information. Partial Realtor owned. #96-1151

\$189,900. Kanaka Rapids Ranch. Enjoy country living at its best in this gorgeous 3 bdrm., 2 1/2 bath home. Satellite, geothermal water. Beautiful landscaping & Kanaka Rapids extras like fishing & abundant wildlife. CONTACT DOROTHY BEST. #96-206

\$99,500. Moving to the country? Here it is! 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath never home with over 2,000 sq. ft. Two decks to enjoy the great views of the valley. Located on 23 acres with full water shares. CALL RON FREEMAN 734-4208. #96-130

\$204,000. The perfect country acreage. This 8 acres & beautiful home is S.E. of Kimberly, with great view of the South Hills. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, plus approx. 2,000 sq. ft. of unfinished basement. CALL CAROLYN CUTLER 733-9028. #96-382

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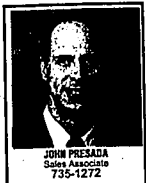
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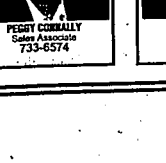
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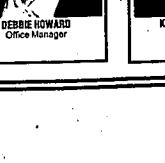
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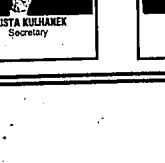
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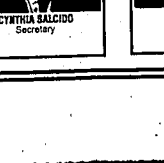
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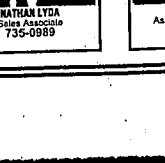
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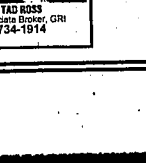
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# REAL ESTATE

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**KIMBERLY Cheerful setting for a Happy Holiday!** This newly listed home backs up to quiet park setting. Built in 1995. 3 bdrms, 2 baths and room for expansion in the full basement. The landscaping is a must see. Priced at only \$124,900. Call Mark Jones 734-4599 or Denise Morrison for your private tour.

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Dear Mr. Wolff: RHIO opens a weak two spade bid, I double, and LHIO jumps to four spades...

ANSWER: I would not choose the two spade; it's likely to earn a near-zero score if it costs a trick.

ANSWER: It should be for the minors only. Since your takeout double promised heart support...

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Dear Mr. Wolff: RHIO deals and pre-empt three hearts at the A-7, 5-3, 4-K-Q-J-3, Q-10-2-2 and doubled for takeout.

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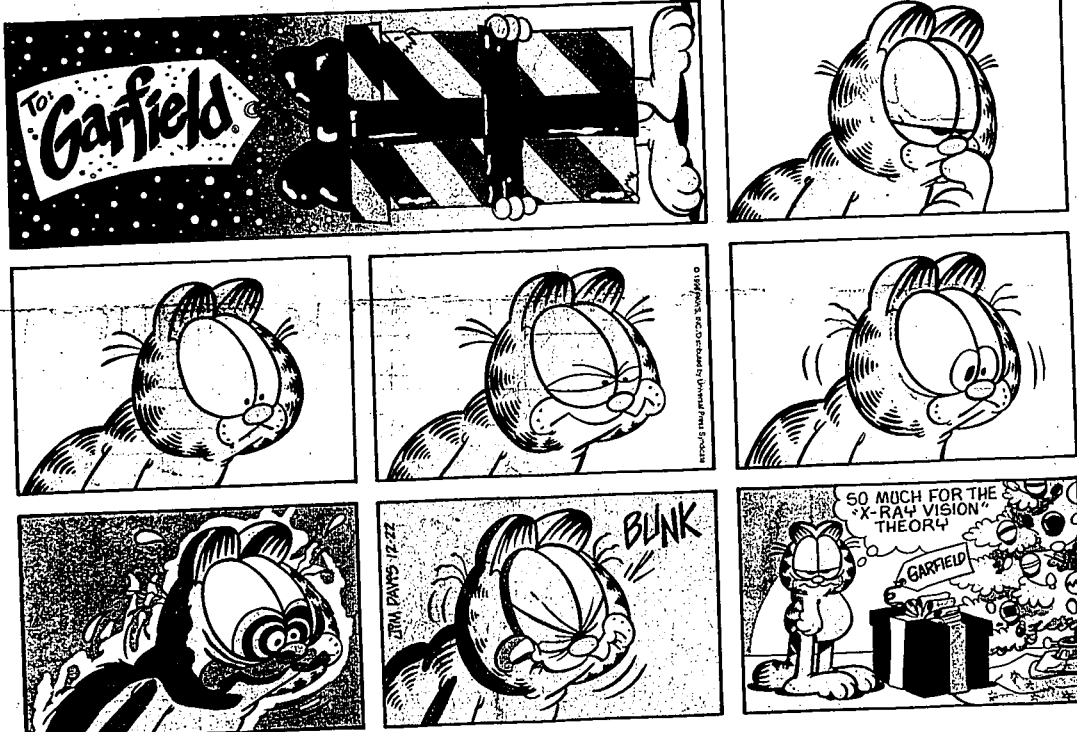
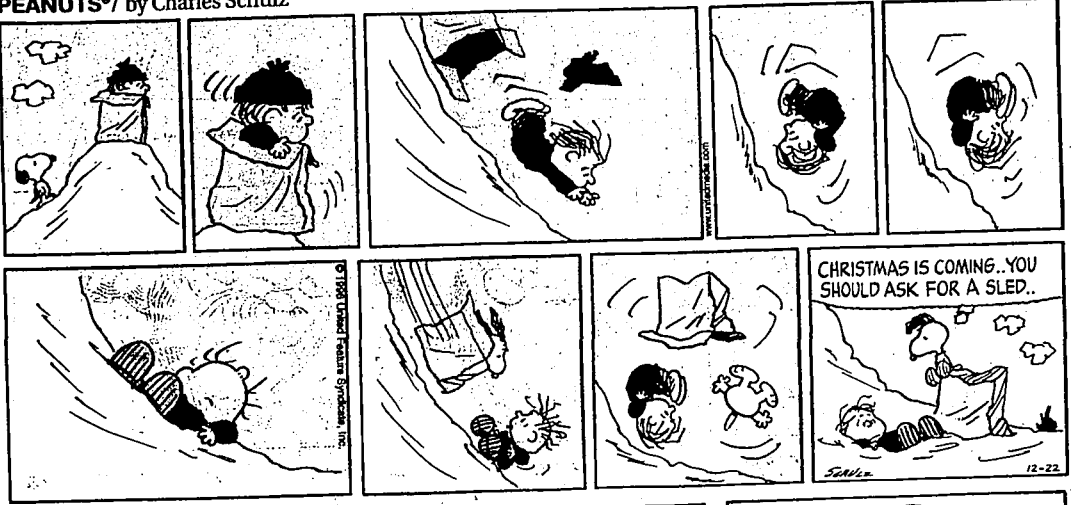
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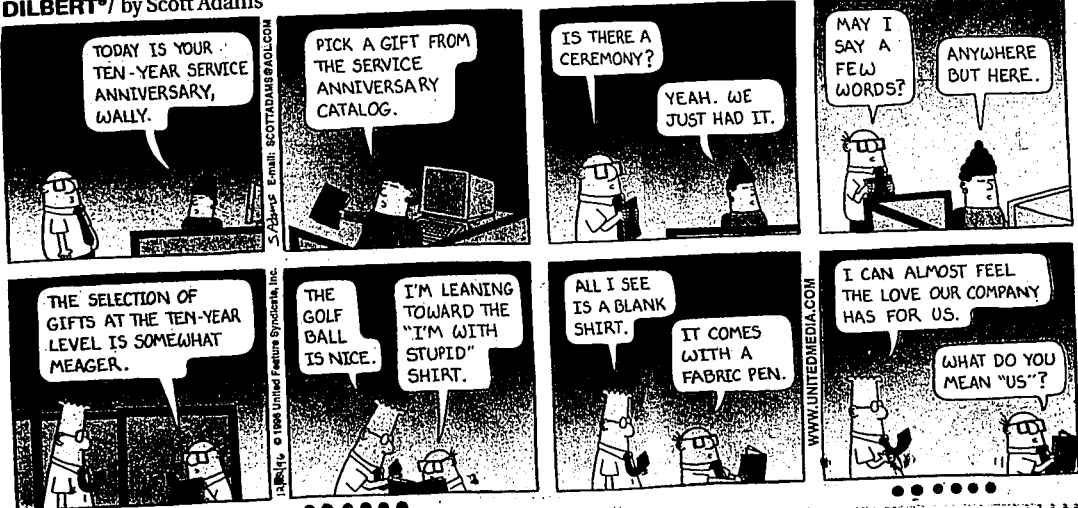
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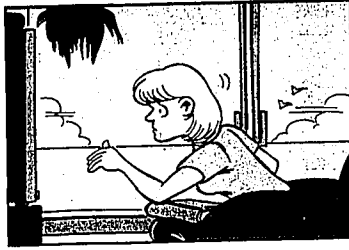
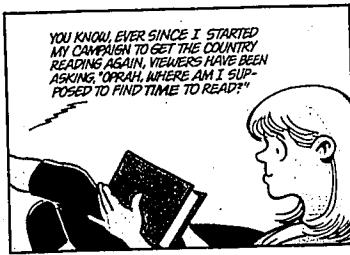
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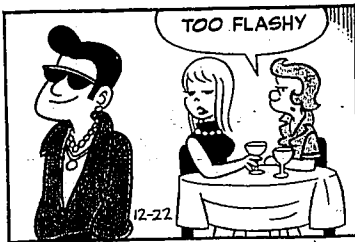
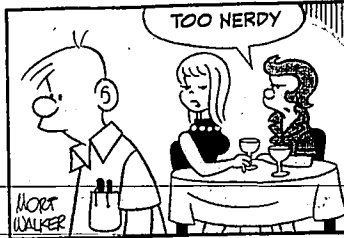
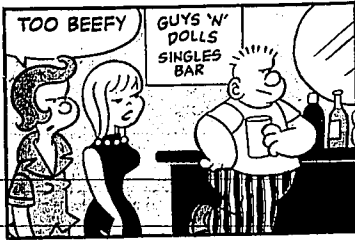


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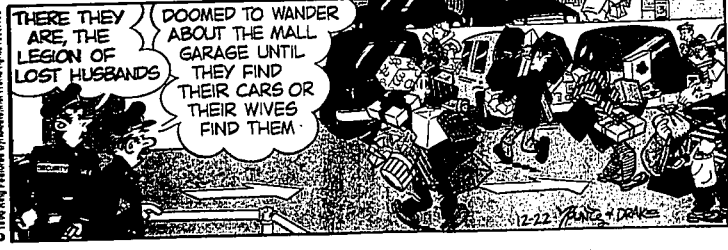
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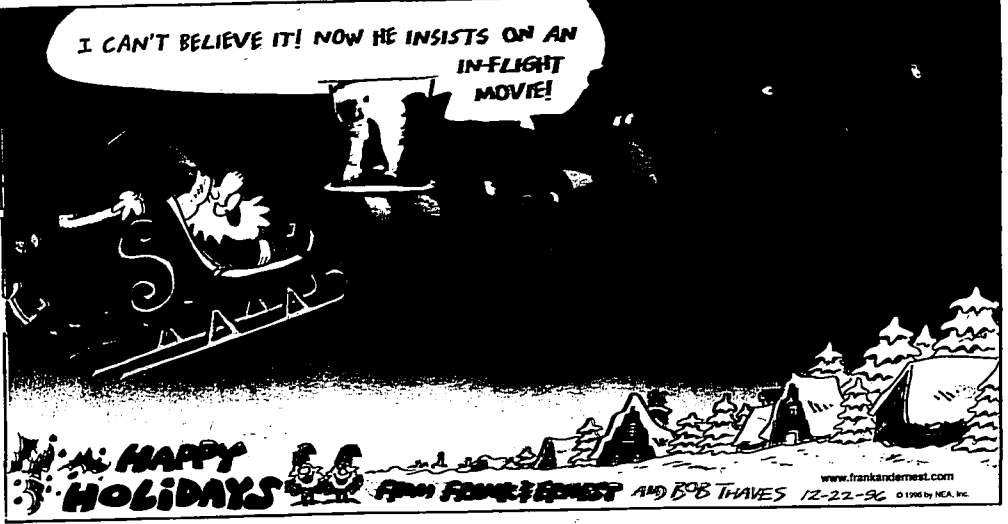
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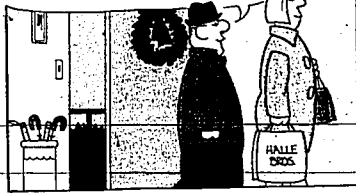




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**BORN LOSER/** by Art Sansom

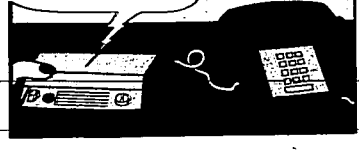
WHEN IT COMES TO SHOPPING, WE DON'T FOOL AROUND! WE'VE BEEN GONE ALL DAY!



LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A MESSAGE ON THE ANSWERING MACHINE! YOU PLAY IT!



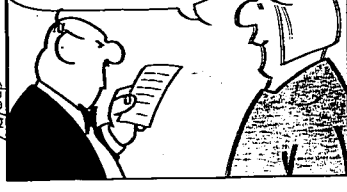
BEEP! HI, GANG. IT'S RICK AND CAROL! WE STOPPED BY WITH A CHRISTMAS GIFT, BUT YOU WEREN'T HOME, SO WE LEFT IT ON YOUR FRONT STOOP!



I'LL GO GET IT, GLADYS!



WELL, DID YOU FIND THE PRESENT ON THE STOOP?



NO, JUST THIS NOTE: "THANKS FOR THE CHAMPAGNE! MERRY CHRISTMAS! YOUR POSTAL CARRIER."



AND HIS DAD?  
HE'S THE REASON FOR HIS EXISTENCE.  
- ERIC SAID HE'S THE REASON.  
HE IS IF YOU PREFER MINORITY TO EXHAUSTING LIVES.

HE WONDER WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO HAVE A BABY...  
...A LITTLE BOY...  
ON... HE'D HAVE HIS SHARE OF CUTS AND BRUISES, OF COURSE...  
AS WELL AS GREEN AND SCORCHES AND BLOODSTAINS AND DISEASES.

BUT HE'D BE ALIVE!  
TO EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF CREATION.  
WHY HE COULD GO ON TO BE FAMOUS!  
... BECOME A PHYSICIAN - A GREAT HEALER...

OR A REMEMBRANCE OF BEEN A KING!  
KING OF KINGS!  
HE MIGHT EVEN SNEAK AROUND!  
WHAT FEAR?

WELL, FROM...  
WOW, LOOK AT THAT STAR!  
IT'S SHINING!

WHAT DOES HE WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?  
HE ADMITS TO PRETENDING THE LAST TEN YEARS NEVER HAPPENED. IF THEY DID, THEY'RE ENERGED COMPLETELY DRAINING AND INCREDIBLE.

RIGHT THIS WAY!  
FOR THAT SPECIAL "BOB MAN ON YOUR LIST," OUR "PERSONAL PHOBIA GIFT BOUTIQUE"!  
WHETHER HE'S MILDLY SELF-OBSSESSED OR A FULL-BLOWN NEUROTIC HYPERMORPHIC, WE HAVE IT ALL!

BACK SUPPORTS...  
KNEE SUPPORTS...  
KNEE SUPPORTS...  
WRIST SUPPORTS...  
ELBOW SUPPORTS...  
NECK SUPPORTS...

HEART RATE MONITORS...  
BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORS...  
CHOLESTEROL MONITORS...  
BODY FAT MONITORS...

OXAL OXIDATORS...  
RESPIRATORS...  
SUN PROTECTORS...  
WATER PURIFIERS...  
SYSTEMS THAT BLOCK SOB-INDUCED SNEEZES...  
CONDENSIMENTS FROM ANY FOR HE MIGHT TRY TO BREATHE.

OUR A PRESENT THAT SPURNS TO BE DESPISE, MOST PREFERRED FEELS AND PROCEEDINGS... AND WHAT YOU'LL WANT SOME??

A GOOD WOMAN'S DIVERSITY...  
THAT IT UNDERSTANDS HOW SO WELL!  
IF THE GIFT HAS DONE ITS JOB, HE'LL BE AFRAID TO RUN ALL THAT FAST.

THE PERSONAL PHOBIA GIFT BOUTIQUE

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# IPA



Jose De Jesus Cabrera Arroya (center), 7, with his mother Teodora, and children at the orphanage in Morelia, Michoacan, Mexico. Jose suffered from a severe lisp defect until Dr. Kenneth Salzer corrected it.




BY



JOY








Have you seen me sweat? I must lose 10 lbs  
it's not just about losing water. It's about nutr  
It's got nine essential nutrients my body needs, li  
about telling the boys in Chicago, but it's ab

**MILK**

Where's your must

PLEASE DRINK ONLY FULL-FAT MILK. MILK IS THE BEST.



a game. And from what I hear,  
ents. That's why I drink milk. 2%.  
e calcium and potassium. I thought  
out time they lost something.

ache?\*

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Dr. Kenneth Salyer, a craniofacial surgeon, has devoted his life to reshaping deformity into beauty, transforming misery into joy.

# NO CHILD IS

Right: Kendal Breahme Davis, 6, of Moody, Okla., with Dr. Kenneth Salyer. Kendal has Apert syndrome, a birth defect characterized by uneven growth of the skull bones.

Her first reconstructive surgery is scheduled for mid-January. Salyer has helped reshape the faces and heads of 13,000 individuals, 80 percent of them children.



Before (r) and after (above): José De Jesus Cabrera Arroyo had encephalocele, a birth defect in which the skull bones fuse so that the brain can't grow normally. Pressure from the brain causes the skull to push out, making the head look uneven. Today José, 7, is all smiles.



**T**HE LITTLE BOY'S NAME was José De Jesus Cabrera Arroyo, and life had dealt him one unfair hand after another. Born into poverty in rural Mexico,

he had entered the world with encephalocele. This is a birth defect in which the skull bones fuse so that the brain cannot grow normally. Pressure from the brain causes the skull to push out, making the head look uneven. José's mother, Teodora, took him to Mano de Ayuda—a clinic and orphanage—for medical treatment. For two years the director of the orphanage tried to find medical treatment for José, to no avail. Then he heard about Dr. Kenneth Salyer, 60.

The holiday season is a time when we traditionally think about sharing our good fortune. A little while ago, I met Dr. Salyer and learned that he carries that spirit of sharing throughout the year. He uses his considerable talents every day to bring happiness to children who might otherwise know only ridicule and pain.

Kenneth Salyer, a craniofacial surgeon

in Dallas, has helped reshape the faces and heads of 13,000 individuals, 80 percent of them children. One of fewer than 100 craniofacial surgeons in the world, he has treated patients from 57 countries. But for many, like José, Kenneth Salyer was not just a surgeon. He was the youngster's only hope for a normal life.

Eddie Adams, who shot these photographs of José and other children under Dr. Salyer's care, took the little boy for a walk through Dallas last spring on the day before his eight-hour surgery. José had turned 7 years old just three days before. A light rain began to fall. "God is crying," José solemnly announced. "Why?" asked Adams. "Because He knows I'm having surgery tomorrow."

If God were truly crying, those raindrops must have been tears of joy. As these photographs show, José now has

a face that will help him lead a normal life. I visited Columbia-Medical City, a large hospital complex in Dallas, to find out how Dr. Salyer makes these transformations and why he has been doing them for nearly 30 years, sometimes for children who could never afford their expensive treatment, like José.

Just after 10 a.m. one day, I followed Salyer into the operating room where he had started his workday three hours before. For almost an hour, we had been discussing his next case, while several colleagues and assistants performed their assigned duties as part of the complicated surgery. Lying before us was Matthew Hebert, just 7 months old and already dearly loved by his parents and two older brothers. "What I'm doing now is reshaping Matthew's head," Dr. Salyer explained. "He's got premature

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# EVER TURNED AWAY

closure of the sutures in his skull. That could restrict the growth of his brain."

A few generations ago, an infant with craniosynostosis like Mathew could expect a life of torment and ridicule. The youngster's entire skull had to be reconstructed because of a narrowing of his face and a marked elongation of his skull from front to back.

Photographs and X-rays of Mathew covered one of the walls in the operating room. While other surgeons cut back the layer of skin that covered his face and poked it down, Kenneth Salyer carefully removed the top of Mathew's skull down to the temples, then went to the side of the room to reshape it.

As he stood at a table with the top of Mathew's skull in his hands, Salyer gently and cautiously used a series of tools to bend, cut and shape a new look and a new life. "We're changing the shape of the skull," he explained as he worked. "It's narrow, and we're going to widen it." Indeed, the baby smiling down at us from the photographs had a forehead that was too high and narrow for the rest of his face. "I've had patients with deformities who tried to commit suicide," Dr. Salyer told me. Today, he was trying to make sure that this infant wouldn't be one of them.

For almost an hour, Dr. Salyer sculpted a new skull from Mathew's own skull bones. "I'm lucky this time," he explained. "You've got to work with

what you're given, and you're not always given what you'd like." In Mathew's case, said Dr. Salyer, there was plenty to work with. While a team of surgeons, an anesthesiologist, nurses and technicians kept Mathew stable, Salyer worked.

He took the reconstructed skull and, piece by piece, wired it back together over Mathew's exposed brain. Then he gently lifted the skin of the infant's face

and stretched it over the new forehead. Lying before us, sleeping peacefully, was a beautiful, perfectly formed little boy. "Soon that will be replaced with all new bone," Salyer explained. "The brain grows 2 1/2 times in the first 18 months, and that growth spurt will actually help remodel the skull into its proper shape."

Salyer stitched the muscles of the scalp back together, then closed the incision before he went to see Mathew's

years earlier). Kenneth Salyer was one of the first doctors to perform the surgery on infants. "My goal was to get to kids before they were 4 or 5 years old, before self-awareness and body-awareness start to develop, before they realize they're different," he said. "It's a big problem once they go to school and kids start making fun of them."

Salyer treats older patients as well, but he says they often have acquired psychological scars by then. "I have one patient who's 18, a very nice girl," he told me. "She said, 'People won't even let me hold their babies.'"

For many years, Salyer was a professor and department chairman at Southwestern Medical School at the University of Texas in Dallas. He is now an adjunct professor at Baylor and director of the International Craniofacial Institute at Columbia-Medical City in Dallas, a private hospital.

Salyer's goal is to perform a free operation for every paid procedure he does. Poor children now have to wait months for him to get the resources needed to operate on them—and Salyer worries

that, with the growth of managed care, even children with insurance coverage will be denied the operations they need.

Prices for craniofacial operations for children start at \$20,000. Little Mathew Hebert was fortunate. His operation was fully covered by insurance. At present, Salyer performs eight free surgeries a year. Most operations last six to eight hours. "We should not let finances dictate that we go back from the progress we have made," Salyer said. "It's getting harder and harder, but we haven't turned away any children yet."

In recent years, Dr. Salyer has been raising money. "Our goal is to build a dedicated hospital for children with these special needs," he explained. "These are all my little buddies. I want to make them all as good as they can be." **IK**

For further information, write to: World Craniofacial Foundation, P.O. Box 515838, Dept. P, Dallas, Tex. 75251-5838.

Dr. Salyer cradles the head of 4-month-old

Brennan Linko (R) after Brennan's surgery to shape his nose and close his lip. Salyer also operated on Brennan's cleft palate four months later. Below: Amy Stillwell comforts her year-old daughter, Julia, before she undergoes the same surgery as Brennan Linko.



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family. "Everything went just fine," he told the boy's parents. "He should be home in about three or four days. He'll never even remember this."

Although craniofacial surgery has existed for several generations (its pioneer, the French surgeon Dr. Paul Tessier, was profiled in PARADE four



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There were 14,000 unknowns at open auditions in eight cities, trying for one of 22 roles on *Sunset Beach*, a daytime soap starting Jan. 6 on NBC. Each hoped to be discovered by Aaron Spelling, the show's producer, who has launched many careers. Only one was picked.

The winner, Jason Winston George, 24, a graduate student in theater at Temple University in Philadelphia who was raised in Virginia Beach, Va.

What made him stand out? "The main thing was he was very late for the audition," said Spelling. "He was in the end of the line. Our casting people called and said there was something great about this guy even before he'd had a chance to read the script. In an hour he put the script down and did the best [score] test I've seen in years."

One other thing: His role is as a lifeguard. The casting peo-

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ple asked Jason if he'd do one more take with his shirt off. No problem. "Last year I did a show at Temple where I ended up back naked for 10 minutes," said Jason. "So I'd gotten over that."

"My goal is to be on the cross-over list of African-Americans for whom color is not an issue, like Whoopi Goldberg," he added.

And what if fame doesn't come? "I'm like a kid in a candy store," Jason said. "If I get kicked out of the store, I've still got the candy. I'm dealing with my finances like it could all end tomorrow." He'll get his degree in May. Temple considers his work on *Sunset Beach* to be an internship.



Jason Winston George: He won the role of a TV lifeguard—but it's not on *Sunset Beach*

### How To Play Campaign Finance Reform Ping-Pong



This year's elections included the usual call for campaign finance reform. The President promised to make it a priority. Congress did not. Don't hold your breath. Politicians like to pay lip service to reform, but they don't really want to change. It's not because they enjoy fund-raising; few do. It's because the incumbents have figured out how to work the system better than their opponents. Here's how the game of finance reform Ping-Pong usually is played:

**President:** The House brings up a bill one year; if it passes, the Senate gets it two days to do anything. The next year, the Senate fails, but the House never gets around to it. Or there will be a variety of reform bills, so each Congressman can go on record as voting for one, but none will have enough support to pass. In 1997, both the House and Senate passed a strict reform bill, but they knew President Bush would veto it.

**Senator:** This year, President Clinton will probably push for a bipartisan commission, which will spend months hammering out a bill. It may reach Congress by next summer. But the fact remains that these guys will reform campaign financing only if the voters send them a message. So go ahead.

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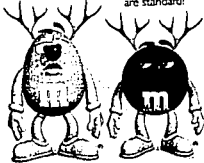
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In 1990, William Lobkowicz of Boston discovered his family had more than 200 properties in Czechoslovakia.

THEY ARE THE KIND OF dreamlike places that fantasy and romance are made of: Sretekov, a hulking ruin of a castle perched on a cliff high above the Elbe River, near the border between Bohemia and Germany; Nelahovez, an elegant castle north of Prague, its walls adorned with masterpieces by Velázquez, Bruegel and Canaletto. An American visitor can pass through these reminders of Europe's glorious past and fantasize about what it would be like to be the lord of the castle, the prince of the palace.

For most of us, such thoughts would simply be daydreams. But a few years ago, for one young American, they became a sudden—and startling—reality. In 1990, William Lobkowicz found himself in possession of more than two dozen castles and palaces; now he is faced not only with the challenge of running this strange new empire but also of figuring out how he can share it with the rest of the world. "I've learned that it's very difficult to maintain a palace," he told me with a wry smile. "The heating bills can be very high."

It was a strange turn of history that transformed the then-29-year-old Boston businessman into the closest thing the Czech Republic has to nobility. "I don't think anyone expected what happened in November of 1989," William Lobkowicz said. "I always thought it might happen someday, but never so soon."

What happened that November was the "Velvet Revolution," when the tired old Communist dictators of Czechoslovakia, watching communism crumble in the countries around them, gave up after nationwide anti-Communist demonstrations. The way was paved for a democratic government and the peaceful separation of the nation into two countries—the Czech Republic and Slovakia. William Lobkowicz, whose family could trace its roots in the Czech province of Bohemia back to the 1300s, became one of the 40,000 Americans who moved to Prague to help the new nation rebuild itself.

As a boy growing up in Boston, Lobkowicz had learned about his family's history. Generations of Lobkowicz princes and dukes had helped shape Central Europe for centuries. They had subsidized Beethoven, who dedicated his *Eroica* Symphony to a Lobkowicz; the composers Dvořák and Gluck were both raised on Lobkowicz estates. "I was working in real estate in Boston," William re-

# What Would You Do With A Palace?



William Lobkowicz at Roudnice in 1994. The castle had one of the best private libraries in Central Europe. Then it was plundered by the Nazis and, later, the Communists. Now the Lobkowitzs want to restore the collection.

**The Lobkowicz family is far from wealthy enough to pay for restorations on all their properties. "We have a lot of buildings where the roofs have caved in," William says.**

called. "I had a job I could always go back to. I was young. I was single, and I thought I could come here and work in real estate as well."

In 1918, William's grandfather, Maximilian Lobkowicz, renounced his titles (he was both a prince and a duke in the old Austro-Hungarian Empire) and helped make Czechoslovakia a democracy, only to be driven out by the Nazis in 1939 and then forced to flee again to Boston after the 1948 Communist takeover. "He left with [just] his coat," William said.

Maximilian's son, Martin, became a stockbroker. Martin and his Kentucky-born wife, Brooks, took their children to visit Prague in 1976. "I was fascinated," William recalled. "I met a great aunt who had lived through two world wars, the Republic, the Nazis, communism—I was just blown away by how these people made it through and kept going. They drew their strength from their history and their roots."

In 1990, shortly before William moved to Prague, the new Czech government passed laws ordering the return of private property confiscated by the Communists to the original owners. While one purpose of these laws was to correct injustice, they also made simple economic sense: The new democracy could not afford to repair and administer all the property the Communists had taken and allowed to deteriorate. If the former owners would come back and restore their properties, the government recovered, the Czech nation could recover an important part of its cultural heritage

without imposing an unbearable burden on taxpayers.

But people like the Lobkowitzs had to work hard to prove their ownership, and the family asked William to represent them in the arduous process. "Just because some place was called the Lobkowicz Palace, and everyone knew it belonged to the Lobkowicz family, didn't mean you could claim it," William told me. "You had to find proof." Since all the family records were in government hands and inaccessible, William hunted the Ministry of Culture for weeks, sifting through files on confiscated property.

William and his American fiancée (now his wife), Alexandra, sent out hundreds of claim forms—anywhere, he explained, "where we thought there might be a possibility." The government's decision amazed even William Lobkowicz: It decided that his family was entitled to get back



more than 200 properties, ranging from castles to forest huts.

But the Lohkowitzes, though affluent, were far from rich enough to take care of all the properties. A few places, like Sirekov and Nelažozevce, had been used as tourist attractions by the old government and were in relatively good repair, but most were in disarray. "We have a lot of buildings where the roofs have caved in," William told me.

William and his family had no interest in living in the castles. He and Alexandra have a simple apartment near their office in Prague. "My grandfather sacrificed a lot to help build a republic here," he explained. "We're holding these buildings in trust for the people."

That means raising money—a much of it in the United States, through a foundation called the American Friends for the Preservation of Czech Culture, run by William's mother, Brooks. William also discovered that among his old family properties were several businesses, many defunct or nearly so, but a few viable. He has built up a brewery and a winery and is looking for buyers or partners in a mineral-water business and a health spa.

The family hopes that the profits will go into cultural activities, like supporting the summer music festival at Nelažozevce, restoring some buildings, cataloging the family's art collection and rescuing its library of 60,000 volumes—many of them priceless manuscripts—from a damp government storage building. Parts of the family's collection of art, books, manuscripts and musical instruments will be on permanent exhibit at Nelažozevce starting in April, and the Lohkowitzes are hoping for sponsorship from the business community.

Currently restoration efforts are supported by family loans and private donations. William also intends to sell some properties in order to generate money for restoration efforts; he even has started renting out properties for conferences, weddings and other events. "You have to be careful to strike a balance between culture and commerce," he said. "If you concentrate too much on culture, you don't have enough money to support it. If you spend too much time on commerce, it puts too great a burden on the collections and the buildings."

I asked William if he felt homesick for the comfortable life of an American businessman. "Not at all," he said without a second's thought. "I love this challenge. And besides, Prague has one great advantage for me: I never have to spell my name here." —Michael Ryan

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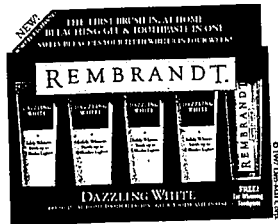
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Besides being canines, Bailey, Luna and Champ had something else in common: Each, in its own way, saved a human life.

# My Dog, The Hero

**A**S WE THINK OF THE less fortunate this holiday season, we also might consider the plight of the millions of dogs and puppies in shelters across the country, remembering that our canine friends offer us companionship and loyalty—and sometimes much more. Here are the tales of three ordinary dogs who did extraordinary things—and became heroes:

The case of the bullfighting pooch, Bailey, a Chesapeake Bay/Labrador mix, was adopted from the Southwest Missouri Humane Society in Springfield by the Jenkins family of Ava, Mo. On a cold January day in 1995, Chester Jenkins learned the true value of Bailey's friendship.

Jenkins, 60, operates a farm. "I would feed my cows every day by letting them into a gate where I put the food," he says. "I had about 12 cows and one bull, a Belgian Blue, whom I knew had a temper." Jenkins had opened the gate and moved to another when the bull rammed him and slammed him onto his back. "I knew right then that bull was going to gore me," he says. Then, seemingly from nowhere, Bailey rushed at the bull and bit him on the nose. "Bailey hung onto that bull for a few seconds and distracted him," Jenkins says. "It was enough for the bull to lose interest in me."

"After the bull went away, Bailey came over and started licking my face," Jenkins recalls. "I was able to make it to my back door and have my wife call the paramedics." If Bailey hadn't intervened, Jenkins says, he believes the bull might have killed him.

Luna learns new tricks. Seven years ago, Mark Carnevale of Glenville, N.Y., obtained Luna, an Australian shepherd puppy, from a breeder. Two years later, Carnevale fell out of a tree and broke his neck. After months of intense therapy, he could use a wheelchair but still had little control of his hands.

Enter Luna. "At the time, I didn't even know what a service dog was,"



Luna trained to be a service dog—to pick up items on command—after her owner, Mark Carnevale, broke his neck.

Carnevale, 52. Luna spent one summer in training, and when she came home, she began helping. "She became my hands," adds Carnevale. "She knows 11 specific items and will get them for me when I ask. She also picks things up for me when I drop them."

Today, Luna accompanies Mark Carnevale everywhere. His wife, Sally, says: "Luna puts a smile on someone's face every day."



Chester Jenkins, 60, of Ava, Mo., and Bailey, his Chesapeake Bay/Labrador mix—who took a bite out of an angry bull just in time.

Smelling out danger. When the Fremder family of Glen Rock, N.J., adopted Champ, a German shepherd/Labrador mix, more than 15 years ago, they knew they were saving his life.

"Champ was born to a breeder," says Albert Fremder, 62. "Because he was a mixed breed, he was going to be killed."

Champ became a valuable member of the Fremder household. One day in June 1994, relatives had come to visit, and after a few hours the family began to feel drowsy and tired. Passing it off as fatigue, they went to bed. The next morning, Albert's wife, Lyne, now 48, collapsed in the kitchen. Champ began barking frantically outside the room where Albert was still sleeping. When he tried to get up, Albert fainted.

Lyne, though groggy, realized that Champ was barking to get everyone out of the house. She called 911, and the house was evacuated. The cause of the

trouble: A car in the garage had been left running, emitting carbon monoxide. Its odor was undetectable, but Champ had sensed something was wrong.

Champ died two years ago (the Fremders have a new dog, CJ, for Champ Junior), but Albert Fremder says he hasn't been forgotten: "We had him all those years. We saved his life—and, in turn, he saved ours." **EE**

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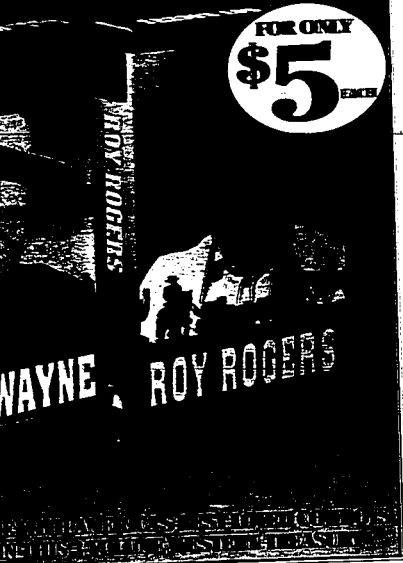
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## Lynn Minton Reports Fresh Voices

### "WOM. LET ME BE MYSELF"

Like many teenagers, this Connecticut 17-year-old, whose letter we excerpt here, does not feel accepted for who she is:



I like to do the things guys do, such as shoot guns, go to car shows, take juke—and get into trouble. I don't like to do the "girl" things that I feel I should like, such as go to my friend's house to sleep over and talk about my feelings, take dance classes, etc. But my mom pushes me to "hang out with the girls." I feel that she wants me to be more like she was when she was my age. I guess she is just trying to protect me, but she is making a lot of pain on my side, as I feel that I'm not living up to what she wants me to be. —Amy A. Coombs, 17, Cantonville, Conn.

### WHY SOME FRIENDS HELPED TO?

When we asked this question, two students from Lisa Snow's class at The Children's School in Monroeville, N.C., thought first of their grandparents:



I had a grandpa friend with my grandpa, which lasted until he died, which I was about 6. Even today, I have good memories of him—the water fights, the games, the big camp in the mountains, the big camp in the mountains. I think about him and miss him a lot. —Ashley Ledford, 13



And an Ohio teenager wrote about her best friend:



THE GREATEST FRIENDS

My grandpa is my best friend. I never forget how many times he always be there for me. He is the best. —Sarah Hines, 12

But when English grade rolled around, I was feeling cranky and complaining constantly. Then my friends and I got together and it was like magic. Kristi and I were laughing, then we all laughed, and I was back to my regular self. And damn it, I was filled with happiness! —Sarah Hines, 12

Friendship, 12

## A GREAT WAY TO TALK TO BOYS



I learned that the easiest way to get along with boys is talking on the phone. Face-to-face, you get really nervous, for fear you might say something wrong. That was always my worst fear. On the phone, you can be very open and honest. You can talk about anything and everything, the bad times and the good. And almost every time you will get a response. —Jamie Renee Foster, 14, Caryville, Ill.

Teens: Tell us how much time you spend on the phone each day—and what your talk about. Is the TV on? Did you ever fall asleep on the phone? Tell us your phone stories.

## THE ONLY WE COMBATED THE BULLIES

Kelly Urbic, 18, from Slings, Wis., offers her own experience for our series on ways to handle difficult situations:

One day a friend and I were walking around the neighborhood when we came across a group of kids picking on a younger kid on a bike. We confronted the kids, firmly, and they stopped picking on him. This made us feel good—that we could solve one little problem in the world. —Kelly Urbic, 18

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# Ask Marilyn

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—Cindy Wagner, St. Louis, Mo.  
I suspect that we as a nation are about to perpetrate a glaring error of logic. This error will not bring Wall Street crashing about our ears, nor will it cause governments to topple, but it illustrates the depths to which regard for logic and reasoning have sunk. I refer to the premature celebration of a new century and the new millennium. During the last Olympic Games in Atlanta, reference was made on the air to the next Games as being the first of the new millennium. This is wrong. The next summer Games will be the last of this century and the last of this millennium. Can you corroborate this?

—Albert Miller, Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.  
I already did—a decade ago. But I'm receiving a growing number of letters about the subject, so I'll repeat it with more explanation.

The first year of civil calendar years was called A.D. 1, and that was when the first century began. Because a century consists of 100 calendar years, the first century included the years 1 through 100. So the second century began with the year 101. For the same reason, the second century included the years 101 through 200.

When we read about 19th-century writers and artists, we're not reading about people from the present century. Instead, we're reading about people who lived and worked from 1801 through 1900. And when we read about 20th-century technological developments, we're reading about activity in the current century—from 1901 through 2000.

So the 21st century will truly begin on Jan. 1, 2001. Not that anyone will pay attention! Cele-

brations arise from the heart, not from the head. And it feels right to regard the date of Jan. 1, 2000, as the first day of the next millennium—just as it feels right (and technically is right) to celebrate the dawn of a new year at midnight rather than at 1 in the morning.

For years now, my husband has been haunted by a word he says he learned in college but has now forgotten. You are his last hope. Is there a specific term—one word, he insists—that denotes a government ruled by intellectuals?

—Lois West, Las Vegas, Nev.  
Maybe he's thinking of a "meritocracy," a system in which leaders are selected on the basis of ability or achievement. But maybe not—after all, you'd think we were supposed to select our leaders for those reasons in any government by the ballot box. Other interesting "ocracies" include *nobocracy* (government by the common people), *mediocracy* (government by the mediocre) and *kakistocracy* (government by the least qualified). No kidding! So maybe we don't have it so bad, after all. But if we really want to think about government by the intelligentsia—and there isn't a name for it already—let's call it a "noodocracy." Then its proponents would have to call themselves "noodocrats."

How is your "woman's intuition"?

—Charlotta, Loveland, Tex.  
I suppose you're referring to the way women sometimes pay a little extra attention to subtleties in personal relationships. If so, my "woman's intuition" is just fine, thank you. I always pay extra attention to what people are doing. I make either a great guest at a party or a terrible one!

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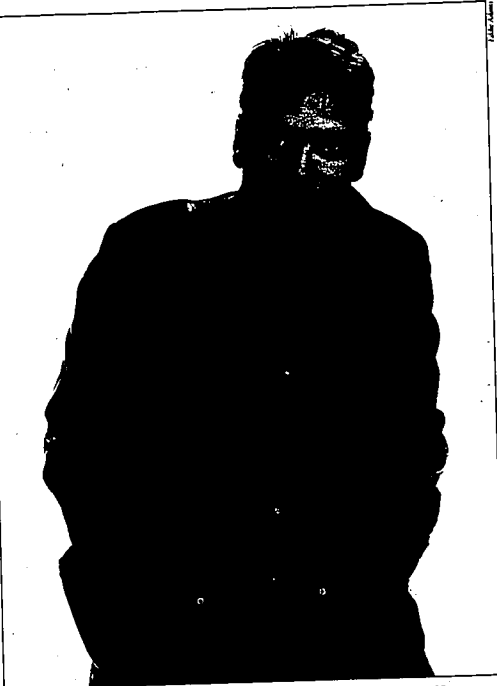
Ken Branagh is not only a superb director and actor, he's also in demand as a writer. Right now, he's working on a screenplay for Castle Rock called *Provocation*, about the movie biz. The next film he's shooting, after *Shakespeare's Sister*, is *The Gingerbread Man*, from an original script by the best-selling novelist John Grisham. "I get to play the hotshot lawyer who hasn't lost a case in eight years, a very arrogant type who then gets caught up in the case," Branagh said. Are lawyers as unpopular in Britain as they are here? "Oh, yes," Ken said with a chuckle. "In fact, there's a wonderful rant from Shakespeare [in *Hamlet*] about lawyers when the gravedigger is picking up old skulls and, quite pleased, says, 'Ah, here's a lawyer.'"

Since his *Hamlet* runs so much longer than others, what is it they leave out? "Usually, they cut the Fortinbras, the Norway part," he said. "A lot of the politics is never seen in film versions. Rosecrance and Guildenstern went in the Olivier film. I know Ken was the politics. You know, Shakespeare really nailed all that."

You know, in your 20s, you roar through life. Nothing is difficult. In your 30s, the clock starts ticking. It seemed apt that Branagh was in Boston to film *Shakespeare's Sister* with Madeline Stowe and Bill Hurt. "It isn't about Shakespeare at all," he explained. "It's set in the '30s in Boston. I play a Catholic priest. I know Ken was from Belfast. Is he Catholic or Protestant? Protestant," he said, "but I've been spending a lot of time in churches and talking to priests."

A Protestant hanging out with priests and going to their church? Now that's really acting! **DK**

For Christmas, a new film version of *Hamlet* from Kenneth Branagh. And what a cast: Robin Williams and Billy Crystal...plus Gielgud, Heston and Lemmon.



# In Step With KENNETH BRANAGH

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## Personal:

Born Dec. 10, 1960, in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Married to Emma Thompson, 1989—(now separated).

## Television:

Includes *The Boy in the Bush*, 1988; *The Fortunes of War*, 1988.

## Films:

Include *High Season*, 1987; *A Month in the Country*, 1987; *Henry V*, 1989 (also director); *Dead Again*, 1991 (also director); *Peter's Friends*, 1992 (also director); *Much Ado About Nothing*, 1993 (also director); *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein*, 1994 (also director); *A Midwinter's Tale*, 1995 (director only); *Hamlet*, 1996 (also director).

## Theater:

Includes *Hamlet*, 1985, 1988; *King Lear*, 1990 (also director); *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, 1990 (also director).

## Writings:

Include *Tell Me Honestly* (play), 1985; *Public Enemy* (play), 1989; *Beginning* (autobiography), 1989.

**T**HE YOUNG IRISH fellow who may be the finest actor in the English-speaking world is about to give us quite a Christmas gift. Kenneth Branagh directs and stars as *Hamlet* in a full-length (nearly four hours) film

version of Shakespeare's great tragedy, deploying an amazing international cast of renowned London stage actors and such familiar names as Billy Crystal (the gravedigger), Jack Lemmon, Charlton Heston, Robin Williams and France's Gérard Depardieu. The whole thing is shot in wide-screen 70mm format against such lavish backgrounds as Blenheim Palace, the Churchill family seat.

Branagh exploded on movie screens in 1989 with his gay and glorious *Henry V*, which had critics recalling the young Laurence Olivier. But will this lengthy *Hamlet* fill the theaters? Branagh was in Boston when we talked. "The screening audiences have been saying it doesn't seem like four hours," he said. "People shouldn't be scared of it. After all, with an intermission, they can go to the loo."

Is *Hamlet* Shakespeare's greatest play? "*Lear* may be the greatest, more embracing of all ages," Branagh said, "but *Hamlet* is at the center of Shakespeare. All his plays come to it or lead from it." And how did his Yank impresario do that, more embracing of all ages, says Derek Jacobi, Julie Christie, John Mills, and Kate Winslet as Ophelia?"

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The great British *Hamlet* of an earlier generation, 92-year-old John Gielgud, has a small role in this film. I asked Branagh if he'll be doing *Lear* 15 or 20 years down the road. "I'd like to hope so," he said. "You know, Gielgud played *Lear* at 29. Your voice strengthens with the years, and you get to play all these great roles, not act them so much as be them. Maybe I'll do it before 15 or 20 years.

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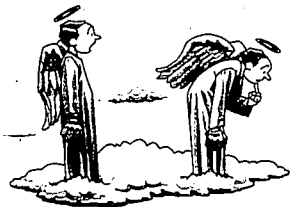


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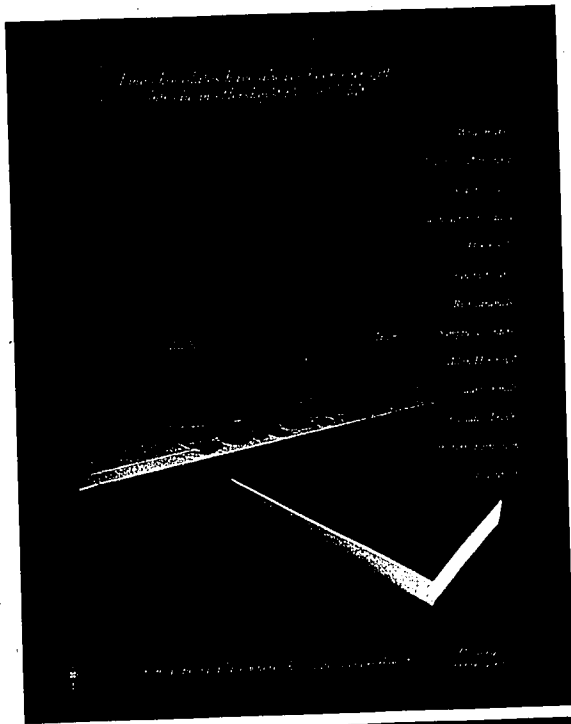
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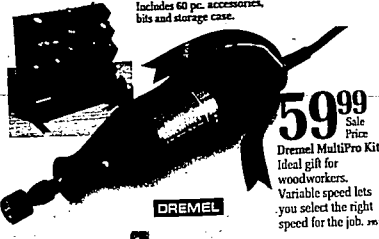
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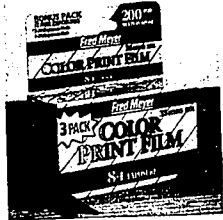
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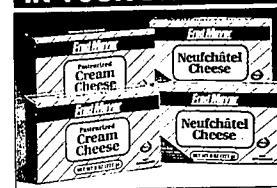


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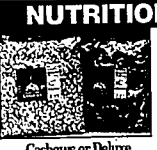
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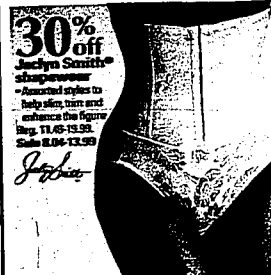
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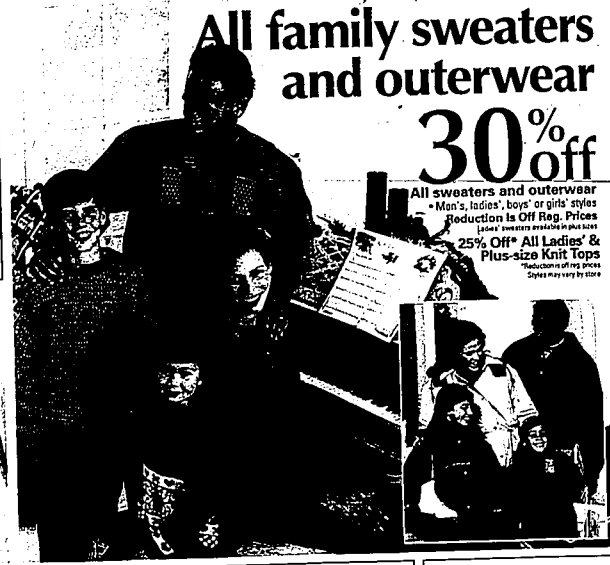
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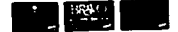
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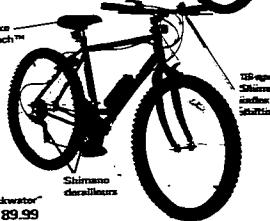
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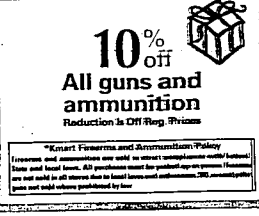


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