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WINTER TRIM



Aaron Powell of Twin Falls trims dead wood and thins out one of the elm trees at City Park in Twin Falls Friday. While weather permits, the city has contracted Kelly Garden Center to trim the park trees.

Test scores up in Twin Falls

Largest rise appears in lower grades

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

The national average is the 50th percentile.

TWIN FALLS - Standardized test scores in Twin Falls schools exceeded national norms and in all but two grades surpass statewide averages, in some cases by a wide margin. The Magic Valley's other largest school districts reported varying results on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills - and for older grades the Test of Achievement and Proficiency. Jerome and Minidoka counties' scores were below national averages for the most part, while Blaine and Cassia county schools ranked above national norms. Idaho students in third through 11th grade have been tested annually since 1995, enabling districts to track class scores each year. It helps districts monitor student progress and spot strengths and weaknesses in instruction. Students are tested for math, reading and language skills. Percentiles don't represent actual scores, but rank how schools compare.

Twin Falls students exceeded the national average in every subject. Scores range from the 51st percentile in seventh-grade math to the 85th percentile in sixth-grade language. "Overall, I think there was improvement shown in a number of grades, which is a plus," Superintendent Terrell Donich said. Six of the nine grades tested improved scores this year. Sixth-graders showed the greatest jump, rising overall from the 66th percentile last year to the 79th percentile this year. The district has focused most curriculum changes so far on elementary grades, and that is where it is seeing best results. The sixth-grade has increased its overall ranking to the 79th percentile, compared with the 58th percentile when the class first tested in third grade. Eighth-graders bumped reading scores to the 72nd percentile, up from the 51st percentile last year. Junior high scores as a whole this year

Man arrested in connection with death of Jerome toddler

By Mark Helz Times-News writer

JEROME - A man arrested late Thursday near Orlando, Fla., has been charged with involuntary manslaughter in connection with the Sept. 29 death of a 22-month-old Jerome boy. Michael Benjamin Elison, 22, of Orlando, is being held in jail on \$100,000 bond, Jerome County Prosecutor John Leshkevich Friday. The involuntary manslaughter charge filed Wednesday in Jerome against Elison stems from the death of Zachary Nolan. There is strong evidence that Nolan died from the type of injuries usually associated with Shaken Baby Syndrome, according to an affidavit prepared by Jerome Police Detective James Baker and filed with court documents. Elison made a 911 call from the Jerome apartment of Jennifer Silver - Nolan's mother and Elison's girlfriend at the time - at 8:43 p.m. on Sept. 28, according to Baker's affidavit. Elison reported that Nolan wasn't breathing and didn't appear to have a pulse, the affidavit says. Nolan was taken from the apartment on South Fillmore Street to St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome, and

True believers, image of Virgin Mary on wall remain

Knight-Ridder News Service

Hoopla of Christmas season of '96 fades

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Last Christmas, it crystallized as a worldwide sensation. Now, it glows as a true shrine. Believers call it The Miracle on Drew Street. The two-story, rainbow-colored image that bears a remarkable resemblance to the Virgin Mary still shimmers on an office building now leased by, of all things, Ugly Duckling Car Sales.

And even the landlord has surrendered to its spell. Amid the clatter and clutter of commercial traffic, right there beside the Pelican Car Wash and an Amoco gas station, the Virgin Mary now has her own parking lot and five white meditation benches and a wooden pew. "Someone told me the other day that it's going to become a permanent shrine," said Jim Cascio, an assistant to

landlord Michael Krizmanich. "I think it's pretty much that already." The crowds that reached as high as 80,000 a day last Christmas are gone now, but the truly devoted still congregate. Sometimes in pairs, more often alone, they kneel before the green, blue, violet and yellow image. They light candles. They deposit rosaries. "It's a chosen space," Jo Ann

Metropoulos of nearby Dunedin said Wednesday. A weekly visitor, she bowed in prayer for her ex-husband, afflicted with cancer. "There has to be some reason why it's here." Whatever the reason might be, it has eluded scientists. They say the 35-foot-tall, 50-foot-wide image emanated from a chemical reaction between rain and metallic elements within the windows' smoky coating. But they cannot explain the flawless

Gift limits lead to new tactics

Congress goes to fund-raisers

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nine Democratic congressmen mingled with corporate executives and their lobbyists last weekend at a Carefree, Ariz., golf resort described in a travel guide as "Desert Romanca." And despite the tough gift restrictions Congress imposed on itself two years ago, the jaunt to the 1,300-acre desert resort didn't cost the lawmakers. That's because the event was billed as a fund-raiser — exempt from the ban. At this event, donors who gave \$2,500 each got to mingle with several of the House's senior Democrats, including Minority Whip David Bonior of Michigan. Room, air fare and meal costs were picked up by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, which raised \$100,000. Such is life under the most restrictive gift standards Congress ever imposed on itself, an era where special interests are finding new and creative ways to obtain "face time" with lawmakers away from the frenetic pace of the Capital. "One of the loopholes is, if there is a true will to get around (the restrictions), use fund raising or campaign committees to do fun things and provide face time with lobbyists," said Meredith McGehee, legislative director for the citizen watchdog group Common Cause. "It shows how much value people place on this face-to-face schmoozing." Before Congress severely restricted gifts to its members, the special interests could directly pay for lawmakers' air fare, lodging and food for an event like the one at The Boulder's resort. But now that the rules prohibit lawmakers from accepting any recreational gratuities, special interests have turned instead to exemptions and loopholes to open new doors for schmoozing. For



Golfers start a round on the Boulder's Golf Course in Carefree, Ariz., Friday. A week earlier, Democratic congressmen mingled with corporate executives and lobbyists at the resort.

F&G fee hike figures not set

The Associated Press

BOISE — The Fish and Game Commission decided Friday it needs another \$1.4 million in revenue, but didn't make a final decision on how much to request fish and game license and other fee increases to pay for it. An agency spokesman said the decision on fee increase to propose to the 1998 Idaho Legislature won't be made until next month. The legislative session convenes Jan. 12. The agency was asked to list the items it absolutely must have next year. In a telephone conference call, commissioners decided that they need \$287,800 for a new mandatory hunter report card system, \$329,375 for deer and elk aerial surveys and \$168,625 for temporary employees for check stations and surveys. Deer and elk telephone surveys will cost \$73,000; all other species surveys \$50,000 and contracted data analysis of survey results, \$70,000. If enforcement is needed, the commission decided the department needs \$75,000 in operating expense for back-country enforcement and four enforcement technicians plus equipment, \$343,556. The items were approved unanimously.

# THE REGION

### Camas Prairie

High: 25 Low: 8  
Partly foggy this morning; mostly sunny this afternoon. Increasing clouds tonight. Chance of snow Sunday. Chance of snow Sunday.

### Treasure Valley

High: 38 Low: 24  
Sunny and light southeast wind. Increasing clouds tonight. Chance of light snow showers Sunday morning.

### Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 72 Low: 5  
Sunny and cold today. Increasing clouds tonight with a chance of snow Sunday. Continued cold.

### Eastern Idaho

High: 25 Low: 9  
Mostly sunny with light wind. Mostly cloudy tonight with a chance of snow Sunday. Continued cold.

### Northern Idaho

High: 34 Low: 26  
Chance of light snow this afternoon and tonight, decreasing to scattered snow showers Sunday. Light southeast wind.

### Northern Utah

High: 35 Low: 20  
Sunny today and fair tonight. Cloudy Sunday with a chance of snow. Continued cool.

### Northern Nevada

High: 30 Low: 10  
Increasing clouds with a chance of snow by tonight. Sunday colder with brisk north winds.

### Virgin

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symmetry of the image, which was first noticed by passersby a year ago.  
"How can nine panes of glass come together so perfectly?" asked Cascio.  
Cascio, who also cannot explain this. Last spring, someone tested an acidic substance on part of the image. For a few days, the apparition lost its artistic precision. Then, overnight, the scene seemed to heal itself.  
Cascio: "What the heck is that thing?"

### Gifts

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\* Consultants who specialize in planning fundraising events for lawmakers are arranging more small, intimate dinners between members and lobbyists.  
\* Many lobbyists are planning "widely attended" events, functions that are exempt from the rules if open to members of a given industry or profession, or if those attending represent a range of individuals interested in a given matter.  
\* Interest groups and corporations are using a loophole that allows them to sponsor trips for lawmakers, providing the travel is for meetings, speaking engagements and fact-finding in connection with official duties.  
\* People with special interests who once bought tickets to political events but didn't bother to show up are now more likely to attend to get their time with lawmakers.  
\* The irony is (the rules) made money more important in politics rather than less, because you can meet face-to-face with a congressman over dinner as long as you hand him a check," said Ronald Shamaker, an American University government professor who specializes in lobbying issues.  
Shauko said he also knows of some who have refurbished their

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homes to accommodate 25 people — the minimum number required by the Senate for the "widely attended event" exemption.  
\* Nowhere is the desire to ease the gift restrictions more evident than at the Capitol Hill Club, a popular private dining spot for Republicans a block from the Capitol.  
\* Raymond McGrath, the club's president, said the club has lost 1,000 members due to the gift restrictions.  
\* To drum-up business, a letter was sent out noting that a limited exemption was granted so that lawmakers can attend events at the club that raise money for the club's operating expenses.  
\* As for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee event last weekend in Arizona, the donor guests were 40 businessmen, political action committee officials and political donors. The group declined to identify them.  
\* According to the committee, Democratic lawmakers who attended, in addition to Bonior, were: Reps. Martin Frost of Texas, chairman of the campaign operations committee; Steny Hoyer of Arizona; Steny Hoyer of Maryland; John Murtha of Pennsylvania; Charles Stenholm of Texas; Christopher John

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Louisiana; Silvestre Reyes of Texas; and Chaka Fattah of Pennsylvania.  
\* After two years, some lawmakers want to ease the gift restrictions next year, but there's disagreement over whether to adopt a change without putting the politically volatile issue to a vote of the full House.  
\* In the meantime, political party organizations are the big winners under the current rules: They can cover expenses for members of Congress and thereby ensure lobbyists that key lawmakers will attend events.  
\* The losers include some Washington restaurants and private clubs, where lobbyist treated lawmakers to expensive dinner and drinks — although a senator still can be wined and dined if the tab is \$49.99 or less.  
\* A former Republican House member from New York and now president of the Beer Institute, McGrath said lawmakers stay away from the Capitol Hill Club "for fear of violating the gift ban. And a lobbyist like myself don't want to be the first test case."

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young woman. She was out there for the longest time, alone, crying. She just kept crying. I finally went out there.  
"She told me she had no family. They all had passed. And now her dog had cancer. And she really felt that this place was helping her. It almost made me cry."  
"I'm telling you, I don't know what that thing is, but I don't think it matters any more. It did help people and it does help people. I'm guessing that's what's really important here."

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# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
High: 35 Low: 19 Mostly sunny after fog clears. Light south to west wind.	High: 32 Low: 17 Cloudy with a slight chance of snow.	High: 25 Low: 12 Partly cloudy and continued cold.	High: 26 Low: 11 Chance of snow. Continued cold.	High: 25 Low: 9 Partly cloudy and continued cold.

## IDAHO Weather

**Saturday, Dec. 20**  
AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

COOR D'Alene 32°  
Lewiston 30°  
Boise 34°  
Twin Falls 35°  
Pocatello 32°

## NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Saturday, Dec. 20

FRONTS:  
COLD WARM STATIONARY

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Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz. The Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is: <http://www.state.idaho.gov/through.htm>

## LV INDEX ROAD INFORMATION

Index: 1  
Minimum: 1  
Burn time: 60 minutes

Boise: 376-8028  
Magic Valley: 886-2366  
Pocatello: 233-4724  
Rigby: 745-7278

## SKYWATCH

Sunset today 5:57 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 8:05 a.m.  
Lunar phase: Last quarter, Dec. 21; New, Dec. 29; 1st quarter, Jan. 5; Full, Jan. 12.  
Visible planets: Morning: Venus, Evening: Mars, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn. Solstice: 1:07 p.m. Sunday.

## ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: High pressure maintained fair skies and light winds over most of the state. Temperatures struggled to reach the freezing mark. At 3 p.m., readings ranged from the mid-tens to the upper 30s. The cool spot was Mt. Call at 14 degrees followed by Salmon at 16 degrees. Lewiston is the warm spot with 49 degrees followed by Boise, Coeur D'Alene and Caldwell, all at 43 degrees. Another stem moved upper level clouds to northern Idaho and should produce cloudy to partly cloudy skies over the rest of the state today.  
Southwest: Strong winds swept into Southern California, scouring; skies clean with gusts to 90 mph. Wind warnings and advisories were posted by the National Weather Service in many areas, especially below mountain ranges. Gusts hit 90 mph in Rialto and a few other areas had gusts at 60 mph or more. Snow was to continue throughout the day in Arizona and New Mexico, with up to 8 inches possible in the mountains.  
Plains: A weak front system was to produce scattered snow showers from Wyoming into the Great Lakes. Snowfall amounts were expected to be less than an inch.  
Elsewhere: Much of the rest of the country enjoyed dry and mild conditions.

# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation	Yesterday in Twin Falls
32	18	Month to date: 45
32	17	Normal mo. to date: 76
40	22	Water year to date: 2.21
		Normal year to date: 2.74

# Idaho

City	Max	Min	Precip	Idaho: High	Low	Feels Like
Boise	35	19	0.00	degrees at Fayette		
Burley	33	17	0.00	degrees at Idaho Falls		
Fairfield	33	17	0.00	degrees at Pocatello		
Hagerman	17	0.00	0.00	degrees at Lewiston		
Idaho Falls	19	0.03	0.00	degrees at Boise		
Jerome	31	14	0.00	degrees at Boise		
Lewiston	39	26	0.00	degrees at Boise		
Malden	33	17	0.00	degrees at Boise		
Malta	32	5	0.00	degrees at Boise		
McCall	16	0.00	0.00	degrees at Boise		
Pocatello	28	10	0.00	degrees at Boise		
Salmon	16	0	0.00	degrees at Boise		
Starbuck	10	15	0.00	degrees at Boise		
Sun Valley	16	5	0.00	degrees at Boise		

# The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	54	26	0.00
Atlanta	65	36	0.00
Chicago	50	31	0.00
Dallas	72	33	0.00
Denver	27	24	0.00
Des Moines	43	40	0.00
Detroit	48	40	0.00
Hartford	33	20	0.15
Houston	74	44	0.00
Indianapolis	56	36	0.00
Kansas City	56	37	0.00
Las Vegas	54	40	0.00
Los Angeles	70	47	0.00
Memphis	66	44	0.00
Miami Beach	77	57	0.00
Minneapolis	45	31	0.00
Mississippi	37	30	0.00
New Orleans	21	40	0.00
New York	40	21	0.00
Oklahoma City	67	37	0.00
Omaha	46	29	0.00
Phoenix	57	49	0.06
Pittsburgh	52	30	0.00
Raleigh	62	24	0.00
Portland, Ore.	44	36	0.00
Reno	51	17	0.00
San Diego	62	34	0.00
Salt Lake City	31	24	0.00
San Francisco	60	52	0.00
Seattle	37	32	0.00
Spokane	37	24	0.00
Washington	57	31	0.00

# Canadian Cities

Calgary	31	4	0.00
Edmonton	31	15	0.00
Toronto	31	5	0.00
Vancouver	42	39	0.00

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are a "major disappointment," however, Donich said. Perhaps that's because as the younger students make their way through the system, but in the meantime the district will try to fix the problem, he said.  
While both seventh- and eighth-graders scored below national norms, they fell below state averages. Overall, seventh-graders scored in the 59th percentile, three percentile rankings lower than the state average. Eighth-graders scored in the 60th percentile, four rankings lower than state scores. Seventh-through 10th-grade scores have declined or remained fairly similar since 1994 benchmark scores.  
Blaine County students exceeded national norms in all grades and only ranked lower than the state average in the ninth grade by a couple percentile rankings. Overall, Blaine County scores ranged from the 58th percentile in ninth grade to the 73rd percentile in third grade.  
"We're up a little bit this year

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over the average," said Harry Williams, who handles district test scores.  
Jerome County scores ranged from the 37th percentile in ninth grade to the 58th percentile in eighth grade. Only sixth-, eighth- and 10th-graders scored above the 50th percentile.  
An effort to raise the scores, which were similar last year, the district has emphasized math and language skills, school psychologist Mike Brown said. Kindergarten through sixth-grade math drills have been a major focus this year. The district will continue to review scores and offer a comprehensive report later.  
Cassia County scores ranged from sixth-graders' overall 68th-percentile ranking to fifth-graders' score in the 36th percentile. Fifth-graders were the only to score below the national average.  
In Minidoka County, only sixth-through eighth-graders scored near the national average, at the 50th and 53rd percentiles.

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All other grades fell below average, with third-graders at the lowest in the 31st percentile.  
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# Country music expert to head NEA

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton has chosen a leading expert on country music to lead the troubled National Endowment for the Arts.

William J. Ivey, 53, heads the Country Music Foundation in Nashville, Tenn., which runs the Nashville studio where Elvis Presley used to record. It is now listed as a historic site.

"The NEA is an agency that I care a lot about personally," Ivey said Friday. "It's an honor to be a candidate for that job, and possibly the head of the agency."

If confirmed by the Senate, Ivey would oversee spending \$88 million on the arts this budget year, a sum won in a hard fight with Congress by his predecessor, actress Jane Alexander.

The Republican leadership in the House of Representatives had agreed to abolish the agency, sharply criticized by members for subsidizing some art work they considered pornographic.

Ivey has been a member of the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities. In that job he contributed to a report earlier this year called "Creative America," which recommended that by 2000 the federal gov-



Bill Ivey, director of the Country Music Foundation in Nashville, Tenn., reportedly is President Clinton's choice as chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts.

ernment spend \$2 per citizen a year on the arts and humanities.

That could amount to well over \$500 million, in addition to about \$300 million spent by state arts agencies and as much as \$700 million by nearly 4,000 groups sponsored by local governments. Advocates of the arts point out that European governments spend much more, relative to their population.

"My experience in actually running an arts organization and my work with many different kinds of music — a full range of styles and genres — and also my training in folklore, will all combine to serve me well," Ivey said.

He has headed the Nashville foundation for more than 25 years and has taught at both Brooklyn College and Vanderbilt University.

Ivey is known in Washington for his advocacy of preserving historical recordings of classical and popular music.

Ivey is a Detroit native with a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in folklore and ethnomusicology from Indiana University.

An amateur guitarist and songwriter, he has served on the board of the American Folklore Society.

## Washington officials seize untaxed cigarettes

SPOKANE (AP) — State officials have seized 5,890 cartons of untaxed cigarettes, the largest bust since the Washington State Liquor Control Board took charge of the enforcement program in June.

The penalty for the Thursday night bust could top \$600,000, the board said in a news release.

The cigarettes and more than \$5,800 in cash were confiscated from a semitrailer-truck that was stopped on Interstate 90. It was filled with cigarettes, cigars and smokeless tobacco.

The state taxes tobacco use, and officials believe they lose more than \$105 million per year from illegal sales of such products.



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# Power outage delays flights in the Midwest

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A technician's mistake during maintenance at a major Midwest air traffic control center caused a two-minute power outage that disrupted flights across the country for hours.

The power failure Thursday morning affected computers, radar and voice radio systems and interrupted radar tracking and communications with military aircraft, the Federal Aviation Administration said. The center briefly lost contact with at least 300 airplanes.

The Kansas City Air Route Traffic Control Center in suburban Olathe, Kan., controls air traffic over 195,000 square miles, including Kansas, Missouri and

parts of Colorado, Nebraska, Texas, Iowa, Oklahoma and Illinois. When the system fails, flights routed through that airspace are either grounded or diverted.

Handy Downing, the center's manager for airway facilities, said today the outage was traced to a technician doing routine maintenance around 9 a.m. Thursday on a critical piece of the center's power system. The critical power system feeds the entire control center, Downing said.

The technician did the work on the wrong one of two side-by-side modules, which are slightly larger than refrigerators and look identical from the front, Downing said.

When the technician discovered his error, he took steps to correct the mistake "and something happened in the system that caused it to go completely off line as he was restoring this one module," Downing said.

"I cannot tell you right now exactly what went wrong in that procedure," Downing said. "We're suspecting some kind of design flaw, and there's a couple of possibilities but we haven't really pinned that down at this point."

Electricity was restored within about two minutes, and backup radar was tracking planes within 20 minutes, Downing said. But it took two hours and 37 minutes to bring all systems back on line

because such work must be done in phases, Downing said.

All systems were back to normal Friday morning, Downing said. Technicians worked through the night finding and fixing problems in some standby components.

At least 300 planes were in the center's airspace when communications and radar contact were lost, Snider said. The outage forced controllers to halt takeoffs and order aircraft already in the air to be separated by 25 miles instead of the normal five, FAA spokesman Fraser Jones said.

Dozens of flights were canceled or delayed at airports around the country.

## NATION IN BRIEF

### Deficit drops in 1st 2 months of fiscal year

WASHINGTON — The government's fiscal year is only two months old and already the budget deficit is showing a marked improvement over last year's 23-year low.

Red ink in November was \$17.3 billion, bringing the total for the first two months of fiscal 1998 to \$53.3 billion, down 31 percent from \$77.7 billion during the comparable period a year earlier.

However, the Clinton administration still is predicting the 1998 budget shortfall will rise to \$58.3 billion from \$22 billion in fiscal 1997, which ended Sept. 30.

In November, revenue totaled \$103.5 billion and expenditures, \$120.8 billion. The biggest spending categories were Social Security, \$28.7 billion, interest on the \$3.36 trillion national debt, \$26.4 billion, Health and Human Services Department programs, \$24.6 billion, and the military, \$16.7 billion.

### Food and Drug approves new antibiotic

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration approved a new antibiotic Friday to treat 14 different bacterial infections.

Manufacturer Pfizer Inc. said Trovan may allow doctors to replace certain complex combinations of antibiotics — like the double and triple therapies needed for abdominal surgery infections or certain respiratory illnesses — with one drug taken once a day.

Trovan, known chemically as trovafloxacin, can fight four major groups of bacteria by disrupting the DNA involved in the bacterial spread. The once-a-day drug will be available by February in intravenous and oral forms. The company did not reveal a price.

The most common side effects are dizziness, nausea, headache and lightheadedness, Pfizer said.

### FDA urges caution with laser pointers

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration is warning parents that children may be risking their eyesight if they play with hand-held laser pointers that are popular with teachers and lecturers.

The light energy that laser pointers emit can be more damaging than staring directly into the sun, the FDA said Thursday.

Momentary exposure causes only temporary flash blindness, but even this could be dangerous if the person was driving at the time, the FDA warning said.

### U.S. expects close ties with new president

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration said Friday it expects to have an "excellent, productive relationship" with South Korea President-elect Kim Dae-jung, noting his support for close ties with the United States.

State Department spokesman James Foley said the United States has "no anxiety" about Kim's statements that he is more interested in a direct dialogue with North Korea than in four-party talks aimed at achieving a peace treaty for the divided peninsula.

Foley noted that Kim had confirmed his support for the four-party talks, which involve the two Koreas, the United States and China.

Compiled from wire reports

# Mass murder plot alleged at high school

YERINGTON, Nev. (AP) — A 15-year-old boy may have plotted with classmates to trap students at a gymnasium assembly and carry out a killing spree, police said.

Steven McCabe was arrested in class at Yerington High School where shotgun and handgun rounds but no weapons were found in his backpack, Chief Rod Pellegrini said Thursday.

A student who heard about the alleged plot told his parents, who called police.

"The message that we got was that this kid basically had a plan," Pellegrini said.

Officers said they found a diagram of the gym and what appeared to be a list of who was to die and who should be spared.

Police said McCabe tried to recruit other students to cover the exits during the assembly and told them he would kill himself in front of everyone if the plan "went bad."

An assembly had been scheduled any more.

### Bus vandal to judge: TP-ing got boring

NEWARK, Ohio (AP) — A 13-year-old boy said he and a friend smashed windows and lights and set off fire extinguishers in school buses because less destructive methods of vandalism weren't exciting anymore.

"It was, like, toilet-papering was getting boring," said Todd Lightle, who with Vance Murphy allegedly caused \$41,000 in damage to 22 school buses.

Juvenile Court Judge Robert Hoover on Thursday placed the boys under house arrest for six months and ordered them to do community work and to write 500 word essays about what they have learned. They also must pay for the damages.

uled to take place Friday, and McCabe's family has guests at home, but he told police the murder plot allegation was a misunderstanding.

"The kid's comment was that it was just a joke that got out of hand," Pellegrini said. "I hope it was, but we are taking it seriously. We don't have any evidence that he wasn't going to go through with it."

The pre-Christmas assembly was canceled. McCabe was charged with having explosive devices at school. Other charges were being considered. He was being held in a juvenile detention center.

Several other teen-agers were questioned, but no other arrests were announced.

Yerington is a farming community about 100 miles southeast of Reno. The charges come less than a month after a teen-ager in rural West Paducah, Ky., was arrested on charges of shooting and killing three students at his high school.

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12:00 Noon Mass (Spanish)

**Christmas Worship Schedule**

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Christmas Eve  
9:00 p.m.  
"Holy Eucharist" (Mass)

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# Mural acknowledges 1919 violence

## 'Centralia Massacre' remembered

CENTRALIA, Wash. (AP) — Nearly 80 years ago, on Nov. 11, 1919, an Armistice Day parade here ended in gunfire that killed four members of the local American Legion outside a union hall.

Vigilantes rounded up members of the left-leaning Industrial Workers of the World — "Wobblies" suspected in the shooting — and lynched one of them that night.

Then for decades, the town hushed up and resolutely forgot the incident known as the Centralia Massacre. Local folk wouldn't talk about it, there was nothing in the library about it and schools didn't include it in history lessons.

Over the weekend, the years of denial came to an end with the dedication of a mural about that dark period of Centralia history. The focus of the work is the lynched Wobbly, Wesley Everest, shown rising from his grave — arms raised, fists clenched, staring at the town statue of a World War I doughboy across the street. The statue, called "The Sentinel," is facing another direction and does not meet Everest's gaze.

But their silent confrontation has been a subject of debate in this town and beyond.

"I think it should be taken down," Chehalis resident R.L. Gibson said of the mural. "It will create trouble and hand feelings. The whole matter should have been buried a long time ago."

Weighing in on the other side are survivors of Everest's death. The seven Wobblies sent to prison for their alleged roles in the shootings.

"I hope the truth will be told for a change," said Esther Barnett Coffinet, an Idaho nurse whose father, Eugene Barnett, spent 11 years behind bars. She, however, went to college on an American Legion scholarship.

"I hate that the Wobblies books depict my dad as a murderer. He tried his whole life to clear his name."

One of those pushing for the mural is John Regan, a businessman and owner of the Centralia Square Antique Mall, which donated an exterior wall



A crowd of about 200 people gathered Dec. 13 for the dedication of the Centralia Union Mural at the Centralia (Wash.) Square Antique Mall building.

for the work, although businessmen historically were not big fans of the Wobblies.

The past lives here. Bob Stiles, commander of the downtown American Legion post, said his grandmother was Everest's girlfriend.

Bill Henry, president of the Operating Engineers' local and a supporter of the mural effort, said his great-grandfather sat on the jury that convicted the Wobblies.

Washington state was prime territory for the IWW, a radical group bent on organizing workers in shipyards, sawmills and lumberyards.

In 1916, two vigilantes and at least five Wobblies died in a shootout on the Everest waterfront. The IWW union hall was

busted up here in 1918 by mariners in a Red Cross parade, and a blind man selling the Wobbly newspaper, among others, was hustled out of town by ruffians later that year.

By 1919, with Russia under communist rule, the United States was in the grip of a "Red Scare." Seattle's general strike that February didn't help.

On Nov. 11, local veterans of the Great War marched to commemorate the first anniversary of that conflict's end. Some believe there were participants who also wanted to bust up the new IWW hall.

Warren Grimm led the local legionnaires. Some say Grimm was trying to turn his group around at the union hall. Others say he was leading an effort to

break in. In any event, the Wobblies killed him and three others.

Enraged townspeople rounded up the Wobblies and jailed them. That night, the power went out. Eight men entered the jail and took Everest — a World War I vet himself — to a bridge over the Chehalis River, where he was hanged, shot and possibly castrated.

Ten men were tried and seven convicted of second-degree murder in the legionnaires' slayings. One died in prison, and the others were eventually paroled or pardoned.

Henry's great-grandfather, William Innon, was later among jurors who filed an affidavit saying the seven men were wrongly convicted.

In the aftermath, "it was very hush-hush," Stiles said. "If you said anything, they told you to mind your own business."

But the passions didn't die. The mural plan was condemned in a resolution passed by the American Legion at its national convention this year. The measure labels the Wobblies "assassins" and blames the mural on union leaders, college professors and Wobblies of today.

"Our contention has always been that these men (legionnaires) were unarmed... These men were murdered in cold blood," said William Fortson, adjutant for the legion in Washington state.

The local legion post is staying out of the controversy. Still, Stiles said, "I kind of wish they hadn't painted that stuff to stir up dust."

The mural was painted by a New Jersey artist, peace and labor activist Mike Alewitz. Several locals helped.

Everest is shown half-clad in his Army uniform and half in workman's overalls. The blind newspaper vendor is there, and myriad black cats, a symbol of the IWW.

"If it were just a pretty picture and people went on, we didn't do our job," Henry said.

He was braced for nasty feedback, but was surprised to get a positive response, especially from older people.

"To quote one of them: 'It's about damn time the truth was told,'" Henry said.

# Mechanic blamed for tampering

CHICAGO (AP) — A mechanic who caused a stir at O'Hare International Airport last month when he found snipped brake wires on a commuter airliner was charged Friday with cutting the wires himself in an effort to get a co-worker fired.

Gerald W. Bradshaw was charged with destruction of an aircraft. The federal felony carries a maximum sentence of 20

years in prison and a fine of \$250,000. Bradshaw was arrested Thursday after he allegedly admitted to an FBI agent that he cut some wires connected to a backup braking system on a United Express airplane. Bradshaw, a mechanic for the commuter airline, pointed out the snipped wires to his supervisor after a routine inspection Nov. 29.

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# El Nino mass waxes, wanes, video shows

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The mass of warm Pacific Ocean water known as El Nino has its own rhythm, shrinking and swelling, and last week rebounded toward its Nov. 10 peak, new satellite images show.

Despite its volatility, the 1997 El Nino remains strong and is continuing to strengthen, forecasters said Thursday.

El Nino is a periodic weather-disrupting condition in the tropical Pacific in which westward-blowing trade winds weaken, allowing warm water to drive east to South America. The name is Spanish for baby Jesus because the huge, warm pool usually arrives around Christmas.

This year's large El Nino has strengthened this year's Pacific hurricanes, some experts said. It was blamed for a storm earlier this month that dumped nearly 8 inches of rain on Southern California and caused \$10 million in damage.

El Nino has also been blamed for floods and drought on several continents.

The key element of its influence on weather is its core area of the warm tropical Pacific pool that exceeds 82 degrees Fahrenheit.

Since August, the pool of warm water has been fluctuating, but growing overall, said Lee Lueng Fu, the chief Topex/Poseidon project scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. The project measures sea surface height, which correlates with warmer water. Warm water expands, raising the ocean's surface.

El Nino had reached an all-time high by Nov. 10, then decreased by 10 percent by Dec. 2. Then, in 10 days, it recovered 95 percent but had not reached the record size, Fu said.

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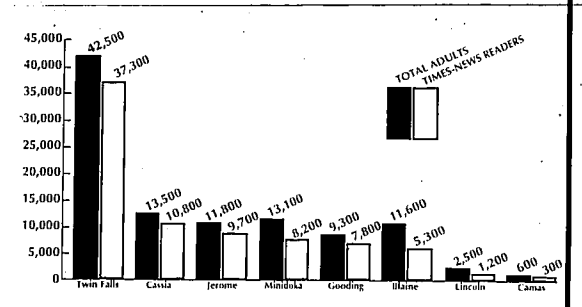
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# Vet's claim of napalming a hoax

Moving story by minister completely false

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WASHINGTON — She is a grim icon of the Vietnam War: a 9-year-old girl running down a village road, napalm scorching all but her scream, her agony portrayed on the front pages of the world's newspapers.



John Plummer stands in front of the Bethany United Methodist Church in Purcellville, Va., Wednesday. Plummer, a Loudoun County, Va., minister who took the blame for a napalm attack that produced one of the Vietnam War's most horrible images is under attack from other veterans who claim he embellished his role. Plummer has been forced to back off his story; he wasn't the man who ordered the napalm strike at all.

At a Veteran's Day ceremony last year in front of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Kim Phuc said in halting English that if she ever meets the pilot who dropped the bomb she would urge him to join her in working for world peace.

"I am that man," John Plummer hastily wrote on a scrap of paper that was passed up to her. Minutes later the former Army captain was embracing Phuc, sobbing that he was sorry. Responded Phuc, "I forgive you."

A heart-rending tale, one that has since gained heavy media attention. But Plummer's part in it isn't true. Neither Plummer nor any other American pilot: the plane that day, June 1972. The pilot was a South Vietnamese air force officer.

Since the ceremony at the Wall, Plummer, a 50-year-old Methodist minister in rural Purcellville, Va., has revised his tale, though continuing to exaggerate it.

Appearing on ABC's "Nightline" in June, he told Ted Koppel that he "ordered" the raid on Phuc's village of Trang Bom. An October cover story under his byline in Guideposts, an international religious magazine, referred to the attack I had called, "and in a documentary that aired last month on the Arts & Entertainment Network, he said: "Every time I saw that picture, I said, 'I did that. I'm responsible.'"

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"semantics," saying the Guideposts article contained words he did not write. He continues to have a "very real feeling" that he was responsible for the airstrike, he said.

"I think I could have been misinterpreted, but I did not intentionally misrepresent my role," Plummer said. "When I used the words, I was thinking about the story of Kim and me... All I was thinking about was telling the story of Kim's forgiveness."

Phuc, living in Toronto and representing Unesco as a goodwill ambassador, did not return requested messages seeking comment.

Plummer was miles from the village that day, at the Bien Hoa air base, where — according to his own records — he assisted in preparing bombing plans. A captain at the time, he said he relayed coordinates and other data from a field adviser to another American officer, who passed the information on to a South Vietnamese officer, who radioed the flight line to send the bombers

into the sky. Some Vietnam veterans are troubled and bitter by the publicity Plummer has generated in the past year, saying he has injected himself into a searing tragedy as the key player when his role was a minor one. Plummer says he has told his "story of forgiveness" to some 30 veterans, civic and religious groups, as well as numerous reporters, accepting only expenses. He has another half-dozen invitations, with trips planned to Minnesota and Oregon.

Plummer's story has also heated up an Internet chat group of Vietnam-era helicopter pilots, with some arguing that Plummer is perpetuating a myth that the United States napalmed Kim Phuc — when in fact it was her own countrymen.

"I don't mind a ministry of forgiveness, but John's basing it on the fact that he did something he didn't do," said Ron Timberlake, a decorated helicopter pilot in Vietnam who lives in Texas. Plummer's former superiors at the 3rd Regional Assistance Command, which was located outside Saigon and advised South Vietnam's III Corps, said in interviews that they are puzzled by Plummer's description of his role.

"I think he's stretching things the wrong way. He doesn't order aircraft," said retired Maj. Gen. Niles J. Fulwyler, who in June 1972 was a colonel and the chief of operations, with a staff of 15 that included Plummer. "If he was coord-

inating anything it was at a damn low level. They're just-so many inconsistencies in what he's said."

The regional U.S. commander at that time, retired Lt. Gen. James F. Hollingsworth, said even he couldn't order Vietnamese planes into the air and described a captain such as Plummer as a "handyman" for Fulwyler, the operations chief. Plummer and others of his rank "would have no authority to order anyone to do anything," Hollingsworth said.

Plummer wondered aloud in an interview, in which he was alternately testy and defensive, why some are questioning his feelings of responsibility.

"I felt tremendous remorse that a little girl was hurt in something I was involved in, remote as it may be," said Plummer. Asked if he was now agreeing his role had been "remote," as others insist, he replied: "I still feel the connection to what happened there — because I was involved in the process."

## Oklahoma town changes its name for injured woman

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Moved by the plight of a woman they've never met, residents of a small Oklahoma community will rename their town in her honor on Christmas.

The town of Alex, population 239, will become Alisha on Dec. 25, named for a 22-year-old woman in Nebraska who has been unable to speak or walk since a June car accident.

"I just expect to go out there early Christmas morning and change the four signs on the roads coming into town and go out early the next morning and change them back," said Clem Cassmeyer, one of Alex's three city councilmen. "I hope it brings as much merry to her Christmas as it has to ours."

The town is hoping its one-day gesture will cheer up Alisha Jensen, who lies bedridden at her parents' farm about 400 miles away.

The man behind the idea is Tom Carlson, an Omaha, Neb., veterinarian who attended the University of Nebraska with Ms. Jensen and recalls how she cheered him up when he became discouraged by the grind of practicing as a vet and studying law.

"She was just a wonderful girl," Carlson said Thursday. "Kind of a poster child for how parents would like their daughters to turn out."

Carlson scoured an atlas looking for a small town with a name close to Alisha, hoping it would be able

to make a compassionate decision without much red tape.

"If they cared enough to name their town after her for a day, they might increase the number of prayers going her way," Carlson said. "I tell you I really hit the jackpot when I found a town named Alex, Oklahoma."

After writing to the town, which is about 43 miles south of Oklahoma City, the mayor of Alex read it at the City Council earlier this month.

"It was just kind of agreed that this was a good thing," Cassmeyer said. "The whole town has come together."

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# Communists discover Christmas ...

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HAVANA (AP) — Tiny colored lights blink from the branches of plastic Christmas trees, brightening up the windows of the aging department stores in downtown Havana.

Smaller holiday trees are proudly displayed in living rooms around the capital, often next to a big molded plastic face of St. Nick.

It's beginning to look a little bit like Christmas in communist Cuba, where President Fidel Castro has offered to make Dec. 25 an official holiday this year in honor of next month's visit by Pope John Paul II.

The Roman Catholic committee overseeing preparations for the papal visit issued a statement Monday expressing "profound joy" at Castro's announcement.

It also expressed hope that the holiday "will be made permanent in the near future."

Castro's government embraced atheism in 1962 and the Christmas holiday itself officially disappeared in 1969, Castro said then it was interfering with the 1970 sugar harvest.

So for almost three decades, Dec. 25 was just another day on the calendar here. But Christmas has been slowly making a comeback since the government eliminated formal restrictions on religious worship in 1992.

Each Dec. 25 since then has seen an increasing number of Christmas trees and family parties, although it remained a normal work day. The number of people attending Masses on Christmas Eve also has grown.

But as in much of the rest of the world, the holiday trappings are much more secular than religious.

"Instead of a nativity scene, I put out those little dolls," said Nancy Carrero, 38, pointing to Mickey and Minnie Mouse figurines scattered beneath the two-foot plastic tree blinking in her home in Old Havana. "Aren't they cute?"

And few are planning major celebrations — aside from setting out a tiny artificial pine tree with lights and lights in the corner of their apartments. The trees vary in price, starting at about \$20.

At La Sorpresa store in downtown Havana, the hundreds of small plastic trees that went on sale in October sold out several weeks ago, saleswoman Milady Tapia said.

"I doubt that you can find a Christmas tree anywhere in



Dayana Zurbito adds the final touches to her Christmas tree in the Centro Havana neighborhood in Cuba.

Havana now," she said.

Also sold out were the store's limited supply of Christmas cards. "People wanted to send them to their relatives in Miami," Tapia explained.

Still, the store had plenty of other holiday decorations Monday: plastic red-and-white candy canes, and little red and green Santa-style boots to hang on the tree.

And while many find the money to buy the trees, Cuba's economic crisis is likely to ensure that there will be few brightly wrapped

packages stacked beneath them.

Cubans are still struggling to make ends meet since their country lost the majority of its aid and trade with the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe.

"Mommy, buy me that little set," a young girl pleaded in the Ultra Department Store, pointing at a set of pink plastic jewelry. "I

*"I would like it to always be Christmas. When you take the tree down the house looks empty. I want it to stay."*

— Nancy Carrero

don't have any money, my daughter," the mother replied.

The Roman Catholic Church has pushed strongly this year for the holiday to be recognized.

When Castro stepped off in Rome last year, the pontiff, through his secretary of state, asked Castro to declare Dec. 25 a national holiday.

Castro on Sunday extended unusual warmth to the church and the pope, calling the pope's Jan. 21-25 visit an "honor for Cuba and a valiant gesture."

"I made this proposal ... as a gesture for the pope and for all Christians," Castro said, stressing that Christmas would be an official holiday for one year only.

Still, many Cubans seem convinced that the holiday is back to stay — and bound to grow in popularity.

"I would like it to always be Christmas," Carrero said. "When you take the tree down the house looks empty. I want it to stay."

## EU moves to protect habitats of rare birds

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The European Commission took action Friday against Germany, the Netherlands and Spain for ignoring EU law on protecting the habitats of rare birds.

It formally told Germany it will go to court unless Bonn protects "an important bird area" now threatened by planned Nuernberg-to-Berlin rail line via Erfurt, Halle and Leipzig.




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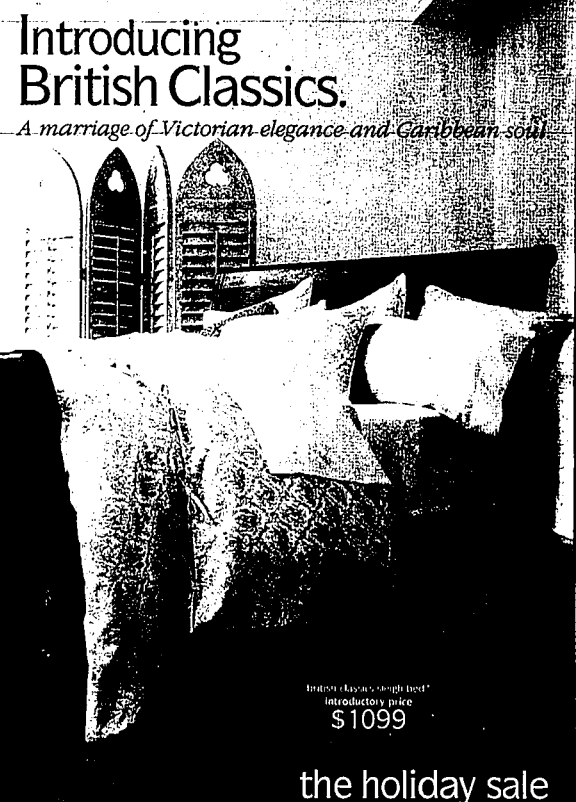


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## Spain grants exiled writer citizenship

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Cuban exile author Zoo Valdes — who earlier this year was refused a U.S. visa — was granted Spanish citizenship Friday.

Spain approved citizenship for Valdes because of "exceptional circumstances," said government spokesman Manuel Roca. He did not elaborate.

Valdes, 38, became a best-selling author in Europe after leaving Cuba in 1994. Her novels include "Yocandra in the Paradise of Nade," a story of the wretched life of a young woman in Cuba.

Valdes, who lives in Paris with her husband and their daughter, was banned in Sept. 26 visiting the United States to attend a book fair, apparently because the State Department feared she would try to live in the United States permanently.



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Greenpeace pleads for help in polluted city

MOSCOW — In a country littered with polluted sites, the Russian city of Dzerzhinsk may be the most contaminated of all, with water and soil poisoned by a dozen chemical plants, an environmental group said Friday.

Birth defects are commonplace in the central Russian city of 300,000, according to government figures cited by Greenpeace International. The group said its own research shows life expectancy is just 42 years for men and 47 years for women, far below the national average.

Greenpeace has been pushing to have the city, 250 miles east of Moscow, declared an environmental disaster zone, but so far the cash-strapped Russian government has done little besides offering gas masks to residents who want one.

Netanyahu: Israel will not halt construction

JERUSALEM — Israel will not limit Jewish settlement construction in the West Bank or Jerusalem despite U.S. calls for a timeout, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Friday.

Speaking in an interview, Netanyahu told The Associated Press that Secretary of State Madeleine Albright never defined what she meant by a timeout, and Israel would not freeze or cut back construction. Netanyahu said he had no intention of giving in to Palestinian demands to halt construction of 6,500 housing units for Jews in the Har Homa area of Jerusalem.

Japanese to draw up cartoon guidelines

TOKYO — After hundreds of children became ill while watching an action-packed cartoon, Japanese broadcasters announced an agreement Friday to create guidelines to keep that from happening again.

Medical experts are still trying to figure out why more than 700 viewers, mostly children, suffered epileptic-like seizures after watching an explosion scene with red and blue flashing lights.

Seiichiro Ujii, chairman of the National Association of Commercial Broadcasters, announced the agreement after meeting with Katsuji Ebisawa, head of public broadcaster NHK.

Diana's bodyguard questioned again

PARIS — Looking weak, limping slightly and still visibly scarred, bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones was questioned again Friday about the crash that killed Princess Diana. But his memory apparently hasn't improved.

"There is nothing new," a source close to the investigation told The Associated Press. "He still doesn't remember the accident."

That conclusion was confirmed by two other sources. All three, who spoke on condition of anonymity, had seen Judge Hervé Stephan's report of his meeting with Rees-Jones, the sole survivor of the Aug. 31 crash.

The bodyguard's lawyer, Christian Curtill, would say only that the two-hour meeting had "gone well" and that his client was "doing better physically."

Yeltsin proposes change of election law

MOSCOW — Boris Yeltsin proposed a radical change of Russia's parliamentary election law Friday, saying that all members of parliament should be elected from constituencies rather than party lists.

The present system, which allows lawmakers to run on party lists, "does not correspond to citizen's interests ... or the constitutional principles," the Russian president said in a message to parliament's lower house.

Parliament leaders reacted strongly to Yeltsin's proposal, saying it had no chance of approval.

Compiled from wire reports

Kim to ask for amnesty for ex-presidents

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Fresh from his election victory, South Korea's next president set aside an economic headache and turned his attention Friday to two jailed former military rulers who tried to kill him 17 years ago.

Government officials said Kim Dae-jung is expected to request their freedom Saturday when he wins his presidential inauguration. President Kim Young-sam, their first meeting since Kim Dae-jung was elected Thursday.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

Chun Doo-hwan and Roh Tae-woo are serving life in prison and a 17-year jail term, respectively, for seizing power in a 1979 army coup and taking millions of dollars in bribes from businessmen while in office.

Several months after the coup, Kim Dae-jung, then a dissident, was arrested on false



Kim Dae-jung Wants amnesty for jailed ex-presidents charges that he fomented a civil uprising that resulted in the

deaths of 200 people.

Kim was tried and sentenced to death. After Washington intervened, the sentence was reduced to life and then to a 20-year term. He was released two years later and was allowed to go to the United States for medical treatment.

Kim, 73, was persecuted by successive military governments. He wears a hearing aid in his left ear, which he said was damaged during torture by government agents in 1980 under Chun's military rule.

During the presidential campaign, Kim publicly disavowed any political revenge and promised that if elected, he would try to seek to release the two former leaders from prison.

Despite that, newspapers said he at least would try to overhaul security agencies widely involved in political crackdowns

on government critics.

"Many security agency officials are worried about their future," the Hankyoreh Shinmun newspaper reported.

Kim will not take office until February, but said a transition team will be formed to work with the government to nurture South Korea's ailing economy.

Kim spent much of his acceptance speech Friday pledging to revive the economy — and pay back a record \$57 billion loan Korea negotiated earlier this month with the International Monetary Fund.

Tribunal frees former war crimes suspects

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The Yugoslav war crimes tribunal ordered three Bosnian Croats set free Friday, an unprecedented move taken "in the interests of justice" since there was not enough evidence to try them.

The U.N. court ordered the immediate release of Marinko Katava, Para Skopljak and Ivan Santic. All had been accused of atrocities in the Lasva River Valley in central Bosnia, where hundreds of Muslims were killed

or mistreated in a brutal 1993 ethnic purge.

"Upon further investigation and review of the available evidence, the prosecutor is now satisfied that there is insufficient basis to justify proceeding to trial," chief prosecutor Louise Arbour said.

Katava clasped his hands in apparent prayer and seemed close to tears as he was ordered set free. The other two suspects were ordered released at a separate hearing.

Their indictments withdrawn,

the three walked out of a high-security holding cell Friday night and were expected to fly home Saturday.

"I want to get back to my family and then I will live my life as if nothing happened," a beaming Skopljak told reporters as he left the prison.

Santic, looking calm and confident, said: "It was hard for these weeks behind bars, but I am sure that many of them will return with their heads held high."

Ex-Nazi on probation for deaths of children

COLOGNE, Germany (AP) — A former Nazi guard charged with manslaughter in the deaths of 19 Jewish children in 1942 was convicted Friday and sentenced to 20 months probation.

Judge Paul Schwellenbach of the Cologne state court declared 75-year-old Ernst Hering guilty of helping to murder the children.

Hering had admitted earlier at the trial that he stood guard at the village of Israelovka in the former Soviet republic of Ukraine when the Jewish children were hauled away and murdered by members of his paramilitary unit.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Idaho Falls man heads to district court for plot

**TWIN FALLS** - An Idaho Falls man charged with plotting to murder his girlfriend's dad so they could steal his car and get married in Las Vegas waived his right Friday to a magistrate court hearing.

Christopher Bleak, 31, wanted the hearing to decide whether enough evidence exists to take a case to district court. Bleak automatically heads to district court on charges of battery with intent to commit murder after he attempted first-degree murder. His arraignment is scheduled Jan. 5.

Bull police arrested Bleak in November on suspicion of a plot to murder Dean Crommiller of Bull Crommiller's daughter, Eva Crommiller, 16, has been charged as a juvenile with aiding and abetting battery with intent to commit a serious felony, and with conspiracy to commit murder.

A third defendant in the case, Jeff Price, 18, of Idaho Falls, handed himself with bed sheets in the Twin Falls County Jail Monday, a sheriff's report said. The death is being investigated by the Jerome County Sheriff's Department.

### Judge arraigns 3 teens on several vandalism counts

**TWIN FALLS** - Three teens were arraigned Friday on 11 counts of malicious injury to property in connection with smashing car windows throughout town Sunday morning.

Twin Falls teens Rusty Wageman, 16, and Ryan L. Maughan, 13, already were arraigned Thursday on charges of a probation violation and use of a controlled substance, methamphetamine. They were back in court Friday to be arraigned on the vandalism charges, three of which are serious enough to be felonies if the teens were 18.

Keith Scholl, 17, of Twin Falls, has been charged only with the 11 counts of malicious injury to property. Court records list his parents as Dan and Patty Scholl.

The vandalism charges stem from complaints from 52 victims.

### Judge says federal lands include water to run them

**TWIN FALLS** - The federal lands that created Idaho wilderness areas and Hells Canyon National Recreation Area included the water required to fulfill their purpose, a Superior court judge ruled Friday.

Judge Daniel Harlutt ruled in favor of U.S. Forest Service claims for water rights in Hells Canyon and the Frank Church-River of No Return, Selway Bitterroot and Goshute wilderness areas.

"This decision will help ensure that water remains in the stream to fulfill the purposes for these special places in Idaho," said regional foresters Jack Blackwell of the Intermountain Region and Dale Bosworth of the Northern Region.

Harlutt presides over the Snake River Basin Adjudication, which would sort out 180,000 water rights in most of Idaho.

Claims by the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, Wild and Scenic Rivers, and to "maintain natural channels in Idaho's rivers on national forest land" still are pending in court.

### Range deputies seek help in finding stolen saddles

**TWIN FALLS** - Twin Falls County range deputies are looking for a riding saddle sold at the first of December by Mountain Man Gun and Pawn in Twin Falls, a sheriff's department report said.

Range deputies are investigating Troy Platt, 51, of Jefferson, Texas, on suspicion of stealing thousands of dollars' worth of saddles and tack from ranchers in Rogerson and Three Creeks. Deputies suspect Platt may have stolen and pawned horse gear in Twin Falls.

"They've recovered more than five of the saddles so far, plus chaps and other tack, the report said. One stolen saddle they're still looking for is a Capriola roping saddle, said Sgt. Todd Peterson.

Deputies believe Platt stole the saddle from a Three Creeks ranch and pawned it at Mountain Man on Addison Avenue West, Peterson said. Store workers told deputies they sold the saddle to an unknown person in Jerome, he said.

If you have information about the saddle, call Peterson at 736-4019 or leave a tip at 736-4100.

### Bullet from drive-by shooting lands near baby's crib

**TWIN FALLS** - A bullet fired in a drive-by shooting came within a foot of a baby's crib, the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department reported.

Police responded to the shooting at 9:30 P.M. Wednesday at 400 N. 2100 E., said Nancy Howell, department spokeswoman. Several shots were fired, and two bullets hit the house. The baby was not in his crib at the time of the shooting, which remained under investigation Friday.

Compiled from staff reports

# Lance discusses disclosure bill

By Liz Wright  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Idaho Attorney General Alan Lance wants to make it easier for the public to find out the names of the 1,500 convicted sex offenders who live in Idaho.

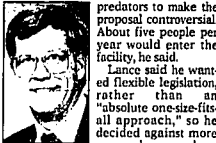
Lance, addressing a small group Friday at the College of Southern Idaho, said he proposes creating a central registry to provide lists of names, addresses and criminal histories of sex offenders - adults and juveniles alike - upon request.

"We are suggesting to the public and to the state we have a right to protect ourselves," Lance said.

The proposal, which Lance will take to the Legislature in January, also would allow judges to confine the most heinous sexual predators indefinitely in treatment programs.

Lance said he expected the high cost of building a separate facility for such

## Idaho attorney general talks about proposal to create a registry of criminal and sex offenders



Alan Lance

predators to make the proposal controversial. About five people per year would enter the facility, he said.

Lance said he wanted flexible legislation, rather than an "absolute one-size-fits-all approach," so he decided against more severe laws, such as posting wall ads in the newspaper alerting neighbors of sexual offenders.

Idaho would work with other states to track offenders who relocate. A list of registered sex offenders would be provided to local schools and Department of Health and Welfare workers. Citizens

could obtain a list according to their zip code.

Lance has made five visits around the state, drumming up support for his proposal.

Under current law, people wanting to know if someone is a registered sex offender must submit that person's name, Social Security number and birth date or address to the state Department of Law Enforcement.

But the information is sometimes old and inaccurate, so Lance is proposing a law requiring sex offenders to update their information every year.

Anyone ages 14 to 18 with a history of sexual offenses would have their names available on a juvenile offender registry, he said.

Lance said federal and state laws opening the records of juveniles age 14

and older for serious crimes makes it easier to include juveniles in a registry without a court challenge. Juveniles convicted of statutory rape and misdemeanor public exposure are exempt from the registry.

One-third of all child sex abuse cases prosecuted involved a juvenile perpetrator, Lance said. Fifty-two percent of the victims were 7 years old or younger.

But the number of prosecuted child sexual abuse cases declined by about one-third from 1993 through 1996. Three years ago, 425 cases were prosecuted, compared with 271 last year.

"We've got a good system and I think these (proposals) are important as far as notifications," said Rep. Celin Gould, R-Buhl, chairwoman of the House Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee.

"As a parent I do kind of like to know some of the people my kids hang out with," said Rep. Ron Black, R-Twin Falls.

# Safe House expands into bigger quarters

By Kent McCleary  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Children who have been helped through crises by the Ike Kistler Safe House won't be hard to find for program director Mike Kistler to list.

One he uses to demonstrate the program's national connections is a girl from Arizona, on drugs and on the run for two weeks before following a Safe Place sign on a local business to ask for help. Safe House staff determined the girl had been molested by her mother's boyfriend, Mike Kistler said.

The man was arrested and removed from the home, and the girl was sent home two days later, he said.

That's the function of the year-old program: To help teenagers who have run away, been kicked out of their homes or need a place to cool off from a confrontation with parents, Kistler said. The county program operates on grants.

Safe House and the counseling and treatment services it can bring to bear on problems have helped 400 such children, and provided beds to 213 children this year, Kistler said.

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**Twin Falls County** has a great deal of need for the program, Kistler said. Idaho ranks first nationally in child abuse and neglect per capita, he said.

"I had no idea how much need there was until we got the program going," Kistler said.

The need has pushed the program into a second, bigger home.

The program started in a house at 142 Sixth Ave. N., a building that housed both offices and living quarters for the children in the shelter.

Twin Falls County commissioners last month purchased the building next door for the safe house to expand into. The county had rented the old house for two years as an office for the public defenders.

The public defenders have moved down the street, into new offices.

The big blue house at 136 Sixth Ave. N. provides more room for the shelter, Kistler said. The new house has room for 12 beds, up from eight, he said.

"We'll have more crisis beds. Now we have up to four beds for kids when they walk into the Safe House or a Safe Place," he said.

Crisis beds provide a child a place to stay for 48 hours while more permanent accommodations are arranged, Kistler said, and solutions for the child's problems are set up.

Other beds are reserved for children who need longer stays, he said.

A \$15,000 grant replumbed the blue house and bought some new furniture and a fire alarm system, Kistler said.

Meanwhile, the old office now houses Safe House program offices, plus juvenile probation office space. Group meetings will use the living room, he said.

The original building now has room for a transitional living home, Kistler said.

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Mike Kistler started the safe house named after his father about a year ago. The Twin Falls County arena children through outpatient programs, and others stay in the house. A new house will open up four new beds.

# Minico group hopes to help victims

Soroptimists discuss possible shelters, support groups for abuse victims

By Penelope Reedy  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** - Victims need the support of their communities, and Soroptimists hope to assist development of a local support group.

Kitty Andrews, president of the Minico Soroptimists, presented a \$100 check Friday to the Volunteers Against Violence in support of proposed local VAV women's shelter and victims' therapy groups.

VAV Director Deborah Gabardi told the service organization she is working to organize a support group for victims of domestic violence in the Mini-Cassia area.

The proposed support group is designed to meet weekly for 90 minutes. The first 30 minutes will educate the group about breaking cycles of violence.

Child care and transportation for participants are goals for the group as well.

Gabardi is seeking a qualified local facilitator who is bilingual. Victims may attend the group whether or not they have removed themselves from an abusive situation. She said groups work well in helping victims confront and accept the violence in their relationships.

"There's mutual combativeness in some cases," she said.

VAV also hopes to assist local agencies in establishing a shelter in the Mini-Cassia area because of the high number of battery cases reported in the two counties.

One of the requirements to qualify for shelter funding is the establishment of a 24-hour hot line, which is costly, she said.

# Court overturns Jerome man's sentence

The Associated Press

**BOISE** - The Idaho Court of Appeals has overturned the sentence of a Jerome County man, holding that the district judge improperly tried to force Jonathan Heffern to testify against himself.

Heffern pleaded guilty to grand theft for stealing a bicycle. Other charges were dropped, including his alleged involvement in a drive-by shooting.

At sentencing, District Judge Barry Wood asked Heffern whether he was guilty of that offense, even if he wasn't charged with it.

On the advice of his attorney, Heffern

refused to answer. Wood then sentenced him to one to four years in prison, with the sentence suspended while Heffern goes through an evaluation program for 180 days.

The Court of Appeals ruled Wood apparently was influenced by the defendant's refusal to answer. That violated his constitutional right against self-incrimination. A new sentence was ordered with a different sentence.

The court Friday rejected an appeal from the drunken driving conviction of David Gordon Spangler. Spangler argued that an officer had no right to take him into custody after he walked

"We used to have 'safe houses' here," Gabardi said, "but the liability was too great. Now we take victims to Twin Falls."

Gabardi said there is a "short window" of time to get a victim to safety. Sometimes it's only 10 minutes, she said, which is why cooperation from law enforcement - once minimal - is critical.

"We used to be enemies," she said. "Now we work hand in hand."

Gabardi said many things have changed since her association with VAV began in 1986. Grants have made it possible for the organization to become nonprofit, rather than totally volunteer. She now can hire staff personnel.

Patti Clark, VAV's child abuse advocate, said she would like to see a shelter.

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# Kimberly will reorganize trustee zones

By Margaret Jones  
Times-News correspondent

**KIMBERLY** - Voters in the Kimberly School District may find they are in different trustee voting districts in future school elections. The School Board agreed Thursday night to reorganize trustee boundaries.

With the addition of subdivisions and scattered new homes in the district since present boundaries were established, some voting districts have many more voters than those which include much of the original townsite. Planned building and the number of people in each zone are being studied so the board can draw up new boundaries at a Jan. 12 meeting.

Also this week, the board accepted the recommendations of a committee working on a language arts curriculum which had been reviewed by Kathleen Noh. This study outlines what students should know at the beginning of a grade and what they should have accomplished by the end of the year.

The school has received \$50 from a memorial for James Delbert Lambing to be used in the high school library. Lambing, who was an avid reader, grew up in Kimberly and graduated from the high school.

The board approved the first reading of a trustee policy designed to help parents with children who are hard to keep in school.

They also approved a guide for requesting selection of video material for the classroom.



# Schools continue battle with state over funds

MOSCOW (AP) — Idaho schools are not giving up their lawsuit against the state over public school funding.

Members of the Idaho Schools for Equal Educational Opportunity are being asked to contribute \$3,000 each for legal fees in the suit. The suit was thrown out by a district judge last month, but the association wants to appeal.

The legal battle started more than seven years ago, when school districts claimed the Legislature was failing to meet its constitutional duty to thoroughly fund education. In recent years, the emphasis has shifted to inadequate school buildings. But Attorney General Alan Lance maintains school buildings are a local responsibility.

**Schools Involved**  
 The 22 school districts still involved in the battle with the state over financial support for public education:  
 Richfield, Valley, American Falls, Boise, Bonner County, Boundary County, Cottonwood, Genesis, Highland-Craigmont, Horseshoe Bend, Kamiah, Kellogg, Kendrick, Lapwai, Middle Valley, Moscow, Nez Perce, Orofino, Post Falls, Pullman, St. Maries and Whitefish.

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The school districts twice have appealed to the Idaho Supreme Court over decisions against them at the district court level. The Moscow School Board voted unanimously Tuesday to sue \$3,000 from its legal fund to cover the costs. Checks are starting to arrive from other districts, said Moscow Superintendent Jack Hill, association secretary. "This is an important point and we need to make it," Hill said. "I'm sorry to say there are only about 25 districts making this point when there are 112 districts in the state and they all have financial needs."

Hill said other districts have been subjected to "legislative and other pressures" to drop the lawsuit. Most of the districts in the suit are small and paying only \$3,000. But the Boise School District, which joined a few months ago, has agreed to pay \$20,000.

The judge has been asked to reconsider the latest ruling against the lawsuit, but Hill says the Idaho Supreme Court will be asked to review the case again, said David Neumann, president of the association and superintendent at Genesis.

# Yakima says it intends to sue over pollution

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — The city of Yakima is trying something new to force upgrades at Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp. railroad crossings.

The city recently served notice that it intends to sue the federal Surface Transportation Board for violating federal air standards when it allowed the railroad to resume long-haul traffic through the Yakima Valley last year.

The transportation board failed to order not only train emissions but, more importantly, pollution from cars, trucks and other vehicles that get backed up while waiting for trains to pass, city officials said.

"Four of these mile-long trains are already causing congestion and blockage downtown every day," according to the legal notice sent Nov. 21 by certified mail to the board and other federal and state officials.

"For each train, the blockage takes an average of 15 minutes to clear." The trains a day would create 140 minutes of gridlock each day, the city contends — and if the railroad increases traffic to 15 trains per day, that would translate to nearly 2V hours of gridlock daily.

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City officials say the transportation board should have considered those emissions issues before allowing the long-haul rail traffic to resume last December across Kittitas, Yakima and Benton counties. Since 1983, area rail traffic had mostly been limited to short local hauls.

"They've got a serious omission on their part when they made the ruling," City Manager Dick Zais said Thursday. "They never touched that issue at all."

City Attorney Ray Paotella said he expects to file the lawsuit in January in U.S. District Court. Federal law requires a 60-day waiting period between serving the notice and filing a lawsuit, Paotella said.

"The important fundamental issue here is that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency imposes certain air quality standards that are required to be met here in Yakima, and on

the other hand, what we're faced with this Surface Transportation Board ... a different federal agency that worsens air quality and causes us not to be able to meet EPA standards," Paotella said Friday.

The Surface Transportation Board has not yet decided how it will respond when the lawsuit is filed, said Richard Armstrong, chief of staff in the agency chairman's office. It is not required to respond to the city's notice of intent, he said.

"I assume what we'll do is defend our decision," Armstrong said by telephone from his Washington, D.C., office. "Generally whenever we're sued, we defend ourselves."

The railroad is aware of the lawsuit but had no comment, said spokesman Dick Rusaack at company headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas.

Les Ornelas, air pollution control officer with the Yakima Regional Clean Air Authority, supports the city's position. Trains last summer took an average of 12 to 14 minutes to

clear, with up to 150 vehicles backed up on each side of the track, he said.

"You'll often see a cloud of dust hanging along the railroad corridor," Ornelas said.

Train engines also produce oxides of nitrogen or ultra-fine particulates that are especially troublesome during the summer, he said.

"It's all mixing up there to create a summertime haze," Ornelas said.

But it's during the winter that the idling vehicles, spewing carbon monoxide or hydrocarbons, really cause trouble because the pollution is suspended down by weather inversions, Ornelas said.

This latest legal action is separate from a federal lawsuit filed last year by Auburn, Yakima and Kent against the transportation board over the railroad. That lawsuit is pending in the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

But both lawsuits stem from problems related to increased rail traffic and a desire to upgrade rail crossings.

# Early results indicate 48-hour flood of Grand Canyon was successful

PHOENIX (AP) — It appears the flooding of the Grand Canyon last month was successful, which could mean good news for both the environment and power producers.

The 48-hour release from Glen Canyon Dam was smaller than the one in the spring of 1996. That flood helped restore several major rapids, debris-dogged side canyons, old beeches and nutrient plants for native fish and plants.

During that flood, Colorado River water was allowed to bypass the dam, more than doubling the amount of water that usually flows into the canyon.

The second release Nov. 3-5 allowed the maximum amount of water possible to pass through the dam without bypassing it. The water flow was about 50 percent higher than normal.

It did not make the substantial changes to the Grand Canyon's habitat that the first water release did, said Pamela Hyde, associate regional director for conservation group American Rivers.

But preliminary analysis indicates the second release did help add sediment to the sand bars created in the first flood, she said.

"It didn't really build the beaches. That wasn't a big surprise. It did actually augment the sand bars," said Hyde, who sits on the federal committee overseeing the water releases.

The results still may be final.

ized as scientists decide how much and where the sediment was deposited.

Bureau of Reclamation officials say those results may be available next month.

"We know there was some movement of sediment based on

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— Clayton Palmer, Western Area Power

the visual operation," said Barry Wirth, spokesman for the Bureau of Reclamation in Salt Lake City.

Just how much sediment moved is not yet known, he said.

The silt helps create beaches, sand shoals and other natural habitats that existed in the canyon before dams were built to harness the river's energy.

Before the dams were constructed, the river "looked like a big chocolate milkshake" because of the amount of sediment, said Hyde. The releases are designed to help restore the natural habitat.

But the latest release has another important implication. If the preliminary results about the sediment build-up are final,

it could mean that sediment can be added to the Grand Canyon without hurting power production, Hyde said.

"Sure we could have run more water. We did in spring '96, but what the power producers are concerned about (is) further down the road they won't have enough water to meet all the power needs."

The water behind Glen Canyon Dam is used to generate power for rural households throughout the region. It provides power to some 400,000 households a year.

If water is allowed to bypass the dam, as it did in the 1996 flood, energy is lost, said Clayton Palmer of the Western Area Power Administration.

The federal agency is under contract to provide power to rural, publicly held power companies. If the dam doesn't generate enough energy, the administrators have to buy it elsewhere, passing the cost on to power companies.

"If you bypass the dam, you don't use the water for power. If you bypass the dam, it's lost energy," he said.

Still, Palmer said his agency supported both water releases into the Grand Canyon.

"We're looking to advise the Department of the Interior in a way that creates a win-win situation. If we can fine tune the operation and minimize the economic impact, that's what we want to do," he said.

acute battery."

"People wonder why a victim, particularly a woman, stays in a battering relationship, Gabardi said.

"It's important for a victim not to be displaced," she said. "Let's displace the batterer."

Times-News staff writer Penelope Reddy can be reached in Burley at 677-0402.

# Shelter

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 case, told Soropistim members Idaho is among the top four states in number of reported rape and incest crimes.

It's important that victims' services be free so victims, especially women without access to family violence hot lines, utilize them no matter what their circumstances, Gabardi said. She also said she and her

staff no longer go on calls without police protection. One night she and another staff member in a field near Twin Falls, she recalled, while a woman was screaming in Spanish that her husband had a shotgun and was close by.

"Domestics are the most violent situations," she said. "We're dealing with jealousy, anger, love — passion can inspire

# Safe

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 Older teen-agers who are under 21 and have spent a lot of time in the juvenile justice system don't have any idea how to live on their own, he said.

The back of the house can accommodate two such teens. They'll have jobs and manage their own finances and will have

to get high-school equivalency diplomas, Kistler said.

"There's a huge need for that. Kids get out of programs and commit other crimes because they don't know anything better," Kistler said.

Times-News staff writer Kent McClary can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 238.

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# VALLEY IN BRIEF

**Police respond to alarm at jewelry store**  
 TWIN FALLS — Police responded to a burglar alarm at Benno's Fine Jewelry Wednesday night to find a cement block smashed through the front window, a Twin Falls Police Department report said.  
 Nothing was reported stolen from the jewelry store at 217 Main Ave. E.

**Filer voters opt not to redraw trustee zones**  
 FILER — Filer School District's trustee zones won't be redrawn, Filer voters decided Friday.  
 There were just 24 votes in favor of reapportionment, and 157 votes against it, said Filer School District clerk Donna Lutz.  
 The issue of reapportionment, dies for now, Lutz said, unless a district patron would like to bring it up again.

# Montana Power sale complicates deregulation

HELENA (AP) — Montana Power Co.'s decision to sell all its generating facilities has thrown a curve at state regulators, who face a July 1 deadline for a plan to deregulate the electric industry.  
 "With the decision, we've kind of gotten a tangled web here," said Denise Peterson, an attorney for the Public Service Commission.  
 The industry and consumer representatives also at the meeting conceded that whatever the problems created by the utility's plan to sell its dams and coal-fired plants, Montana's largest electric customers must have the right by July to shop around for power.  
 Earlier this year, lawmakers authorized Montana Power to increase the costs of investments that have little value in a wide open marketplace. The company can sell bonds to cover the loss, and consumers would have to pay off the bonds in their rates.  
 If a Montana Power coal plant cannot produce electricity at anything approaching a new competitive price for power, that would be a cost covered by that law.  
 The company's original plan for adapting to deregulation based the costs on the estimated market value of its facilities. Now the actual sale price will dictate how much, if any, of the costs consumers must bear.  
 Montana Power Vice President Perry Cole said the sale probably will not be completed by the July 1 deadline for commission action. That means the commissioners will not have the true market value of the costs by decision day.

# Judge settles Land Board battle

BOISE (AP) — A district judge says the state Land Board has broad discretion in how it manages state lands.  
 Attorney General Alan Lance said Friday that District Judge D. Duff McKee upheld the state Land Board's decision to disqualify an environmentalist from bidding on state lands for grazing access.  
 "Jon Marvel, a Halley architect, has been trying to win state land leases to show how water and land quality could be improved by reducing cattle grazing and in around streams. His Idaho Watersheds Project has filed applications for state grazing land but has been rejected by the Land Board."  
 Lance said McKee ruled that there is no constitutional requirement for an auction every time there is a contest for a state grazing lease. He accepted the state argument that an auction is needed only when state lands are sold.  
 "This has been a longstanding legal battle between IWP and the state that no court has directly addressed until now," Lance said.  
 "I believe the court has very clearly indicated that the Land Board has broad discretion in managing state lands and I am pleased with this decision," said Lance, one of five state officials on the Land Board.


# Park official extends comment period

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — People interested in commenting on the possible closure of a Yellowstone National Park snowmobile trail this winter will have an additional two weeks, park officials said Friday.  
 Superintendent Mike Finley said he agreed to accept comments through Dec. 31 to accommodate requests for additional time. The period to comment on an environmental assessment that recommends the trail closure had been scheduled to end Dec. 15.  
 A recent settlement of a lawsuit filed by the Fund for Animals and Biodiversity Legal Foundation mandated an environmental assessment to determine the impacts on wildlife and habitat of the possible closure of a snowmobile trail in the park this winter.  
 Finley said the plaintiffs have agreed to the extension of the comment period, which will postpone the date of the trail closure, originally proposed for Jan. 10.  
 The park has proposed closing the 14-mile Hayden Valley road segment from Fishing Bridge to South Canyon Drive. If the closure is approved, the segment would close to snowmobiles on Jan. 18 and could be repeated for up to two more winters.

# Ex-military police face indictment for beating

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Three ex-military police officers were indicted for the case closed for lack of evidence, five former military police officers were indicted on charges of violating the civil rights of an illegal immigrant they beat during in 1994.  
 The five all went on to work in law enforcement after witnesses stonewalled investigators and the case was closed. That enraged Latino and civil rights activists who say the officers' suspected role in the beating should not have slipped through the cracks.  
 The indictment was returned earlier this week and unsealed Friday. Two pleaded guilty Friday morning to the civil rights charge, which carries a maximum sentence of 10 years.  
 "If there had been a thorough investigation in 1994, the suspects might well have been kept out of positions of power over migrants," said Roy Ureta of the Chicano Federation.  
 The FBI reopened the case in the spring after Brian David Gutway, 25, confessed to his role in the beating during a background check for a law enforcement job on the East Coast.  
 "He was taking a polygraph test for the case, and it came spilling out," said Kent Johnson, an attorney for one of the other defendants.  
 The five, then members of the Marine's Special Response Team, allegedly entered a migrant camp outside Camp Pendleton during military fatigues, wearing dog tags and carrying handcuffs, the complaint said. U.S. Attorney Alan Bersin said at least one of the Marines carried a military issued semi-automatic pistol.

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# Russia to reveal data on radiation exposure

**DENVER (AP)** — Scientists say an unusual trade between Russia and a defunct Colorado nuclear weapons plant will provide a better understanding of the risks of radiation exposure.

Russia has agreed to give American scientists medical records of thousands of nuclear plant workers exposed to daily doses of radiation nearly a half-century ago.

In exchange, the former Rocky Flats nuclear plant near Denver is sending Russia a device that measures plutonium levels in people.

The Russian records are the first major compilation of data on people exposed to sustained radiation, scientists say. Doctors worldwide have been studying the issue for years to determine safe levels of exposure to everything from medical X-rays to nuclear waste sites.

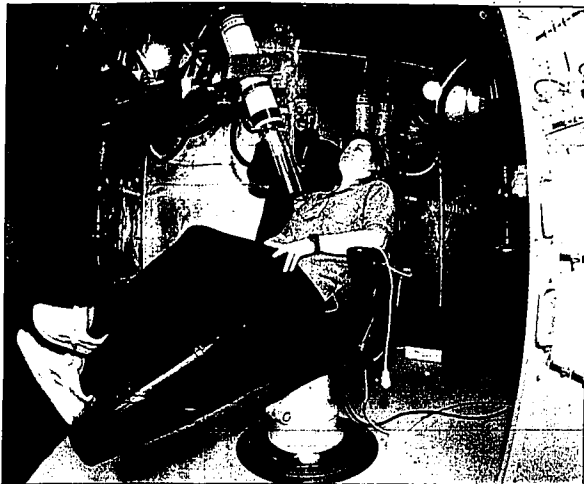
"It's a scientific bonanza," said Dr. Marvin Goldman, professor of radiological sciences at the University of California-Davis, who has worked closely with Russian scientists for nearly a decade and proposed that Rocky Flats donate the detector to help a joint effort between the two countries.

While the threat of a nuclear attack diminished with the end of the Cold War, determining safe radiation levels remains important. Nuclear weapons are dismantled and nuclear waste is stored.

"How low do you regulate? What are safe levels? The goal is to set a moving target, but this will enhance what we have," said Dr. Daniel Hoffman, chairman of epidemiology at George Washington University School of Public Health, who has also traveled to Russia to study effects of radiation.

Russian scientists are sharing case histories of more than 10,000 people who worked at the Mayak plutonium-producing facility between 1948 and 1953, when the former Soviet Union was locked in an arms race with the United States.

Mayak was Russia's largest and oldest weapons production site, and its workers didn't wear protective masks or hoods, Goldman said.



Kathy Nannle, seated, and Janelle Homer, employees at the former Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant, demonstrate how a 'germanium detector' works Wednesday, at the plant south of Boulder, Colo.

The records are expected to include tissue samples and autopsy results and reveal what kind of cancer workers got, the radiation levels that caused the disease and the path radiation took upon entering the body, Goldman said. More than half the workers are still alive.

Similar studies were not possible in the United States because American nuclear plant workers were subjected to lower doses of radiation.

"We controlled our plutonium much better than other people in the world," said Frank Masse, director of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's radiation protection program.

Government regulations prohibited American nuclear plant workers from being exposed to more than 12 rems — a unit of

measure — of radiation per year before 1957. Regulations were tightened that year so workers could be exposed to no more than five rems per year, but most workers were exposed to an average of one a year, Goldman said.

Their Russian counterparts received as much as 100 rems per year in the 1940s and early '50s, he said.

Today, the average person in the United States is exposed to about one rem every three years from natural and manmade sources.

The swap comes from a 1994 agreement between the United States and Russia to coordinate research on the health effects of radiation.

Rocky Flats, which closed in 1989 because of safety concerns, is giving the Russians a "germanium detector," which measures

plutonium in the body. The detector is housed in a 62-ton steel vault that blocks out other forms of radiation, said Patrick Eichart, a Department of Energy spokesman. The \$1 million device was built in the 1960s to monitor workers who made plutonium triggers for nuclear weapons.

Russia has no device that is as precise or sensitive, Goldman said.

The detector will be sent by boat to Russia, where scientists at the First Institute of Biophysics in the Ural Mountains hope to receive it by April.

"This will mean peace of mind for some Russian workers, especially if they walk around thinking they were (exposed to radiation), but no one ever confirmed it," Goldman said.

# Court says religious songs didn't violate students' rights

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — A divided 10th Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that the West High School choir's religious selections did not violate a student's constitutional rights.

In a 100-page opinion, the majority of the Denver-based court found that the choir's performance of the songs in late 1994 did not amount to an endorsement of religion.

"Any school curriculum designed to expose students to the full array of vocal music culture ... can be expected to reflect a significant number of religious songs," judges Wade Brorby and James E. Barrett agreed.

Appellate Judge Michael Murphy, a former Utah jurist, dissented in the 2:1 decision.

In a 100-page opinion, Assistant Utah Attorney General Debra Moore and Salt Lake School District superintendent Darline Robles said it would take time to review the lengthy decision — but they were pleased with the victory.

"It's nice to have guidance from the court on an issue that has caused such controversy. The Establishment Clause (governing religious freedom and expression) is not an area on which the Supreme Court has been that clear," Moore said.

Robles said the opinion affirmed the district's policy of neutrality on religious matters,

and meant that "nothing is going to change" in the district's approach to the issue.

School policy seeks to assure that students "are entitled to express their religious views" as long as they do not use school programs to proselytize, she said.

Robles also said the ruling ended the district's eight-month wait for a decision.

"We were expecting a decision in May, then June and finally August, so we're relieved that there has finally been a decision," she said.

"Perhaps by way of explaining the length of their deliberations, Brorby and Barrett noted the case had triggered "acute public interest — issues which evoke diversion opinions and strong emotions..."

"This is no more true than in Salt Lake City, Utah — a (Mormon) community and state whose unique social and political

history reveals a longstanding tension involving the separation of church and state," the court stated.

The long-awaited decision, released on Thursday, came too late to make any practical difference to the student on whose behalf the civil rights lawsuit was filed, Rachel Bauchman. She graduated from a private high school earlier this year.

Still, the ruling almost certainly will be scrutinized by religious and educational institutions nationwide.

"I think that teachers and school administrators will understand from this opinion that as long as it is used in a balanced and appropriate way, there is a place for Christmas carols and religious choral music in the schools," David J. Jordan, an attorney who represented West High music teacher Richard Torgerson in the suit.

Home and business telephone numbers for Eric and Cheryl Bauchman, who had filed the suit on behalf of their daughter, had been disconnected. US West directory assistance reported no new listings for them.

However, Bauchman's New York-based attorney, Andrew C. Hruska, said no decision had been made on whether a new appeal will be filed in the case.

Hruska said he would study the opinion in detail and discuss it with his clients before making any comment. He also intends to consult with the lawyers representing a number of national religious organizations that intervened in the suit on Bauchman's behalf.

The West High debate began in 1995, when Bauchman, who is Jewish, challenged her music teacher's selection of Christian choral music and devotional songs.

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Teamwork leads to better range conditions

BOISE (AP) — It started as a number of one-on-one "inquire" talk sessions about the poor condition of a major southwestern Idaho range.

Two years later, there has been a remarkable turnaround in the health of a 83,000-acre range in eastern Owyhee County.

BLM biologist Allen Tarter says he held a lot of personal meetings with cattle ranchers; members of the Shoshone-Paiute Indian Tribe, environmentalists and then sportsmen.

"It was very important to talk one-on-one with the interested parties to understand where they were coming from in their beliefs

and opinions long before we got them together in a meeting room," he said.

The huge pasture, known as the Northwest Allotment, is about 75 miles south of Boise. At the time, heavy seasonal grazing had contributed to serious problems along the streams and adjacent meadows and upland areas.

Part of the pasture is in the Big Jacks Creek and Duncan Creek Wilderness Study Areas. Conditions had deteriorated along those streams and around the Big Jacks Creek Reservoir.

Through cooperation, consensus and compromise among

users and interested groups, the grazing season was changed in the most critical areas, fences were built and shrubs were planted.

Moscow plans walk-in medical center

MOSCOW (AP) — Gritman Medical Center and local physicians are planning to open an urgent care center in February.

The Moscow Family Medicine group practice, along with other local physicians will operate and staff the center. It will treat ill-

nesses and minor injuries on a walk-in basis.

The cost of a visit will be comparable to a visit to the doctor, which is considerably less than a trip to the hospital's emergency room, said Dan Smigelski, president and CEO of Gritman Medical Center.

Lawmakers expect resistance

LEWISTON (AP) — North central Idaho lawmakers who want to reduce the two-thirds voter approval required for school bond levies are expecting strong opposition from the 1998 Legislature.

The supermajority requirement could be reduced to 60 percent this year. But she said she holds little hope for reducing the constitutional requirement after attending Wednesday's meeting of legislative leaders in Boise.

Rep. Tom Trail, R-Moscow, is a strong supporter of the 60 percent figure, but said it will be difficult

to get the required two-thirds of the Legislature to put the proposed constitutional amendment on next year's election ballot.

But not all North central Idaho lawmakers feel the same about the supermajority requirement. Rep. Frank Brunel, a Lewiston Republican, said he is against reducing it because he opposes any proposal to make it easier to increase property taxes.

"There are a whole lot of people beyond you that we listen to and they are property taxpayers," he told a group of school district superintendents and board members Thursday in Lewiston.

Rehnquist names panel to study appeals courts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retired Supreme Court Justice Byron R. White, three federal judges and a past president of the American Bar Association were appointed Friday to a commission that will study changing the federal appellate courts.

The commission must report its findings to President Clinton and Congress within 12 months. The law that created the commission gave Rehnquist the job of choosing its members.

In addition to White, who served on the nation's highest court for 31 years before his 1993 retirement, the commission's members are appellate judges Gilbert S. Merritt of Nashville, Tenn., and Pamela Ann Rymor of Pasadena, Calif., trial judge William Browning of Tucson, Ariz., and N. Lee Cooper, a Birmingham, Ala., attorney and past president of the American Bar Association.

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The nation is divided into 12 geographic judicial circuits. The 9th Circuit is by far the largest — encompassing nine Western states and two U.S. territories.

The circuit — home to 50 million people — includes Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Guam and Northern Mariana Islands.

The idea of splitting the 9th

Deputies seek source of fireball

MARSING (AP) — Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies combed an area near Jump Creek Friday for the source of a large fireball a number of people reported seeing plunge through the evening sky.

"It was beautiful, like watching a comet," said Sonja Weeks, who lives outside Marsing. "It looked like a huge burning mass with a long tail, like a meteor or satellite."

Weeks said the object made a loud noise when it hit the ground just before 6 p.m. Thursday.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Charlotte Reyes said officers made a sweep of the area between Homedale and Marsing off U.S. 95 Thursday night but found nothing.

Lt. Steve Bolenc at Mountain Home Air Force Base said the base had no information on the object beyond knowing "it wasn't one of our aircraft."

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# Fired worker kills 4; police shoot him to death

ORANGE, Calif. (AP) — A disgruntled state transportation worker shot and killed four men at a maintenance yard before he was shot to death by police.

The gun battle sign his former coworkers, hooting fences and diving for cover.

An officer and another worker were hospitalized.

More than 60 people were at the maintenance yard run by the state Transportation Department when Arturo Reyes Torres stormed in Thursday afternoon, armed with an assault rifle, a shotgun and a handgun, authorities said.

Reyes circled trailers in the pelting rain, firing through the windows with his assault rifle and methodically picking off employees, police Lt. Art Romo said.

Three of the men shot by Reyes died at the yard. They were identified as Hal Bierlein, 51; Wayne Bowers, 43; and Paul White, 40. The fourth, Michael Kelley, 49, died later at a hospital.

The officer, John Warde, was taken to St. Joseph Hospital, where he was in stable condition. Another worker, Reginald Jennings, 53, was in fair condition.

Reyes, 41, who had worked at the yard for about 15 years, was fired last month after he was videotaped selling scrap aluminum from the yard. The Orange County Register reported today. Darrell Henson, who used to work with Reyes, said his best friend was distraught about the firing.

Workers in white helmets and orange suits scrambled behind cars and hopped fences as they screamed in terror.

"I'm in the stockroom, and I hear bang, bang, bang!" Thien Nguyen said. "We just ran."

When police arrived, Reyes started to drive away, but a motorist blocked his car and the sunlight broke out. "This guy in a brown Mercedes was shooting at vehicles in the lot, at tires, engines. Bam! Bam! Bam!" said George Priest, who saw the shooting from a shop where his car was being repaired. "This squad car pulls up and there's this full-scale exchange."

Police officers were "firing like almost toward where I was at, and when I looked to see where they were firing I see this guy

jump out of his car and he had a rifle in his hand," said another witness, Robert Rosario.

"It was pretty scary. ... I kind of ducked down. I hit the gas and tried to get out of the intersection."

Rosario crossed paths with Reyes moments before the end. "I looked at his face and I could see he was going to spray some people (with bullets)," said Rosario. "His eyes were like golf balls. They were bugged out."

Television news reports showed Reyes' body and an AK-47 on the ground next to a Mercedes-Benz.

The maintenance yard is in a commercial district in this city 40 miles southeast of Los Angeles, surrounded by warehouses and factories off state Highway 57.

# Casino profits pay for shopping mall

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will use casino profits to develop a \$3.1 million shopping mall, launching a campaign to diversify the tribes' economic base.

The tribes have joined up with Salem developer Stew Stone to build the mall in south Salem,

their first non-casino project. Stone has handled profits for national chains, including Taco Bell and McDonald's. Casino profits will provide start-up funds, but most of the \$3.1 million will come from bank financing, said Chuck Galford, marketing director for the tribe's Spirit Mountain Casino.

# Auction settles claims of fraud in Idaho, West

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — Paintings, computers and leather furniture belonging to a German businessman were among the thousands of items auctioned to partially settle securities fraud claims in Idaho and at least three other states.

Harvard Haussecker, who had once lived in an elaborate 11,000-square-foot home near Branson, Mo., apparently fled the country after federal investigators began looking into allegations he sold false securities totaling at least \$18 million to people in Idaho, Utah, California and Missouri.

When he left — officials presume for a native country — Haussecker left behind the \$1.6 million home on Table Rock Lake and thousands of possessions.

The items were seized by the government in August as part of a civil suit the federal Securities and Exchange Commission filed against Haussecker.

The house was auctioned off earlier this month for \$600,000 to Springfield tax attorney John Carnahan.

More than 500 Missouri Ozarks residents showed up Thursday to bid on paintings, computers and even the hat books once owned by Haussecker. Others were there just to watch.

Haussecker, a German citizen who lived in the United States for several years, apparently came to the Ozarks in 1995 with a girlfriend who has family in the area.

# Anti-germ, gas warfare city planned

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah's west desert is one of a handful of sites being considered for a \$200 million mock city where the military and law enforcers would train to respond to germ and poison gas attacks.

Plans for the mock city will be decided in the next year, said Utah Republican Rep. Jim Hansen, who sits on House committees overseeing national security and military installations.

Utah politicians say the Army's Dugway Proving Ground 58 miles south of Salt Lake City is a prime spot for testing military readiness against threats from deadly pathogens or toxins.

Dugway is the military's only facility for field testing of biological and chemical defenses. Last week, military personnel there experimented with new devices for detecting and analyzing airborne germ agents.

"We feel that Dugway's got a great chance," Hansen said. "We're considering whether we should go to the mat for it."

At least four other states are competing behind the scenes for the year-round training center. The Salt Lake Tribune reported in a copyright story on Friday.

Utah has competition for the proposed training center from Fort McClellan, Anniston, Ala.; the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Md.; the Nevada Test Site, Mercury, Nev.; and Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo, Texas.

The mock city would be big enough for 20,000 people but would host only visiting players in a war game.

Military experts envision a place with electric, water and sewage plants, a subway as much as a half-mile long, downtown buildings and homes.

"The idea is, let's train police forces across the United States, let's train the FBI, let's train everybody," said Hansen aide Sieve Pedersen.

Two years ago, Utah Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch helped craft an anti-terrorism bill that directed President Clinton to name a task force for creating the mock city.

The 1996 law says "a facility that recreates urban and suburban locations would provide an especially effective environment in which to test, train and evaluate military and law-enforcement personnel."

Testing would be done on protective clothing, survival techniques and how well different types of "video, audio, meteorological, chemical and biosensor arrays" can identify threats.

"It's sort of like war-gaming, if you will," said Hatch's military aide, Bob Lockwood.

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### SPORTSQUOTE

They're liable to spend as much on the UPS delivery as they would if they wound up keeping everybody.

—Relief pitcher Dennis Cook, about Florida players getting their World Series rings, after he was traded to the New York Mets

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

### Men's college basketball

Arctic Circle Classic at CSI  
Montana St. at Idaho, 8 p.m.  
Boise St. at Pepperdine, 8:30 p.m.

### Girls' basketball

Jenome at Spring Creek Tournament  
Sho-Ban at Oakley

### Boys' basketball

Twin Falls at Pendleton Tournament  
Jenome at Spring Creek Tournament  
Buhl at Middleton  
Glenns Ferry at Declo  
Filer at Mammoth  
Shoshone at Oakley  
Ridley at Butley  
Highland at Minico  
Shoshone at Kimberly

### High school wrestling

Beacon Invitational at Twin Falls  
Meet junior varsity basketball games begin at 6 p.m. with the evening following.

## SCOREBOARD

### Men's college basketball

CSI 102 ..... All Stars 52  
Hill 99 ..... St. Albans 86

### Girls' basketball

Jenome 55 ..... Spring Creek 51  
Buhl 57 ..... Middleton 29  
Wendell 40 ..... Glenns Ferry 38  
Filer 52 ..... Gooding 34  
Skyline 60 ..... Minico 57  
Idaho River 62 ..... Castledale 24  
Kimberly 45 ..... Valley 31  
Dietrich 42 ..... Murgum 40

### Boys' basketball

Spring Creek 61 ..... Jenome 57  
Richfield 60 ..... Larsen 57  
Twin Falls at Pendleton Tournament

## IN BRIEF

### Jackpot Rec Center offers free swimming

The Jackpot Recreation Center will have free swimming during the holiday season from today to Jan. 4.  
The pool, which is at 2395 Progressive Road, is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on most days. On Sunday, it will be open from 1-5 p.m., and on Christmas Eve it will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Burley Trap Club plans weekend 'Turkey Shoot'

BURLEY — It's a "Turkey Shoot" but the prizes are hams, sausage, bacon and turkeys at the Burley Trap Club starting at 11 a.m. and lasting all day Dec. 20, 21, 27 and 28 at 850 W. 50 S. on Milner Dam Road.

The cost is \$4 per shoot and guarantee cards are available. The public is welcome and competitors shoot against participants of equal ability.

### Sign up today for Kimberly youth basketball program

Today is the last day of registration for Kimberly Youth Association basketball, with registrations being taken from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Person's IGA.  
Registration is \$16 for third to sixth graders.

A coaches meeting will be held at 3 p.m. today at the Kimberly Community Center to draw teams. Three coaches are still needed for the program.  
For more information, call Dave Woodmansee at 423-4907.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Victors again

## Indians handle their state championship foes 1 more time

By Karen Baumer  
Times-News writer

BUIHL — It wasn't the state championship, but a rematch of last season's finale produced the same result.

The Indians showed why they were the 1997 state champions and Middleton showed why they were the runners-up Friday as Buhl rolled over the Vikings 47-23.

Even more impressive was how Buhl did it. With two starters (Erin Scott and Leah Moore) on the bench in foul trouble and the score knotted at 21-21, the Indians went on a 10-1 run three minutes into the third quarter.

### More games — B9

Holly Satterwhite and Denim-West came off the bench to spark Buhl, each scoring a bucket in the run and playing aggressive defense.

The other key was 5-8 junior Carrie Williamson, who scored eight points in the third quarter and pulled down three rebounds.

And when Williamson went out of the game after a collision at the end of the third period, Moore and Scott came back in to extend the lead and put the game out of range.

Holding a four-point lead one minute into the fourth quarter, Buhl's Scott found Kala Watson for a short jumper. Marquelle Miller countered with a base-line jumper. It would be Middleton's final score of the game.

Scott scored the next eight points near the basket or at the free-throw line and two steals by West set up four Moore free throws. Scott finished off the scoring at the line with less than a minute remaining.

Earlier this season, Buhl lost to Middleton by four points. Indians coach Joe Shepard said his team was much sharper this time around.

"The first half we kinda played like we did down there. We played good defense but a lot of the shots didn't go in," Shepard said. "The second half we played the same good defense and the shots started going in."

That was more apparent at the line than anywhere else.

The Indians missed their first eight



A trio of Indians led by Leah Moore (24) and Carrie Williamson (14) juggle a rebound during the first half against Middleton. Buhl won the rematch of last year's state championship 47-23.

free throws and then drained the next 10 of 12 to hit the 50 percent mark.

"We played a lot better," said Williamson, who ended the game with a bit of a headache. "We watched the

game (tape of the loss to Middleton) and our defense wasn't very good. (Friday) we came out and played the best defense we've played."

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# It's Gold over Bald in Arctic

By Damen Clow  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — They come from all over southern Idaho. In their civilian clothes, they are bankers, sporting goods salesman, major league ball players, television sportscasters.

But when they put on the tight black, one-piece, 1980s-esque uniforms of the Southern Idaho Golden Eagles Friday night, they became for a moment, fierce junior college competitors.

And then they were, for more than a few moments, kind of throttled.

Southern Idaho won its second straight game in the Arctic Circle Classic, beating a makeshift team of former ballplayers calling themselves the "Arctic Circle All-Stars" — or, more colloquially, the "Bald Eagles" — by a score of 109-52.

CSI (13-1) finishes the tournament at 8 p.m. tonight against Hill (Tex.) Junior College, which beat Southern Alberta Institute of Technology 92-86 in Friday's early game. The All-Stars (0-1) look to climb to 500 at 6 p.m. tonight against SAIT.

"They competed hard and gave us a game," CSI coach Jim Thrash said in praise of the All-Star team, put together to compete in two games after Baltimore City College cancelled its plans to attend the tournament. "I thought we got everyone quite a bit of playing time. The big thing was, it allowed us to work against a zone defense."

The All-Stars' only lead of the night came on two free throws from Twin Falls' Kenny Walker before the opening tipoff. A Golden Eagle was issued a technical foul for dunking in pre-game.

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# No shortage of blows as Hamed retains title

## Featherweights Hamed, Kelley give New York crowd a show before 4th-round knockout ends it

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Prince Naseem Hamed landed on his feet when he somersaulted over the ropes entering the ring. It wasn't long after the bell rang Friday night that he found himself on his backside.

And much to the delight of a Madison Square Garden crowd of 11,954, the British-born Arab found himself in a real fight against Kevin Kelley.

Each of the left-handers was knocked down three times before Hamed won by knockout at 2:27 of the fourth round and retained the WBO featherweight championship.

Hamed, who made a 10-minute entrance to lead music, spotlights and a shower of confetti, was excited to the end. "I proved myself," said Hamed, who was born in Sheffield, England, where his parents emigrated from Yemen. "I'm 29-0 (with 27 knockouts) and still cham-

pio of the world. I told him he's the best I've faced and I was the best he's faced and he agreed."

After three rounds, two of three judges had Kelley ahead by a point.

A computer analysis of the fight credited Hamed with landing 81 of 184 punches and Kelley 72 of 154.

In another title match, Kennedy McKinney knocked down Junior Jones and stopped him in the fourth round to win the WBO super bantamweight championship.

The two left-handers shoved each other and talked to each other during the introductions. When the bell rang, they went out to beat each other.

Late in the first round, Hamed, who weighed the class limit of 126 pounds, almost put Kelley down with two rights to the head, but Kelley, 125 1/2, came back with an overhand right that put Hamed down for a count of 6 as a crowd of about 11,954 came roaring to its feet.



Challenger Kevin Kelley of New York slumps in the corner in early-round action during his fight with WBO featherweight champion Prince Naseem Hamed of England on Friday.

# Majerus leads Runnin' Utes to best start in 30 years

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — If you want to know why the Utah Utes are 9-0, don't ask their coach.

"This team is playing better than I'm capable of," Rick Majerus says. "We're just not a very good team yet."

History, the media and his coaching peers disagree with him. Majerus has led Utah to its best start since 1967, and the Runnin' Utes are ranked No. 7 in the latest Associated Press poll and No. 6 in the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll.

"We've had a good start, but we've had a good schedule, too," Majerus sighs. "And the polls, I can't begin to tell you what's wrong with them."

In truth, the Utes owe their

"We are playing very well. We're taking steps toward becoming a good team."

—Rick Majerus, Utah coach

start to a fairly weak slate of opponents and the rapid maturation of a young and talented team. Even Majerus is forced to admit that Utah appears ready to contend for its fourth straight Western Athletic Conference title.

"We are playing very well," he says. "We're taking steps toward becoming a good team."

And that's as close as the Utes will get to a compliment from Majerus, who has been his team's harshest critic in each of his nine seasons at Utah. The

big man has never been big on empty praise.

But he has never started a season with nine wins, and he has never had such a good chance to enter WAC play undefeated. Only 61 Oregon State, hosting Utah in Portland, Ore., on Saturday night at the Ford Classic, and 17 Wisconsin-Milwaukee remain on the preference schedule.

The Utes have gone 23-1 since a loss in New Mexico's Pit on Feb. 1. That game and a 72-59 loss to Kentucky in the

regional finals of the NCAA tournament, are Utah's only losses in 1997.

"We've won a lot of games for a long time," says point guard Andre Miller. "We've got tradition."

Still, this was not a team that many expected to begin the season with such a flourish. This was supposed to be the year after the year Majerus struggled to cope with the departure of Keith Van Horn.

"It's a secret how much Keith meant to this program, both as a player and as a person," Majerus says. "When he left, this team didn't have an identity. I think we're starting to get our identity now."

There are only two seniors

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Rick Majerus  
A year after Keith Van Horn







SPORTS

# Verba nonplused about facing Bills' Smith

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — **Maht Ross** Verba just can't comprehend what he's about to go up against, or perhaps he doesn't care.

But Verba, the Green Bay Packers' outgoing rookie left tackle, is nonchalant about his stiffest challenge yet: facing Buffalo's Bruce Smith.

In Smith and Reggie White, today's game between the Bills (6-9) and the Green Bay Packers (12-3) at Lambeau Field features the pre-eminent defensive ends in pro football.

While the Bills will try and salvage some pride in their disappointing season, the Packers are seeking to stretch their home winning streak to 26, get Dorsey Levens the club rushing record and, most importantly, keep Brett Favre & Co. intact for another run at the Super Bowl.

It's Verba's job to keep Smith from harming those hopes. Favre is expected to play only the first half, and Verba will have some help blocking Smith, who has 14 sacks.

But Verba seems untroubled by the thought of facing the NFL's 1997 Defensive Player of the Year who's had an even bet-

ter season this year. "He's a good player," the low-key Verba said. "I have a lot of respect for him. But I just do what I do. Same stuff. No change-up. He's no more on my mind than Lamas Lathon (of Carolina) was last week."

Smith is certainly on the mind of Packers coach Mike Holmgren. Holmgren chuckled when asked if he would start out giving Verba some help or wait and see

how his rookie holds up. "We'll help. I'm not going to wait and see. I'm sure I want help over there. Right now."

Verba has come a long way since his 22-day holdout in training camp that drew Holmgren's wrath. He ousted incumbent John Michels after six games. Last week, White paid Verba the ultimate compliment by saying he was the reason Favre's pocket of protection was so sturdy.

"What he's done this year, Ross should be in the Pro Bowl," Favre said.

It's easy to see why Favre appreciates Verba so much.

Favre, who was sacked 46 times last year, has only been sacked 25 times this season.

Verba shrugs off the praise like he shunts aside pass rushers.

"That is where hard work gets you and refusing to be second team," he said.

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**NFL injury report**  
 NEW YORK (AP) — The updated National Football League injury report for this week's games as provided by the league:  
**Today**  
**BUFFALO (8-9) AT GREEN BAY (12-3)** — Bills: **OUT:** WR Andre Reed (shoulder), **QUESTIONABLE:** LB Bryce Paup (foot), **PROBABLE:** DT Ted Washington (quadriceps), **Packers:** **QUESTIONABLE:** WR Don Beebe (hamstring); **DT** Gilbert Brown (ankle); **WR** Derrick Myers (ankle); **TE** Jeff Thompson (ankle), **PROBABLE:** RB Chris Darkins (groin); **RB** Dorsey Levens (toe); **DE** Reggie White (neck-ill).  
**ST. LOUIS (6-11) AT CAROLINA (7-8)** — Rams: **DOUBTFUL:** LB Brett Hager (neck); **TE** Mitch Jacoby (ankle), **QUESTIONABLE:** G Zach Wiegart (ankle-injured reserve); **S** Toby Wright (knee), **Panthers:** **OUT:** T Norberto David-Garcia (ankle-injured reserve); **DE** Shawn King (ankle-injured reserve), **DOUBTFUL:** LB Michael Barrow (groin); **CB** Eric Davis (concussion), **WR** Ruggie Imani (shoulder), **PROBABLE:** RB Fred Lane (knee-ill); **LB** Lamont Jordan (toe); **WR** Muhammad (shoulder); **S** Damon Pifer (toe); **TE** Wesley Walls (knee).

## The truth about Christmas is hard to find

It is the season of Christmas and we are suffering.

Let us not despair in the face of this great materialistic onslaught of gifts, cookies, colorful decorations and good cheer.

The crux of the trouble is, we are filled with delusions about this holiday and nowhere can we find the bare truth. If we find Jesus lying in a manger, chances are he will be festooned.

You may wonder why a story that happened amid the grit of life has to be dressed up in so much tinsel that it begins to resemble a carnival. Yes, this Christmas business has gotten out of hand. That's why it is even more important for you to deal with your delusions.



FAITH TODAY  
 Clark Morphet

For instance, we are deluded into believing that Christmas is magical and that all our troubles will fly away as the midnight bells ring in the dawn of Christmas. When the day rises over the horizon and all the cares of life still plague us, we shrug and wait for the next Christmas.

"Next year will be better," we say.

What year is it, we wonder, that made us feel the weight of life? Wouldn't it be more consistent, we think, to feel the lightness of being? To virtually wallow in that joy that comes with Christmas, day in and out as the shadows flee and burdens are lifted?

Ah, but that is our delusion. We hope that Christmas will cure all things better. That the yule season will be a massive time of healing. And that one of these years it will not fade but will continue to illuminate all we are and all we own.

What makes you happy? Is it that new auto you yearn for? Or that magnificent automobile drive? Those will pass away. All impermanent things will pass away. Our happiness is constantly slipping into oblivion.

Christians and Buddhists agree on this point, that to find our hope in impermanent objects is to live in delusion.

In Buddhism, the promise is enlightenment. In Christianity, it is salvation. Only those promises can be counted on and trusted to give us happiness.

Buddhists say that when we rid ourselves of delusions, we rid ourselves of suffering. Christians say that when we rid ourselves of that which rusts and fades, then we are on the path to salvation.

Of course, we have known this since the holy books were written. And once in a while, a great martyr, teacher or saint comes along to remind us. But instead that memory quickly fades and, in our mind, gives way to the seduction of the worldly, glitzy Christmas.

So I say, bring on the delusions. For this brief time, let us revel in all that fools us. For this wisep of history, let us frolic in blatant materialism and throw our lives open to frivolity and joy.

It's not too much to ask. Even martyrs have moments of laughter and hermits occasionally escape into mirth. All this year, we have been faithful servants. Now let us merge with our delusions for these bright days.

And how are we deluded? That peace is possible, that love abounds, that children are safe, that angels hover over our world, ready to intervene?

I believe it. For now, it is all true. Comes along to remind us. But instead that memory quickly fades and, in our mind, gives way to the seduction of the worldly, glitzy Christmas.

Let us see it all through the eyes of children — those wondrous creatures who believe all the lights shine for them, all the gifts wait for their fingers to open and all the Christmas bells are calling for their attention.

Yes, we may be deluded as Christmas approaches. But, we can almost guarantee, we're going to have fun.

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# Two babes in a manger

## Away in a barn, the true spirit of Christmas lives

By April Cmlch  
 Times-News writer

JEROME There is a small orphanage, in a faraway country, where the true spirit of Christmas lives.

It was born when a small orphan boy named Dima was visited by two American teachers, who told the story of Mary and Joseph trying to find room in the inn.

### Dima update

The true story of "Two Babes in a Manger" happened in December 1994, while Times-News correspondent H. R. Wetzel was living in Chayabinsk, Russia, teaching biblical principles in public schools, orphanages, prisons and businesses. She wrote a column about the experience for the newspaper. Then, after she returned to Jerome, where her husband is pastor of the First Church of God, she was asked to tell the story many times to many groups throughout the West.

Recently, little Dima was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and was moved to an orphanage for children with illnesses. So far, his symptoms are minor, and he is growing and thriving.

### Drama set

This Christmas, the First Church of God is staging a musical drama, based on Dima's life, to be presented at 9:45 a.m. Sunday at the church, 131 E. Ave., in Jerome.

Once the story was complete, each orphan was

Harriet Weikel and her husband Leroy, a Church of God pastor in the Magic Valley, were living and ministering in Russia.

In Russia, a stable is called a barn, so a barn is where this story begins.

Little Dima was told of the trip to Bethlehem, the birth of baby Jesus and the manger where Jesus lay.

"Throughout the story, the children and orphanage staff sat in amazement as they listened," Harriet Weikel said.

"With undivided attention, they sat on the edges of their stools, as if they, too, were at the scene and were peering into the stable to see the babe in the manger."

Once the story was complete, each orphan was



Left, Dima, the child on the left, takes a walk with a friend at a summer camp for children who live at the Russian orphanage. Below, it's craft time at the Russian orphanage for Dima, who is sitting next to the orphanage director, Svetlana Korzhova.

given three small pieces of cardboard to make a manger. For straw, they used pieces of yellow paper napkins, since there is no colored paper available on the market. Using their small fingers, the children gently laid the strips into the manger, making it comfortable for baby Jesus. A small square of flannel, cut from a worn-out nightgown of an American woman had thrown away, served as a blanket for the baby. The baby was a strip of tan felt.

As Weikel circled the room, offering help to anyone in need, she came upon Dima. Inside his manger were two babies, lying side by side. Dima had created his own ending to the Christmas story. With the help of a translator, he shared the ending with the American teacher.

"And when Maria laid the baby in the cradle, Jesus looked at me and asked me if I had a place to stay," Dima explained. "I told him, 'I have no mamma. I have no papa. So I don't have any place to stay.'"

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H.R. WETZEL/The Times-News

# Religious gifts compete for dollars

By Bill Broadway  
 The Washington Post

Last Christmas, parents fought over Tickle Me Elmo dolls or paid doll scalpers up to 100 times their value. Among this year's must-buy items are the American Girl dolls.

Christian artists, not to be outdone by the secular world, are creating their own dolls for inspiration, education and peace of mind.

Brenda Grauer, a fabric artist in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, has designed a doll depicting the adult Jesus, which she said has brought comfort to hundreds of sick, lonely and dying people. Tonya Smallwood, of Reston, has developed a collection of multicultural Sisters of the Son dolls, which she said portray Jesus's

message of harmony, equality and love.

Grauer, whose husband is a Presbyterian minister, makes robes, stoles, banners and other worship-related items at In Stitches: Center for Liturgical Art, which she founded in 1992. She has turned over most of the production of the Jesus Doll to a toy company in New York City.

Smallwood, a k a T. Charisse, 39, said the inspiration for Sisters of the Son came



For more on the Center of Concern or the World Concern Gift Guide, visit The Times-News Online's NewsLink page at [www.magicvalley.com](http://www.magicvalley.com)

in a vision from God. Jerry Smallwood, 46, Tonya's husband and general manager of U. N. Charisse Unlimited Inc., said the collector's dolls are pieced together

Collection, seven dolls make up the first Sisters of the Son series. They are Tierney, Spencer, Meghan, Jade, Jazmine, Mahogany and Milagro. Each limited edition doll costs \$198 at hobby shops or Christian bookstores, or \$158 if ordered by mail through Jan. 31. Call 703-709-1188 for local dealers or to order by mail.

There are some other gifts with religious themes that are on the market this Christmas:

- Center of Concern: The Washington-based center, a Roman Catholic social justice organization, offers "fair trade consumer buying" through the Virtual Mall on its Web site. The directory includes mail-order, online and retail operations. Most items

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# Jewish mysticism gains in popularity

By Rachel Graves  
 The Associated Press

ATLANTA — For Shirley Chambers, Christmas Eve will include the lighting of Hanukkah candles.

Chambers, who was raised a Catholic, is director of the Karim Kabalah Center in Atlanta, whose members practice a once-secret aspect of Judaism called Kabalah. Students pray and practice meditation as the route to self-understanding.

Kabalah was popular in Europe in the Middle Ages, when it was passed on to Jewish men over 40 who were deemed to have the maturity and pristine spirituality to handle mysticism's power. Its followers claim that, through studying Jewish texts and achieving a more intimate relationship with God, Kabalists can understand the hidden meaning of the Torah and can call on God to alter nature on their behalf.

Today, Kabalah centers are popping up throughout the United States, teaching a hybrid version of this Jewish mys-

ticism with no restrictions on age, gender or religion.

Orthodox Jews dismiss the trend as a New Age fraud.

At the Atlanta center, the mostly Christian members will celebrate Hanukkah — lighting candles and saying Jewish prayers — in conjunction with their Christmas Eve service, which also incorporates meditation and faith healing.

The walls of the Karim Kabalah Center, housed in an office building are decorated with symbols of Hinduism and Buddhism as well as crucifixes and Jewish stars. The word "Kabalah" means "to receive" and has dozens of accepted spellings.

The largest of the new Kabalah groups is the Kabalah Learning Center, which claims 10,000 students in eight countries.

Students include Catholic schoolgirl-turned-pop diva Madonna, Jewish comedians Roseanne and Sandra Bernhard, and Catholic actress Diane Ladd and her daughter, actress Laura Dern.



The Rev. Brent Schwarz prays with Liz Mangum at Atlanta's Karim Kabalah Center recently.

RELIGION

Heading to '98 Visitors' Center a big holiday tradition for many

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Upstairs, Elder Mac Christensen is deploying his well-dressed troops: Elder Kelly by Theater 2, Elder Winger by the back door. Two more elders by the front door. Two more elders by stubby pencils and referral cards for any likely converts.

Downstairs, Elder Rich is using a walk map to assign locations for the 17-man traffic crew. A few doors away, Sister Nancy is gluing the heard to Elder Schultz's smooth face, while he and Sister Grant don biblical garb to portray Joseph and Mary on a parking lot stage.

It is dusk at the Visitors' Center of the Mormons' soaring Washington Temple in Koram, Md. The 300,000 Christmas lights have been turned on. And with the gold-spined, pure white temple and its landscaped hilltop transformed into a wintry apparition, it is prime time.

For the next five hours, thousands of people — Baptists, Church Methodists and many others — will walk or drive through the temple grounds to

view a spectacle that has become a holiday tradition. Their devotion is evident in "Mary" and "Joseph," as the "Nativity" story is narrated majestically over loudspeakers. Others will wonder through the wonderland of lights and gaze at the eerie, floodlit temple, whose 294-room interior has been closed to all but devout, adult Mormons since its dedication 23 years ago.

Still others will enter the Visitors' Center, across the parking lot from the temple, and take cards proffered by ardent, young Mormon missionaries.

All, whether they know it or not, will be exposed to the Mormons' special brand of folksy outreach, whose amiable charm, from Utah and college-age evangelists run a sophisticated open house that last Christmas drew a quarter of a million people.

This year, the 150th anniversary of the Utah settlement of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, as the Mormons are fondly known, the Christmas Festival of Lights here has become one of the best-known calling

cards for a denomination that says it numbers 10 million worldwide.

Their dedication is evident in Christensen, 63, of Bountiful, Utah, who, when called by his church last year, left his successful career in the clothing business in the hands of his five sons and moved east to head the Visitors' Center for a two-year tour of duty.

It is evident in the eyes of Boyd C. Rich, 69, a retired public school speech pathologist from Ogden, Utah, who said as he left for the chilly parking lots the other night: "We feel we have an important message here: that Jesus' Christ lives, that his church has been restored to the Earth. And we want people to feel the joy that we find in serving Jesus Christ. Sounds kind of square in the world today."

On the first weekend of the Dec. 4-6 festival, the Saints hosted 2,883 visitors, staged two musical performances, summoned an ambulance for an ill singer and repeated 36 times the parking lot's officially known as the Christmas Festival of Lights here has become one of the best-known calling

Many strive for interfaith relations

The Orange County Register

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — It finally came down to the two. The yearning to decorate it, breathe in the Christmas pine, and the yearning to "It's funny, but you don't realize how ingrained Christmas is in your history, in who you are. But I had to do it with my friends."

When she and her husband, Jeff, married 15 years ago, they didn't talk about their religious differences — that he had grown up in a Reform Jewish household, that she had attended Baptist and other Christian churches.

They were content to celebrate both Jewish and Christian holidays. But when Lynn was pregnant with triplets, reality hit. They left their homes to go to a hospital where the children could feed (ground). The Friedmans, both in their 40s, chose Judaism.

Lynn crammed as much history, theology and cultural information on Judaism as she could, and she learned how to perform the rituals for Friday evening Shabbat meals.

Daughter Lauren, 14, and her sisters, 11 and 9, have embraced their birthright but mitzvah, the combining-of-spiritual-age ceremony for Jewish girls. But Lynn has not converted to Judaism, nor does she perform as its emphasis on good works in this world. But she still admires

Jesus and finds solace in aspects of other faiths, too.

The struggles of the Friedmans and others like them — people looking for religious common ground, trying to find the way people of faith interact, theologians say. As the new millennium approaches, there seems to be a growing desire for better interfaith relations — within the family, community or world.

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"Religious ghettos are beginning to disintegrate, but we are still just beginning to really know our neighbors," says Diane Eck, Harvard professor of comparative religion, who teaches a course on the school's Pluralism Project.

The project, designed to document how America's changing religious and ethnic diversity has created a CD-ROM, "On Common Ground: World Religions in America," to acquaint people with their new neighbors.

"Three of the world's major religions — all with common roots — will be marking holidays this month. Jews will begin celebrating the eight days of Hanukkah Tuesday evening. The holiday commemorates the Jews' capture of the Temple from their Syrian oppressors in 167 B.C.E. Christians on Thursday will celebrate the birth of their savior, Jesus. Muslims on Dec. 31 will start the month by fasting and prayer known as Ramadan.

The religions, all of which had their beginnings in the Middle East, spanned time to form the New Testament some 4,000 years ago. Christianity was founded after the

death of Jesus nearly 2,000 years ago, and Islam was founded by Muhammad in the early seventh century. All three faiths trace their beginnings to Abraham and his descendants, who are mentioned in the Old Testament's book of Genesis.

Jesus traces his roots to Isaac and Jacob. Muslims believe that Muhammad is a descendant of Ishmael, whose descendants were thought to have become the nomadic people of Arabia. Christians trace their roots to Jesus, a descendant of early Jews.

All three faiths share the Old Testament as part of their legacy. "Judaism adheres to the Five Books of Moses found in the Hebrew Bible, the Quran, believed to have been dictated to Prophet Muhammad by the angel Gabriel, as well as to Jesus.

Christians embrace the Old and New Testaments but place more emphasis on the Quran, which tells the life of Jesus and the early days of the Christian movement.

And yet, despite historical strife, relations between the three religions are better today than people perceive, most scholars say.

For example, major strides have been made between Christians and Jews since the 1960s, promoted in part by Vatican II, the Catholic reassessment of policy and ritual. And programs exist that bring peace globally as well as locally have been proliferating.

RELIGION LETTERS

If you died right now, where would you be?

Paul, the apostle, to us gentiles and sinners, shared the truth so well in 1 Corinthians 2:10 that he wrote, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." The passage ends, "Do all things without murmur and dispute, as those who have become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you are like lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain."

If you physically died at this moment, do you know where you will be spending eternity? Mine you, my most important, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ loves you! Thank you, Jesus.

DAVID HARRIS, Twin Falls

You can't pick and choose Bible verses

I have no problem with LDS people sometimes picking and choosing. They have the right to call themselves anything that they choose. However, let us look at the matter from a different perspective. For some 2000 years, many basic principles were required to be accepted and recognized as a Christian. While there are many sects who claim to be Christian and Bible-based, they are, almost without exception, not Christian. The Council who claim to be the final authority on theology and doctrine almost always markedly different from the Bible. Theologically different than historic Christianity. I will not, at this point, argue as

to whether they are right or wrong, although I must conclude that these people are wrong. They are not legitimately call themselves Christian. To use the same terminology and to use the same book would make one a biblical Christian.

Any group who uses only selected verses that would seem, when taken out of context, to support their beliefs are held suspect by most Bible authorities.

I have no desire to denigrate any one's faith. I will be happy to debate these issues with anyone in a polite and respectful manner.

BEVERLY FRAZIER, Burley

Magie Valley check full of Christians

Are you a Christian or not? The debate goes on even as good things continue to happen here in the Magie Valley.

This year our Twin Fall's CROP Walk raised more than \$3,600 for hungry children. The same five percent of these funds are staying local in support of Neighbors in Need and St. Ed's Dining Room for the Needy. Last year's job training break-out touched our community, while drought and war hurt many abroad. Do we care? Yes! Valley Homeless Center, Valley United Way, Volunteers Against Violence, Safe Kids Coalition, Washing Star, Coats for Kids, Make a Wish Foundation, Central Valley for New Directions and South Central Community Action Agency all reflect God's compassionate spirit in our valley.

Wow! Isn't He still the Pastor DAN RIEKE, Twin Falls

What a splendid time to remember Jesus

To Betty Blomham: I was deeply touched by your beautiful letter. It brought tears to my eyes.

I, too, am so thankful for Jesus — made manifest by three religions, and we would all be lost. He did it because he loves us. He is always there. No matter the sorrow, he will comfort us. I'm glad that you have the testimony that you will see your son again, and you will!

His time, especially remember Jesus Christ. That is what Christmas is all about. God bless you in all your endeavors.

VERA CHENEY, Buhl

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Holiday deadlines set

Because of the holidays, The Times-News will be observing early deadlines for the next two weeks. Letters for the Dec. 27 religion section will be due in the office by noon on Dec. 26. Letters for the Dec. 31 religion section will be due in the office by noon Tuesday, Dec. 30. For more information, call 733-0933, Ext. 243.

CHURCH NEWS

Gooding Methodists plan many activities

GOODING — Special activities are planned for this week at the Gooding United Methodist Church.

Two services are planned for Wednesday. A Christmas candlelight service begins at 8 p.m. in the main church sanctuary, and a midnight service of Holy Communion is offered at 11:30 p.m. in the church park.

The public is invited to all services. For more information, call 934-4633.

Church has full agenda of activities

HOLLISTER — Several Christmas events are planned this week at the Hollister Community Presbyterian Church.

Elder Chuck Upton will speak at 11 a.m. Sunday. The Christmas Joy Offering will be received at the American Legion Hall at 4:47 p.m. Sunday.

Christmas Eve Candlelight services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday with the Rev. Martin Gosel conducting the service.

Visitors are welcome at all events.

Unity School Kids to put on production

TWIN FALLS — The Rock Creek Community Church, meeting at the American Legion Hall at 447 Seaworth, will celebrate Christmas Sunday with a two-part production by the Unity School children.

Part 1 is the presentation of a poem titled "Christmas" the second part "This is the Story of Our Lord and Doug Wright will provide music, and Pastor Dale Metzger will share Christmas thoughts.

Sunday School begins at 9 a.m., and worship starts and 10 a.m. Child care is provided.

Traditional Christmas Eve services begin at 9 p.m. Wednesday. Becky Turner will provide the music.

Robyn Eschenberg to perform at church

KIMBERLY — Robyn Eschenberg will provide music during worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the Kimberly United Methodist Church.

"Love" is the title of the Rev. Jerry Steele's Advent message. Murrough and Kimberly youth will hold their Christmas Party after the service.

The Murrough United Methodist Church will hold its 13th annual community Christmas Program at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Murrough church. Proceeds will assist the East End Quik Response Unit.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion begin at 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Kimberly church. Music will be provided by the Ronnelly family, and fellowship time with refreshments will follow.

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Grace Baptist church plans holiday cantata

TWIN FALLS — Grace Baptist Church will present its Christmas cantata, "The Holy Story," at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the church, 798 Eastland Drive N.

Burley stake plans Christmas concert

BURLEY — The annual Christmas Concert celebrating the birth of the Savior begins at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave.

Several selections will be performed by the stake choir, under the direction of Helen Bowser and Jeff Rasmussen. Other performers include Soft Touch, a string ensemble consisting of Tanya Buck, Joanne Holston, Deanna Christensen and Donna Masteck, soloist Felicia Horsley; an obnoxious/violin by Darlyn Moss and Leann Turner and an organ duo with Jeff Rasmussen and Maryna McGill. Christmas will be narrated. Admission is free, and the public is invited.

Church plans special Christmas Eve service

JEROME — The Magic Valley Ecumenical Free Church will hold Christmas Eve candlelight service at 8 p.m. Dec. 24 at the church, 821 E. Ave. 11.

The service will feature traditional Christmas carols and music from the bell choir. Pastor Randall Davis will present "A New Look at the Historical Jesus" with slides and updated evidence about Jesus' life.

For more information, call 324-1100.

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Babes

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Then Jesus told me I could stay with him. But I told him, "No, I can't stay with you, Jesus, because I don't have any gift to give you like everybody else. I don't have anything, so I don't have anything to give you, so I can't stay with you."

Dima's eyes began to fill with tears as he continued: "But I want to stay with Jesus so much. So I thought, maybe, maybe if I kept him warm that would be a gift for him. So I asked him, 'Jesus, if I keep you warm, will that be a good enough gift? And Jesus told me if I kept him warm that would be the best gift anybody ever gave him."

"So I got in the cradle with Jesus. And Jesus looked at me, and he told me I could stay with him for always."

Then I dropped his hand to the table. His shoulders shook as wept, saying over and over again, "For always, for always, for always."

First Church of God in Jerome, Idaho

Gifts

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are handcrafted, such as bark stationery made in Nepal and Mayan baskets made in Guatemala. To hook up with the service, visit The Times-News Online's NewsLink page at www.magicvalley.com

World Concern Gift Guide: The price of three lattes at Starbucks would buy you a \$10 worth of World Concern gift. Bolivian child's medical checkup. World Concern, a Christian relief and development organization, offers companions to show how far a dollar goes in the Third World, in which it operates. Here's how it works: The purchaser selects one of 17 gifts of health,

this spirit of Christmas will be shared. The church will present Dima's story as a musical drama on Sunday.

The Rev. Meyers of Jerome is the author of the story that follows two friends through life. The focus is on Dima and Jesus. The episode will be narrated by professional storyteller Peter Page. Jo'n Laird, assisted by Verneta Wisecaver, will direct.

The two babes in a manger will be played by Clayton Yumice and Kristi Babo. Chandra Laney and Joseph are Clisa Moreno and Ken Crowder. Musical numbers will be performed by Cate Collins and a quartet consisting of Betsy Wu, Kristi Babo, Chandra Laney and Collins, along with the children's choir, youth pantomimists and the Singing Men group.

Jake Potter will depict Jesus. The person who made the manger for Dima, as they team up to work in a carpenter shop.

In the drama, Dima goes with Jesus to the temple when they are 12 years old. Jared Hopkins will play the part of

Jesus in this segment, and Matthew Holliday will be Dima, who sings, "I've been talking to the son, the precious son, the holy one, the special one, the one who He seems to know and understands the way I feel, the way I am, this special friend of mine. The Holy Son of God."

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Remember the neediest

# Give a little bit of yourself to others

Finished all your shopping for the holidays and still feel as though something's missing? Maybe you've forgotten the giving side of the season and I don't mean the jewelry, electronic equipment or piles of toys you're planning to shower on loved ones.

Let's call a time-out from the holiday frenzy and think about how we might give a bit of ourselves to others. Here are 12 ideas. See if you can commit to one or more. In doing so, you might discover that the "something missing" a peace and joy to enrich your life beyond the holidays is not at the rush-about malls.

1. Choose a charity that you haven't supported in the past and give to it. Your gift can be money or yourself (volunteering to help as needed) or both. And make it a yearlong commitment.

2. Set aside time with your family and read some of the significant stories of your faith. Then talk about how the stories inspire you

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Tom Schaefer

and give you hope in your daily struggles.

3. If you cook, prepare a special treat for someone you know who's alone a friend, a neighbor, a member of your congregation. Make it a family or group project. Or check with local nonprofit agencies to see if they could use your treats.

4. Use your talents sewing, woodworking, handicrafts, etc. to make an item for someone who's alone. Check with a local charity, nursing home or congregation for names.

5. Write a letter to someone who has meant a lot to you a teacher, a member of the clergy, a distant friend or family member. Tell the person about his or her positive influence in your life and say thank you.

6. Create a "Helping Hand" certificate for an elderly friend or neighbor who says you'll do yard work, household chores or other helpful deeds for a specified period of time at no charge. Mark the dates on your calendar to follow through. Don't wait for the person to call you.

7. Donate a blanket or coat to a homeless shelter or other organization that helps those in need. Call first to see what they can use most.

8. Break down a barrier: Learn about another religion by inviting a member of it to a group you belong to. Discuss ways that you might work together on a project that helps others.

9. Visit a nursing home and talk with a resident who has no family. The home's administrator can advise you. Make it a regular part of your own or your family's or group's activities to stop by and chat, to send cards and to provide some basic necessities as well as treats.

10. Donate "blood" to the American Red Cross. Sign a donor card that allows your organs or tissues to be given to others at the time of your death. (On a donor card, you may stipulate which organ you want to donate.)

11. Take the first step in trying to reconcile with someone from whom you are estranged. Send a brief letter that doesn't focus on the past disruption but on your commitment to restoring the relationship. Follow up with a phone call and an invitation for a face-to-face reunion.

12. Commit to regular times of prayer and meditation. By giving yourself time for spiritual enrichment, you will be prepared to give yourself to others the true spirit of the season and of a joyful life throughout the year.

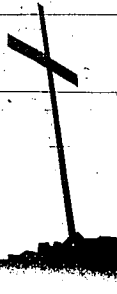
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## Steps to becoming a saint

Procedure for canonization, or sainthood, observed by the Roman Catholic church since the 17th century.

Investigation
Church commission considers candidate's life, works and any miracles to determine worthiness
Bestification
To qualify:
■ Candidate must have lived a life of heroic virtue
■ One authenticated miracle occurred due to candidate's acts
Result:
■ Candidate declared "blessed" by pope
Canonization
To qualify:
■ Two authenticated miracles occurred due to candidate's acts
Result:
■ Candidate said to be holy and in Heaven
■ Given title of "saint" by pope

SOURCES: World Book Encyclopedia, Catholic Encyclopedia



# Religion in the media: A look at Christmas music

The Dallas Morning News

"This Gift," by Gary Chapman (Radio, 38 minutes). Chapman's wife, crossover superstar Amy Grant, is certainly better known than her spouse for Christmas music, what with a couple of holiday-themed albums, television specials and, this winter, a Christmas tour. But Chapman—who hosts Prime Time Country on cable television—here has produced a simple, powerful Christmas release. Chapman delivers a tender version of "The Christmas Song" and moving renditions of "O Holy Night" and "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." Through his wife, Chapman possesses a voice that is impressive more for its texture than for its range. He puts it to good use, particularly on the title cut, a song he wrote with producer Michael

Omarion.—Christopher Ave

"Christmas Star," by the Cambridge Singers and Orchestra, directed by John Rutter (Columbia, 62 minutes). The performances aren't new—they were recorded in 1981—but this is the first time they've been recorded available in digital CD sound. The Cambridge Singers are one of the finest choirs around, and Rutter never wrangles a carol beyond recognition. It's a beautiful collection of music. "We Have Heard on High" makes a seamless, heavenly sound. A resplendent "Joy to the World" could have been lifted from the pages of Handel's Messiah.—Paul R. Buckley

"A Christmas Album," by Ray Boltz (World, 43 minutes). Boltz takes a different approach on his

first Christmas album. Instead of interpreting classic hymns or carols, he includes only one traditional song—"Go Tell It On the Mountain." And Boltz's sympathetic, reggae-like arrangement of it makes it all the more unexpected. The album's other songs highlight Boltz's rich baritone as they recount stories of Jesus' birth as well as modern Christmas carols. It's an emotional package that should find a place under many Christmas trees.—Christopher Ave

"God With Us," by various artists (Sparrow, 59 minutes). This 14-song collection of classic Christmas songs by a star-studded lineup comes from Norman Miller's Christmas musical, "Emmanuel." Kicking off with Anointed's exciting, contemporary rendition of "Joy to the

World," the collection includes such artists as Michael W. Smith, Twila Paris and Steven Curtis Chapman.—Christopher Ave

"Away in a Manger: Carols of Christmas and Evening Prayer of Christmas," by Schola Cantorum, directed by J. Michael Thompson (Liturgical Press, 1-800-858-5450). The outstanding feature on this recording is a Lutheran vespers service that acknowledges Christmas as an occasion for prayer. The service begins with a proclamation of Christ as the light of the world and the singing of "O Gladsome Light," among the most ancient of Christian hymns. "A Lutheran children's choir sings the narrative from the Gospel of Luke, which is interspersed with carol verses sung by the Schola Cantorum, a Catholic group.—Paul R. Buckley

# Vatican approves 1st step to sainthood for Italian monk

The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Church bells rang and fireworks exploded Thursday in a town in southern Italy after the Vatican approved the first step toward possible sainthood for an Italian monk.

The Congregation for the Causes of the Saints officially recognized the virtuous qualities of Padre Pio, making the Capuchin monk, who died in 1968, "venerable" in the eyes of the Roman Catholic church.

The recognition will allow more study on requests for Padre Pio's beatification. Certification of one miracle attributed to the monk's intercession is necessary for beatification, the last formal step toward sainthood. The process usually takes years.

Born Francesco Forgione in Naples in 1887, Pio was a military chaplain during World War I. After the war, he returned to his monastery in Puglia, and quickly developed a reputation for exceptional holiness.

# Embattled Maryland chapel holds holiday services under legal cloud

The Associated Press

THURMONT, Md. (AP) — Eyer's Valley Chapel is holding its popular, candlelit Christmas services under a cloud of litigation, accused of being a squatter.

The Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church claims ownership of the non-denominational chapel.

Chapel officials are praying for settlement granting them continued use of the 140-year-old stone building, nestled in the Catoctin Mountains 45 miles from Baltimore.

"Hopefully, it'll be settled in accordance with scripture. Scripture tells us to settle our differences among ourselves and not in a court of law," chapel board president James M. Glass said.

The United Methodist Church

sued Eyer's Valley Chapel Inc. in June. It contends it owns the chapel because it is the successor to the United Brethren Church, which built the chapel.

United Methodist spokeswoman Evelyn Brewster said in June that the chapel leaders were "squatters" who began holding services there after buying land adjacent to the unused building more than 25 years ago.

The chapel board argues the United Methodists can't own the chapel because the building was abandoned from 1944 to 1969, and has been used almost entirely for non-denominational services since then.

Glass said he hopes for a low-cost, long-term lease — for example, 99 years for \$1.

# Forgiving the unforgivable challenges faith of ordinary people

The Associated Press

A daughter turns her back on a violent alcoholic mother. A young man is haunted by the image of his grandmother stabbed to death. A husband thinks of killing himself or the wife who abandoned him.

Ordinary people who lived in unendurable pain. Until they stopped it with an extraordinary act of forgiveness.

They are part of a national trend reflected in an increase in religious revivals, mass movements such as Promise Keepers and best-selling books extolling the virtues of forgiveness. But their stories reveal the depth of forgiveness is different for each individual.

None forgave easily or quickly. Each got there in different stages, sometimes even when their torments were unrepentant. But none regrets it.

When her husband told her he had invited his mother-in-law to stay with them for Christmas, Kate was furious.

When Kate was growing up in poverty in a small Canadian town, her alcoholic mother regularly beat her and left her alone to care for six younger siblings.

When Kate started her own family at age 20, she never looked back. But after the birth of their fourth child, her husband made the Christmas attempt at reconciliation.

The visit was a formal one. Kate sensed her mother was often on the verge of telling her something.

"Furiously," she said, "Can you ever forgive all those years? And what you all I needed to do," said Kate, now 48, but still in tears as she relives the moment. "That point was the beginning of a healing process that was an absolute miracle."

Kate had found peace in a Hutcheson religious community, where all seek to live like the early Christians, but hatred had buried her, and forgiveness came slowly. It took her years to trust her mother to babysit her own child.

Jim was a modern-day Job, the biblical embodiment of the divine mystery of why bad things happen to good people.

When the '90s began, he had a successful law practice, kids in college or prep school, a vacation home in Vermont. Then he lost his mother to a long illness, and his father was killed in an auto accident. His business collapsed, and he lost his house. Three years ago his wife died of cancer.

Like Job, Jim cried to the heavens: "I blamed God."

He became consumed by "pure unadorned anger to the point I even thought of killing her," the stocky ex-Marine told his support group of divorced and separated Catholics in Hamden, Conn. What changed his life was prayer, and the realization, after his wife's vehemently objected to court-ordered counseling sessions, that his marriage was lost.

"My anger went down by volumes. It was just at night," said Jim, 54.

He could sleep at night. The fury he carried within him was replaced by a sense of serenity. He went around to other people, asking forgiveness for injuries he had done to them. He has a new career in job-costing sales.

Four girls looking for money for arcade games ended up in jail. Bill Pelke's life as he knew it, May 14, 1985.

On the pretense of asking for Bible lessons, the teens got invited into the home of Ruth E. Pelke, 78, of Gary, Ind. They hit her over the head with a vase, stabbed her 33 times and fled, taking her car and \$10.

Bill Pelke's memories of his grandmother were reduced to images of her in a pool of blood in the living room where his family would gather for Christmas or Easter.

When Paula Cooper, the most brutal of the four, was sentenced to death, Bill Pelke had no problem at first. But four months later, as he was working the overhead crane at Bethlehem Steel, his mind suddenly flashed back to the 15-year-old girl at her sentencing, tears running down her cheeks, and her grandfather waiting. "They're going to kill my baby."

Finally, she said, "Can you ever forgive all those years?" And that was all I needed to hear. That point was the beginning of a healing process that was an absolute miracle.

—Kate, on reconciling with her abusive mother

When Promise Keepers founder Bill McCartney was lecturing hundreds of thousands of men on their marital responsibilities, his wife Lyndi reached the brink of despair waiting for her spouse to meet her needs. She even considered suicide.

Throughout her marriage, her husband had had problems with alcohol and a driven lifestyle that excluded her and her children. She repeatedly offered forgiveness, expecting he would change. He always promised to change, and didn't. Only a couple of years ago, when she forgave him without expecting change, did the pain and resentment begin to leave her.

"When you're able to forgive like the Lord forgives, it sets you free," she said in a joint interview with her husband.

Bill McCartney says he got the message. First, he left his job as University of Colorado football coach, then he cut back his hours at Promise Keepers and renewed his marriage vows daily with Lyndi.

keeping track of everything she did wrong. Now that food sustains her instead of torments her, God is her companion.

# Holiday table can be hell for those with eating disorders

Ken Garfield Knight-Ridder News Service

A holiday table filled with food is heaven for most of us. It's hell for those who suffer from eating disorders.

In the season of family feasts, office parties and cocktail get-togethers, this column is dedicated to Lauren and 5 million other Americans like her who need something healthy to believe in.

Lauren (not her real name), age 33, shared with me the anguish of those who suffer from binge eating, bulimia and anorexia. We talked over coffee. She takes hours without sugar because sugar sets her off. If a sweetened cup of coffee can trigger her to binge eat, she's going to have about the neighbor who brings over a tin full of homemade fudge for Christmas?

The daughter of an alcoholic,

Lauren believes addicts share a bond whatever their substance: "An addict is someone who has a God-sized hole in their soul." To fill the emptiness and soothe the rage, she said, addicts lose themselves in their high. Alcoholics who become overeaters? That's called switching chairs on the Titanic.

Lauren sought me out in hopes of spreading the word during what she calls License 2 Eat Month.

Our gift to friends and loved ones this season is to tell them it's OK to slow down. That help can be found in a support group (call 319-1625 anytime to reach Overeaters Anonymous). That a higher power is there to help get them past the buffet table and all of life's obstacles.

When food was her devil, Lauren used to believe God was up there with his wife book,

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COMICS

**Peanuts** By Charles M. Schulz

SO THEY ALL GO OFF SHOPPING AND I'M LEFT ALONE IN THE CAR.

THAT'S OKAY... I'LL JUST SIT HERE AND...

ALL RIGHT GET THAT TRUCK OUT OF THE WAY! WHERE'D YOU WANT TO DRIVE IN A CEMETERY? SAME TO YOU, FELLA!!

BE THE CHAUFFEUR.

**For Better or For Worse** By Lynn Johnston

WHAT ARE THEY DOING? STAYING AWAY FROM ME!

COME ON, YOU TWO! LET MICHAEL AND HIS FRIENDS GO TO GOOD NIGHT IN PRIVATE.

IF YOU KEEP ON TALKING TO ME I'LL TALK TO YOU! WOULD YOU BE TOO SURE?

THEN I GUESS IT'S CHEAPER TO HAVE HIM FIX IT

YOU SWALLOWED A \$200 OF MINE AND I WANT IT BACK... NOW!!

I BROUGHT YOU A LAWN CHAIR, DEAR.

YOU HAD TO BE HERE. ANYWAY, HE'S BEEN A LITTLE BACKED-UP LATELY.

**Dilbert** By Scott Adams

... THE NORTH ELDONIANS STOLE OUR MILITARY TECHNOLOGY. WE THINK THEY'RE BUILDING A HUGE LASER TO USE AGAINST US.

ASK TINA THE TECH WRITER TO CREATE A USER MANUAL FOR THEM. REMIND TINA HOW THE NORTH ELDONIANS TREAT WOMEN.

LATER IN NORTH ELDONIA

OKAY... THE TIMER'S SET... WE'RE LINED UP IN SINGLE FILE... NOW WE SING A HELEN REDDY SONG.

**Blondie** By Dean Young & Stan Zelner

IF I HAD ALL THESE GREAT TOOLS I COULD FIX THE PLUMBING MYSELF.

IT'S ALREADY TOO YOU THREE TIMES. THESE TOOLS WOULD COST YOU \$2,000.

THEN I GUESS IT'S CHEAPER TO HAVE HIM FIX IT

IF YOU KEEP ON TALKING TO ME I'LL TALK TO YOU! WOULD YOU BE TOO SURE?

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**B.C.** By Johnny Hart

Dear Miss Know-it-all, I don't have any hole-punches, do I have a lot of money - so I bought all the GIGA PETS in New Jersey and I plan to sell them at Temple this week! I had my pet - I should of sold them here or should of bought some more. I'll sell them for 10 times the price!

I HEAR TANGIER IS LOVELY THIS TIME OF YEAR.

MISS KNOW-IT-ALL

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

OKAY, DOG. I HAVEN'T GOT ALL DAY. LET'S GET WITH THE PROGRAM.

YOU SWALLOWED A \$200 OF MINE AND I WANT IT BACK... NOW!!

I BROUGHT YOU A LAWN CHAIR, DEAR.

YOU HAD TO BE HERE. ANYWAY, HE'S BEEN A LITTLE BACKED-UP LATELY.

**Garfield** By Jim Davis

Hi and Lots

WHAT DID YOU DO SOMETHING WITH ALL THIS LOOSE CHANGE, DAD?

WHAT DID YOU HAVE IN MIND?

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

THAT WAS INCOME WELL-DEPOSED!

**Dennis the Menace** By Hank Ketcham

LET'S SURPRISE DENNIS WITH A NEW B-I-K-E.

MAKE IT A RED ONE.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

**The Wizard of Id** By Brent Parker & Johnny Hart

HOW DO I KNOW YOU'RE A PSYCHIC?

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**Hager the Horrible** By Chris Browne

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**All bears have flat feet**

**WHAT'S WHAT?**  
L.M. Boyd

**Q.** Why did the ancient Greeks use mollusk shells as ballots?  
A. Because their votes scratched thereon couldn't be erased.

**Q.** NCAA college football teams with "cat" nicknames - Lions, Tigers, Cougars - outnumber those with "dog" nicknames - Bulldogs, Huskies, Terriers - by more than 2 to 1.

**Q.** More than half the world's electricity is still generated by burning coal.

**Q.** Where have most of the whales been caught?  
A. Near the seas' ice edges.

**Q.** British military doctors once recommended their uniformed folk either smoke tobacco or grow mustaches to filter out germs.

**Q.** At the opening of the Liverpool and Manchester Railway on Sept. 15, 1825, British MP William Huskisson spotted the Duke of Wellington across the tracks, and stepped lively toward him, but tripped, and fell under the steel wheels of an oncoming train called the "Black Horse." Huskisson's was the first railroad passenger death.

**Q.** What's it called when a flock of birds or a school of fish all turn at exactly the same time?  
A. "Allothetic behavior." Can you explain how they know when to do it? Neither can I.

**Q.** Who begins too much accomplishments little?  
A. That's an old German proverb. But America's Henry David Thoreau didn't buy it, evidently. He said, "In the long run, man hit only what they aim at... though better-aimed at something high."

**Q.** Don't all bears have flat feet?  
A. That they do. They walk the way you'd walk if you walked on a hunting license to get a moosetrap.

**IF DECEMBER 20 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You are emotional, loyal, have gourmet appetites and may regret what you say you continue to hear your mother's voice. Capricious. Cancer persons play fascinating roles in your life, make out landish claims for you - don't fight it. Virgo involved.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Ability to analyze character surfaces - you might hear these words: "Amazing, fantastic!" Envy recognition, some make out landish claims for you - don't fight it. Virgo involved.

**TARUS** (April 20-May 20): Listen to your own music. Be diplomatic but don't water down principles. Love relationship heats up, enjoy it, could get too hot not to cool down. Libra plays exciting role.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Look beyond the obvious. Don't believe everything your five senses indicate. Rely upon extraordinary perception! Focus on home, gardening, gift representing solidity of relationship.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Belief that opportunity and what regard you as dispelled - another Cancer native professes love, means it. Short trip invites acceptance. Capricorn also in picture.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Lure aspect coaxed with acquisition. Satisfy desire surfaces for color red, for material symbolizing universal appeal. Take seriously invitation to travel. Aries involved.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Let go of superfluous material - refuse to be possessed by possessions. Imprint style, emphasize independence, creativity, yearning for adventure. Leo, Aquarius persons dominate scenario.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Refuse to accommodate anyone who regard you as soft touch. Line up priorities, insist on promises in writing. Basic investments, property involved - ignore nest-wishers of nothing.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Highlight ability, versatility, willingness to accept accolades without undue modesty. Celebration, Gemini and Sagittarius involved, be pleased to sing your song.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Bothersome details sweep aside - imprint style, highlight creative resources. Behind-scenes maneuver works in your favor - was not original intention. Scorpio figures prominently.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Highlight freedom of thought, action. Lear position, emphasize redemptive philosophy, participation in antiquity. Publicity. You have unknown admirer - who will become known.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Interest in the occult surfaces - you'll be asked to teach a class. Highlight physical, selective in choosing company, especially in relation to art, literature, music.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Delay should not be equated with defeat. Time is on your side - relationship improves despite different political views. Lunar position emphasizes publicity, public relations, marriage.

**Listen to your Mother**  
Helga tells it like it is

**Beetle Bailey**

EVERYONE'S BUGGING ME ABOUT MY DRINKING. MY WIFE... MY DOCTOR...

AND NOW IT'S MY MARTINI!

**ACROSS**

- 1 Mince growth
- 5 Postal seal
- 10 Bash
- 14 Defensive building
- 15 Striped animal
- 16 Ellipse
- 17 Mine entrance
- 18 Make a speech
- 19 Small stream
- 20 Merchant
- 22 Center
- 24 Child
- 25 Father
- 26 Keyboard instrument
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- 30 English forest
- 31 Scottish baby
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- 53 Slender
- 54 Money and concert
- 57 Greek letter

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thaves

WHAT A PLAY! LET'S SEE THAT ONE AGAIN! FIRST IN SLOW MOTION, THEN FROM OUR OVERHEAD CAM, THEN FROM THE REVERSE ANGLE, THEN...

INSTANT REPLAYS ARE STARTING TO GET TO ME!

INSTANT REPLAYS ARE STARTING TO GET TO ME!

**The Bom Loser** By Ant Sansom & Chip

AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A DUCK!

**And you call yourself a duck!**

**Yesterday's Puzzle solved:**

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## Lunchroom staff learns to fight fire

By Steve Koehler  
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - Black smoke and rumbling orange flames filled the air as Linda Aguirre grabbed a red fire extinguisher and approached the vat of blazing gasoline and diesel fuel.

Aiming the extinguisher nozzle, she squeezed the trigger handle. A blast of white chemical powder shot into the base of the fire, snuffing it out.

For Aguirre and other lunchroom staff of Wendell and Filer school districts, the outdoor experience was practice for a possible real emergency inside the schools where they work.

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retting their back and forth 10 times once a month to keep the powder loose. The fire chief demonstrated why one should never fight a combustible liquid fire with water. The moment he hit the burning fuel with a stream from the hose the fire extinguished. The fuel erupted from the vat, spreading the flames.

What to do about blazing natural gas leak? "Don't put it out because then you won't know where the source is," Orr said, "Just get out."

And call the fire department. That's Orr's recommended first action for a fire. Fire extinguishers last for a matter of seconds, Orr said, and are good only for small fires.

"For anything else, get out," he said. "A building can be replaced; you can't."

The training is for state certification of the school employees, said Wendell School District lunchroom staff director Cynthia Lundstrom.

The training also included how to perform the Heimlich maneuver and how to prevent back injury while lifting and moving a victim. Gooding County emergency medical technicians Jon Kepler and Wendy Churchman taught these techniques.

Thady Scherman of the Idaho Department of Education office in Pocatello organized the class. After the session, she presented Orr with a plaque that read, "World's Best Fire Chief."

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head injury, the young man tried to flag down cars for help. He even got desperate to throw objects at the passing vehicles.

The incident got me to wondering. Would he have stopped? Would you? I believe it is sad that fear of my fellow man could have caused the death of someone just seeking help. I am thankful that it didn't.

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Santa Claus plans to finalize delivery plans and help the volunteer firemen distribute bags of candy to all the children on his annual fire engine ride through the streets of Paul.

### Live nativity planned

TWIN FALLS - The May family invites everyone to drive by the annual Live Nativity and Santa scene, from 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

The address is 2750 Skyline Drive - go east on Falls Avenue, turn left on Hawkins and then left again on Skyline.

### Winter fun day set

KEYCHUM - The Environmental Resource Center is sponsoring a "Wild Winter Fun" day for ages 8 to 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday.

The event includes snowshoeing, track

### We want your news

If it's news to you, we want to hear about it. We are April/Crunch and Joey Bryant. It is our job to get this page with news about:

• Community meetings  
• Celebrations  
• Social events  
• Individual achievements  
• Your kids and their activities

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Thanks to the masters of ceremony, Melvin Smith and Ted Machuga from KMYT, to Steve Sorun and the staff of the

Turf Club, Karmale, Whittaker Ave for the music, Newer USA, Native Skin -makeup, those who modeled the clothes and the volunteers who supplied table decorations and desserts.

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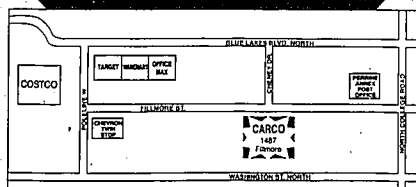
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South's holdup play in diamonds is known as the Bath Coup. The play prevents West from continuing the suit without losing a tempo and a trick. The coup can be very helpful in many layouts. In today's case, it was pure folly. After East played his deuce to show little interest, West shifted to his spade 10. This hit the jackpot, and when the club finesse lost, the defense had five winners for one down.

Holding the A-J-8-7, South had nothing to gain by refusing to win the first diamond. His J-8-7 proved to be a source of error even when East has the club king.

With little to fear in diamonds, South should win his diamond ace immediately and take the club finesse. If it wins, South can pick up the suit and score at least 11 winners. When it loses, East returns a diamond, but South merely covers East's return. West must win, and the best that West can do is count on the other diamond, limiting South to one overtrick. (Duplicate players will note that East is subject to a major-suit squeeze if West doesn't cash.)

- NORTH** 12 20 A  
 ♠ Q 5  
 ♥ K 7 5  
 ♦ A Q J 9 7 6 2  
 ♣ 10
- WEST**  
 ♠ 10 9 6 4  
 ♥ Q 8  
 ♦ K Q 10 6 3  
 ♣ 8 3
- EAST** 12 20 A  
 ♠ K J 8 2  
 ♥ J 9 3 2  
 ♦ 9 5 2  
 ♣ K 5
- SOUTH**  
 ♠ A 7 3  
 ♥ 10 8 4  
 ♦ A-J 8 7  
 ♣ 10 4

Vulnerable: Both  
 Dealer: North

The bidding:  
 North East South West  
 1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass  
 2♠ Pass 3NT Pass

Opening lead: Diamond King

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:

- ♠ K J 8 2  
 ♥ J 9 3 2  
 ♦ 9 5 2  
 ♣ K 5

North South  
 1♥ 1♥  
 2♥ 2♥

ANSWER: Pass. There is no future in bidding again. Opener has a minimum (12-15 HCP) and three- or four-card support.

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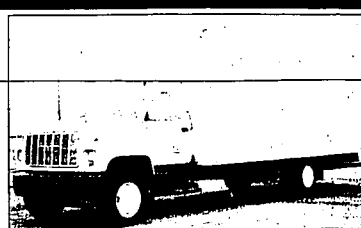
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