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Grinch loses

Community replaces man's stolen bicycle

By Kent McCleary
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If you see the Grinch riding a three-wheeled bicycle, tell him nice try, but no need to return it to Walt Messley.

Messley is a bright, active 99-year-old resident of Woodstone Retirement

Center. He rode the bicycle every day. "I can't walk so well anymore, and so it was the way I got my exercise," Messley said.

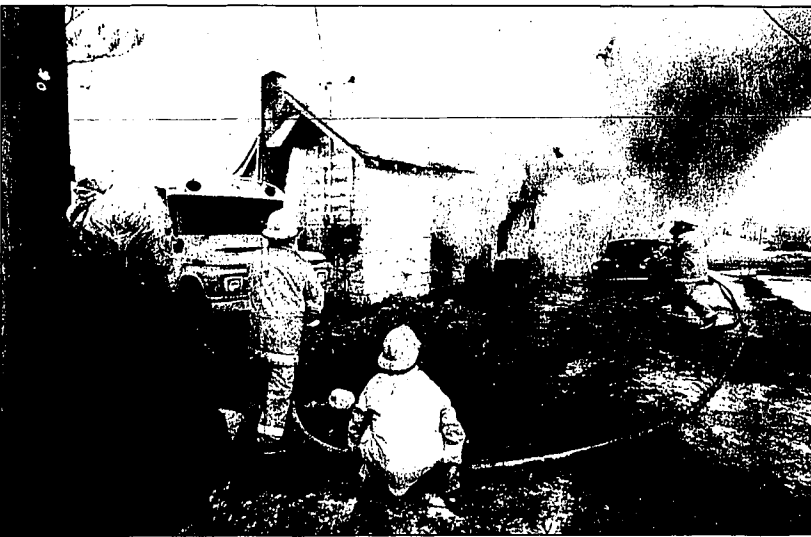
Until last week. "A week ago Monday, it left," Messley said. "Something happened to it, I don't know. I kinda miss it."

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Walt Messley, a resident at Woodstone Retirement Center in Twin Falls, eagerly climbs onto a surprise Christmas present delivered by Santa Claus Wednesday. The 99-year-old cyclist had his three-wheeled bike stolen a week ago. Local radio station AM1270 heard of the incident and arranged for a replacement donated by Jim Mott at Spoke and Wheel in Twin Falls.

CHRISTMAS CATASTROPHE



Annie Broughton, left, can only watch as Castelford firefighters douse her home at 455 Winesap N. with water Wednesday afternoon. Broughton said she was in Jerome when the fire was reported and said the house was uninsured. The fire's cause is still under investigation.

Nichols still could receive death sentence

The Associated Press

DENVER — A judge rejected an argument Wednesday that Terry Nichols should be spared a possible death sentence because jurors decided he didn't set out to murder anyone in plotting the Oklahoma City bombing.

"They acquitted the defendant of all forms of intent-to-kill homicide," said lead defense attorney Michael Tigar. "There can't be a death sentence without proof of major participation and an intent that rises at least to the level of second-degree murder."

However, prosecutor Sean Connelly argued the death penalty is appropriate because the jury convicted Nichols of conspiring to bomb the Oklahoma City federal building, which resulted in foreseeable deaths.

"It's not for any of us to speculate why the jury returned the verdicts they did," Connelly said.

He told U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch that court cases have defined conspiracy to build an explosive device as an act of violence.

"We'll go forward," Matsch said, denying the defense motion to exclude the death penalty as a possible sentence.

On Tuesday, the jury convicted Nichols of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter in the bombing, but found him innocent of murder and using a truck bomb to kill people and destroy the building.

The conspiracy conviction carries the possibility of a death penalty in the sentencing phase scheduled to begin Monday. If the federal jury opts for a lesser sentence, Nichols could still receive a death penalty later.

Former postal worker stands off police

The Associated Press

DENVER — A former postal worker fired for threatening a supervisor took at least three people hostage Wednesday at a regional mail-center and held authorities at bay in a standoff that stretched into Christmas Eve.

The man held the hostages in a corner office of the building that stretches the length of 14 football fields.

About 50 police officers, including a SWAT team and bomb squad, were joined by 25 FBI agents and 25 postal inspectors as authorities cordoned off the area. Hundreds of workers were evacuated.

Seven hours later, a police spokesman said they were in no hurry to end the

standoff because nobody had been hurt.

"As a hostage negotiator you become only concerned with resolving this as peacefully as possible," police Sgt. Dennis Cribari said. "Especially at Christmas time, people who are out of jobs, there is a lot of emotional stress that's taking place."

The man got in shortly after 7 a.m. with a shotgun, possibly through loading docks. He was holding the hostages in a supervisor's office. The boss he had threatened was not working at the time and postal inspectors wouldn't say whose office it is.

Police negotiated with the gunman through the day and sent food into the office. Cribari wouldn't say if the man made demands or aired grievances. He

said "the tone seems to be fairly stable."

At least three and possibly four workers were taken hostage, he said.

About 75 people continued to sort last-minute Christmas packages and letters in a different part of the building during the standoff. The 24-hour plant is one of the nation's largest and busiest, handling most of the mail for Colorado and Wyoming.

About 3,000 people work at the center, which includes a 24-hour post office.

"We do have a security force present out there, an armed unit," postal inspector John Freeman said. "But with the number of employees and persons coming in, obviously he got by us."

In the past decade, shootings by postal employees have become common.

Cuba celebrates Christmas Eve



Segundo Falcon clearly remembers details of Christmas Eve celebrations in Cuba before the Communist revolution.

The Associated Press

HAVANA — Segundo Falcon smiles wistfully at memories of Christmas before the revolution: fragrant pork on the table, danzon music on the Victrola, church bells clanging at midnight Mass as the statue of the Christ child was placed in the manger.

The 86-year-old man, sitting in a Havana home for the elderly, especially recalled the holiday songs, including a favorite by Cuban musician Barbarito Diez. "When will Christmas Eve return?" the refrain asks repeatedly, like an anxious child.

This year, Christmas Eve returned to Cuba.

For nearly three decades,

Christmas Eve was just another night before just another work day in this communist and largely atheist country. Christmas as a holiday officially disappeared in 1959: President Fidel Castro said it was interfering with the upcoming sugar harvest.

But Christmas has been making a slow comeback since 1992, when the government began eliminating formal restrictions on religious worship. This year, with Pope John Paul II arriving for a visit next month, Christmas Eve celebrations are extra special. In honor of the visit, Castro declared Dec. 25 — for this year — an official holiday.

Roman Catholic churches

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Homeless addicts rediscover spirit of Christmas

GARRISON, N.Y. (AP) — A dozen men, humbled and homeless, some missing teeth and most of them aged beyond their years, gather around tables laden with blunt scissors, poster paints and swatches of cotton fabric.

They don't look much like Santa's elves.

But this is St. Christopher's Inn, a men's shelter and treatment center where even those who have nothing are expected to give.

So the spirit of Christmas quickly fills the room as these men, quietly straining against the pull of alcoholism, drug addiction or both, eagerly but carefully transform strips of muslin into festive Christmas stockings that will go to homeless children in Harlem.

"This gives me the opportunity to give a little, to get in touch with that part of me which you sometimes lose sight of when you're down yourself," says Nick Capella, 46, applying glue to applique gingerbread men that would be ironed onto the stockings. "These kids are maybe worse off than we are, and it gives me a good feeling."

"It feels good when you do something for someone else," agrees Joe Phelan, 41, who was an electrician before addiction cost him his work and family. "I haven't had a good effect on a lot of other people."

St. Christopher's is a red-brick haven on the wooded hills of Graymoor, headquarters of the Franciscan Friars of the Atone-

ment. Just off the Appalachian Trail in Putnam County, it is perhaps 90 minutes from midtown Manhattan but a million miles away from the city's sometimes frightening homeless shelters.

Only a few yards from the entrance, next to a statue of the Virgin Mary, a sign tells the men not to roam free in the lobby. A resident polishes the floor next to a Christmas crèche filled with sock-puppet sheep and angels.

"This is not a flophouse," says Brother Thomas Banacki, the assistant director. "Living here means staying here, being part of our program."

Men arrive in a variety of ways, some referred by courts, some under employee assistance programs, some straight from the street. St. Christopher's, funded almost entirely by donations, can afford to house only about 115 at a time in its sparse, military-style dormitory. Sometimes, even at Christmas, there is no room at the inn.

"Nothing breaks your heart more than sending them away," says Banacki, one of six priests and brothers who staff the inn in Friar Tuck robes. "You can say, 'Come back in two weeks,' but two weeks can be an eternity to an addict."

Men residents enter St. Christopher's licensed recovery program, which can last up to six months and includes counseling, therapy and lectures.

The stocking-makers were in a creative-therapy program. Other



Brother Tom Banacki, left, one of the Franciscan Friars of the Atone-ment who runs St. Christopher's Inn at Graymoor in Garrison, N.Y., talks with Robert Rodgers, 33, of Essex Fels, N.J., as Rodgers practices his guitar for a choir performance during the Christmas holidays. Rodgers is a resident at the inn.

men in the program were rehearsing for a Christmas play in which Rudolph's red nose makes the reindeer feel ashamed. (The men raided the inn's stockpile of thermal underwear so some could be dyed reindeer brown.)

Such crafts give the men "a chance to give back," says Stephanie Rosen, the therapist. "Plus it teaches self-esteem and task completion."

Examining a pile of colorful miniature sleds the men have built

and painted to go into the stockings, resident Bill Curtis, 58, says, "I'm thinking about the kids. They don't know us but we're doing this for them unconditionally. It's like what the people here do for us."

Many of the men seem delighted with the prospect of spending the holidays at the inn.

Sobriety has opened his eyes to life, Phelan says, and he's happy he won't have to leave the inn for a halfway house until after the holidays.

"I look at it as, this is my first Christmas," he says.

"A lot of the men had sort of a nasty childhood," says the Rev. Bernie Palka, executive director of the inn. "They've never been secure kids, never celebrated Christmas or had a sober Christmas. ... The spirit of Christmas in them has never been tapped before. It flows from away that someone cares about them."

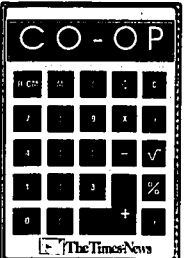
Sister Kathleen Ryan, the 70-year-old nun who outfits each new resident from a vast supply of donated clothing, says St. Christopher's "has brought me much closer to the real meaning of Christmas." She sleeps every year when the recovering men file into the chapel for the Christmas Eve service, each carrying a figure for the Nativity scene.

This Christmas Day, the men will get pancakes for breakfast and a turkey feast for dinner. Depending on the weather, there'll be a nature walk or a movie.

The success of the ministry hasn't really been measured, but the inn just received a grant to track its graduates and see how they do when they leave.

The friars already think they're accomplishing something.

Palka says he's just received "the best kind of Christmas gift" — a card that says, "Nine years sober, thanks to you guys. Merry Christmas."



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Clinton pledges help for homeless

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a Christmas Eve announcement, President Clinton pledged Wednesday to seek a record \$1.5 billion in next year's budget to help homeless people get off the streets.

"As long as there are children waking up in America's Christmas morning without the comfort of a warm home, we have more work to do," the president said in a statement.

The federal budget request — a \$327 million increase over current spending — must be

approved by Congress. Clinton said his aim is to "help move the homeless from the streets to self-sufficiency."

Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo said the influx of federal dollars will boost the administration's "Continuum of Care" program, which provides emergency shelter before then trying to move homeless people to transitional and permanent housing.

Most of the requested funding, \$958 million, would be used for grants to local communities to provide the homelessness job train-

ing, child care, treatment for drug and alcohol abuse and mental health services with the aim of accomplishing more than just sheltering the poor. The rest, \$192 million, would be for rental assistance vouchers to make 34,000 apartments available to homeless Americans.

"America for the first time is doing more than addressing the symptoms of homelessness; we are addressing its causes," said Cuomo who created the Continuum of Care program in Clinton's first term.

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Christmas camel dies in accident

CHESTER, Md. (AP) — Other than the damaged 1998 Volvo, the scene resembled something that could have happened in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago — wise men dragging the carcass of an Arabian camel.

Ernie the camel had been preparing for a live Nativity scene Sunday night. While his handlers were changing into their outfits, the 600-pound, 6-foot camel broke free of its tether and took off for the highway.

Visit Mody thought the animal lumbering toward him on Route 50, along Maryland's Eastern Shore, might be a deer or a horse. He tried to avoid it, but collided with the animal.

"I said, 'How in the hell is a camel on Route 50 in the United States of America?' You only see a camel in the zoo," he said.

Ernie's owner, John McQuenee, had been changing into his wardrobe for the show at a church when the 1-year-old camel took off.

"We ran out to the highway, and it had already happened," McQuenee, who bought Ernie last year for \$5,000, said.

McQuenee and other performers in the Christmas show dragged Ernie's carcass off the road as Mody tended to his wife.

Mody and his wife were treated and released from a hospital.

The windshield of their car was broken and the front end sustained some damage.

The Nativity show went on.

"We felt it would have had a longer negative impact on the children if we canceled," the Rev. Ken Valentine said.

The church may have a live Nativity next year, but will reconsider using living animals, he said.

"It was a tragedy. We were trying to do something positive for Christmas ... and then the animal's killed, and the people that were injured, we feel very badly for them," he said.



Chh-Jen Lo, right, finishes his lunch as Hon-Ming Chen, center, and Richard Lu chat Tuesday at a restaurant in Garland, Texas.

Despite uniforms and 'spaceships,' UFO cult denies suicidal tendencies

SAN DIMAS, Calif. (AP) — They wear monotonous clothing and believe a spaceship is on its way to take them to the afterlife. That, say followers of God's Salvation Church, is the end of the similarities between them and the suicidal Heaven's Gate cult.

taken to the "Level Beyond Human" on a spaceship trailing the Hale-Bopp Comet.

God's Salvation members wear all white clothing and sneakers; Heaven's Gate cultists wore all-black uniforms and Nike sneakers when they died.

"To commit suicide is to kill God. It's killing your soul that was delegated to you from God."

— cult member

Followers of the Taiwan-based church have left their homes to join about 140 other members in Garland, Texas, where they believe God will arrive in a spaceship on March 31.

A white-clad family of four emerged from the church Tuesday, saying they were headed for Texas to join their fellow congregants, who departed by bus last week.

Although its practices seem similar to the Heaven's Gate cult, right down to the uniforms and sneakers worn by followers, God's Salvation members said they have no plans to kill themselves.

"We don't die," Pi Feng Chiang, mother of the family, said in halting English. "We believe God, God like life."

Thirty-nine members of Heaven's Gate killed themselves in Rancho Santa Fe last March by drinking a concoction of booze and pills.

God's Salvation followers believe they will board a spaceship to meet God; Heaven's Gate cultists believed they would be

did claim to be the father of Jesus Christ and that God will assume his body at 10 a.m. on March 31.

Yu-Chung Lo, deputy director general of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston, has met with Chen and his followers and agrees there's nothing to fear.

"I believe they would never commit suicide because, as so far as I understand they are very gentle, friendly and most of them are highly educated," Lo said.

Chen set up his organization in San Dimas then moved it to Garland early this summer because the name sounds like and "means" "God's Land," Garland is a middle-class northeast Dallas suburb of about 140,000 residents.

Los Angeles County sheriff's detectives, who investigated a Taiwanese woman's claim that her teen-age daughter was kidnapped by the cult, said they did not believe God's Salvation followers would kill themselves.

The girl had been staying with her uncle, a member of the cult, but her mother wanted her back after the girl's father died last week of cancer, Deputy Joe Lomonaco said. She reunited with her mother Monday.

"It wasn't a kidnapping," Lomonaco said. "At the most it would have been child concealment... There was no crime."

FDA approves new arthritis drug

WASHINGTON (AP) — A two-layered drug designed to relieve arthritis symptoms with reduced risk of digestive ulcers was approved for marketing Wednesday by the Food and Drug Administration.

The drug is manufactured by Searle, a Skokie, Ill., pharmaceutical company, and will be sold under the brand name Arthroset. It is approved for treatment of both rheumatoid and osteoarthritis.

It's the first non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug, or NSAID, approved by the FDA for arthritis patients who are at high risk of developing ulcers of the gastrointestinal tract, a major problem for older patients who take NSAIDs to relieve arthritis pain.

Arthroset is a combination of

diclofenac sodium, an anti-inflammatory drug, and misoprostol, a medication that lowers the risk of developing stomach ulcers. The pill is coated with misoprostol to protect the lining of the stomach and intestine, with the anti-inflammatory drug at the pill's core.

About 25 percent of arthritis patients develop stomach or intestinal ulcers from taking NSAIDs such as aspirin to relieve pain and inflammation of their disease. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 76,000 arthritis patients who develop ulcers or lesions of the digestive tract are hospitalized and about 7,600 die. Older patients, who commonly have some form of arthritis, are also the most likely to develop ulcers from NSAID use.

Crash claims pilot, causes power outage

MONTICELLO, Utah (AP) — A pilot allegedly died in a crash of marijuana was killed when his single-engine airplane crashed through two high-voltage power lines and into an abandoned field in southern Utah Tuesday.

San Juan County Sheriff Mike Lacy said Wednesday the only passenger, identified as Charles Kennan, 24, of Piedmont, Calif., was booked into jail for investigation of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.

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NATION

Chinese bargains take over on historic New York Street

NEW YORK (AP) — Once a bustling Old World bazaar lined with Jewish and other European immigrants selling jewelry, china and clothing, Canal Street's sidewalks this past week have been crammed with Christmas shoppers haggling over price with a new generation of Chinese merchants.

Far from the sleek shops of Fifth Avenue, it remains a bargain bazaar. A couple of days before Christmas, shoppers were snapping up electronics, luggage, trinkets and just about any knockoff imaginable.

The new goods are invariably "Made in China" or another Asian country and are sold at prices that undercut most department stores — depending on one's bargaining prowess.

"I love to negotiate," said Jason Frank, a car salesman from Tampa, Fla., who left a Chinese-owned jewelry store with a big ring and a gold necklace for his wife. It took him 10 minutes to knock down the \$440 asking price to \$220 — "cash, of course."

"I do a bargaining business, and

I don't let go of anyone" until they buy something, said the owner of Canal Discount Inc. Suspicious of anyone asking questions, the Chinese merchant gave his name only as Tom.

Christmas decorations and shopping-crazed crowds are about all Canal Street shares with the fancy shops of Fifth Avenue, 60 blocks and many dollars away.

A gold bangle that costs \$375 at Tiffany's goes for about \$190 at Crawford, a Jewish wholesaler on the quieter end of Canal.

On the busy part of Canal Street, a package-laden Ken Homer squeezed through the crowd, buying miniature clocks and other jewelry gifts.

"It's about 15 percent to 20 percent cheaper," the New York teacher said. "But that's not the only reason I come here. It's more exciting to shop here, more festive. It's outdoors, you're not stuck in some store," he said. "But it's also disconcerting. Like, I was bargaining a little too hard with a salesman — and he just spit."

Buyer beware applies here

more than in most other places. Some of the merchandise is thought to be counterfeit or stolen.

In one tiny storefront shop on Canal, a "silver" chain watch bearing the name Dolce & Gabbana is just \$15. Side-by-side and spilling onto the narrow sidewalks, other shops offer watches, scarves, T-shirts, ties, toys and perfumes, carrying names like Nike, Reebok, Samsonite, Timberland, Versace, Prada, Calvin Klein, Chanel.

On a rickety wooden table feet from blaring traffic, a man sells "Beauty and the Beast" videos for \$5.

One store has a Portuguese-speaking Chinese cashier to cater to Brazilian customers. Another store draws Guatemalans.

"My friends in Guatemala told me, 'Go to Canal Street,'" said Erick Sosa, an engineer who is buying Christmas gifts of gold and electronics, and luggage for himself.

"I'm kind of confused with the price and the quality," he said. "It's too cheap for what it is."



Pedestrians shop along Canal Street in the Manhattan borough of New York on Monday as the deadline for Christmas shopping draws closer

Tree-cutting becomes ritual for more residents of sunny California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nighttime temperatures dipping into the 50s.

Lights wrapped around the trunks of palm trees. The smell of firewood instead of burning pine.

The holidays have arrived in Southern California.

The mild weather we treasure the other 11 1/2 months of the year does seem to shortchange us on holiday spirit. Only the mountain-dwellers can build snowmen. Our sweaters are cotton instead of wool.

But take heart, holiday lovers: You can cut down a tree here just the same as in Vermont.

OK, OK, the selection isn't quite the same. You can't trek into the woods and find a Norway spruce similar to the ones painted on Christmas cards. Douglas and noble firs, too, prefer the breezy Northwest. If you want to

cut down your own tree in Southern California, you're pretty much stuck with the Monterey pine, a tree with shiny green needles that are 2- to 3-inches long.

Monterey pines are the primary stock of the roughly two dozen Christmas tree farms in the region, most of which have opened for seasonal saving.

"It's not stuck in some store," he said. "But it's also disconcerting. Like, I was bargaining a little too hard with a salesman — and he just spit."

Tradition, schmation. That's really a value, said tree farmer Donald, who owned the Christmas Canyon tree farms in Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley for 25 years and sell around 2,000 trees each December. Years of pining 10-foot trees down to 8-

foot trees make her say: "Trees always look smaller in the field than they really are."

She remembers a man who strolled in, announcing that he'd already picked out the tree he wanted. When he dove down the hill with it strapped to his car roof, she couldn't even make out his "mini-Honda" under the tree's broad branches. Cameron's husband wound up delivering the tree in a pickup.

Charles Peltzer, the patriarch of the eight Peltzer Pines farms

in Orange County, suggests that buyers trying to guesstimate if a tree will fit in their home figure that an average man can reach about 8 feet into the air—about the same height as ceilings in most older homes. Women can reach about 7 feet.

Debbie Pasquale prefers a 10- to 12-foot tree for her Brae home, and for the last seven years she's gone to a tree farm to pick one out the day before Thanksgiving.

"It adds to the whole Christmas festivities," she said. "Being here in California — I'm from back East — I don't typically have what I'm used to. Cutting down your own really adds to the season. The smell! I think that after you've done it once, the quality of the tree is so much better, even though it costs more, it's well worth it."

Over the last 30 years, Dick Crossman of Anaheim Hills has downsized to a 5- or 6-foot tree. He keeps his eye out for the perfectly shaped tree, which he never has trouble finding at a local tree farm.

Beware: Many holiday plants can be pretty poison

KnightsRidder News Service

DETROIT — With so many holidays sweets around, it may not seem that young children will be tempted to munch on decorations during the next few weeks.

But they will. Parents and anyone else hosting a youngster — or a pet — should know that many holiday plants are toxic.

Ironically, the ones most people think is the culprit — the poinsettia — isn't poisonous. Still, eating it may result in stomach discomfort. And the poinsettia is poisonous to dogs and cats, according to Dr. Susan Smolinske, managing director of the Regional Poison Control Center at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Holiday plants that are toxic or have toxic parts include mistle-

toe, holly, yew, cyclamen, Toxicaria cherry, amaryllis, English ivy and boxwood.

What are relatively safe ones? Christmas cactus, for one; Norfolk Island pine for another, but watch the sharp needles.

"Even plants that are nontoxic may have big parts that can choke a child," Smolinske says. "You still need to watch your children around them."

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"It's not stuck in some store," he said. "But it's also disconcerting. Like, I was bargaining a little too hard with a salesman — and he just spit."

A good resource for parents is "Baby-Safe Houseplants & Cut Flowers" by John and Detores Alber (Storey Communications, \$12.95).

Police arrest, book Santa

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — This Santa's been real naughty. Now he's going to jail.

Tracy Burnett, 24, of Wildwood, who plays Santa at Rio Mall, was arrested Tuesday after a mall security guard told police she suspected him of shoplifting.

A background check then revealed Burnett's long criminal record, including convictions for burglary, shoplifting, forgery and

writing bad checks, as well as warrants for thousands of dollars in unpaid traffic tickets and one for burglary and theft stemming from a Sept. 21 incident in Wildwood.

"His rap sheet is about as long as Santa's wish list," said Detective Jack Kirwin.

Burnett, who had been serving a four-year prison term for burglary before being paroled in June, was being held without bail.

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Japanese donations offend some veterans

BREMERTON, Wash. (AP) — An organization bringing the USS Missouri to Hawaii says it might accept money from Japanese groups to preserve the battleship, the site of Japan's surrender at the close of World War II.

That idea bothers some veterans, but others say it is kind of a poetic justice. The USS Missouri Memorial Association has raised about \$8.1 million from sources in Hawaii to preserve the ship, said Adrienne Greenleaf, the association's director of marketing.

But reaching the Hawaiian group's goal of \$25 million will require a national and international effort, possibly including donations from Japanese groups, she said.

Ms. Greenleaf defended the idea as a way to involve Japan in supporting a site where lasting peace began in the Pacific Rim. "Many people in Japan don't view the Missouri as a symbol of defeat, but as a symbol of a new era of peace and freedom," she said.

The association hopes to transform the battleship into a museum that attracts 800,000 people a year.

The Missouri will be docked near the USS Arizona, which the Japanese sank on Dec. 7, 1941, prompting the United States to enter the war. It is scheduled to

arrive from Bremerton next May and will open in January 1999.

Ms. Greenleaf said an inquiry to the Japanese consulate in Honolulu about fund raising was met with a positive response.

Ray Yee, the association's director, said it has received no specific offers of financial help from any Japanese groups or citizens. But if an offer were made, he said, "We'd certainly consider it."

The idea of raising money from Japan strikes some outside the Missouri association as ironic, if not outrageous.

"I think it's a slap in the American public's face," said Robert Farnham of Sunnyslope, a survivor of the Pearl Harbor attack. "It's an absolute insult."

Mel Schmeck of Postleby, who was a crewman aboard the Missouri at the time of the 1945 Japanese surrender, agreed. "As a veteran of the Pacific war... I'm having a problem with accepting the fact that the Hawaii group would seek Japanese funding for a memorial symbolizing Japan's defeat," he said. "I'm wondering how many of our veterans will accept this notion."

Missouri on the Mainland committee, which is fighting to keep the Mighty Mo from going to Hawaii.

The Navy chose Pearl Harbor as the ship's final resting place, passing up applications from Bremerton, the ship's longtime home, and San Francisco and Long Beach, Calif.

Herbert Fahr Jr. of Plainview, N.Y., president of the USS Missouri Association, a national organization of former crew members, said he thinks the concept is rather fitting.

"I think they (the Japanese) should pay for the whole thing... because of what they owe us. That's my personal opinion," he said. "I think we ought to make them pay for it."

Ms. Greenleaf said her organization has obtained \$5.5 million in financing and credit from several Hawaii banks and another

\$1 million through a Hawaii state-sponsored loan program.

The Hawaii Business Roundtable also is raising \$1 million and the Honolulu Council of the Navy League of the United States has pledged \$600,000.

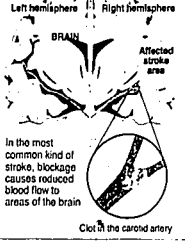
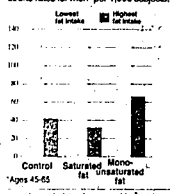
The group plans to pay back the loans through ticket revenue from the ship. About 800,000 tourists are expected to visit annually, paying \$8 to \$10 apiece.

Ms. Greenleaf said the battleship could draw a large number of Japanese tourists, noting that about 30 percent of the visitors to the Arizona Memorial are from Japan.

Yee said the association would closely screen any Japanese groups or individuals who are interested in making a donation. "The word 'no' is certainly in our vocabulary," he said. "It needs to be tastefully done."

Fat and strokes

A new study found that the more saturated fat men eat, the less likely they are to suffer a stroke. The study looked at 1,000 subjects.



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Study finds fat in diet can be healthy, helpful

Researchers say men who ate more saturated fat had fewer strokes

CHICAGO (AP) — Adding a rich dollop of confusion to the question of what's good for you, a new study found that the more saturated fat men eat, the less likely they are to suffer a stroke.

The publication of the study in Wednesday's issue of *The Journal of the American Medical Association* raised the heads of protest from health experts who have spent years trying to teach Americans to eat less fat, not more.

The 28-year study found a dramatic trend: Highest intakes of saturated fat and total fat were associated with the fewest strokes.

Researchers said the explanation may be that brain arteries responsible for strokes have a much different architecture than heart arteries, and some fats may protect brain arteries even if they clog arteries in the heart.

One thing is still certain — saturated fat drives up blood cholesterol and promotes heart disease, the nation's No. 1 killer. And some studies indicate it may contribute to cancer and the leading cause of age-related blindness.

JAMA "should never have accepted" his paper," before Grundy said federal guidelines that advise limiting total fat intake to 30 percent of calories consumed and saturated fat to 10 percent.

Grundy criticized the research for linking stroke risk to dietary fat based on what each subject said he had eaten in one 24-hour period at the study's outset.

"That's a very weak method," Grundy said. "These studies — they're never meant to be reported in the newspaper."

He said hundreds of studies like this need to be done before scientists can look for definitive trends.

"To try to say, 'What does this study mean?' It's just totally confusing to the public," said Grundy, who directs the Center for Human Nutrition at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

The study's lead author, Dr. Matthew W. Gillman of Harvard Medical School, agreed the find-

ings are very preliminary and said that Americans should continue to limit dietary fats.

But he said the new findings agree with others and indicate "that we don't know everything there is to know about fat in the diet."

He noted that only 10 percent to 15 percent of strokes are caused by fatty buildup in arteries anyway. In the most common kind of stroke, a blood clot clogs an artery. Such strokes account for 90 percent of strokes overall.

Previous studies have linked less dietary fat with a higher risk of death by stroke in Japanese men, the researchers noted. They said their study is the first on the subject in the West.

The researchers analyzed data on 832 men, ages 45 through 65, starting in 1966. The men were subjects in the Framingham Heart Study, which began in 1948 among residents of Framingham, Mass.

The 832 subjects were divided into five groups by fat intake. The highest-intake group ate about 50 percent of calories from fat and had the lowest stroke rate — equivalent to about 42 strokes per 1,000 subjects. The lowest-intake group ate about 26 percent of calories from fat and had the highest stroke rate — about 112 strokes per 1,000 subjects.

The relationships were similar for saturated and monounsaturated fats; the more fat, the lower the risk of stroke. No such association was found for polyunsaturated fats, which are often considered good for the heart.

An accompanying editorial by epidemiologist Roger Sherrin and Dr. Thomas R. Price, director of the Stroke Prevention Center at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore, called the study "intriguing and probably important."

One multinational study demonstrated that very low rates of coronary heart disease and stroke are not mutually exclusive; such rates were found in Crete, where there were high levels of dietary fat but low levels of saturated fat and excess weight, the editorial said.

Policeman shoots 2 guard dogs

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A police officer shot two Rottweiler guard dogs after the animals crashed through a gate and attacked a passer-by and an animal control officer, police said.

The dogs, Roxie and Taz, escaped from their pen at Hy and Main's Paws shop early Tuesday. George Rivera heard the dogs barking about 1:30 a.m. and tried to get them to leave.

When the growling dogs moved

closer to Rivera, he tossed a broom and boot at them, retreated into his house, and called Salt Lake County Animal Services.

The dogs also charged animal control officer Adam Davies after he arrived and got out of his truck. Davies whacked one dog with a baton, got back into his truck and called police.

Davies told officers who had responded to his call to shoot the dogs.

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EDITORIAL

It came to pass: A message of hope for all humankind

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

- Stephen Hartgen
- Clark Walworth
- Steve Crump
- Gregory Hahn

Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taken.

"Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people; for today in the town of David a savior has been born to you, who is Christ the Lord."

And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judaea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem...

And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger...

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

God shone round about them, and they feared exceedingly.

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

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

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

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

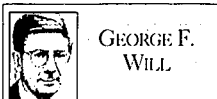
And all who heard marveled at the things told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept in mind all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken to them.

- Luke 2:1-20



Ho, ho, ho and away he goes: It's magic

We shall soon be having Christmas as our thrusts," says a grumpy character who is not the least bit like his creator, the novelist P.G. Wodehouse, who was preternaturally cheerful through all his 94 years.



GEORGE F. WILL

With the help of calculations from a science newsletter published by the National Association of Scholars, you can appreciate what Santa accomplished last night. Actually, he did it in 31 hours, thanks to the many time zones and the Earth's rotation, and assuming that he has the good sense to work from east to west.

hops Siltou and port in the tonier precincts, and get moving again on his journey of assuming an urban-rural mix of Santa's target audience and a distance of 0.78 miles between households/75.5 million miles.

So his sleigh is moving 650 miles per second, which is 3,000 times the speed of sound - a hop, skip and a jump ahead of the fastest thing made by man, the Hermes space probe, which rattles along at 27.1 miles per second. A conventional reindeer, on a good day and steroids, can hit 15 mph.

If we count on children all people under 18, there are 2 billion of them. The NAS assumes, unconvincedly, that Santa does not deliver to Muslim, Hindu, Jewish and Buddhist children - as though they don't see Santa at their local Neiman Marcus and demand to board the gray train. But if the NAS is correct and if civil rights laws do not get Santa prosecuted for having a "disparate impact" on various protected classes of people, Santa's constituency is just 15 percent of the world's children, or 378 million.

Assuming, on the basis of world census figures, 3.5 children per household, Santa must visit 91.8 million homes, or 822.6 households per second. That gives him 1/10,000th of a second to tether the reindeer to the chimney, or perhaps the satellite dish, get down the chimney, distribute the loot, scarf down the Greens and milk for per-

haps 299,999 are insects and germs, we cannot rule out the possibility of a species of remarkable reindeer, even a species with a total population of just eight. (Or 214,200. See below.)

The NAS suggests assuming that each child gets only, say, a medium-size Lego set weighing two pounds. David Masegosa, age 5, who weighs his Christmas take on a truck scale, says the NAS should be better briefed on the modern child's expectations. But even on the NAS' weird assumption,

the sleigh leaves the North Pole carrying 321,300 tons, not counting Santa, who, were he a she, would be delicately described as "full figured."

The NAS insists that a normal, walking, around reindeer can pull 300 pounds, tops. That is about what Santa probably weighs at the peak of an enlarging season of candy canes and peppermussle cookies. However, the NAS assumes that Santa's unconventional reindeer can pull 10 times more than the conventional sort. Even so, Santa needs not eight but 214,200 reindeer. And that herd increases the weight on your roof to 353,430 tons, which the NAS says "is four times the weight of the Queen Elizabeth (the ship, not the person)."

Trouble is, air resistance from 353,430 tons traveling 650 miles per second generates terrific heat, so the two lead reindeer, who won't be that for long, each absorb 14.3 quintillion joules of energy per second. They instantly burst into flame, as then do the two behind them, and then the next lot, and so on. Santa runs through 214,200 reindeer in 4.26 thousandths of a second.

Not that he notices. He is disoriented by deafening sonic booms and by experiencing centrifugal forces 17,500 times the force of gravity. Even if he weighs only 250 pounds, he is slammed into the back of his sleigh with 4,315,015 pounds of force.

The NAS concludes that Santa is dead, but cannot explain why he put the lump of coal in its stocking.

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LETTERS

City postal workers are great

Hats off to the employees of the U.S. Post Office on Second in downtown Twin Falls.

They have been very courteous, helpful and upbeat during this busy holiday season, contrary to the national stereotype we tend to have of postal workers. They have also gone above and beyond the call of duty to accommodate our needs during the time of remodeling.

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Thanks to all who helped family When friends and communities come together, it makes for a wonderful place to live.

Thank you for opening your hearts and your homes and for giving of yourselves for someone in a time of need. We are so blessed this Christmas season, for we have our families, friends and our loved ones. Once again, we are able to share these precious memories and enjoy the comfort of others as we bring in the New Year.

MAY: God bless you and keep you and your family safe as we take part in celebrating this joyous holiday season.

A sincere thanks to all of those who participated and brought a little peace and joy to the Roberts family. BAY HANSEN KATY

TF should vote on pool cover

After reading Helen Meyer's letter, I couldn't help but write one about another issue that has been on my mind for a while now.

I've noticed that the Cover the Pool Committee has been raising funds to help provide a cover for our city pool and make it a year-round facility. And once purchased, the cover would be handed over to the city for maintenance, staffing and all other funding purposes.

Although I am not opposed to a year-round pool, I think tough questions need to be answered. As I understand it, the pool already operates in the red each year of about \$30,000. I have operated pools in the municipal arena and am certified in the operation of pools and understand how much money they take to operate. I have yet to see a pool break even, much less make a profit, in a municipal setting and would almost guarantee that the cost of operating our fine city pool would most certainly double to triple, making it a money-sucking hog to total operating costs around \$260,000 to \$300,000 per year!

If the pool issue is one that the residents of Twin Falls want to take on the additional tax burden, then I guess I am all for it. But I would at least like to see it on a ballot. Come on, let's give the voice of the people the chance to say yes or no to funding a project. Like this or any other for that matter.

If we truly need a year-round facility, let the people of Twin Falls say so by voting! I would rather spend a little money putting it on a ballot than drop hundreds of thousands of dollars down the drain.

I can't hardly believe that I am the only one concerned with this issue. Let your voice be heard! WILLIAM R. ADAMS Twin Falls

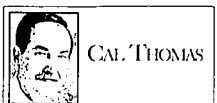
Nation's homeless make a comeback

We haven't heard much about the homeless since the Clinton administration took office nearly five years ago. Until then, homelessness was said to be the result of Republican insensitivity and the economic policies of the Reagan and Bush administrations.

Vice President Al Gore thrust the homeless back into the spotlight just before Christmas when he rounded up a group of children from a Washington, D.C., homeless shelter and brought them to the Department of Housing and Urban Development where they served as props for an administration announcement to spend \$865 million to help the homeless "find homes and help."

Displaying his theological ignorance, the vice president said that Mary and Joseph were homeless. In fact, they had left home to pay taxes in another town. They found a "no vacancy" sign at an inn and had to camp in a stable. While traveling, I have been turned away from motels because they were booked to capacity, but in seeking other accommodations I never viewed myself as homeless.

A HUD spokesperson said the homeless children were briefed before the event. Jessica Christie said the kids were shown a picture of Gore before he showed up and were given "background information so



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they would know why he is important." That would be instructive for the rest of us. Gore read them a Christmas story (but not THE Christmas story). When the event concluded, the homeless kids - having served his purpose - were shuttled back to their shelter where they could ponder the important company they had briefly kept.

Things are looking up for the homeless, no thanks to government. Since government benefits have declined, 20 percent of the homeless have checked into rescue missions, according to the International Union of Gospel Missions. Instead of a government check, rescue missions seek to change lives from the inside-out. IUGM Executive Director Rev. Stephen E. Burger says: "Those who lost benefits tend to be alcohol and drug-addicted men and women in their 40s and 50s who previously received Social Security Disability and SSI benefits. The government has finally done away with their drunk checks."

While rescue missions cannot force peo-

ple to change, they can lead them to confront the responsibility they have to deal with their problems and can empower them in ways that secular government cannot.

How cynical of the vice president to use homeless children as props and then immediately thrust them back into their alcoholic world. In the story of the Good Samaritan, the one who tells the injured man by the side of the road to have a nice day is condemned, while the man who picks up the injured traveler and instructs the innkeeper to care for him at his benefactor's expense is praised.

Real compassion isn't a government check and it isn't using the wretched unfortunate as ledgers for one's political aspirations. Why didn't the vice president ask the kids to spend the night, or give them sleeping bags or some other substantive gift that might have eased their misery? Ask yourself: If you were homeless, would you prefer a meal and a home to a book?

"Thanks to Gore's quick eviction of the homeless kids (they were there for 90 minutes, which included the briefing), Santa could see all of them together in a homeless shelter."

Mrs. Bush's story time was better than this. Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Discovering who is the real Virgin Mary

Who is the Virgin Mary? The Blessed Mother? The Madonna? Our Lady of Lourdes? Queen of Heaven? Mother of God? These multiple identities of Mary, peasant woman of Nazareth, are definitions by believers, theologians and artists. But behind the images and versions, who is the real Mary? Biblically, little factual information exists. No words of Mary are recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark or John. Only in Luke is she quoted and then extensively only in one scene. That might be enough to demythologize Mary and see in her written persona as caused with the depictions that have been imposed these past 2,000 years.

Midway in the first chapter of Luke, Mary is introduced as the kinswoman Elizabeth in Judea, is given her say. It is what Latinists would call "the Magnificat," a canticle that is both faith statement - God "who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name" - and the prophetic cry of a passionate dissident eager to change the political order of her Romanized times.

Mary speaks of her God of Israel, who "has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart. He has put down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of low degree. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty."



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This is the tone of a young woman - her age is given, she is thought to be a teen-ager - who has a taste of rebellion, a woman with a well-developed social conscience who sees the overthrow of the rich and powerful as a cause for celebration. Her religion is centered on a God of the powerless.

How Mary the young Palestinian came to think this way is not clear. She was a teacher, the village rabbi, her parents? - is left unreported. Yet Mary would become one of recorded history's most celebrated women, the mother of Jesus, and other figures. Whether seen as

the Lucan Mary. The mother of Christ, according to Ambrose, the Council of Milan in the late 4th century, declared that Mary "was humble of heart, serious in her conversation, prudent in her counsels, fonder of reading than speaking."

St. Athanasius embellished: Mary "remained continually at home, living in retired life and imitating a honeybee." In the 5th century, Cyril, the bishop of Alexandria, offered his view: Mary was "the world's treasure and light, ornament of virtues." Little is known of how Jesus regarded his mother. In the Gospel of Mark, he is speaking in a house when informed that "your mother and brothers are outside asking for you. Christ answered, looking at those in the room: 'Who are my mother and my brothers? These are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does the will of God is brother... and sister and mother to me...'"

In Luke, a listener in a crowd calls out, "Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you." Jesus replied, "Rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it."

In the new book "All Saints: Daily Reflections on Saints, Prophets and Witnesses for Our Time," Robert Ellsberg, editor-in-chief of Orbis Books, writes of these passages, "Neither of these stories reflects a disregard on the part of Jesus toward his mother. But they do show that he rejected the claims of blood or natural kinship in favor of discipleship. In this perspective Mary's prominence is due to her having exemplified the spirit of true discipleship: attention, reverence and obedience to the word and will of God."

A thousand years after the early church fathers portrayed Mary as a model of docility, Italian artists began oiling her as a figure of maternal piety, not a woman glad to see kings dumped

and the rich routed - Michelangelo, Titian and Botticelli - all 16th century contemporaries - painted a Madonna with bowed head and eyes gazing down on the infant Jesus. Mary was called Theotokos not by the Bible's writers but by the third council of the church, at Ephesus, in 431.

In 1950, a papal decree ruled dogmatically that "when the course of her earthly life was run, (Mary) was assumed in body and soul to heavenly glory." A century earlier, the Immaculate Conception of Mary had become a binding dogma of faith.

After 2,000 years, the number of Mary's names is uncountable. Mary the homemaker, Mary the favorite of war makers who painted her face on battle vessels during the Crusades, the apparitions visitor to Earth (Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady Medjugorje, Our Lady of Knock and the Virgin as seen in recent sightings in Conyers, Ga.), Mary of Virgin Birth and Mary at the foot of the cross and the favorite of desperate quarterbacks heaving 50-yard "Hail Marys" into end zones.

It isn't only Christians who have taken to Mary. Palestinian writers "consider the place she occupies in the Koran. (Mary) is not only the most important woman in the Koran - more important than Hegar - but she receives a kind of attention as a human being that even the Prophet doesn't have. It's arguable that she's the most important person in the entire Koran. So much so, that when the early Christian opponents of Islam in the 7th and 8th centuries wanted to attack Islam and do translations of the Koran into Greek, they were astonished and somewhat nonplussed because here were these infidels who spoke in such glowing terms about Mary."

Like followers of Islam, Protestants might be growing more comfortable with Mary, however unlikely it is that Baptists will begin praying the rosary. In "Blessed Art Thou Among Women," published earlier this year by Macmillan, the

Rev. Thomas Thompson, a Catholic priest at the International Marian Research Institute in Dayton, Ohio, speculates that "as long as we don't present Mary as being another Jesus Christ, Protestantism is quite willing to take the biblical image of Mary. Their argument was always that we were making, 'Mary another God.'"

If anyone can claim to be faithful to the biblical Mary and her approval of social upheaval and wealth redistribution, it is the women who belong to religious orders named after Christ's mother: the Glenmary Sisters, the Maryknoll Sisters, the Sisters of Mary Dame de Namur, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters.

Among the Notre Dame Sisters is Katherine Corr of Baltimore, the director of the Notre Dame Mission Volunteers, a program in partnership with Americoms. Sister Katherine, a member of her order for 37 years and who helps supervise 117 volunteers involved in education and special services programs, has a deep spiritual awareness of Mary. "In her conversation with the angel Gabriel, when he asked her to be the mother of Jesus, Mary accepted. It was an act of faith, and her faith was in the power to accomplish the impossible. The Magnificat was her way of submitting to God's project of life."

"That's all we're trying to do as Notre Dame sisters. We believe in making the impossible possible; that injustice can be turned into justice and peace. Like Mary, we believe in God's power to bring this about."

While Marian scholars theorize and Bible scholars ponder, it appears that the 20th century Marys - Sister Katherine and the tens of thousands of spiritual giants like her - have moved well beyond the safe boundaries of thinking and into the riskiness of action. What else was Mary teaching, if not that?

Colman McCarthy is the founder and director of the Center for Teaching Peace. He wrote this commentary for the Baltimore Sun.

Good reason for good cheer in U.S.

Tis the season to be jolly, all right. A time for good will and rejoicing.

And so, I say with all my heart: Down with the government of the United States. Evict the first couple from the White House. Round up all senators and congress persons, and put them on the Potomac in a leaky boat. Add the Supreme Court justices for extra ballast.

America is the worst place on Earth, so let us abolish it. At least, get it strong, decisive leadership, like Mussolini when we need him?

So, why am I bursting with good cheer and humble gratitude? Well, I can say all this and more and not be taken in by it. I might get a bloody nose or perhaps some applause, depending on the neighborhood. In a restaurant, I might become the target of an odd taker's bag, or the waiter might politely ask me to get the hell out of there. On a busy street corner, the passersby likely would ignore me or hand me a dollar. Some might even urge me to start a cult. At worst, I might wind up on "Larry King Live" or the Charlie Rose show.

However, I would not be arrested by strapping troopers in shiny boots. I would not be hauled before a kangaroo court, en route to a gulag or a re-education camp. Certainly, I would not be shot, hanged or gassed.

But some have a different perspective. They are the old who lived in Soviet Russia or Nazi Germany, and they are the young who survived the terrors of Bosnia and Tiananmen Square.

If we're wondering on a bad hair day just what we should be grateful for, we might do worse than listen to them. Or briefly switch channels from the football games and catch a glimpse of anguished mothers in Africa watching as their starving child dies away, or of people in the Middle East blowing each other away in the name of God or Allah or whoever. Then we can say with some relief, if not smugness, "I'm glad to be us."

To say America has its own problems is understating it. The legendary "melting pot" is a sen-

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temental maelstrom. The racial chasms remain deep. We continue to defile our beautiful landscapes in the name of industrial progress. Many of our schools flunk the grade. It is said with some justice that our young lack faith and purpose, and that Americans at large are bereft of inspiring, unifying causes. Too many of our streets in too many towns are war zones. No reason for thanksgiving there.

And yet, most of our wounds are self-inflicted. No tyrant bids us to hate our neighbors. No church or synagogue or mosque is burned down by government fiat. We are free to believe in any deity we fancy, and if we choose not to believe in any, we might invite funny looks at PTA meetings, but no inquisitor will break down the door.

Some fervent guardians of our morals will try to banish certain books from the libraries, prohibit the showing of certain movies, the hearing of certain songs. Sometimes these crusaders have a point. There is a fine line between art and pornography. But this is open to continuing debate. There are no spiritual heirs to Heri Goebels and Tovarich Beria in America, last time I looked. McCarthyism, so ominously powerful in the 1950s, is today a dirty word. Rightly so.

What of our leaders? Bill Clinton is no paragon, but he is not Generalissimo Franco, let alone Marshal Stalin, and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright bears no resemblance to the late Ribbentrop. How lucky can a country be?

Throughout the globe, millions

are scrambling for a crust to eat, while millions of Americans struggle to eat less to stay thin. Countless more people are trying to get into the United States of America than are trying to escape it. Not a bad litmus test, come to think of it.

So, I say it again: Down with America. The newspaper that spreads such ranting might get some angry letters or - who can tell with free Americans - some approving ones.

But the sun will come out tomorrow. Bet your bottom dollar. I mean, this is still America.

Hans Knight is a freelance writer who uses a monitor at the Nuremberg Trials for the U.S. War Department.

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Bad weather keeps American accused of espionage in Russia

MOSCOW (AP) — Icy weather kept an accused American spy in Russia Wednesday despite Moscow's decision to let him make a two-week holiday visit to the United States.

Richard Bliss has permission to leave Russia under an agreement between his employer, San Diego-based Qualcomm Inc., and the Russian government, officials in Washington and Moscow said.

A chartered plane was sent to pick up Bliss in Rostov-on-Don, 600 miles south of Moscow, but an icy runway forced the plane to remain grounded this afternoon, Russian officials said.

Based on guarantees from Qualcomm and the U.S. Embassy, the Russians decided to allow Bliss "to go home for the Christmas holidays, without changing, however, the measure for securing the appearance of the defendant," Maj. Gen. Alexander Zdanovich, spokesman for the Federal Security Service, told the ITAR-Tass news agency.

He described the decision to allow Bliss to return home for the holidays as a "humanitarian act," but said the investigation into his case was continuing.

Christine Trimble, a spokeswoman for Qualcomm in San Diego, said Bliss was originally expected in the United States today until bad weather set in.

She said the company was paying for a group of about 10 people, including Bliss' family, to fly to San Diego to be with him. Bliss agreed to return to Russia on Jan. 10 but added that the company hopes the dispute will be resolved by then, Trimble said.

"We did provide written assurances that he would return, and under that condition he was released for two weeks for the holidays," she said. "He's very happy, but I know he's very tired right now."

Bliss called his mother, Judy Bradley, Tuesday to tell her he was coming home.

"I'll probably grab him and hug the heck out of him," Bradley, who lives in Carson City, Nev., told the Las Vegas Review-Journal. "There wasn't going to be a Christmas until we knew he came home, no matter how long it took."

In Moscow, U.S. Embassy spokeswoman Rosemary Dicarfo said, "We are delighted that he is able to return home to his family for the holidays."

Bliss, a field technician, was installing a new cellular communications system in Rostov-on-Don when he was detained Nov. 25. He spent 12 days in jail before being freed on the condition that he didn't leave the city.

The Federal Security Service, the main successor to the Soviet-era KGB, has accused Bliss of surveying sensitive sites using satellite receivers brought into Russia illegally.

Security officials have said that under Russian law survey measurements that are accurate to within 30 yards are considered a state secret.

Bliss has acknowledged making land surveys, but said he is innocent of espionage.

The charges have not been dropped, State Department spokeswoman Maria Rudensky said. U.S. officials have lobbied strongly on Bliss' behalf, insisting on his innocence. Bliss was released from jail earlier this month after Vice President Al Gore brought the subject up with Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin.

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Woody Allen marries Soon-Yi

ROME (AP) — Six years after shocking the public with their relationship, film director Woody Allen and Soon-Yi Previn, the adopted daughter of his former lover, have married.

Allen, 62, and Previn — the 27-year-old adopted daughter of Mia Farrow and conductor Andre Previn — married Tuesday afternoon in a quiet ceremony in Venice town hall spokesman Severo Benettelli said.

A few close friends and family members attended the secret wedding officiated by Mayor Massimo Cacciari at Palazzo Cavalli, the Venice town hall, Benettelli said.

He provided no further details, but state television caught up with the newlyweds on the streets of the romantic lagoon city today.

"I have nothing much to say," said Allen, bundled up against the cold and keeping his head down.

The wedding ends a bitter and high-profile affair that became fodder for the tabloids when it went public in 1992.

Previn was about 8 years old when she was adopted by Farrow and the conductor during a trip to Korea.

Farrow dated Allen for more than a decade and starred in many of his films. She discovered the couple's relationship in 1992 after finding nude pictures of Previn, then 21, in Allen's apartment.

Farrow later filed for custody of Satchel — Farrow and Allen's natural son — and daughter Dylan, whom they adopted. Farrow accused Allen of fondling

Dylan during the custody case. The Oscar-winning director was cleared of all charges, but was barred from visiting the children without a monitor.

Farrow later changed the children's names. Satchel is now Seanam, and Dylan is now Eliza.

This is Previn's first marriage. Allen was previously married to Harlen Rosen and actress Louise Lasser.

Allen's spokeswoman Leslee Dart did not confirm the wedding but issued a statement saying: "Six years ago, Woody and Soon-Yi decided that one day they would come back to Venice and get married. That city is very meaningful to them. Over the past six years, they have weathered a lot together, and have always been very much in love."

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Never bet with anyone who meet on the first tee who has a deep suntan, a one-iron in his bag and squinty eyes.

— The late Doc Marr on cheating in golf, as recalled by Golf Digest

IN BRIEF

ISU basketball coach hospitalized after game

NAMPA — Idaho State basketball coach Herb Williams went through an angioplasty at a hospital Wednesday to clear blockage in an artery. Williams was hospitalized after Tuesday night's Idaho State-Idaho game at The Idaho Center in Nampa after complaining of chest pains. He was taken by ambulance to Mercy Medical Center and held overnight for tests and observation. The school said doctors told Marilyn Williams, the coach's wife, that one of the arteries had small blockages and spasms probably caused by stress made him experience the same type of pain that he would feel if he had had a heart attack. The Vandals won the game 83-63. Doctors said any further treatment will be through medication. Williams was scheduled to return to Pocatello Christmas Eve. Junior forward Cameron Banks scored 22 points and junior guard Avery Curry added 16 to lift Idaho the victory.

Judge dismisses racial slur lawsuit against Nets coach

PATERSON, N.J. — A judge on Wednesday dismissed a lawsuit filed by a sports writer against New Jersey Nets coach John Calipari and the Nets organization. Dan Garetta of The Star-Ledger of Newark claimed in his lawsuit that he suffered "extreme humiliation and emotional distress" because Calipari called him "a Mexican idiot" after a team practice in Mahwah on March 22. The lawsuit, filed in state Superior Court in Paterson in July, accused Calipari of inflicting emotional distress and assault, among other things. Superior Court Judge Joseph Scancarella granted the team's request to have the lawsuit dismissed because it did not have any legal merit, said Andrew P. Napolitano, attorney for both Calipari and the Nets. "It was a common sense decision that said the courts are not involved in a private conversation, even if it gets heated," Napolitano said, "a big victory for John, he felt very strongly about it."

Fresno State assistant takes Oregon football job

EUGENE, Ore. — Oregon coach Mike Bellotti moved quickly to replace departing offensive coordinator Dirk Koetter, naming Fresno State assistant Jeff Tedford to the post. Tedford had been offensive coordinator at Fresno State for six seasons. Darrell Green (NFC Offensive Player), Tampa Bay punt returner (NFC Special Teams), Oakland wide receiver Tim Brown (AFC Offensive Player) and Cincinnati linebacker Gerald Dixon (AFC Defensive Player).

Sanders, Vanover among NFL's Players of the Week

NEW YORK — Detroit's Barry Sanders, the third player in NFL history to rush for more than 2,000 yards in a season, was honored Wednesday as the AFC's Offensive Player of the Week — the first player ever to win the award four times in one season. Kick returner Tamarick Vanover of the Kansas City Chiefs also made history by winning the AFC's Special Teams Player of the Week. He is the first special teams player to earn the honor three times in one season. Other players honored Wednesday were Washington cornerback Darrell Green (NFC Defensive Player), Tampa Bay punt returner (NFC Special Teams), Oakland wide receiver Tim Brown (AFC Offensive Player) and Cincinnati linebacker Gerald Dixon (AFC Defensive Player).

Compiled from staff and wire reports

At a time when professional athletes seem to be involved in every scandal...

There are still those who give



San Francisco 49ers quarterback Steve Young, wearing his customary No. 8, poses for a picture with three-time Paralympic gold medalist Sarah Will. Young is one of several pro athletes heavily involved in charities.

Flipping through piles of grant requests to his Forever Young Foundation, Steve Young sighs with exasperation that he simply can't help everyone.

"Wow! The needs are fantastic," he says at his home, halfway between the stadium and the San Francisco 49ers' practice field. "You start a little charity to be a vehicle for fund raising and find out the needs out there are astronomical. Especially with government cutbacks for children's programs." Young gives in ways large and small, from building interactive computer playrooms at children's hospitals to helping grassroots groups with the extra \$500 or \$1,000 that keep them going. Through an annual celebrity golf tournament, his foundation raises money for Operation Smile, which sends doctors to Southeast Asia to perform relatively simple operations that turn around people's lives by fixing such birth defects as a cleft lip or cleft palate.

In his spare time, he works with American Indian Services of Provo, Utah, to help Navajos on reservations. And when he hears of a particular problem, like a Siberian immigrant family that desperately needs dental work to eat properly, he quietly comes up with the money.

"These are small miracles," he says of the changes a little medical care can make. "My basic philosophy is that if you can effect change for a child, you're effecting change for 60 or 70 years and many generations. Not that there aren't needs for people of older age. But it just seems to me that children, if they can be helped in a fundamental family sense or given tutoring or mentoring, you've given them something for a lifetime."

At a time when sports seem maddeningly intertwined with violence, drugs, sex and arrests, a less sensational and more representative truth is often overlooked: Athletes are involved in charities and volunteer programs

— working one on one with children, helping the needy, raising funds to fight diseases — more than perhaps any group in society.

Ted Turner, owner of the Atlanta Braves and Atlanta Hawks, made a big splash several months ago when he announced plans to donate \$1 billion during the next decade to fund U.N. causes and challenged other fat cats to ante up, too.

Athletes have been taking tax write-offs on donations for years, but these days many are making a difference in ways that go far beyond dollars.

Some do it inconspicuously, like the Hawks' Dikembe Mutombo, who visits a Crow reservation in Montana and other tribes in North Dakota to talk about education, lifestyle choices, success, character and health.

Others are more public, like Seattle quarterback Warren Moon, whose Crescent Moon Foundation gives grants to students at several colleges.

There are the current and retired athletes who work with kids in inner cities — Jackie Joyner Kersee in St. Louis, Nate Archibald in New York, Pat McCormick in Los Angeles, Kevin Johnson in Sacramento and Phoenix, to name just a few.

And there are the thousands of athletes who work through the 141 colleges and universities in the National Consortium for Academics in Sport. Since its start in 1985, more than 13,000 athletes have contributed more than 5.7 million hours of community service, working in drug and alcohol abuse programs, violence prevention, race relations and other issues.

"No group in society gives more time to charity work as volunteers than athletes," says Richard Lapchick, founder of the

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Story by Steve Wlstein/The Associated Press

Zorich helps many

By Rick Gano
The Associated Press

As a kid on the cruel streets of Chicago's South Side, Chris Zorich remembers standing in line at a church for food handouts. Cheese, bread, powdered milk, cereal, jelly, peanut butter — all worth the wait. Anything to help him and his beloved mom sidestep hunger and stretch a meager \$235-a-month welfare check. "If my mom couldn't make it, I'd be there waiting for boxes of food," Zorich said. "That makes an impression on you when you're a little kid. I promised myself if I was ever able to help others, I would."

Now 28, Zorich has dedicated his life to helping others, while honoring the most important person he's ever known — his mom. His mother was a single parent and, spurred by her inspiration, Zorich escaped the hard times of his youth to star as a defensive lineman at Notre Dame and then went on to the NFL, first with his hometown Chicago Bears and now, after his release this season, with the Washington Redskins. Even before he entered the NFL, his life changed forever. When he returned from the 1991 Orange Bowl, he found his mother dead on the floor. "Initially I wanted to start a

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Washington Redskin Chris Zorich coordinates the distribution of Thanksgiving groceries to less-fortunate families during the Christopher Zorich Foundation food drive in Chicago.

Johnson gives back

By Steve Wlstein
The Associated Press

There are few oaks and not much of a park in the Oak Park neighborhood of Sacramento, where Kevin Johnson ran fast-breaks away from drugs, guns and gangs. "He didn't quite flee the withering streets as much as he soared above them, learned from them, and, when he became one of the NBA's best point guards playing for the Phoenix Suns, returned to do his best to change them."

St. Hope Academy, Johnson's gift to Oak Park, is a \$1 million, 2,000-square-foot haven for about 50 youngsters who need a safe, homelike

environment for study, work, recreation and spiritual and personal growth.

"It felt it was important to give back to the city I grew up in," Johnson says. "Now knowing the really what to do, I remember driving through the neighborhood one day during the summer of '89 and seeing some kids roaming around aimlessly. I asked them what their plans were for the summer, and they said just to bang out. And I realized at that time, that was the worst thing in the world for kids if they don't have a purpose, don't have something they can do during the summer that's constructive and educational."

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Dunn deal Slippy running back claims rookie award

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tampa Bay's Warrick Dunn made it a sweep for Florida State Wednesday, joining college teammate Peter Boulware as an Associated Press NFL rookie of the year.

Dunn, the versatile running back who played a major role in the Buccaneers' turnaround this season, was chosen Offensive Rookie of the Year in voting conducted by the AP. A nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters selected Boulware, an end for Baltimore, as the top defensive rookie on Tuesday.

"Where we went to school, you tend to experience things that other players don't experience — the media, the competition, the hoopla, the experience of playing big games," Dunn said. "That is every day here. In college, you only

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Tampa Bay's Warrick Dunn breaks away from tacklers during a game earlier this year. Dunn, who played at Miami a year ago, was chosen Offensive Rookie of the Year.

Fassel honored

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jim Fassel, who in his rookie season led the New York Giants from last to first in the NFC East, was voted NFL Coach of the Year by The Associated Press on Wednesday.

In a season in which a half-dozen coaches did masterful jobs, Fassel collected 20 votes from a nationwide panel of 48 sports writers and broadcasters.

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COLD WINTER WORK



Jeff Olson, 15, and Steven Murdoch, 14, show their Christmas spirit Wednesday as they shovel driveways along 16th Street in Burley for those who couldn't do it. They said it wasn't for money — they just wanted to lend a hand to those who needed help.

Inland growers benefit from Idaho researcher

SANDPOINT (AP) — When Christmas tree growers in the Inland Northwest want to know why their firs look frazzled, they call Dan Barney at the University of Idaho's Research and Extension Center.

They even have phoned his Sandpoint home at 4 a.m.

Barney's official line of work is environmental plant stress physiology. The station, where he is superintendent and the lone full-time scientist, deals with a wide range of questions: Can the wild huckleberry be domesticated? How hardy is the latest strain of wheat?

It is practical science aimed at making farms into successful businesses.

The station's work on Christmas trees began a half-century ago. The idea was to learn the nutritional needs of cultivated conifers and find out which species grew best in the region.

Some research is done on the station's 60 acres where experiments can be easily controlled. Some also is carried out in commercial fields where researchers can observe real-life conditions and benefit from the farmers' knowledge.

Barney said there are about a million Christmas trees planted in northern Idaho, eastern Washington and western Montana. He ranks Dave and Kitty Jenkins among the best growers. They have a farm north of Sandpoint.

"Trees are what grow best here," Jenkins said.

It has been a banner year for the Jenkins & Son farm. Mrs. Jenkins said the family operation shipped 25,000 trees, including 10,000 to Canada.

Most of the trees are sold wholesale or at the family's own lots in southeastern Idaho. But Mrs. Jenkins wants the cut-your-own business to grow, and she has started a wreathmaking sideline.

Such ingenuity is a key to successful Christmas tree farming, Barney said. For example, he said, the long-time favorite Scotch pine is becoming rarer because its long needles fall off too soon.

"The Fraser fir, a North Carolina native, is getting more popular because it lasts a long time in a tree stand and has airy boughs, just right for ornaments."

"The Douglas fir doesn't do well here because of a bug problem," Barney said. "And the Noble fir freeze its little buds off."

Five years ago, the fragrant grand fir was the top star among Christmas trees. It became popular worldwide after it was developed by the Sandpoint research station in the 1970s and 1980s, he said. Researchers bred it from Clearwater River Valley stock.

"The balsam fir is growing in popularity and will probably be the best tree in a few years," Barney said.

Bad weather kills 3,000 calves in New Mexico

DEXTER, N.M. (AP) — The corrals are littered with carcasses of 3,000 calves clustered in a futile effort to keep warm against a barrage of icy wind, snow and rain.

"It looks like a nuclear disaster has swept the area: pools of melted snow and clumps of carcasses," rancher Ellen Robey said Wednesday.

The no man's land is three

miles south of Dexter at the B23 Cattle Co., where the Robey family buys calves from dairies to raise and sell. The die-off occurred Tuesday and Wednesday, Mrs. Robey said.

"We're broke. We're starting all over," she said, pegging the loss at \$500,000.

But she added: "We're not thinking about throwing in the towel."

She worried about keeping paychecks in the pockets of the 80 employees of the ranch in southeastern New Mexico's Pecos River Valley.

"There's lots of families that are kind of chewing their nails, wondering what we are going to do next," she said.

She hopes for government help now that Gov. Gary Johnson has declared a state of emergency.

Senator says decision will make it harder to move grizzlies

BOISE (AP) — A judge's decision that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service improperly transplanted wolves to central Idaho and Yellowstone National Park will make it harder for the agency to carry out grizzly bear transplants in northern Idaho, Sen. Larry Craig says.

"With or without this judge's decision, I think the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service got a clip on the chin and will have to back away from their approach on grizzlies," Craig said.

He was interviewed Wednesday for the weekend "viewpoint" program on KTVB-TV.

On Dec. 12, U.S. District Judge

William Downes sided with farm groups and directed the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to remove the wolves that have been transplanted since 1995. He stayed action pending an appeal.

The judge agreed with critics that the service's action and recovery plan could result in less protection for wolves that would have migrated to the area on their own.

The ruling addressed lawsuits filed by the Mountain States Legal Foundation on behalf of Farm Bureaus in Idaho, Wyoming and Montana and the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The service caught and relocated 66 Canadian wolves to central

Idaho and Yellowstone in 1995 and 1996 to help endangered wolves. The population more than doubled to an estimated 155 animals. Downes ordered the agency to recapture all of transplanted wolves and their offspring, although many claim that will be almost impossible.

Craig called that ruling "a double-edged sword" because it means the remaining wolves will fall under full Endangered Species Act protection.

"I think what this has done is that it probably has denied the Fish and Wildlife Service the politics to reintroduce the grizzly into central Idaho," he said.

School

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much more than old brick walls and wooden floors.

"There's a different attitude out here towards the kids and the way things are done," said Marilyn Malberg, who brings her children from Filer to attend school in Hollister.

Accelerated Reader, the 50 in a Minute math program and the Idaho State University Albertson's Program, students constantly face innovative challenges.

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"I got 100 in a minute!" said Drennan, referring to a computer program in which students try to solve 50 math problems in one minute. She's not sure she'll do as well, however, when they move on to subtraction.

Hollister's strong sense of family and community involvement was clear from the many parents, relatives and friends in attendance at the dress rehearsal.

"Tonight this place will be full," Drennan said the day of the rehearsal and pageant. "This is the social event, this is a place where (community members) congregate."

Distressed by overpopulated classrooms at Filer Elementary School, Malberg was impressed by the small classes — the largest has 21 students — and the individual attention students receive.

Malberg says she believes her children now are surpassing all expectations.

Ask anyone at Hollister, and they will agree the school's secret to success is the small student-to-teacher ratio.

Kindergarten teacher Donna Griffith said class size contributes to students' good behavior.

"You get to know all the students and their families," she said, claiming the never has faced a serious discipline problem.

Quinton said the one-on-one style gives students confidence and "greater ability to succeed in future schooling."

Hollister is a school that gets results. In the 1996-97 school year, 50 percent of Hollister students at Filer High School were on the honor roll. School Board member Susan Courtney said.

Three out of the past four Filer valedictorians came from Hollister. The only National Merit Scholar and the only student to get a full-ride scholarship to Yale both were from Hollister.

The angels took their places on stage right and the drummer, boys on stage left. The wise men and shepherds gathered around Mary and the manger. It was time for the grand finale.

Sweet cued the choir and sang along to keep up with the accompaniment. The angels tried to negotiate their finger cymbals while the drummer boys nailed each "ram-pa-pum-pum" with conviction.

The gym lights dimmed as students filed quietly onto the stage. When the lights came up, music teacher Bill Sweet cued the first number.

The theme for this year's pageant was "The Little Drummer Boy," said Sweet, who has taught music in the Filer district for two years.

"(The pageant) really brings the community together," he

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Park City club sues Jamaican bobsled team

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Park City bobsled club has filed a small-claims action against the Jamaican bobsled team popularized in the comedy movie "Cool Runnings."

The 10-person Park City Bobsled and Skeleton Club claims it rented a bobsled for \$8,000 to the tropical-island team and the Jamaicans never paid them all the money.

"Hollywood doesn't always follow true life," said Scott Sabey, an attorney who filed the action in West Valley City Monday and who is treasurer of the club.

The suit claims the Jamaican team agreed on Oct. 31 to borrow the sled for \$8,000 for the 1997-98 season but only paid \$1,000. About

two weeks ago, the team gave the sled back to the club early and has yet to pay the rest of the money.

The suit asks for \$5,000 of the \$7,000 owed the club. Sabey said he filed the action in small claims court, which has a \$5,000 judgment limit, because the suit would move faster there. A trial date was set for Jan. 29.

The Jamaicans used the sled earlier this month when the team qualified to compete in the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano.

Nigel Swaby, owner of a company contracted to find sponsors for the Jamaican team, claims the team gave the sled back because the club reneged on its promise to find companies to sponsor the Jamaicans.

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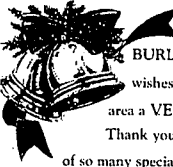
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SEC files complaint against developers of golf community

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Federal regulators have alleged the developers of the Red Hawk golf community in Washington County paid thousands of dollars in bribes to stock brokers.

In a U.S. District Court civil complaint, the Securities and Exchange Commission charged that George Badger and other principals of Golf Ventures Inc. "perpetrated a fraudulent scheme to generate market purchases of GVI securities."

Badger, 67, of Bountiful, is listed as

the director of investor relations for GVI. However, SEC officials argued that Badger is in fact the company's principal officer.

Other GVI principals named were Badger's son, Karl Badger, 43, of Bountiful, who worked in GVI investor relations from 1993 to 1996; Duane Marchant, 58, of Salt Lake City, president and chief executive officer; and Stephen Spencer, 41, of Salt Lake City, chief financial officer.

Also named in the complaint were a

number of broker-dealers, including Marlon Sherrill, 50, of Monroe, Ga.; Harmon S. Hardy, 68, of Dallas, Texas; La Jolla Capital Financial Corp.; Harold B. Gallison, 39, of Las Vegas; Terry Hughes, 39, of San Diego; Marvin Susemith, 57, of Cardiff, Calif.; David Rosenthal, 40, of San Francisco; William Stone, 55, of Cheshire, Conn.; and Andrew Sears, 26, of Fitchburg, Mass.

Red Hawk was designed as a 616-acre, master-planned recreational complex

that includes 896 home sites around a 27-hole golf course.

SEC investigators alleged the Badgers paid the brokers to sell GVI shares to their retail customers. Further, the complaint contends that, GVI, Badger, Marchant and Spencer distributed false and misleading information about the development of the Red Hawk International Golf & Country Club, GVI's main asset.

"We don't believe any of that took place. We believe the SEC may have

made some assumptions that are incorrect," George Badger said of the complaint, filed on Dec. 18.

He also said the recent legal action should have no effect on the Red Hawk development since it has been taken over by a new company — U.S. Golf Communities Inc., of Orlando, Fla.

U.S. Golf Communities recently acquired 81 percent of the voting stock of GVI. Marchant reportedly has resigned as president and chief operating officer of Golf Communities.

Train buffs want to run historic line

MERIDIAN (AP) — A group of southwestern Idaho train buffs wants to run a historic passenger train from Cascade to Smiths Ferry beginning in May.

The group will need about \$220,000 to launch the Thunder Mountain Line on the Idaho Northern and Pacific Railroad tracks that flank the North Fork of the Payette River. The 32-mile round trip will take about 2 1/2 hours.

The founders of Idaho Historical Railroads, the non-profit group behind the plan, are pushing full-steam ahead to raise money for the project.

"Our goal is to preserve and restore historical railroad equipment and artifacts," said Meridian banker Terry Smith, the group's chief fundraiser. "We also want to raise awareness about the importance of preserving right of way along rail lines throughout the state."

The group hopes to buy three circa-1938 stainless steel passenger train cars from the Wyoming Colorado and Pacific Railroad on Jan. 10. Each 85-foot-long car will hold about 80 people. But at about \$220,000 for all three, they will not be cheap.

Cascade High School teacher and Idaho Historical Railroads board member Carl Sorensen said that is why the sellers may allow the group to enter a lease-purchase agreement for about \$45,000.

Of course, no historic train would be complete without a caboose. So Smith has asked Union Pacific if his group can move its yellow caboose No. 25666 from the edge of downtown Meridian to the end of the Thunder Mountain Line.

Sorensen said it would be the first recreational rail line to run through southern Idaho in about 30 years.

Consultants have rated the Thunder Mountain Line one of the nation's 10 most scenic railroads. They also have estimated the line could draw as many as 42,000 passengers each year.

"Use your hike in or float on the river itself, the railroad is the only way to see this area," said Jim Mayfield of the Cascade Chamber of Commerce. "There's some incredible beauty in there."

Justice Department investigates \$10,000 donation to Kerry

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sen. John F. Kerry, an advocate of campaign finance reform, received a \$10,000 contribution originating from Democratic fund-raiser Johnny Chung after setting up a meeting for him with federal regulators, the Los Angeles Times reported today.

Kerry, D-Mass., is considered a potential presidential candidate in 2000. He introduced campaign finance legislation and last year refused to accept political action committee contributions.

The newspaper reported that the Justice Department is investigating a \$10,000 contribution made to Kerry by Chung associates who were then reimbursed by the California businessman.

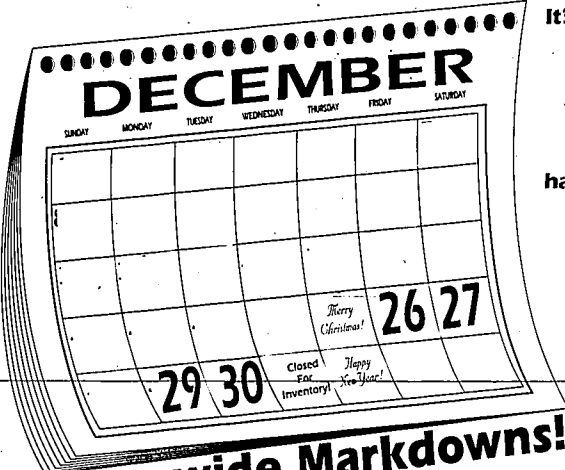
Kerry, D-Mass., returned all \$10,000 "because of the whole furore" surrounding Chung's contributions to the Democratic National Committee, Kerry spokeswoman Towah Ravitz said.

The DNC also returned \$366,000 to Chung.

Chung attorney Brian A. Sun says his client "did not knowingly violate any election laws."

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Monorail plan ready to roll in Northwest

SEATTLE (AP) — The plans for the world's largest monorail system were drawn up on a kitchen table by a bus driver and an unpublished poet.

There was no price tag and there were few specifics. City Council members laughed it off.

The proposal passed with 52.6 percent of the vote in November, and this time city leaders can't afford to ignore it. Under "no play, no pay" clause, if City Council members can't come up with a way to pay for the monorail, their \$73,000-a-year salaries will be withheld.

"We were such a sideshow," recalled tour bus operator, cab driver and part-time transit planner Dick Falkenbury. Referring to monorail manufacturers, suppliers and potential financiers, he said: "I don't think they saw us coming. I mean, we pretty much blindsided them."

For five years, Falkenbury, 45, had promoted the plan. About two years ago, Grant Cogswell, a 30-year-old unpublished poet who works as a tavern doorman, joined the cause, and together they collected the more than 18,000 signatures required to get it on the ballot.

They had no mass-transit expertise, no corporate backing, no slick public relations campaigns, just hackers, he said, using 6-by-3-foot pieces of plywood with maps showing how Seattle's current two-stop downtown monorail system could be expanded into a huge X covering the city, with 29 stations along 40 miles of elevated track.

If built as planned, Seattle's monorail would be the biggest in the world. The largest now extends 17 miles in Lille, France, and is being expanded to 27 miles by 2000.

Falkenbury said the first new leg of the monorail — a one-mile extension from the downtown station to the Kingdom — could be completed in months, and the

whole system could be ready in as little as five years.

But business, government and transportation officials question the route structure, cost and financing.

Even Nick Licata, elected to the council as one of the few officeholders who publicly supported the measure, said he doubts Falkenbury's maps can be translated into pylons, guideways, trains and stations for less than double the \$1 billion that backers say would be required to do the job.

"I think people were voting for the concept," said newly elected Mayor Paul Schell. "I don't think people were voting for the specifics of the plan."

"I didn't think it would pass because there was no funding attached and it wasn't taken seriously by either the media or the public officials," Schell said. But he added: "Elected officials have to take expressions of the voters seriously."

Since the mid-1960s, monorails have been studied extensively for use in and around Seattle and repeatedly have been rejected, largely because of estimates that would cost twice as much to build as street-level rail lines, said Bob White, executive director of the regional transit system.

But Falkenbury expects he there to make sure his plan doesn't go short. He is in line to be appointed to the 12-member board of the new Elevated Transportation Co. The initiative directs that the agency develop, build and run an electrically powered, elevated monorail with rubber tires.

If private backing cannot be lined up, the initiative directs that financing be provided through bonds or a business-and-occupation tax increase.

"The salaries of the City Council must be withheld if this monetary support is not available within one year of the effective date of this ordinance," the initiative said.

headed back to their pickup, leaving candy wrappers to mark her route. The hike took about 45 minutes, though about three miles of rugged country.

She drove to a store, called 911 and showed rescuers the way.

Andrews, 48, was hospitalized in good condition with broken ribs and a possible back injury.

"The odds were against him," sheriff's Deputy John Chard said. "It's a good thing his daughter was keen enough to do what she did."

Girl leaves candy wrapper trail to get help to her dad

LAKE CREEK, Ore. (AP) — A 17-year-old girl used a trail of butter-tipped candy wrappers to get help for her injured father after his all-terrain vehicle flipped on an icy slope and landed on top of him.

The accident happened after Krystal and Michael Andrews set out for a ride in the mountains Tuesday, looking for elk.

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Truck driver finds 2-year-old boy in car seat by California highway

Los Angeles Times

CASTAIC, Calif. — Truck driver Miguel Gutierrez customarily keeps a sharp eye on the shoulder of the road during his daily trip hauling macaroni flour on Interstate 5 between Fresno and East Los Angeles.

"Sometimes I find things that people lost while they were traveling," he said Tuesday, such as sleeping bags or suitcases blown off car roofs.

About 6:40 a.m. Tuesday, as Gutierrez rumbled northward on a cold and lonely stretch of road where the highway rises toward Tejon Pass above Castaic, he made a discovery that astounded him. He was talking into his citizens' band radio mike and scanning the shoulder, he said, when suddenly, there it was — "I saw real clear — a car seat and a little baby in there. I just threw my CB down and pulled over right away," he said.

Sitting strapped in a child's car seat on the left shoulder of the freeway near the Templin highway exit, facing the autos and trucks that roared past only six feet away, was a 2-year-old boy.

"I thought maybe somebody is making a joke, maybe they put a doll in there," said Gutierrez, who climbed out of his cab to investigate. "But when he

looked at me, he started crying and he put his arms out. He still had the seat belt on."

California Highway Patrol officers said that was lucky because otherwise the toddler might have wandered into traffic on Interstate 5, one of the busiest roads in the United States.

"How can people leave a 2-year-old boy in a place like that?" Gutierrez asked. "That's not human."

CHP officer Rick Miller took the child into custody after Gutierrez, 35, took the boy to his truck and phoned authorities from a roadside emergency call box.

"When I first got to him he was scared to death," Miller said. "He was shaking, probably from the cold as much as from being scared."

Miller said the boy may have sat along that windy, cold road for two hours before being discovered. "Anything longer and he could've been in bad shape," said Miller, who feared hypothermia could have set in.

A sheriff's department supervisor at the nearby Peter Pitchess jail estimated the temperature in the area at the time at about 42 degrees.

The boy was identified by the CHP as Johnathon Thomas, and the saga of how he came to be

sitting beside the road emerged from several different police reports as the hours passed.

Los Angeles police said the boy's mother, Kindra Hughes, who lives in Carson, had gone to a post office near the Los Angeles International Airport. Unable to find a parking space, she entrusted her car, with the child inside, to a cousin, asking him to drive it around and pick her up.

The cousin, Reginald Blackwell, 18, whom Los Angeles police described as having a history of emotional problems, was later arrested by police in Bakersfield, 112 miles north of Los Angeles. Officers said he was breaking car windows in a motel parking lot, apparently after abandoning the child by the side of the freeway.

Miller said Blackwell was bragging about having killed a child when he was taken into custody.

The toddler, examined at Henry Mayo Newhall Hospital in Newhall and found to be uninjured, was reunited with his mother at the CHP station there Tuesday afternoon, after charming highway patrol officers who said they wanted to take him home for Christmas.

Blackwell, of Los Angeles, was being held in lieu of \$50,000 bail in the Parker Center jail on suspicion of child endangerment.

for Sherwood, who travels the country supporting causes in her role as Miss USA. But in this case, she gets to work at home.

"You can take the girl out of Idaho, but you can't take Idaho out of the girl," Sherwood said during a break from signing autographs for a crowd of seventh- and eighth-graders.

"We're going to get her home, get some sweat on her and get her some sleep," her mother, Shirley Sherwood, said. "She's very tired."

Miss USA returns to Idaho for Christmas

RRIE (AP) — There he stood as nearly 400 students erupted in a screaming frenzy of applause and cheers.

Darrin Simmons, Ririe High School's student body president, had just kissed on the cheek by Miss USA Brandi Sherwood.

"I wish this job was this fun all the time," Simmons said after giving Sherwood a bouquet of roses. "It's great, and it's awesome to get someone like that to come here."

Sherwood, who graduated

from Idaho Falls High School in 1993, spent a day this week talking to teenagers at four different Jefferson County schools about what it's like being Miss USA and what it took to get there.

She also spoke about the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program and the dangers of alcohol and other drugs. On Tuesday she was the guest of honor at the DARE graduation ceremony for Ririe and Midway middle schools.

The busy schedule is routine

Utah-based consultant for the farmers.

Earlier this year, U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winnill refused to throw out the case. Utah Power then appealed to the 9th Circuit, based in San Francisco.

The electric association, which Palmer said represents 95 percent of the farmers in the Upper Valley, entered into the contract with Houston-based Enron because it offered to provide wholesale power at rates as much as 40 percent cheaper than what farmers now pay.

Appellate court refuses to dismiss electric co-op's suit

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Eastern Idaho farmers have cleared a hurdle in their efforts to get cheaper power rates.

The electric cooperative of Upper Valley farmers, the Snake River Valley Electric Association, is suing Utah Power & Light Co. over its refusal to allow Enron Power Marketing to transmit its cheaper electricity over Utah Power's distribution lines.

Utah Power and its parent company, PacifiCorp, have tried to get the \$10 million antitrust lawsuit dismissed, but the 9th U.S.

Circuit Court of Appeals last week refused to grant the request.

The Snake River Valley Electric Association, comprised of farmers unhappy with Utah Power's rates and service, contracted last February with Enron Power Marketing to transmit its power over Utah Power's distribution lines. But Utah Power refused to transmit Enron's power.

"They have refused to even meet with us to discuss opening their lines," said Carl Palmer, a



Annette Paul searches for a place to hang a brass ornament Saturday in Porterville, Calif., on one of four Christmas trees on the front lawn of Myers Funeral Chapel, in memory of loved ones who have passed away.

Ornaments help people mourn, remember loved ones who died

PORTERVILLE, Calif. (AP) — "All the little angels on there — she's on there somewhere," said Jackie Cuen as she searched for a golden ornament bearing her dead daughter's name.

Cuen couldn't find the ornament right away among 3,500 hanging on four Christmas trees outside Myers funeral chapel.

The mortuary gives a ceremony each December to let people remember and grieve over loved ones who are gone. Typed names of deceased family members are placed on the back of each flat metal ornament — either an angel or praying hands.

"Some people can't go to the cemetery at Christmastime, so they come to the trees," said Terri Pace, who coordinates the effort for Myers. "One little gentleman comes by every day to make sure the ornament is still there and kisses the ornament."

Cuen's 24-year-old daughter, Deborah Macomber, had died not

long before this year's ceremony, so Cuen was too distraught to join hundreds of people who hung ornaments bearing their loved ones' names. Her mother hung the ornament for her.

"I was thinking I had her a long time," Cuen said as she looked for the angel with Deborah's name a few days later. "I didn't have her long enough."

Many ornaments, like Cuen's, provide poignant stories of sorrow. A young woman's photo was attached to one along with these words: "Someone drank and drove. Any died."

Other ornaments offer closure or simply a way to remember and honor the departed during the holidays. Small Santa Claus were attached to a couple of ornaments.

"It helps people go through the healing process," said Pace, including herself. Pace hangs an ornament to honor dead family members buried in Southern California.

"I have five relatives' names there," she said. "I can't go down south, so I hang an ornament on the tree."

Some people return each year to hang their ornament. Others come once or twice, then stop, their need apparently served.

A scrapbook of letters Myers has received attests to how much the ornaments mean.

"I know hundreds of loved ones were smiling down that evening," one person wrote after last year's ceremony.

After Christmas, the ornaments are filed alphabetically with cards displaying the deceased person's name so they'll be ready for the next year.

Myers began the tradition three years ago after director Richard Mendivil heard about a similar ceremony offered by a mortuary in Tennessee. Letters were sent to families Myers has served, and the concept spread by word of mouth to others.

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National Weather Service observer Layton Munson monitors conditions outside his home in Sedgwick, Colo., where he has charted the weather for the service for more than five decades.

SEDGWICK, Colo. (AP) — The blizzard of 1949 stands out among the thousands of daily weather observations Layton Munson has filed with the National Weather Service over the past half-century.

"The blizzard of '49 started on a Sunday afternoon with the temperature at minus-4 degrees. That temperature did not vary more than 1 degree until Thursday afternoon. There was 17 inches of snow and drifts were 12 to 15 feet deep," the stocky, retired rancher recalled. "Neighbor Leonard Donaldson had a yard light on a 16-foot pole and the bulb was burned out. He took advantage of that snow drift and just walked up the drift and changed the light bulb."

Munson, a Sedgwick County native, recently earned the National Weather Service's Edward H. Stoll Award for 50 or more years of service as a cooperative weather observer. Stoll was a weather service observer for 76 years.

An avid golfer in retirement, Munson has spent his entire life around Sedgwick, except for five years as an officer in the Army Signal Corps in the European invasion of World War II.

The war years had one bright spot. Munson met his bride-to-be, Sallie, now his wife of 53 years, on a train trip to Washington, D.C., on his way to the Signal Corps radio school.

"We had five kids and all of 'em were boys except for four girls," he said with a grin.

On his return to Sedgwick, Munson became the town clerk and parks and public works supervisor of the then-thriving, little farm town just five miles

from the Nebraska border in Colorado's northeast corner. Over here the Rocky Mountains lie far below the western horizon as the plains stretch to the curve of the Earth. Black Angus cattle graze in stark contrast to the snow-covered stubble fields. The skies are blue and the air clean, the people pleasant but reserved.

"People either love it or hate it. I wish you could see it in summer when it's all green around here. It's just beautiful," Sallie Munson said.

But the weather is extreme, with a couple of blizzards each winter; temperature extremes ranging from the record 33 below zero in winter to 114 degrees in summer and March winds of 50-60 mph that can damage the wheat.

Why his interest in weather? "This is strictly agriculture and cattle country. It's semi-arid country and you're interested in rainfall for the crops. In cattle country you're interested in blizzards and winter storms for the livestock," Munson said.

The weather job is volunteer, but "it's enjoyable. It's nice to know the exact temperature when people ask how hot it got at their place."

Out of Sedgwick High School's Class of 1934, farmer David Nien is about the last of Munson's classmates still living.

"Whenever I see him, I say, 'How much rain did we get? How hot did it get?' He always has an answer," Nien said.

The once-bustling farm town of Sedgwick is mostly boarded up now. But the beauty shop still does a thriving business for the ranch wives.

It's dried up now. Just plain agriculture economies. With the

(trend to) larger farms it takes fewer people to operate them," Munson said.

So, many Sedgwick families have left for jobs elsewhere. Munson returned to farming and ranching in 1958, running a cow-calf operation and raising wheat to support his growing family.

Munson got the weather observing job on Sept. 19, 1947, when the Sedgwick postmaster volunteered him. The last observer had not been very dependable.

The daily reports on high and low temperatures, precipitation, wind, visibility and sky conditions go in punctually each morning to the Denver NWS bureau.

The weather instruments have changed over the decades. The

mercury and alcohol thermometers have been replaced with a digital readout thermometer that records the high and low temperatures between 5 p.m. and 5 p.m. each 24-hour period. The water gauge remains the same, a simple combination of steel tubes, a funnel and measuring stick.

Munson said the trick to getting an accurate snowfall measurement is to go to the south end of a wheat stubble field. "The stubble protects it from drifting," he said.

What is the 80-year-old Munson's prescription for a long and active life?

"I don't smoke. Oh, I'll take a drink now and then, have a good wholesome diet and stay away from wild women," he said with a grin and a wink.

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Larry Newhall of Filer, ID, and Pamela Wynman of Tres Pinos, CA, are pleased to announce their engagement to be married June-July 1998. Pamela, owner of P.W. Bookkeeping, T.P., CA., and her two sons, Robert and Jeffrey, will be relocating to share their new home with Larry, Owner of Filer Auto Parts, in Filer, ID.

Guide to old, new West reveals best places

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — The old and new West meet in a newly published guide to America's last best place. The "Atlas of the New West," with contributions from three noted University of Colorado professors, doesn't detail the best cappuccino stand in Bozeman, Mont., or the top mountain bike shop in Moab, Utah.

But it does show, with colorful maps and charts, the best "places rated, places ranked," retirement hot spots, corporate headquarters and water sources.

William Riebsame, a CU geology professor who authored the atlas with CU cartography director James Rohlf, calls it a guide to a Western landscape that melds the 19th and 20th centuries with the approach of the millennium.

"I'd like it to be a guide for citi-

zens of the new West," Riebsame said. "It reflects what we have in the modern West and what our future is."

CU historian Patricia Wilkinson and law professor Charles Wilkinson contributed essays to chapters in the coffee-table-sized atlas, a two-year project of CU's Center of the American West.

There are maps on demographics, economics, people and water of the new West, along with charts of New Age hot spots, brewpub locations, airports, havens for new West writers and recreational playgrounds.

But there also is a map of "A Nuked Landscape," with notations on the sites of nuclear waste dumps, lab sites or mines. And a map of "War and Peace in the West" catalogues Western counties that have passed local control ordinances intended to usurp the

federal government's authority over public lands.

"I really think this will be a significant aid in understanding the stresses and promises of the West," Wilkinson said.

A series of fun factoids are blended into the 192-page atlas, such as the locations of businesses with the word "Cowboy" — from Psychic Cowboy Tarot in Palm Springs, Calif., to the Canine Cowboy in Santa Fe.

I have to say I had much fun doing this," Limerick said.

Limerick contributes a chapter to the atlas, recounting an interview she did last year with The New York Times for a story on the development of ostrich, emu and alpaca ranches in the new West. The symbolism struck Limerick.

"It raises one's hopes for a new brand of Western literature, in

which tall, silent ostrichboys, with their characteristic stiff-legged gait, face off against each other in showdowns on Main Street and then rejoin their Montessori schoolmarm for a debriefing and a cappuccino while the townspeople gather to watch anxiously from the mountain bike stores and aromatherapy shop," Limerick wrote.

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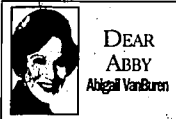
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FAMILY LIFE

A concerned aunt: You'd be amazed how quickly a toddler can get into trouble

DEAR ABBY: I am writing this letter to warn parents how easily kids can get into things when you least expect it. My niece (I'll call her Karen) and her 1-year-old daughter, "Kimberly," were at home. Karen was in the kitchen and Kimberly was in the bedroom. Karen became concerned because she couldn't hear what Kimberly was doing. When she checked on her, Karen found that the child had gotten hold of her purse and had the strap wrapped around her neck. Kimberly's lips were turning blue and she was very pale. Karen unwrapped the purse strap from around the



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

child's neck and attended to her. Karen was terrified, but thankful that she had checked on Kimberly when she did.

It's amazing, Abby. My niece and her husband had baby-proofed the electrical outlets, kitchen and bathroom cabinets,

and even put doorknob covers on doors they didn't want Kimberly to open. Now, after that frightening afternoon, Karen also makes sure she puts her purse, diaper bag or anything else with straps out of reach.

— **AN AUNT IN DENVER WHO CARES**
DEAR AUNT WHO CARES: Thank you for the warning. I'm sharing it with my readers, along with the reminder that drapery cords and those for venetian blinds can also be very dangerous for toddlers and small children, and should be kept out of reach of tiny hands.

WEDDINGS

BEARUP-PIERCE

TWIN FALLS: Andrea Bearup and Andrew Pierce were married July 12 at the Little White Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev.

A reception will be held in their honor at 7 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion Hall.

The bride is the daughter of Spart and Carol Bearup of Twin Falls.

Parents of the bridegroom are Mary Pierce and Kathy Pierce, both of Twin Falls.

Both families were in attendance in Las Vegas.

The bride is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho and will graduate in May 1998 from Idaho State University with a bachelor's degree in elemen-



Andrea and Andrew Pierce tary education. The bridegroom is employed at Miller Concrete. The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.

TANAKA-HANSEN

PAUL — Hazuki Tanaka and Jared Hansen were married Dec. 16 in the San Diego LDS Temple.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ryoichi Tanaka of Osaka, Japan.

Parents of the bridegroom are Ron and Joy Hansen of Paul.

The bride graduated from Brigham Young University in Hawaii on Dec. 13 with a bachelor's degree in psychology. She served a mission for the LDS Church in Japan.

The bridegroom is a 1993 graduate of Minico High School. He is a junior at BYU - Hawaii and is enrolled in the pre-med program. He served an LDS mission in the New Zealand Auckland Mission. A reception was held in their honor Dec. 20 in the Joseph



Jared and Hazuki Hansen Smith Building in Salt Lake City, Utah. An open house for the couple will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the home of Ron and Joy Hansen in Paul. The newlyweds will reside in Laie, Hawaii.

ENGAGEMENT

PARSONS-SORAN

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Parsons of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Ann to Timothy L. Soran Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy L. Soran Sr. of Twin Falls.

Parsons, a 1989 graduate of Twin Falls High School, will graduate this summer from the University of Utah with a masters of public administration. She previously graduated from the University of Utah with degrees in political science and film studies. She is currently employed by the University of Utah Alumni Association.

Soran, a 1990 graduate of TFFHS, will graduate in June from the University of Utah with bachelor of arts degrees in molecular biology and ancient history, and minors in Latin, biochemistry and



Timothy Soran and Jennifer Parsons classical studies. He previously graduated from Alberson College of Idaho with a degree in zoology-pre-medicine. He plans to pursue a master's degree in ancient history and medicine beginning next fall.

The wedding is planned for August 1998.

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10-14.5 oz. Assorted Varieties
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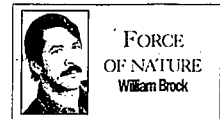
Enjoying gifts from wild Idaho

'Tis the season for give and take - with presents under the tree, a bonus from the boss, and good will to all.

It's a climmy, personable time of year when people are focused on friends and family. The emphasis is on human relations, but each of us should take a few minutes to appreciate the gifts bestowed by nature.

I found myself giving thanks a couple of times last weekend, once while skiing and again while bird hunting. Neither experience was "as good as it gets," but each was low-key and rewarding.

Call me a misanthrope, but I prefer to do my skiing in the backcountry. Out there, I don't have to contend with crowded lift lines and aggressive maniacs hurtling past at warp speed.



FORCE OF NATURE
William Brock

Trouble is, I still haven't grasped the mysteries of the telemark turn - even after all these years. The upshot is that I generally spend a few days at a commercial ski area, honing my skills before venturing beyond the black stump.

Saturday, for instance, found me at the Pomerelle Mountain Resort. It's a fine spot for an early-season tuneup because the snow generally piles up faster there than anywhere else in Idaho.

Better still, Pomerelle has no room for pretension.

It's a down-home place where farmers in canvas overalls ride the lifts alongside body-pierced teens. Nobody is too good for anybody else - and the guy manning the ticket window is likely to be the owner, Woody Anderson.

I spent most of the day dropping my knees, setting my edges and getting my weight forward in a desperate bid to go left and right. There wasn't much new snow, so there was little cushioning as I slammed, repeatedly, to the ground.

Still, it was a good day in the great outdoors. The green fir trees were flecked with snow and an azure sky stretched overhead. I was with good friends and the experience wouldn't have been any better at a swank ski resort.

On Sunday, I swapped skis for a side-by-side shotgun and ventured into the South Hills with Ken and the dog. We flogged his rig up to a lonely hilltop on Indian Spring Road, then stepped into a bitter wind. The first 20 minutes were pretty miserable as we stumbled through snow-covered rocks, trying to keep pace with the dog.

A lone sage grouse took wing at our approach, but the hunting season for that species ended months ago. We pressed on, hoping to encounter chukars or Huns.

The dog got up a dozen or so Huns, but they flushed out of range and glided into a deep ravine.

We kept going and, as we walked, circulation slowly returned to my numbed fingers. I wasn't warm, but I wasn't cold either - so my thoughts began to wander beyond the confines of personal comfort.

As the minutes ticked past, I came to appreciate the wild beauty of my surroundings.

On a level, it was just a bald hilltop on a nasty day in the South Hills. On another level, the Kavenam and I could imagine we were the only people on earth.

Cradling our weapons and lowering our heads into the fierce wind, we scanned the ground for tracks and other signs of birds. Sure enough, even in that bleak setting, we found spiders little prints and seed-strewn sites where they'd sheltered.

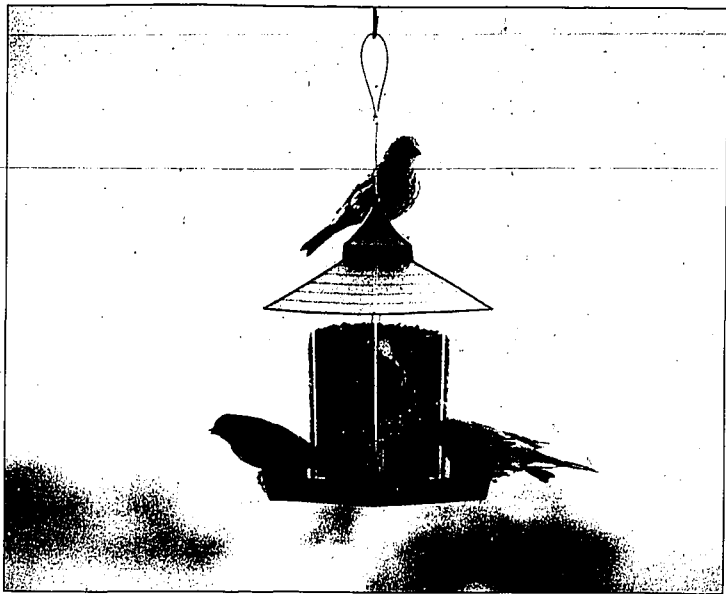
We went home without firing a shot, so I ate thawed trout for dinner. On balance, the weekend amounted to a fair day of skiing followed by a foul day of hunting.

It wasn't the greatest break from a five-day work week, but it beat hell out of what's available to the average stiff in Houston, Cleveland or Detroit. I enjoyed a cheap day of skiing, followed by a day when I saw more Huns than humans.

I can't attend a pro ball game or a major art exhibition in southern Idaho, but I can get out and touch the earth any day of the week. As long as I've got legs under me, that's a trade-off I'm willing to make.

Outdoors editor William Brock extends season's greetings and wishes (lecting to all mischief skiers and skunked hunters).

SAWTOOTH REC REPORT
Seasonal information on activities in the Sawtooth National Forest.
For recreation updates call **734-6326** and follow the simple instructions.
TheTimes-News



House finches feast at a feeder at a home south of Jerome.

Feeding the hungry

Gather 'round the bird feeder for a live nature show

By Stu Murrell
TIMES-NEWS CORRESPONDENT

JEROME - If you enjoy seeing rosy-headed finches, goldfinches, white-crowned sparrows, junco, pine siskins and - who can avoid 'em? - house sparrows, then you should get a bird feeder and a bag of seed.

Supplementing song birds' diets during the tough months of winter is a benefit to the birds - and it sets the stage for a visual feast that everyone can enjoy.

You won't be alone. More than 106 million people in the United States participated in non-consumptive wildlife activities, including watching, feeding and photographing birds, according to a 1991 survey by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. An estimated \$18 billion was spent annually for these activities.

Many Magic Valley residents enjoy bird watching, and a host of stores carry bird feeders and seed. Once you've got the food and the feeder, all you'll need is a good bird-identification guide and binoculars to enjoy increased bird activity in your yard.

To ensure maximum patronage, bird feeders should be placed near some sort of shelter. Dense shrubs, evergreens and even old Christmas trees will provide sanctuary from predators and protection from harsh winter weather.

There are four common types of feeders, and all can be fashioned from a variety of containers.

The platform type is nothing more than a horizontal board with a lip around it to prevent seeds from falling off. Post feeders and window feeders can be placed at head-height to get a close-up view



Awaiting their turn at the feeder, several species of songbirds congregate on a lilac bush.

of the diners. Hanging feeders work particularly well for small birds that can balance on the swinging perches.

Seeds are the most common type of feed, with

oil sunflowers topping the list, followed by rape, millet and wheat. People can buy prepared mixtures, or make their own to attract birds.

In addition to a feeder, avid bird fanciers can landscape their yards with natural food-bearing plants. Sumac, crabapple, roses, junipers and the thorny Russian olive all make good choices.

Though reviled by many, the Russian olive has a rich seed that remains on the tree and is prized by many species of wildlife. Song birds of all types, along with pheasants, quail, ducks, squirrels and raccoons all have been known to nibble from the Russian olive.

An excellent pamphlet on the subject, entitled "Landscaping for Wildlife," is available by writing to Idaho Wildlife, P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID, 83707-0025. For a free copy, send a self-addressed, 9-inch by 12-inch envelope bearing 52 cents of pre-paid postage.

Any free food source will draw its share of moochers, and bird feeders often are plagued by one of the wildest of them all: fox squirrels.

As gluttonous as they are devious, squirrels can spoil the party by driving away the guests of honor and gulping down the food. Squirrels are amazing - cunning and agile, but they can be foiled by perching bird feeders on smooth metal posts with horizontal metal shields beneath the hoppers.

Another good tip is to hang bird feeders from a thin wire that passes through a metal "deflector disc" above the edibles. Hang the feeder well away from trees or shrubs that would enable squirrels to leap onto the feeder.

Be forewarned, squirrels will work tirelessly to defeat feeder-defense systems. Long-running, bat-

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Tommy Moe's passions include anything outdoors

By John Husar
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO - When Tommy Moe steadies his skis at the top of the Nagano downhill course to defend his Olympic title in February, he'll be as relaxed as a man can be "after going through the washing machine maybe four or five times."

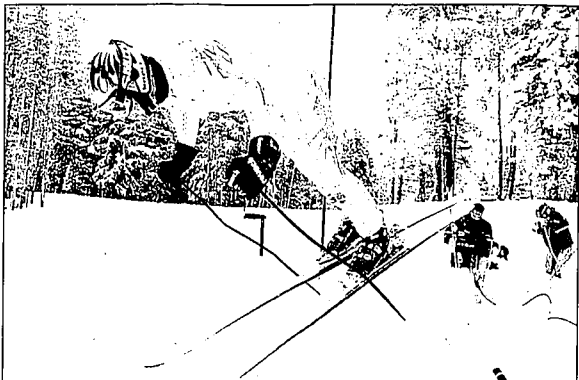
"That's because he expects a lot of emotionally up-and-down weather delays in the fog-plagued Japanese Alps."

"We tried to get three races in there a year or so ago, but the weather allowed only one," Moe recalled between gulps of the Hyatt O'Hare's famous chicken kreplach soup.

He snickered at my reporter's notebook.

"So you can forget about all those well-crafted deadlines," Moe warned. "They're going to be pretty much shattered. There's going to be an awful lot of weather delays. Nagano's in the highlands. It's like Hawaii with rain."

But while press room urchins nervously twiddle their pens, Moe and a few of his American teammates will try to keep



Olympic downhill gold medalist and U.S. Ski Team member Tommy Moe blasts out of the starting gate during a training run this year on Beaver Creek Mountain in Vail, Colo.

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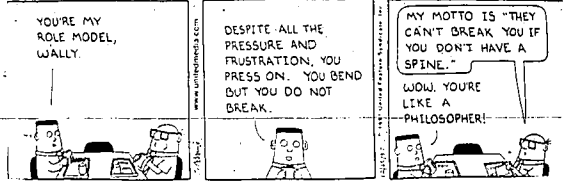
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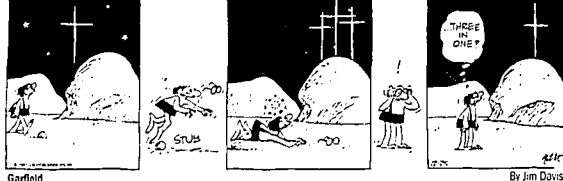
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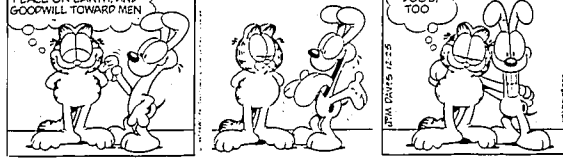
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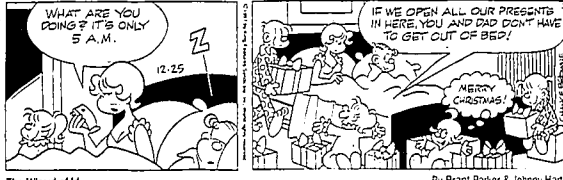
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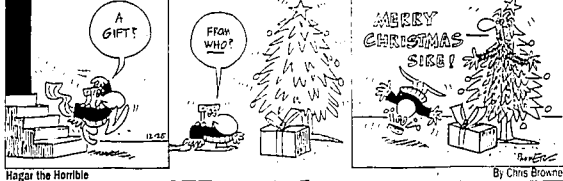
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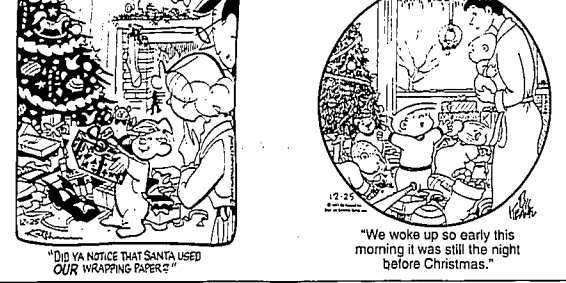


Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum

The Family Circus

By B. Keane



Cats' whiskers number 24

Women were first to plant and de- culture were goddesses, not gods. Two out of three cats get Christmas presents, according to those who track the holiday markets.

WHAT'S SWAIT? L.M. Boyd

Conclusion: What can make you happier is what can make you sadder. Q. How much of Australia is 'outback'? A. About 80 percent. In the Bantu language, 'Bantu' means 'men'. Stratford, Ontario, is another Shakespearean festival town. Yousters there go to Romeo and Juliet Elementary schools, and to King Lear High. When you visit the place, you can stay in the 'As You Like It Motel.' Understand Stratford is a pretty little hamlet. If George Washington had worn modern shoes, they'd have been size 13. Remarkable how many people don't know that a cat typically has 12 whiskers on each side of its nose.

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"We woke up so early this morning it was still the night before Christmas."

PROSCOPIC Sydney Omar

IF DECEMBER 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Mother had problem with left eye; you've sensitive to the point of being psychic. Pisces, Virgo persons play leading roles in your life, could have these letters, initials, in names: G, B, V. Current cycle make it necessary for you to look behind scenes for answers. During past year, you let go burdens you should not have carried in first place. July will be your most profitable, romantic month of 1998. MARCH: March 21-April 19: Holiday features children, change, variety of presents, different opinions concerning social conditions. Take initiative, for people know where you stand on no uncertain terms. APRIL: April 20-May 20: Focus on shelter for those who strike cherd in your heart. Emphasis also on partnership proposals, public relations, major decision associated with marriage. Scorpio involved. GENIUS: May 21-June 20: Avoid appearance of exchange of presents brings joy, humor and will relate to degree of many. Virgos should be treated with respect, public relations, major decision associated with marriage. Scorpio involved. LIBRA: Sept. 23-Oct. 22: Meditate on appearance of help, someone you feel of suspect could be very much enticed by you. Love is just around the corner. Mysterious air of mystery, don't tell all. Pisces involved. SCORPIO: (Dec. 24-Nov. 21): What appears to be reward opportunity, all bouncing from your favor. You get potential second chance, strike while iron is hot. Pisces, Virgo surprise visit - all in holiday spirit. SAGITTARIUS: (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): You kind of shy. Secretary includes foreign language, bilingual individuals who share experiences in different lands. You'll be regarded as wise counselor. APRIL: (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Bright light shines, don't diminish at by asking too many questions. Gift arrives late, a spectacular. Focus on romance, participation in exciting, creative projects. Leo in picture. AQUARIUS: (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be careful observer - someone wants something for nothing, expects you to be fall guy. Respond with sarcasm, "Sorry to disappoint you!" Cancer native becomes directly involved. Pisces involved. PISCES: (Feb. 19-March 20): Enjoyment! Following period of depression, you emerge from emotional shell. Enjoy holidays, deal with Gemini, Sagittarius persons. Focus on art, literature, entertainment, travel.

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The Times-News

Salt Lake homeless follow a form of free enterprise

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — For J.J., the veteran downtown street musician who belts out a mean "Oh Christmas Tree" Ray Charles-style, it hardly gets better than this.

At 11:20 a.m. on the final Friday before Christmas, the dollar bills are already spilling out of his makeshift collection cup, a battered Utah Jazz coffee mug perched on a portable electric piano.

J.J. is one of dozens of men and women who eke out a living by panhandling on the streets of Salt Lake. Some take wads of dollars of tourists and residents; others settle for loose change.

Here at J.J.'s regular spot, the Main Street crosswalk between the ZCMI Center and Crossroads Plaza in downtown Salt Lake City, busy holiday shoppers seem especially generous. Their donations will cover his bus trip to Houston, where J.J. says his mother expects him for Christmas.

Directly through the block from J.J., at the West Temple Crossroads parking exit, 27-year-old Sean Fields has been working the corner for about two hours. Later in the afternoon, Fields, who says he's homeless, jobless and usually looking for day labor, will voluntarily give his spot over to Andrea, a homeless woman who begs spare change, she says, on behalf of her young daughter.

By 3 p.m. Dave, a fixture on Salt Lake's streets for nearly a decade with his two German shepherd mix dogs, will replace Andrea and work until dusk.

In roughly an eight-block downtown area, the homeless long ago fashioned

their own crude but thriving free-enterprise zone. Their effort continues year-round, but seems to ratchet up a few notches this season. The panhandlers work the neighborhood surrounding the Mormon Temple and downtown shopping malls with surprising sophistication, many of them carving out their own territory at the entrance to stores and parking terraces. Some even work regular shifts, a few hours at one spot before giving over the space to a needier comrade.

Unlike many other U.S. cities, Salt Lake has no "aggressive panhandler" ordinance, said City Attorney Roger Cutler. "Going back as far as Mayors Ted Wilson and Palmer DePaulis, the city did not want to be viewed as anti-poor and elected not to address the problem that way," he said.

So the panhandlers and the downtown public co-exist. There are limits, however. Transients cannot block streets or sidewalks, trespass and solicit inside the malls, or use fraud as an inducement for donations, Cutler said. "But we cannot interfere with their First Amendment rights."

Just as in the real, live business world, only the strongest survive. The best entrepreneurs — even in the underground economy of the homeless — always have their gimmicks.

The minnows, after all, can't swim for long with the sharks.

Perhaps that is why J.J., who refused to give his last name, has made such a splash on Main Street. This time of year, his powerful voice and tiny electric piano are as

familiar as the tinkling bells of that competing mainstream fund-raiser, the Salvation Army.

Although J.J., 62, works the area spot radically all year, he makes his real money in the few short weeks leading to Christmas. Wearing a faded red sweatshirt and a Santa hat, his repertoire includes "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Jingle Bells," and a decent scat rendition of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

"Taught myself to play," J.J. said, clearly reluctant to waste time talking when he could be making money. He said he used to play at a West Jordan restaurant, now defunct. Almost every morning he takes the bus from Kearns to downtown, sets up the piano and starts his show.

"This time of year they give a little more," J.J. said. A good day might net him \$50, tax-free, and no boss to answer to. "I get to see good people," he said, blowing into threadbare-gloved hands. "If it's too cold I don't go to work. If I don't feel like showing up, I don't go."

"Only thing I have to worry about is the wind chill."

Just 20 feet from J.J., 36-year-old Debbie Tibbets has heaped an overstuffed backpack and herself against the Main Street entrance to the ZCMI

Center. A neon-orange poster is wired to the pack. A photo of a little girl with long dark hair and wide smile is taped to the poster.

"Please help this little girl's Christmas wish come true," the poster says. "Send me home."

Home is near San Francisco, Tibbets said, where her 9-year-old daughter, Kelly Marie, lives with Tibbets' parents. She said she hasn't seen her daughter in two years. Her goal is to raise \$100 by Christmas. Even then, she takes Amtrak to California.

"I want to clean myself up and be under the Christmas tree Christmas morning," she said, smiling through grimy teeth at tossing her greasy, gray-streaked hair over her shoulders.

Tibbets does not work; she claims degenerative arthritis makes that impossible. She thinks even something like telemarketing is out of the question.

"I can't sit that long without pain," she said, unable to explain how it is she props herself on the sidewalk for hours on end.

Tarf works sometimes erupt. A few nights ago, Tibbets said, "I had some young girl 'spare changing' me right in front of my spot. She had no right to be there. I got up and chased her across the street. I told her she should be home with her parents."

For the most part, though, the homeless

say they work together rather peacefully, raising funds and passing on their spots to those in greater need. Sean Fields gladly turns his territory over to Andrea when she shows up. She has a young daughter who needs the money, Fields said.

Fields is able-bodied, a striking contrast to the amputee who sprawls on the sidewalk outside Nordstrom and the 300-pound diabetic on crotches at the South Temple entrance to Crossroads.

On a recent wind-whipped morning, Fields was dressed in an expensive canvas coat and leathelike knit cap. He wore quality work boots. His teeth are white and straight, his beard blond, at least in comparison to his homeless brothers, is nicely trimmed.

People leaving the parking ramp often shout at him, Fields said. "You're healthy," they yell. "Get a job." It's all true, Fields concedes.

"I'm healthy, sure. But every day I go look for day labor," he said. "It's just slow this time of year." His last job was as a line cook at a pancake-house in beautiful.

"Too stressful, and it paid bad," he said. He made \$50 a week.

Now, even at Christmas, Fields is lucky to net \$20 a day in his Santa-themed paper cup.

Which scarcely comes close to what J.J. cleared his last day in town. On Friday, in the late afternoon shaft settled on his side of the street, J.J. offered a wide and toothless grin.

"I'm going to Houston," he said as he fed his piano into its quilted carrying case. "See you next year."

Woman remembers devastation of Hanoi

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Fixed in time, her eyes stare out from a grainy black and white portrait hanging in a memorial in central Hanoi.

Her name is unknown, but her memory is linked with the bombing raid on the North Vietnamese capital 25 years ago.

She's one of 1,600 civilian dead remembered this week in Hanoi and throughout this country to mark the anniversary of the 1972 Christmas bombings — President Nixon's last tick against communist North Vietnam.

On Dec. 18, 1972, an armada of American B-52s flew in formation seven miles overhead and unleashed their payloads on Hanoi. The bombings continued for 11 more days.

Stunned long into a one-person bomb shelter, Nguyen Van Tung listened night after night as explosion broke the air into a clutter of rubble. Today, he is a

volunteer who maintains a small memorial for the victims.

"The United States and Vietnam and our children should look to the future, but let's not forget the past," Tung said.

It was "Operation Linebacker II" — an attack aimed at winning concessions from the communists at peace talks in Paris. The campaign, coming shortly after Nixon had won a landslide election to a second term, was the biggest aerial blitz of the war.

With the fighting long over, Washington and Hanoi have moved into a new era of friendship. But their troubled past continues to haunt.

"For those who want to forget or who do not want to recall, the candles are lit," Tung said. Thousands of graves and altars will remind us of those 12 days and nights," said Doan Khuê, a Communist Party Politburo member and former defense minister.

In Hanoi and the northern port city of Hai Phong, the bombing was staggering. More than 1,600 civilians died, 70 U.S. airmen were killed or captured and many Americans were left to wonder what price Nixon was willing to pay for "peace with honor."

For the Vietnamese, it was a halcyon of death.

"If I could have talked to President Nixon, I would have said 'What were you thinking? How could you do this? You dropped bombs on our heads,'" said 76-year-old Thuong Thi Tien, who recalls spending days trying to dig trapped survivors out of the rubble.

"All through it we could hear people screaming under collapsed roofs and buildings," she said. "I tried everything to get to them, but by the time we pulled them out they were dead."

Although the B-52s had been programmed to pinpoint strategic

targets, mistakes happened.

Aiming for an air base on the outskirts of Hanoi, a load of bombs went astray and crashed down on Bao Hai hospital on Dec. 22, killing 18 hospital workers and patients.

On Christmas Day, silence fell on the ravaged city.

Thousands of people who had evacuated Hanoi began to return, believing the bombing runs were over. For Tung and his neighbor Tien, the worst came less than 24 hours later.

"On Christmas Day so many people came back to the city because the bombing stopped," Tien says. "We never believed the United States would drop bombs on us again at Christmas."

But the post-Christmas air strikes resumed with devastating results. The target was Hanoi's central railway station. Dozens of bombs landed short, instead hitting a busy residential street, Kham Thien.

Santa gets a black eye at parade

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) — Santa Claus is nursing a painful black eye and making a list of who is naughty and nice after being pelted with water balloons during a New Zealand Christmas parade.

Local pharmacist Brian Brewerton agreed to be Santa for the Saturday parade down the main street of Kaihako, a town 80 miles north of Auckland.

After the parade started, water balloons were hurled at him while

he rode on top of a fire engine in the southern hemisphere's smarm. At first he didn't mind, well, wading the cool water on his hot Santa suit.

But then one caught him off guard, hitting him in the eye. "I couldn't see. It was wildy painful on my face."

The 62-year-old eye socket was blackened and his eyelid bright red from burst blood vessels — and he was not planning to do an encore performance.

Bells won't ring in Norway's Christmas

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Christmas Eve will be a silent night for one small Norwegian town, after state security regulations made it illegal to ring in the holiday with steeple bells.

For generations, Norwegian churches have rung their bells for hours to mark the start of the Christmas holiday in this predominantly Lutheran country.

But that won't happen this year for two churches in Steigen, a town on Engeloya, or Angel Island, in the arctic Nordland province, the Norwegian news agency NTB reported Tuesday.

The bells produce 125 decibels of noise — too loud under state labor rules, since employees have to stand next to the bells to ring them.

Parish minister Arne Loefgaard had asked the town council for \$40,000 for an automatic bell ringing system. But was turned down, NTB said.

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Most all the time, the whole year round, there ain't no fites on me. But just fore Christmas I'm good as I can be.

Eugene Field

In a holiday mood, four friends played this deal on Christmas Eve. After reaching a grand slam and eyeing dummy, South made a joking offer. "I'll trade either you a major-suit jack for a minor-suit deuce."

There were no takers. East said nothing, hiding the fact he had nothing. West was silent because his lone queen had to be what South was looking for.

"Well, if you won't bite, I'll do my own work," continued South. And he set forth to be "as good as can be."

Without a peek, can you spot how South found a foolproof way to score 13 tricks?

On the surface, the mirror distribution of both hands suggests the heart finesse is the only reasonable chance. Here's how South played to avoid the routine finesse.

South cashed all his winners, leaving the heart suit until the end. In the process, he discovered that East had begun with three spades and four diamonds.

When West discarded on the third round of clubs, South knew East had started with five clubs. Therefore, he could hold no more than one heart.

The only chance left for success was to hope that East's singleton heart was either the queen or 10. So South cashed his heart king, on when East's 10 appeared, ran his heart jack to make his slam.

I wish all my readers a joyous holiday season. May you all play as well and find as much luck as today's South.

North: A J 5, A Q 5, 10 8 7 3, A K 10. East: 7 6 3, 10, 9 5 2, 9 6 5 4 3.

South: K Q, A K J, A Q J. Vulnerable: North-South. Dealer: South.

The bidding: South West North East. 2NT Pass 7NT Allpass.

Opening lead: Spade 10. BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: A 10 8 2, Q 7 6 4 3 2, A J. North-South 3NT 25-27 HCP.

ANSWER: Four hearts. The heart game should be the safer venture. This hand may be worthwhile for partner.

Small puzzle questions in The Aces, P-9, P-12, P-13, P-14, P-15, P-16, P-17, P-18, P-19, P-20, P-21, P-22, P-23, P-24, P-25, P-26, P-27, P-28, P-29, P-30, P-31, P-32, P-33, P-34, P-35, P-36, P-37, P-38, P-39, P-40, P-41, P-42, P-43, P-44, P-45, P-46, P-47, P-48, P-49, P-50, P-51, P-52, P-53, P-54, P-55, P-56, P-57, P-58, P-59, P-60, P-61, P-62, P-63, P-64, P-65, P-66, P-67, P-68, P-69, P-70, P-71, P-72, P-73, P-74, P-75, P-76, P-77, P-78, P-79, P-80, P-81, P-82, P-83, P-84, P-85, P-86, P-87, P-88, P-89, P-90, P-91, P-92, P-93, P-94, P-95, P-96, P-97, P-98, P-99, P-100.

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