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Cloudy with south-west winds from 5 to 15 mph. Chance of snow after midnight. High 34, low 23.

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ECONOMIC STUDY

Life expectancy may be linked TO INCOME

By Pat Macintyre Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Eating a hot meal at the Suburban Arms Valley country club and Dave Lambert's burger. "There are a lot of ways we can come close to paying the bills," said Mary Lynn of Twin Falls. There is a track driver and Mary Lynn works part time because of disability problems. Medical expenses and other bills have made it tough for their family — which includes 4-year-old daughter, Lila — to get ahead financially, she said. They don't receive any public assistance. Their money worries have led to stress, she says.

"It's like that old song says, 'Dave Lambert said, 'Sometimes it feels like that.' Some economists say the gulf between the rich and poor may be linked to life expectancy. Unequal distribution of income produces unequal access to education, health care and police protection, all of which affect health and mortality," said Mary Lynn, economist with the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco.

"And the bad things that happen to people at the bottom of the income ladder are not to be offset by positive things that those at the top," she said.

At the bottom
The theory that income inequality is linked to mortality sounds like a bad idea — first, you're poor and then you die. "Income inequality is really the



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same. Lila Lambert's father is a truck driver, and her mother works part time. Still, the 8-year-old's family depends on the lunch program at the Suburban Arms to help make ends meet. Experts say lower income can equal a shorter life span.

High. Barbara Rude spends more than a dozen hours a week sorting food for the poor.

breadth of the difference between those at the top and the bottom," Daly said. "Mortality is linked to that income."

The income gulf in the U.S. is the most unequal of any industrialized country, while life expectancy is behind that of any developed country. Three-fourths of Americans experience fluctuations in income between 1983-1984, 41 per-



cent saw incomes rise, but 37 percent felt theirs shrink. The rich getting richer doesn't affect mortality, the economist said. The effect comes at the Please see STUDY, Page A2

CLINTON IGNORES PEARL HARBOR REMEMBERED

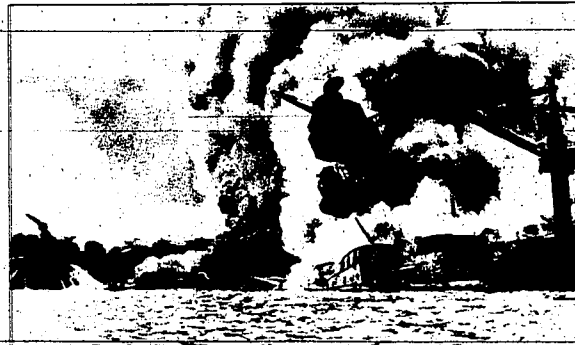
Clinton ignores inquiry

President works on Social Security

WASHINGTON — As White House lawyers go to defend President Clinton in the impeachment inquiry Tuesday at Capitol Hill, President Clinton will be taking care of business. Day by day, as you approach year-end, some say that the White House strategy is to ignore Clinton as presuppoted with the people's business, above the party line of politics, as Congress



quarrels over the tax. Medicare, Social Security, welfare issues will be the White House focus over the next few days, ending with a weekend trip to the Redoubt. The intended message Clinton is being presidential, while Republicans are out for his scalp and playing politics. Instead of spending before Christmas, Clinton has decided to spend this time at these opportunities: at a leader at work.



The USS Arizona is engulfed in flames after a Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in this Dec. 7, 1941, file photo. The attack plunged the United States into World War II.

Attack alters schoolboy's world

ESQUELLE — The scattered patches of brown-black puffs against the sparkling blue morning sky should have been indications that something was wrong that Sunday morning. But, as a 6-year-old, I was more eager to get in a full day of "pee-wee" — a game using different lengths of an old broomstick — not knowing the enormity of events taking place 8 miles away.

Magic Valley vets share their stories — A4

The laughter and cajoling, however, came to an abrupt end when all the kids' parents came out and literally marched us home. That night, I remember my father telling the family not to turn on any house lights. The winter season was here so darkness fell early. It was eerie; the entire neighborhood was pitch black.

As we went to bed, my father placed the radio under a table draped with a sheet so there would be no visible light outside. That's when it struck me that something was seriously wrong. That's the most vivid memory I have of Dec. 7, 1941 — "a date which will live in infamy," as President Franklin D. Roosevelt would say. That morning, at Pearl Harbor and other military facilities on

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Endeavor astronauts capture 1st station part

SPACE CENTER, Houston — Endeavor's astronauts captured the first piece of the international space station on Saturday, the Russian-made Zarya service module that had to be connected to the Unity chamber aboard the shuttle.

Commander Robert Cabana steered Endeavour to within several feet of the solar-welding module. Then Nancy Currie reached out with the shuttle robot arm and gently latched onto it as the space-craft soared some 240 miles above the Kazak Russian border. "We have Zarya," announced a

jubilant Cabana. "We're halfway home for the day." The most difficult part of the mission — stacking the two giant cylinders — was still ahead. The job fell to Currie, the shuttle crew operator who had deftly hoisted and repositioned Unity in the cargo bay on Saturday.

The two station pieces are so big — 77 feet from the tip of one to the tip of the other with a combined mass of 70,000 pounds — that Currie and her crewmates had to rely on a computerized vision system and camera views, rather than direct line of sight. "Blind" docking had never been attempted before.

Water users want better rules

Customers hope delay means improved management

By N.S. Nohkhetvad Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Some water users are apprehensive about a delay in new state rules for managing Idaho's water resources. The Twin Falls Canal Co. hopes the process ends with a workable set of rules, said company manager Vince Alberdi. But the process of meetings and hearings left everyone with an expectation that new rules were coming soon.

State officials last month delayed putting new water rules into practice until conflicts over those rules is resolved. Disagreement was particularly strong over how groundwater will be managed to protect senior surface water rights, and senior groundwater rights.

In March, the Idaho Department of Water Resources will ask Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to temporarily adopt refined rules — but in time for the 1999 irrigation season.

The Twin Falls Canal Co.'s surface water right is directly affected by Blackfoot-area pumps that exceed their water rights. Though it has a senior water right, the canal company relies heavily on spring flows near Blackfoot — and those springs decline when nearby wells are pumping hot and heavy in summer.

"If everybody takes only their Please see WATER, Page A2

Industrial pollution crosses Pacific

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Scientists said Sunday they have documented for the first time that industrial pollution and dust from Asia travels thousands of miles across the Pacific and degrades air quality over the United States.

In some cases during the past two years levels of airborne particles that originated in China and central Asia spread as far as Texas and briefly spiked some U.S. pollution levels as high as two-thirds of federal health standards.

However, in most cases, the pollution is diluted as it hitches a ride on mid-level winds circulating around the globe and poses no real public health threat, scientists said, as they presented several studies at the meeting of the American Geophysical Union.

The Asian pollution sources occur mostly in the spring and fall. Similar intercontinental movements of dust and pollution occur between the United States and Europe and between other continents, but those atmospheric patterns have not been as closely studied.

The international contribution to a metropolitan area's total volume on air pollution remains very small, but could increase as indus-

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MAGIC VALLEY 5-DAY FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Camas Prairie
High: 26 Low: -2
Increasing clouds with chance of snow tonight. Snow likely on Tuesday.

Treasure Valley
High: 36 Low: 29
Increasing clouds with chance of snow tonight. Showers likely on Tuesday.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley
High: 25 Low: 5
Increasing clouds with chance of afternoon snow. Snow likely tonight. Snow showers on Tuesday.

Eastern Idaho
High: 28 Low: 16
Mostly cloudy with light snow tonight. Slight chance of snow early next morning. Snow likely on Tuesday.

Northern Idaho
High: 33 Low: 27
Snow likely after noon and overnight. Possible accumulation of 3-6 inches. Partly cloudy on Tuesday with chance of snow.

Northern Utah
High: 32 Low: 10
Partly cloudy with fair skies tonight. Light snow on Tuesday with chance of afternoon snow.

Northern Nevada
High: 34 Low: 23
Increasing clouds with chance of snow later in the day. Snow likely tonight. Slight snow showers on Tuesday with light winds.

Today, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
High/Low temperatures and weather icons for each day.

Twin Falls, Idaho precipitation and temperature data for last year and normal.

Idaho High/Low table listing temperatures for various Idaho locations.

Idaho weather
Weather forecast for the Magic Valley for noon, Sunday, Dec. 6.
Includes a map of Idaho with weather zones and a weather icon legend.

Across the Nation
A table listing weather forecasts for various cities across the United States.

Study

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lower end of the scale.
Need to lower income are higher levels of depression, feelings of isolation, insecurity and anxiety...

Number of rich and poor households in Idaho
A table showing the number of rich and poor households in Idaho by county.

The poor in the Magic Valley
A table showing the number of poor households in the Magic Valley.

Not worse off
A table showing the number of households that are not worse off.

and the rich in Idaho
A table showing the number of rich households in Idaho.

and the rich in Idaho
A table showing the number of rich households in Idaho.

medical care and housing and food, that will happen."
Despite a relatively healthy economy, people are turning to the Salvation Army for help...

Major Eddie Patterson of the Salvation Army in Twin Falls believes the gap between the affluent and not-so-affluent can affect life expectancy.

Pollution

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rialization, rain forest burning and other polluting sources, scientists said.

Water

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share, those at the end of the ditch will get their water too, Albert said.

For more online: Newslink
If the question of how much diversion is not resolved, imposing the new rules could lead to a confrontation...

United States. The midland clouds were confirmed by a report from the United States...

tion will cover the answer to everybody's satisfaction.
That gathered over the past 23 years, however, have great difficulty the task to better manage the water...

Attack

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Japan, the Japanese launched a surprise attack that plunged the United States into World War II.
We was not in my vocabulary...

melting pot of ethnic groups, eased the fears of retaliation for my parents, who were second-generation Japanese-American.
The war years also meant backyard bomb shelters. Every family had one...

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NATION

Serial murder case hits snag

Lead investigator fails lie detector test

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The 26 nude or partially clothed bodies were found floating in swamps and canals, lying under highway overpasses, decomposing in thick woods.

Most were prostitutes strangled or overdosed with drugs and left to die by a serial killer stalking the city from 1991 to 1996.

A big break came in March when a 48-year-old taxi driver and loner was charged with two 1993 murders and named a suspect in as many as 15 more.

But the case against Russell Ellwood, accused of dumping his victims from his cab after drugging them so they would be unconscious during sex, may be falling apart.

Last month, sheriff's Lt. Sue Rushing, the leader of the serial killer task force that targeted Ellwood, failed a lie detector test asking if she destroyed or lost receipts that could place Ellwood in Ohio with relatives when the 1993 murders happened.

The test also indicated Rushing was telling the truth when she denied coaching a witness who claimed Ellwood showed her the two bodies in a canal 20 miles west of New Orleans.

The allegations were made by other task force members, prompting the FBI to investigate Rushing and the task force. Ellwood has filed a federal civil rights lawsuit against task force investigators, asserting that police lied when they said he confessed under relentless interrogation.

On a hearing Wednesday, Ellwood's lawyers will question Rushing and other detectives in court, trying to put the task force on trial to persuade a judge to



Serial killer suspect Russell Ellwood is held from the St. Charles Parish courtroom in Hahnville, La., earlier this year after a second arrest.

throw out two second-degree murder charges, which carry automatic life sentences. It's clear they have deprived him of his right to a fair trial," said Maria Chaisson, one of Ellwood's lawyers. Prosecutors admit they have no physical evidence to put Ellwood where the bodies of Cheryl Lewis and Delores Mack were found Feb. 21 and Feb. 22, 1993. But they say Ellwood's own statements and other evidence they won't describe points to him as the killer.

Lewis drowned in the canal while urinating the tail end of a cocaine and amphetamine. Mack's remains strangled and suffocated on top of a canal away. Location was unclear. Ellwood was at the scene, according to the coroner. However, one of his attorneys said the coroner's statement "was to the effect that Ellwood was at the scene" but that he did not see the bodies. Ellwood said he wanted to examine the bodies in his hospital room, where the coroner's report said he was taken to court.

Giuliani says a run for the White House is unlikely

The Washington Post

New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said it is increasingly unlikely that he will run for president in 2000 but that he will begin raising money early next year for a possible Senate bid.

"I'm keeping my options open," he said at a meeting last week with Washington Post editors and reporters. "If I don't raise funds, I'll close the options off."

A moderate in a party led at the national level by conservatives, Giuliani said he also hopes to spend the next two years steering the GOP back to the middle.

"I would rather play the role of some places speaking up for the rest," than run for president," he said. "I would like to help elect a Republican as president and broaden my party."

In the last campaign cycle, Giuliani raised between 15 and

20 states campaign for Republicans. He said one of the most alarming indicators he saw on his travels this fall was a poll showing that California Attorney General Dan Lungren — the Republican who lost the governor's race to Democrat Gray Davis — had lost the support of moderate Republicans.

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Analyst says gas prices may have bottomed out

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) — U.S. gasoline prices may have hit bottom and could stay there a while, barring a worldwide financial crisis, an industry analyst said Sunday.

The average retail price, including all grades and taxes, was \$1.047 per gallon Friday, down 25.6 cents from two weeks earlier, according to the Lundberg Survey of 10,000 stations nationwide.

Regular gasoline at self-serve stations, which comprise the majority of sales, dropped below \$1. Price wars in some areas brought it even lower; gas cost just 67.9 cents a gallon in California, Ohio.

But the price appears to have bottomed out after a year that saw faltering demand in economies hit by financial woes, and an oil glut that reduced crude oil and gas prices by about 15 cents per gallon, analyst Tracy Lundberg said.

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Gov. Brown, JFK label Nixon 'nuts'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — President John F. Kennedy and former Gov. Edmund G. "Pat" Brown called Richard Nixon "nuts" and "psycho" in a taped telephone conversation after Brown's victory over Nixon in the 1962 governor's race, the San Francisco Examiner reported Sunday.

"You reduced him to the nut house," said Kennedy, after Nixon's infamous "last news conference" soon after his 300,000-vote loss to Brown. "That last farewell speech of his... shows that he belongs on the couch."

After the defeat, Nixon bitterly told reporters: "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore."

The conversation was included on tapes released last month by the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston.

"On the tapes, Brown also told the president that humiliating Nixon was what Kennedy had wanted. Kennedy defeated Nixon for the presidency in 1960.

"This is a very peculiar fellow. This is a very peculiar man," Brown said. "I really think that he is psycho. He's an able man, but he's nuts."

Brown told Kennedy that Nixon's may have doomed his political future in California with the farewell speech. Six years later, Nixon carried the state in his successful presidential bid against Hubert H. Humphrey.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

State may lease land to Air Force

TWIN FALLS - State officials propose leasing 966.5 acres to the Air Force for \$10,776 a year.

The land would be part of a practice bombing range and electronic combat training complex in eastern Owyhee County.

The Air Force has proposed setting aside nearly 12,000 public acres for the complex.

Most of the land is federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Congress has approved the proposal.

The state Land Board will discuss the proposed lease at its Dec. 15 meeting.

The state figures the rental rate for a large block of land at 6 percent of the land's value. And Department of Lands officials estimate the land to be worth \$105 per acre. Small sites for mobile electronic radar units would be charged the same as a noncommercial communication site - a minimum of \$1,000.

The state also would charge the Air Force for grazing leases on the land.

If approved, the lease term would be from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2003, with an option to renew for another five years.

Jerome group hopes to fund improvements

JEROME - A newly-formed volunteer group in Jerome hopes to raise enough money to pay for one major improvement each year at the Jerome County Fairgrounds.

The Jerome County Fairgrounds Foundation soon will give \$1,000 to the fairgrounds, member Ruth Young said. The donation is earmarked to replace the inside railings on the arena track with new iron railings, she said.

The foundation hopes to have that project finished this spring. Improving the grandstands and building an indoor arena are also on the foundation's wish list.

Members soon will get professional fund-raising training through the College of Southern Idaho, Young said.

The fairgrounds' current share of the county budget allows only for maintenance of its existing facilities, she said.

Hailey City Council to meet at 6 p.m. today

HAILEY - The Hailey City Council will meet at 6 p.m. today at Hailey Town Center.

The council will hold a joint meeting with the Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission on hillside development regulation and general directions for the update of the Hailey comprehensive plan.

An executive session will conclude the meeting.

Blaine commissioners convene at 8:45 a.m.

HAILEY - Blaine County commissioners will meet at 8:45 a.m. today upstairs in the Old Coahoy Courthouse, 206 First Ave. S.

An open comment session will be followed by a commissioner discussion. Other items on the morning agenda are the State Veterans Service representatives, Wood River Rural Fire District fire contract, an executive session for indigent applications, the Board of Equalization, cancellation of taxes and a commissioner discussion.

The afternoon session starts at 1:30 p.m. with a public hearing on the Lookout Circle Subdivision plat amendment. The applicant is requesting an amendment of the final plat by enlarging the building envelope on all three lots by about one acre. The property is in the Bellevue Farms Subdivision along two miles south of Bellevue along Cahoon Road.

A public hearing at 2 p.m. will address the Magic Subdivision application to replat two lots into one that will be about a quarter of an acre in size. The property address is 211 Magic Drive.

Planning and zoning, domestic court facilitator and commissioner discussions complete the afternoon schedule.

The meetings are open to the public.

Compiled from staff reports

AN INFAMOUS DAY



D.C. Kelley describes looking up and seeing Japanese bombs raining down on Pearl Harbor more than 50 years ago.

MV vets share stories of Pearl Harbor

By Mark Helms Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Gale Mohlenbrink of Buhl remembers beautiful Hawaiian beaches where servicemen swam and played. He also remembers the Sunday morning that transformed those peaceful beaches into a war zone.

Nearly six decades have passed since a heavy cruiser with

Mohlenbrink aboard returned cautiously to Pearl Harbor, just days after a massive Japanese attack on Dec. 7, 1941. But the shock and regret were still clear in Mohlenbrink's voice as he recalled what he saw.

"They had strung barbed wire and barracades all up and down those beaches,"

Mohlenbrink and four other Pearl Harbor survivors gathered recently to talk about a day that

changed everything. They recalled how fear of a Japanese invasion haunted Hawaii in the days following the surprise air attack.

Gale Kelley and Dave Betencourt of Twin Falls - who served in Marine Corps detachments aboard battleships -

joined other leathernicks in hurriedly issuing rifles to sailors in case the Japanese army came calling.

"Some of them had never even seen a rifle up close," Kelley said.

"Before a rifle's any good, you have to fire it a few times and get the feel of it," Mohlenbrink added. "A lot of those old Springfield were probably off a foot at a hundred yards."

Such memories brought plenty of laughs, but Kelley's demeanor turned grim as he thought back

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Wendell principal receives advocate award

By Gina Moulder Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - Wendell preschool teacher Brenda Hall compares Karen Osman to the Energizer Bunny. "She just keeps going and going and going."

Osman is many things to many people in Wendell - elementary school principal, administrator, chamber of commerce president and luncheon monitor. Now she can add Counselor Advocate of the Year to her list.

The Idaho School Counselor Association presented the award to Osman during its annual conference in Nampa Nov. 12.

Osman's contemporaries say her nonstop dynamic energy and drive brought her to the forefront as this year's award recipient.

Each year the ISCA craves the state for a person, organization or agency which recognizes and supports counselors and the roles they play within the school environment.

Angela Hoops said in today's society, children need mentors as much as they need disciplinarians. Hoops said, and Osman has become both.

"Karen looks at each child as an individual."

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Wendell Elementary School Principal Karen Osman chats with children during lunch. Osman recently received the Counselor Advocate of the Year award from the Idaho School Counselor Association.

Now showing: 5 new 'toons with 'tude

The suspense is over. Five new comics make their debut today in your daily paper.

Here's a summary: "Zits" - A witty new strip that goes straight to the heart of adolescent anxieties.

"Non Sequitur" - Some people think this twisted panel is the heir to the dear, departed "Far Side."

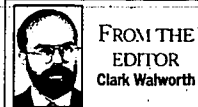
"Strange Brew" - If "Non Sequitur" is the heir, this is the wacked-out brother-in-law.

"Luzum" - A warm and funny exploration of teenage life.

"Liberty Meadows" - Too weird for description. You'll have to see it yourself.

When you look at the comics page, you'll see the newcomers grouped together under the label, "on the fringe." There's a reason.

Our comics page has always been good, but it's fairly traditional. Beloved strips such as "Blondie" and "Peanuts"



FROM THE EDITOR Clark Watworth

have entertained readers for decades. We wanted something fresh. Something edgy, something packed with attitude, something outrageous. Something to catch the imagination of younger readers.

Our five choices are the pick of cartoonist's new crop. Will readers like them? We'll wait and see. After you've had a while to get to know them, we'll ask your opinion.

Other changes

In introducing these new comics, we

didn't want to upset fans of our old sundays. So instead of substituting the new for the old, we made room for five additions.

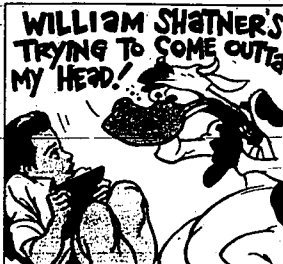
Doing that meant moving the horoscopes, the crossword and L.M. Boyd. Those features will have a new home on a page of their own.

We call the new page "Morning Break," and you can find it each day in our front-page index.

Also new is a heartwarming weekly feature based on a bestselling book series, "Chicken Soup For the Soul" made its first appearance in Sunday's "Family Life" section. Look for it there every week.

These additions should make The Times-News an even better part of your daily routine. As always, we're eager to hear your opinion.

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'Liberty Meadows' - too weird for description.

TF council to hear zoning amendment requests

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls City Council today will consider two requests for zoning changes during public hearings set to begin at 6 p.m. in City Hall.

The council's regular meeting begins at 5 p.m. Greg Gilmore has asked for professional/office property at 858 Eastland Drive to be rezoned for commercial/rental use.

Farmers National Bank has requested that its property at 127 and 135 Eighth Ave. N. be rezoned for professional/office use.

The council also will hear a swimming pool status report, consider a grant from the Idaho Division of Aeronautics, and hear a request from Joseph A. Faint to be exempt from collection and disposal fees.

The public is welcome to the meeting.

Albion ushers in holiday spirit

By Lorraine Cavener Times-News writer

ALBION - With Tazz disguised as a reindeer and receiving a kiss from Sgt. Bruce Bristol of the Cassia County sheriff's department, don't let anyone accuse Albion folks of not being in a festive holiday mood.

The Kiss a Reindeer Contest was one part of holiday festivities, which included a visit from Santa, carolings and a hayride, in Albion Saturday evening.

RUNNERS around town that the reindeer was really going to be a mule were stopped when Dustin Stevens walked into the Albion library carrying a Chihuahua named Tazz. The Chihuahua was wearing a red knitted sweater and, oh yes, antlers.

When the winner of the Kiss a Reindeer contest was announced to the crowd at the Albion library, cheers rang out and cameras flashed as Bristol leaned over and gave a little doggie kiss from Tazz.

Money jars, placed in three businesses around town with the names of the four contestants, brought in nearly \$150 for the Albion Improvement and

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To learn more

For more information about Albion events or about the cook book to raise funds for the library, call Kayleen Mahoney at 673-5357 or Marcia Mahoney at 673-6624.

Delivery man's mistake swamps basement with heating oil

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — Steve and Christie Barrie had plenty of home heating oil pumped into their basement. Trouble was they had no way to get it out. Instead of pumping 250 gallons of fuel oil to a neighbor's storage tank, a delivery man poured it into the Barries' basement.

"When I saw the oil delivery guy at my house, I was shocked," said Christie Barrie. "When I went into my house, the whole basement was covered with oil." The oil ended up 8 inches deep in the Barries' basement, ruining children's toys, a computer, photographs and other belongings.

THIS WEEK AT CSI

- The Times-News**
- club meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 116.
 - Volunteers Against Violence board meeting, 5:30 p.m., Taylor Pine 228.
 - "Season of Light" showing, 7 p.m., Herrett Center planetarium.
 - Wind ensemble concert, 8 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.
- TODAY**
- Idaho Minor Crop Alliance pesticide demonstration workshop, 9 a.m., Taylor Sage 276.
 - Al-Anon weekly meeting, noon, Shields 106.
 - Booster Club luncheon, noon, Taylor Cedar 277.
 - City of Twin Falls community officer testing, 12:30 p.m., Shields 224.
 - Northwest Disability Veterans interviews, 1 p.m., Taylor Cedar 277.
 - CSI-ASCSI Senate Scholastic College Bowl exhibition, 4 p.m., Taylor Eagles Nest.
- TUESDAY**
- CSI and Advanced Regional Technical Education Center steering committee meeting, 7 a.m., Taylor Cedar 277.
 - "American Native" Higher Education conference, 9 a.m., Taylor Cedar 277.
 - U.S. Census Bureau address list review training workshop, 10 a.m., Taylor Pine 258.
 - CSI Student Information Inter-
- WEDNESDAY**
- Military testing, 5:30 p.m., Shields 206.
 - Sunglers Unlimited Children's Choir performance, 6 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.
 - City of Twin Falls Water Planning Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m., Taylor Sage and Cedar.
- THURSDAY**
- CSI Literary Arts Club meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 103.
 - Campus Baptist Ministries weekly meeting, 6:30 p.m., Taylor cafeteria.
 - CSI Drama Department presenting "Our Town," 8 p.m., Fine Arts Theatre 119.
- FRIDAY**
- CSI Foundation and Magic Valley Estate Planning Council estate planning seminar, 7:30 a.m., Taylor Sage and Cedar.
 - See Keepers board of directors meeting, 10 a.m., Canyon 202.
- SATURDAY**
- Lighthouse Christian Fellowship Christmas dinner, 2 p.m., Taylor Sage and Cedar.
 - Pioneer Button Club meeting, 1 p.m., Senior Annex.
 - CSI music students honors recital, 2 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.
 - "More than Meets the Eye" showing, 2 and 4 p.m., Herrett Center planetarium.
 - "Season of Light" showing, 3 and 7 p.m., Herrett Center planetarium.
 - CSI Magic Valley Astronomical Society monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Shields 117.
 - CSI Drama Department presents "Our Town," 8 p.m., Fine Arts Theatre 119.
 - CSI co-ed volleyball tournament, all day, gymnasium.

SERVICES

Steve Dullion of Paul, Mass of the Christian Burial at 11 a.m. today at St. Nicholas Catholic Church; friends may call one hour before the funeral at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Frank Earl Wheaton of Filer, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Kingdom Hall in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Vada Rilla Harer Pusey of Jerome, 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; friends may call from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

Norma Wray Peterson of Declo, 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Ina Mae Seach of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel; friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the chapel. The family will greet friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the chapel.

Code Blu West formerly of Rupert, 10 a.m. Saturday at the Oakley LDS Stake Center (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Victoria Ivie of Bellevue, 11 a.m. Saturday at the Hailley LDS Chapel (Wood River Chapel).

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1998, in the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel, in Jerome; by Rev. Jim Davis. Burial will follow in the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may call at the mortuary Wednesday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

DEATH NOTICES

Cecil Martin p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1998, in the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel, in Jerome; by Rev. Jim Davis. Burial will follow in the Jerome Cemetery. Friends may call at the mortuary Wednesday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Darlene Harner, both of Oakley; and Martin Gonzalez of Fruitland. Some names are omitted at patients' request. Admitted

Wesley Stewart of Twin Falls.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Some names are omitted at patients' request. Admitted

Rebecca Lisonee and Shirlee Crystal, both of

OBTUARIES

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BURLEY

Melba Newert Melba Newert, 75, of Burley, died Friday, December 4, 1998, at the Burley Care Center.

Melba was born January 17, 1923, in Seaside, Ore. She was the daughter of Frank and Maggie Lay. She married Ben Newert, Winemans, Nevada. She is survived by her husband of Burley, two sons, Fred, 51, and Bountiful Utah; Ron Richardson of Paul, and David Newert of Rupert, Idaho.

Nampa, 11 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, 1998, at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 East Main St. Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the mortuary. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn.

passed in death by her husband, Rulon, her twin sister Ruth, two sons, and five brothers.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Desert Rose for the wonderful care and love they provided to our mom, grandma, and great grandma.

Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, 1998, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Private family visitation will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

WENDELL

Joe Doramus Joe Doramus, 87, of Wendell, died Friday, December 4, 1998, at his home.

He was born December 7, 1910, at Perth, Kansas; the son of Chancellor Thomas and Jessie McCullen Doramus. The family moved to Idaho in 1914 for a short time and then returned again in 1919, and Joe received his education in Melba and Filer.

Joe married Alice Jean Bull on January 15, 1931, and they farmed for a number years in the Castledo and Bull areas in 1946 they moved to a farm southeast of Wendell, where they have since resided.

Joe was a member of Jerome First Baptist Church and was active in all aspects of the church. He also had served 20 years on the Wendell Highway District Board.

Survivors include his wife, Alice, of Wendell; a daughter Jerie (Howard) Hansen of Wendell; two sisters, Sophie Fremont of Heyburn and Vestie Emery of Wendell; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two daughters and three brothers.

Funeral services for Joe Doramus will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Jerome First Baptist Church, with Rev. James Looper officiating. Burial will follow in the West End Cemetery at Bull. Friends may call at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome Tuesday evening from 7 to 8 p.m. and at the church from 10 to 10:30 a.m.

TWIN FALLS

Donovan Taylor Atkinson Donovan Taylor Atkinson, our son of little shenel, died Friday, December 4, 1998, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

He was born October 4, 1998, in Twin Falls, the son of Stephanie Webb and William Atkinson. He was a very loving and lovable and was known as quite a little fighter who touched many lives in his short time. He will be missed by his parents, half-sister Cameron Webb, Susan and Doyle Webb, Pam and Ron Spookshier, great-grandparents Phyllis and Lester Clapper, Roberta Webb, Ann Weiss, Shirley Heck, aunts and uncles, Doyle Webb, Jr., Darren Webb, Doug Webb, Douglas Webb, Elizabeth Webb, Nikki Atkinson, Cory Atkinson, J.C. Brookshier and Nicole Brookshier. He was preceded in death by a grandfather, Don Atkinson, and great-grandfather, William Atkinson. Jim Heck and Beverly Webb.

Funeral services will be held 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1998, at White Mortuary Chapel, Twin Falls. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery. Memorial services will follow at Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls. Friends may call Monday from 4 to 5 p.m. at the mortuary.

Rhea W. Schwendman Rhea W. Schwendman, 72, of Twin Falls, passed away at 10:45 a.m. December 4, 1998, at the Desert Rose Retirement Center in Twin Falls.

Rhea was born September 12, 1926, at Rexburg, Idaho, and Timothy Winter. She had recently celebrated her 100th birthday with her family and friends.

Rhea graduated from high school in Fleetsburg and then attended Rice College. She married Rulon J. Schwendman March 20, 1920. Rulon and Rhea had three daughters, Ruth, Jennifer, and Sheree.

Rhea was one of the original members of the Blue Jay Club and was a member of the B.L.O.C. Ladies Club Association. She was also a member of the B.L.O.C. Ladies Club at the Magic Valley Hospital. She was the first founder of the Twin Falls Music Club. Rhea was an avid golfer and bridge player. She will be remembered for her wonderful sense of humor.

Rhea is survived by her daughters, Ruth Jenkins of Twin Falls; daughter and son-in-law, Elaine and Charles Rountree of Boise; and daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Ken Shauger of Twin Falls; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and one great-granddaughter. She will be buried in the Riverside Cemetery.

DALLAS

C. A. Searcy Miller II C. A. Searcy Miller II, 31, of Dallas, died Thursday, December 3, 1998, in an automobile accident.

Mr. Miller was a graduate of Highland Park High School. Searcy was currently employed by AT&T. He was loved by all those who he touched and his love, kindness and generosity will remain in our hearts forever.

He was preceded in death by his father, C. Searcy Miller, and uncle, William H. Miller II. He is survived by his mother, Carol Osborne Miller; sister, Elizabeth and Stefan Miller; an aunt, Linda Stutzman-

Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Wendell School Board, 7 p.m., high school board room.

THURSDAY

Bellvue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Hagerman - Chamber of Commerce, noon, Hagerman Senior Center.

Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, noon, Rupert Elks Lodge.

Minidoka City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.

Rupert, DeMary Memorial Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m., library, 417 Seventh St. in Rupert.

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

Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., Twin Falls County Office Building, 246 Third Ave. E.

FRIDAY

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

Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., administration office, 920 Old Highway 30.

Blaine City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Dietrich City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Filer Library Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., Filer Library, 219 Main St.

Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Jerome Community Library Board of Trustees, 7 p.m., Hansen Community Library, 120 W. Maple.

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.

Ketchum City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.

Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall.

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

Blaine School Board, 7:30 p.m., administrative office, 201 Main Ave. W.

Following is a list of governmental meetings scheduled this week in the Magic Valley. This list is compiled from advance schedule. The Times-News suggests you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

TODAY

Acequia City Council, 8 p.m., Mayor Larry Wall's home.

Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., administration office, 920 Old Highway 30.

Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

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Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.

Ketchum City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.

Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall.

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

Blaine School Board, 7:30 p.m., school in the district.

Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., school district's office.

Kimberly City Council, 7 p.m., community center.

Murtaugh City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.

Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 8:30 a.m., City Hall, council chambers.

Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall.

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 5-8 p.m.

Household - Tools - Antiques

Consignments Welcome - Jerome

KLAAS AUCTION BARN

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 6-8 p.m.

All new merchandise for Christmas - Toys

Tools - Linen - Bedding - Figurines

Household - Plus regular consignments - Taking consignments daily - Please call

HUNT BROTHERS AUCTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 11-11 am

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Christmas in Church

On Saturday, December 19th, The Times-News will feature a special church page of Christmas activities. This page gives the Magic Valley churches the opportunity to share their unique and spiritual services that surround the Christmas holiday. Watch for our special Christmas page welcoming those seeking a place of worship. It may be the start of a special and lasting relationship.

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Elba holds craft fair

Historic building showcases talent

By Heidi Tuttle
Times-News correspondent

ELBA — To some, Christmas shopping means hurried drivers fighting for parking space and a mall filled with weary shoppers.

But to others, the perfect Christmas gift was found in a place far removed. Their ideal shopping experience was inside a historic local building that's covered with a blanket of snow.

The second annual Elba Craft Fair was held in the former Relief Society building over the weekend.

The Elba structure was built in 1901 by the Elba women's assistance. They sold eggs, milk and butter to earn money needed for the building.

"It just fits so neat to hold the craft fair in the building where the ladies of the valley learned or developed their handicraft skills," said Laurie Darrington, of Elba.

Over the years, Elba citizens have been known as artisans. The women have received recognition for the handmade



Kasia Ottley, 5, of Elba helps Wendy Mozambique trim a Christmas tree with decorations to be sold at the Elba Craft Fair. The fair was held in the former Elba Relief Society building constructed in 1901.

quilts, crocheted articles and mouth-watering edibles.

Elba men are in the spotlight for making wooden toys, hand-tooled saddles and beautiful photographs.

A craft fair was an appropriate way to display everyone's talents.

Sally Ortlej of Elba decided to organize the fair. She wanted to give herself and her neighbors a chance to sell their wares.

"I've always wanted to have a craft fair," Ortlej said. "And this is a good time because I can use the extra Christmas money."

Ortlej contacted other Elba residents and found they liked her idea. Laurie Darrington was one of the first to sign up.

Crocheting useful items for herself and friends is Darrington's hobby.

"I love to crochet, but I can only make so much before I have to get rid of it," she said. "The craft fair was lifesaver for me."

Darrington fashioned more than 100 items for the event, including hand towels, baby blankets and dolls.

"When you consider the time involved, I'm lucky to break even, but it's fun to see people who will come all the way to Elba

to shop," she said before the market.

Andrea Baker of Cotton Creek State was another excited participant. Baker made holiday cookies and candy in the fair of Christmas items and was one of the samples of holiday gift items.

In all, 10 booths were filled with Christmas offerings.

"People can come to Elba, see businesses and buy unique Christmas items they won't find in stores," Ortlej said.

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Albion

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Recreation (AIR) committee.

AIR won the community spirit award from the Albion Grange.

The award is presented to a different Albion business each year.

AIR tries to promote unity within Albion, said Christine Petersen, AIR chairperson.

"We try to get people to work together on projects," Petersen said.

Throughout the past year, the group organized events such as Oktoberfest, an Easter egg hunt and the Fourth of July celebration, in addition to the Christmas celebration. The group also recently published a cookbook as a fund-raiser.

The money, from Saturday night's celebration, including the Kiss a Reindeer contest and the guess-the-number-of-lights contest, will be used for next year's Fourth of July celebration.



Dony Harris sits on Santa's lap and tells him what he wants for Christmas this year. Children came to see Santa, who arrived at the Albion library riding in a fire truck Saturday night.

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She looks at the children as more than just the student in the school halls," Hoops said. "She constantly encourages the children through an array of programs to develop personally and socially as well as academically."

Osman has had a hand in programs including annual parenting classes, Peacebuilders, peer mediators, Red Ribbon Week and awards programs geared to boost students' self-esteem.

"Her latest pet project is called Principals' every Friday is set aside so Osman can spend about 20 minutes with two children from each grade. During their time together, Osman said, she and the children go for a walk

away from the school.

"If we get away from the school scene, the children let down their guard a bit," Osman said. "We don't talk about anything academic. We just get to know each other as people, but not as principal and student. We share and learn different things about each other, like friends do."

Osman's commitment doesn't end at the classrooms.

Hall said Osman is user-friendly, always available to the staff for support, or as a sounding board into Utah to help fine-tune an idea and put it into motion.

"When you have a happy staff, that positive attitude makes for a better learning environment. And the positive attitudes are

passed down to the children," Hall said.

Osman said she was surprised and honored to be nominated for the award and never expected to win. Everything she does for the staff and students is all in a day's work.

Her job, as Osman sees it, is being an advocate of the children ensuring students get whatever they need to develop educationally, emotionally and socially.

"While a lot of kids feel they are safe and know people at school care, they will try harder," Osman said. "We're in the lab business, and we love every minute of it."

Times-News correspondent Gina Mulder can be reached in Wendell at 536-6649.

Pearl

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to just how bad the situation was.

"We were helpless."

Many at the Pearl Harbor base and surrounding airfields had only 45-caliber pistols, said Ray Roessler, who was an Army signal corporal. Quite a few soldiers fired small arms at low-flying planes.

"I got one clip-off of at the Japs during the attack," he said. "I couldn't have had their wind a rock."

Most of the vets — including Richard Hansing of Twin Falls, who was aboard the battleship U.S.S. Nevada — said there wasn't time to be afraid during the attack.

Bertencourt disagreed.

"It was scared sh—less."

Hansing recalled men scrambling out onto the battleship's decks to fire anti-aircraft guns, and then more scrambling to replace those who had been straddled.

"We had about 50 men killed that way," he said.

"I lost my home there."

Hansing said as he pointed to a photograph of the Nevada's smoking wreckage. The only hate ship to get under way during the attack, it took several hours and torpedo hits before its officers decided to back it into a beach before it could sink.

Drastic decisions had to be made, because the attack was so sudden and brutal.

Bertencourt was just finishing up with the morning color guard on the stern of the U.S.S. Maryland.

"One of the kids in rank said to me, 'Look, Sarge, they've got a fire on the (battleship) California, and they're fighting it with planes.'"

Then the men realized that the planes were attacking, not assisting the California.

Mohlenbrink, still only half awake as he stood on a small boat dock in the middle of the harbor, at first didn't grasp what was causing a violent series of splashes that was heard his way.

"It took me a couple of seconds to realize it was machine gun fire coming right at us," he said.

"I was sitting (inside) the main deck, and I was looking at the 'California' and I was saying, 'That's a damn good ship.'"

Minutes later, he was scrambling across the main deck to help behind the command bridge when the ship was hit.

Kelley and the captain came through the storm of anti-aircraft fire, but neither was on an inventory.

"The dive-bombers were using 15-inch Navy shells which were welded on them," Manning said.

"One of those men came in on my yard, and the shell landed in a tank, and it was just burning."

"Do you guys remember Sunday night, almost 1942?" asked Mohlenbrink.

Yes, the owners said, though when some American war pilots did make a run at the ship, they were a desecrated moral mess, ill with frayed nerves.

"When one pilot landed, and the third was just about to land, we saw the aircraft on the ground."

Kelley's look turned sad as he remembered that evening, when he married a 30-year-old woman.

"It was getting just about dark," when two planes came chugging in low and low. They came under time before anyone could identify them as Americans.

"I saw some of our friends round off right through the main end of me," Kelley said. "They both went down. That's how it had a sad spot in my heart."

But most of the talk was on the lighter side as the five-air officer, remembering Sam Burton and the third war, was allowed.

Kelley remembered the name of Marines aboard ship.

"We were the captain's outfit," Kelley said.

"And you did the planes on the ground," Mohlenbrink said.

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Participants in 1997 Mormon wagon train gather for reunion

MIDWAY, Utah (AP) — Participants in the 1997 Mormon Trail Sesquicentennial Wagon Train gathered for a reunion during the weekend to reminisce about their experience and keep in touch with friends.

It was the second Christmas reunion in the Heber Valley for the group, which also gathered last year.

Among those attending the reunion at the Midway ranch of Tom and Linda Whitaker on Saturday were participants from Colorado, Idaho and Illinois. The gatherings have become a family reunion for some.

"Trail dust is thicker than blood," said Joseph Johnston of

Salt Lake, who walked the trail as part of the wagon train company and met his wife, Shalisse, along the way. "Even when we were crossing the first section of the trail through Iowa we all got close and then for the rest of the way we were like family."

Invited were all those who drove wagons or walked across Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming and into Utah to honor their LDS pioneer ancestors.

"I don't know if any of us realized that putting ourselves through that ordeal would bond us together so much, but this is the same thing that happened with the pioneer companies," said Tom Whitaker. "I was reading the journal of my great-great

grandfather George Whitaker to Mormon converts from England, and once his wagon train company got to Utah everyone in the train settled on lots next to each other."

While a few 1997 trek participants have moved from out-of-state to Utah, others keep in touch through newsletters, phone calls and visits. Many spend holidays or family events together.

"We've been to eight weddings involving wagon train people so far," said Dale Worwood of Nephi, a teamster on the trek.

Planning also is under way for a wagon train along the coast of Japan in the year 2000 as a visual western history lesson for the Pacific Rim.

Consultant wams of pipeline risk

SEATTLE (AP) — The risk of spills from a proposed cross-state fuel pipeline is much greater than backers admit, says a consultant whose work was cited in an environmental assessment.

"I wrote it my study, but they did it wrong," consultant John Mastandrea said. "In reality, the risk of pipeline spills is 10 to 20 times greater than with tanker trucks."

Mastandrea said he reviewed the cross-Cascades pipeline proposed by Olympic Pipe Line Co. for the Environmental Protection Agency. His work is listed as a source for an environmental impact statement that was issued

in September.

The 230-mile, tunnel project would carry gasoline and other fuels from northwestern Washington to southern California.

But Mastandrea said the assessment failed to estimate the risk of each leak would likely be larger than from buried tanker trucks, largely because it assumed a long time before remaining leaks are detected. In fact, he said, a major leak would be detected in a matter of days, he said.

"There is a requirement that if there is a major leak in the Olympic area, that you do everything you can to restore that family," Mastandrea said. "It's not written, but it's understood."

Wendy Lake, a Washington state legislator who questioned whether the money was meant to influence Democratic members.

Oregon ballet company to perform at CSI

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Eugene, Ore., Ballet Co. will present Peter Tinnillo's "The Nutcracker" Dec. 14 in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Featuring local dancers, "The Nutcracker" is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$5 to \$35 and can be purchased at Eschenbald's Business, Pancoak Alley, Saw Mar Drug, The Towne, Old Town Gallery and the Circle Red Inn in Twin Falls, and Arlene's Flowers in Burley.

For more information, call 733-1111.

Statistics suggest a higher rate of divorce in Utah

The Times-News

Utah divorce rates were slightly higher last year than the national average, according to figures from the Population Reference Bureau.

In 1997, there were 4.5 divorces for every 1,000 marriages in Utah compared to the national rate of 4.4 in Washington, D.C.-based bureau found. The difference between the state and national rates remained about the same for the past five years, said Brent Buehler, a professor at Brigham Young University's family science department.

But the divorce rate in Utah is slightly higher than the national average because a higher percentage of the population is married — 71.2 percent, compared to the national rate of 69.5 percent.

However, even though Utah has a higher-than-average marriage rate, more are choosing to wait until they are older to wed or are simply living together. Those trends also follow the nation's and contribute to lower rates of divorce, experts say.

"The combination rate is going up. People are just not getting married," Buehler said. "There were 4.1 million couples (nationally) cohabitating in 1996. It's growing rapidly."

Buehler, chief of Utah PRB, said researchers are waiting to get married, they still wed at a younger age than the national average.

"In 1970, the median age of brides was 20, and the groom's was 21.5. Last year, the median bride's age was 23, and the groom's was 24.5," said Cynthia Robson, of the Utah Department of Health's vital statistics office.

Nationally, the median marriage age for brides is about 24, and for grooms is about 26.

Divorce rates typically are higher in the South and West, said Carl Emswiler of the Population Reference Bureau.

SLOC maintains scholarship program

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Olympic committee is donating a scholarship program that gave money to the daughter of an International Olympic Committee member.

The Salt Lake Organizing Committee (SLOC) officials say the scholarship was part of the committee's humanitarian aid program for the third World conference.

The program provided tuition money to the daughter of an International Olympic Committee member from Cameroon, Africa.

But the program was not a permanent one, and an undetermined amount of money during the time Salt Lake City was seeking the Olympic bid.

Wendy Lake, a Washington state legislator who questioned whether the money was meant to influence Democratic members.

SPORTS

Broncos

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...season total 1,634 yards...

Denver's victory was its 18th straight...
...NFL record for most touchdowns in the first four years of a career.

Vandals

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...first-year coach Hilary Reekner...

The Chiefs then repulsed three Denver scoring opportunities...

Gannon threw his third TD pass, a 26-yarder to Joe Horn late in the third quarter.

Early in the final quarter, Jason Elum lined up for a 37-yard field goal try...

That set up Pete Stoyanovich's 20-yard field goal for a 31-21 advantage with 8:25 remaining.

Gannon completed 27 of 43 passes for 240 yards and was sacked four times.

The Broncos finished with 476 total yards to the Chiefs' 266.

Terps

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Maryland, which proved it could beat the quality teams with easy wins over UCLA and Pittsburgh in the Pacero Risk Shootout...

Maryland took the lead for good at 5:57 with 1:22 to play on two free throws by Francis, whose speed in the open court was the Terrapins' early trademark.

Rose Bowl keeps traditional matchup

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Computer ratings, balloting by writers and coaches, and controversy all sided with the Rose Bowl remains traditional for 1989.

After all the details fell into place, the New Year's Day game in Pasadena features the same teams as it has every year: Pac-10 champion UCLA against Big Ten co-champion Wisconsin.

Stanford, Laron Profit made one of two free throws with 20 seconds left, his first point of the game.

Another Stanford turnover led to a breakaway dunk by Profit with 11 seconds to play.

The Cardinal, who lost to No. 9 North Carolina in the final of the Precision NTT, got within 62-60 on a 3-pointer by Arthur Lee with 5.9 seconds to play...

Maryland, while Francis, a 6-foot-3 guard, also had seven rebounds.

Lee led the team with 14 points, and eight assists, while Mark Madson added 12 points and eight rebounds for Stanford...

LETTER

Carrey coach thanks staff
To the Sports department:

Just a short note to thank you for your coverage of the Carrey 2000...
...The amount that you gave to the team in the championship game was the best. It really motivated the athletes...

PHILIP, pass on to Jeff Brown and other writers your appreciation for your coverage...

STEVEN BRISLAND, Carrey High School, Reed town, Ill.

Ducks get rematch
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Three years after being embarrassed by California in the first Rose Bowl...

The Ducks 8-3 on Saturday accepted a bid to play the Bulldogs 7-4 in the Home Bowl in Honolulu on Christmas Day...

SCORES AND STATS

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Referees hand Jets gift; Falcons fly over Indy

Season-long poor officiating finally nails Seahawks

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — On a day when he was worn out from his arduous career, he used his legs to lift the New York Jets to a wild comeback victory. And in this season of officiating controversy, Testaverde got a kind boost from the officials.

After throwing a career-high 63 yards Sunday, completing 42 of 43 passes for 313 yards, Testaverde ran for the winning touchdown on fourth down with 20 seconds left.

Although replays showed he didn't reach the end zone, a touchdown was signaled after a 17-yard delay, giving the Jets a 35-31 victory over the Seattle Seahawks on Sunday.

It was New York's sixth straight home victory and kept it atop the AFC East. The Jets' offense, which was constructed by the league's sixth-ranked offense, which committed three turnovers, but had the moxie to overcome them, thanks to Testaverde.

The AFC's top-rated passer found Keyshawn Johnson nine times for 114 yards and the touchdown that closed the Jets to 35-31.

He calmly led them downfield on their final drive and drove a stake in the playoff hopes of the Seahawks (6-7).

Before the late offensive heroics, the Jets were victimized by Seattle's big plays.

Joy Galloway burned Aaron Glenn, New York's starting cornerback, on almost identical first-quarter TDs. He ran under Jon Kim's 70-yard pass to tie the game at 7. Then Galloway, one of the NFL's best, beat Glenn on a 57-yard TD bomb.

Falcons 28, Colts 21
ATLANTA — Chris Chandler, sidelined last week with a sprained right ankle, ran for one touchdown and threw two passes as the Falcons rallied from 14-point deficit to win their sixth straight game.

Chandler shook off five sacks to complete 20-of-28 for 229 yards, his best game in two years with Atlanta. The NFC West-leading Falcons (11-2), who trailed 14-0 and 21-7, went ahead on a 17-yard touchdown pass just over a three-minute span at the end of the first half and beginning the second.

The Colts' Jamie Anderson needed for 22 yards on 30 carries and Tony Martin caught seven passes for 140 yards, including a 40-yard touchdown in the first half. Peyton Manning threw for 222 yards and a touchdown for the Colts (21-1).

Skins 24, Chargers 20
LANDOVER, Md. — Trent Green found Leslie Shepherd wide open in the right corner at the end zone for the winning 20-yard touchdown with 1:54 left.

The coach was set up by a 18-yard pass to Chris Thomas and a 17-yard punt return by Brian Mitchell, who also ran back a kickoff 101 yards for a touchdown in the first half.

The Redskins (4-9), winning back-to-back games for the first time this season, are 4-2 since starting 0-7 and have never lost to the Chargers (5-9) in six meetings. Terrell Fletcher ran for a career-high 142 yards and threw an awkward touchdown pass on a two-point option for the Chargers.

Bills 33, Bengals 20
CINCINNATI — Doug Flutie and Eric Decker hooked up on a 70-yard touchdown that changed momentum late in the first half, then put Buffalo in control with a 30-yard TD connection early in the fourth quarter.



New York Giants defensive end Michael Strahan (92) hits Arizona Cardinals quarterback Jake Plummer as he gets off a pass Sunday over the outstretched arms of Giants defensive end Chad Bratke during the first quarter in Arizona.

Saints 23, Cowboys 3
NEW ORLEANS — Kerry Collins threw touchdown passes of 4 and 89 yards, and the Saints held Dallas to 182 yards.

The victory kept the Saints (6-7), who lost seven of their previous nine games, alive in the NFC playoff race. The loss prevented the Cowboys (8-5) from clinching a playoff berth.

Troy Aikman passed for only 192 yards and was sacked twice by the Saints. Emmitt Smith was held to six yards in 15 carries.

Jaguars 37, Lions 22
JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Jamie Marrin, who entered the game after Mark Brunell was injured on the second play, threw a 67-yard touchdown pass on his second attempt and finished with 228 yards to lead Jacksonville over Detroit.

Fred Taylor ran for a team-record 183 yards to surpass the 1,000-yard mark as the Jaguars scored for the first time in 10 (10-3) all but clinched a playoff spot and moved three games ahead of the Pittsburgh Steelers in the AFC Central.

Barry Sanders gained 102 yards for the Lions (5-8), but Detroit had its three-game winning streak halted along with almost any hope of a sneaking into the playoffs.

Patriots 23, Steelers 9
PITTSBURGH — Drew Bledsoe, playing in pain, threw an 86-yard TD pass to Terry Glenn, who finished with a team-record 193 receiving yards for New England.

Bledsoe, who led the Patriots to last-season victories the previous two weeks despite a broken index finger on his throwing hand, was 21-of-34 for 327 yards and overcame three interceptions that had backscot Scott Zolak warming up late in the third quarter.

Pittsburgh since 1986. The Steelers (7-6) are in danger of missing the playoffs for the first time in Bill Cowher's seven seasons as coach.

49ers 31, Panthers 28, 0T
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Six days after losing tackle Bryant Young for the season with a broken leg, San Francisco blew a 21-point lead in the final 16 minutes of regulation before defeating Carolina in overtime.

A Carolina fumble set up Wade Richey's 21-yard field goal on San Francisco's first possession of the extra period, securing a victory that assures the 49ers of at least a wild-card berth in the playoffs.

The 49ers (10-3) finished with 236 yards rushing, the most allowed by Carolina (21-1) in its nearly four-year history. Steve Young threw for 213 yards and four touchdowns and Garrison Hearst rushed for 139 yards and a score as the 49ers extended their NFL record of consecutive 10-victory seasons to 16.

Giants 23, Cardinals 19
TEMPE, Ariz. — Charles Way scored the go-ahead touchdown in the third quarter and Brad Daluiso kicked three field goals as the New York Giants damaged Arizona's playoff hopes.

The Giants (5-8), who had lost four of their previous five games, beat the Cardinals (6-7) for the fourth straight time and seventh time in their last eight meetings.

—The loss dropped Arizona into a tie with New Orleans in the race for the final NFC wild-card spot. The Cardinals have never made the playoffs since moving to Arizona prior to the 1988 season.

Oilers 16, Ravens 14
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Al Del Greco kicked three field goals, including two 48-yarders, as Tennessee broke a two-game losing skid.

The Oilers (7-6) had in hold off one last comeback bid by Baltimore's Jim Harbaugh. He moved the Ravens (5-8) 80 yards and hit Floyd Turner with a 20-yard touchdown pass with 1:46 left to make it 16-14.

The Ravens forced Tennessee to punt, and Harbaugh got the ball back with 1:18 to go. Two plays later, Harbaugh's pass was tipped by rookie Samari Rolle and intercepted by Steve Jackson to seal the victory.

Vikings 48, Bears 22
MINNEAPOLIS — With a broken arm injury sending Chris Carter to the sidelines to join three other ailing offensive starters, Randall Cunningham threw three touchdown passes to Randy Moss for the second straight game as Minnesota clinched its fifth NFC Central title since 1994.

The Vikings (12-1) outgained the Bears 341-14 on the way to a 27-0 halftime lead, guaranteeing themselves a first-round playoff bye; the first time they have earned that during coach Dennis Green's seven seasons.

Moss, the electrifying rookie who burned Dallas for 163 yards and three TDs on Thanksgiving, caught scoring passes of 6, 3 and 34 yards against the overmatched Bears (3-10).

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Utah coach discusses Hawaii position

HONOLULU — Utah football coach Ron McBride interviewed this weekend for the head coaching job at Hawaii, but it's unlikely he will want around long enough for the search process to play itself out.

McBride wants to know by early this week whether he will be leaving Utah to coach UH, because recruiting for the Utes is being affected by the indication. He presented the UH board search committee with a five-year plan for what needs to be done to make the program competitive again.

UH athletic director Hugh Yoshida says he won't name a coach by the end of next week, but may wait until Christmas to see what happens to San Diego Chargers interim coach June Jones.

Illini women take out Washington 85-73

LAKE BUENA VISTA Fla. — Taju Catchings had 24 points and Susan Blausler added 14 as Illinois defeated Washington 85-73 Sunday at the Honda Elite 4 Holiday Classic.

Washington's Amber Hall scored 20 points, but June Beasler had 19. Washington (2-4) lost its third straight game. The Illini (4-3) used a 13-2 run, starting with 30 seconds left in the first half, to take a 50-35 advantage.

Washington closed to 74-68 with 4:24 left when Hall committed a three-point play. Illinois, however, quickly dominated the rest of the throws by Catchings and Kylie Martin's layup during a 5-4 run.

Price edges Woods to win Milburn Challenge

SUN CITY, South Africa — Nick Price's short run at the Milburn Dollar Challenge meant a lot more than the first win that's because he beat Tiger Woods, and did it in a five-hole playoff.

"Obviously to have beaten someone like Tiger, it makes it a little special. He's the phenomenon," Price said. "We got a great future behind me. He's going to win plenty."

Price won Sunday when he birdied the 40th hole, par 4. Woods, whose ball was just off the edge, two-putted the hole.

Charles clan wins PGA Father/Son tourney

VERO BEACH, Fla. — Bob and David Charles shot a 19-under-par 62 Sunday to win the PGA Father/Son Challenge golf tournament.

The duo made five birdies on each nine to finish the 36-hole tournament at 25-under 119, equalling the record set by Raymond Floyd and son Ray Jr. in the 1995 tournament.

The first-round leaders with a 57 Saturday, the Charleses won by four strokes over Craig and Kevin Spindler, on the 17th hole of a par-3 par 3 course. The Standley shot 60 Sunday, the low mark of the day.

Chalmers claims Australian Open by 1 shot

ADELAIDE, Australia — Greg Chalmers won the Australian Open and fell awful about it.

Chalmers withstood bogey on two of the last four holes Sunday to hold off playing partner Peter Senior and sentimental favorite Stuart Appleby.

Appleby was playing his first tournament at his homeland since the death of his wife Sarah at a traffic accident following the British Open.

Chalmers finished with an even-par 70 after a 70 over the tough par-72 Royal Adelaide course. Senior, with a closing 70, and Appleby, who finished a stroke back, Robert Allenby 77, and Nick Faldo (73) were at 291.

Mallon, Pate grab JCPenney tournament

PALM HARBOR, Fla. — Meg Mallon and Steve Pate shot a final-round 9-under-par 62 Sunday in the modified, alternate-cut format to win the JCPenney Classic with a tournament record 2-under 255.

Their bogeyless 62 also marked the lowest final-round score at a tournament that pairs LPGA and PGA Tour players in team competition.

Van Exel wants to play in Europe, will sue

NEW YORK — Nick Van Exel of the Denver Nuggets plans to file suit against the NBA, USA Basketball and FIBA in an effort to play the rest of the season in Europe, his agent said Sunday.

Van Exel and several other plaintiffs, including Marcus Camby of the New York Knicks, will file the suit later this week, alleging that the NBA and USA Basketball will not give clearance to FIBA, the sport's world governing body.

Van Exel, who was traded from the Los Angeles Lakers to the Denver Nuggets in June, has one year remaining on his contract. Camby, who was traded from the Toronto Raptors to the New York Knicks in June, also has one year remaining on his deal.

Blue Jays hope to make Clemens deal soon

NEW YORK — Toronto general manager Gord Ash hopes to complete a trade for Roger Clemens this week.

The five-time Cy Young Award winner has asked the Blue Jays to move him to a contender or closer to home, and Toronto said it will comply.

The New York Yankees, Houston Astros and Texas Rangers are thought to be the top contenders, with the Cleveland Indians and Atlanta Braves also in the mix.

Johnny Mac cops 5th consecutive crown

LONDON — John McEnroe won his fifth tournament at a row with a masterful 7-5, 6-3 victory over Yannick Noah in the ATP Seminars Sunday.

Hitting winners from all parts of the court, the 35-year-old former Wimbledon title won his eighth championship of the year at the Seminars Tour. He had previously clinched the series.

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OTHER VIEWS

Instant-check system for gun buyers will succeed

From the Idaho Press-Tribune: *Nampa*
Last Monday, for the first time since 1994, gun buyers were able to walk out of the store with their rifles, shotguns or handguns the same day they picked them out.

Instant checks on gun purchasers are here. They were allowed under a new law that changed the Brady-Bill, the handgun control act passed four years ago.
Previously, handgun buyers had to wait five days to clear the background hurdle.

Besides, time to check, support and provide a cooling-off period. The waiting period frustrated millions of law-abiding citizens.

Now the instant-check system applies to all gun owners.
The new law eliminates most of that frustration, but it maintains a reasonable safeguard by keeping deadly weapons out of the hands of those who would misuse them.

Instant checks aren't perfect. But they're working in Virginia, where the entire state is geared toward that system.
The national instant-check, though, is a new system with many kinks to work out.

Many purchases were delayed by con-

sumer problems. To make matters worse, the background files are grossly incomplete and outdated.

According to a USA Today survey, many states, including Idaho, don't keep all of the pertinent records that screen out criminals and mentally unstable citizens.

Some states take much too long to get the records compiled and sent to the FBI.

Until the wrinkles are ironed out, gun buyers should be patient with the system.

At the same time, the states and the federal government should work together to set a standard for the types of information that need to be kept.

The new law makes sense, but there is one component that bothers us.
Although criminal records are kept and used to screen firearms purchasers, they should never be a national registry of hunting rifle, shotgun or handgun owners. We're clear, and we agree with gun owners, that this process is the next step to producing a national registry.

We don't like that idea.
Courts have supported Americans' right to bear arms and reasonable people understand the need to screen gun buyers. That should be enough.

Until the wrinkles are ironed out, gun buyers should be patient with the new instant-check system.



Give money intelligently to worthy causes

Along with the forest of mail-order catalogs and a blizzard of holiday cards, the pre-Christmas mail brings burdens of cleverly crafted guilt. How can you toss away those appeals for your money—when people are homeless, hungry, afflicted with catastrophe, disabled, aging, suffering from every disease known to humanity?



JOAN BECK

To rub in the guilt, some of the appeals include a clutch of inexpensive greeting cards (typically Monet lilies), or a set of address labels, or a calendar or a good luck token from an Indian tribe. Dump them in the trash and you feel like you're stealing from sick kids or taking nickels from a blind man's cup. Send a check and you can't be sure you aren't a sucker falling for a familiar holiday scam or that the money won't be used simply to send out more fundraising letters.

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You get lavish invitations to pay \$10,000 for a table at a holiday ball for a charity you did not even realize existed. There are intimate notes from "friends" you don't remember asking that you join them in sending a check to help their favorite good cause. An apparently "personal" note from a celebrity wants you to join him in a favorite appeal.

If you have more time, you could check out the appeals with a national rating service for charities (there are three major ones). Or send for an annual report or IRS tax filing. Or look for data on the Internet (double-check the source of the information). But the odds are more than 650,000 non-profits out there and all of them to have your name and address.

There are a few guidelines to help. Be sure you at least know the identity of the organization that wants our check. Some unscrupulous groups—in the cancer research field, for example—use names that sound like familiar, established charities, assuming you won't pay close attention and dash off a check. Find out how much of your money will actually go for the purpose you intend. It's a rule of thumb in charity fundraising that at least 60 percent of donations should actually be used for

the good cause; the best non-profits make it 80 percent or more. The rest is spent on more fundraising and administration or the vague sounding "education." That means an unscrupulous organization can tack a message about cancer's warning signs into its fundraising letters and count them as "program."

Abuses can be blatant. Indeed, one group, for example, reported it spends 90 percent of its donations on telemarketing to keep the gifts coming. And it's not considered unusual for an organization to send out 100,000 appeals in hopes of generating 1,000 responses from first-time contributors.

And you should make sure the group you are considering helping has the same purpose you have in mind. If you're giving to combat a disease, for example, you should know whether your money is going largely for research, prevention or treating patients. The Nature Conservancy has a much different approach to environmental concerns than, say, Greenpeace.

Giving to local organizations whose work you can see and whose administrators live in your community can cut your risks of wasting money considerably. So does giving regularly to non-profits you have checked out and approved. Your money will have more impact over time that way.

It's unfortunate that in the euphoria of Christmas generosity we have to guard against scams and greed, to be not only with a loving heart but a skeptical brain. But it's necessary.

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LETTERS

Magik Mountain offers skiing, too
KMYT and some of the other local media: To give the news is to get your facts correct.

South of Twin Falls is the business called Magik Mountain Ski Resort. It has been in business continuously since 1937. This is a local Magik Valley business that pays taxes and supports the Magik Valley. Why is it so hard for you to support Magik Mountain? Charles Lemmon on "Good Morning, Magik Valley" talks about Pomerelle being south of Twin Falls. Last time I looked, it was south of the Burley area and not in Twin Falls County.

Believe it or not, we do get snow at the elevation of 6,420 feet at our ski lodge, and we are on the Sawtooth National Forest land.

South of Twin Falls is some of the greatest downhill skiing, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing available and it's just about 35 miles southeast of Twin Falls. Help support it in the weather, news and sports. The ski resort name is Magik Mountain.

MARTY JACOBS
Magik Mountain Ski Resort
Kimberly

Christmas article needs clarifying
First of all, I want to thank all of the generous sponsors, volunteers, attendees and my family for doing such a great job at Christmas in the Nighthawk Skies last Friday, Nov. 27. Without all of their help and organization, this "kick off" of the Christmas spirit could not take place.

The article about our eighth annual event contained several statements that need clarification.

I was instrumental in starting this event eight years ago. I contacted several businesses around town to help by being co-sponsors. Each of the major sponsors contribute toward the cost of the fireworks. This year's sponsors donating at least \$2,500 in funds, time and product are Cooper Norman & Co., McDonald Insurance, Twin Falls Coca Cola, North American, KMYT, KEZJ, Idaho Army National Guard and Kimberly Nurseries. Many others furnished products and/or volunteers, which are too numerous to name individually (somewhere around 200) but are just as important for the event's success.

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You can still be of help with our cooperation of many donating time, service, product and those who attend bringing gifts. The generosity of all involved is overwhelming.

I thank each and every one of you for your participation in whatever capacity. Now let the spirit of Christmas continue.
JACK WRIGHT
Kimberly Nurseries
Twin Falls

Homemakers add unique touch

In the Sunday "Family Life" section of The Times-News, there was an article titled "Keep your sanity, integrity during the holidays." It read, "Supernorms the young. If the supermarket is selling the same cookies you've spent two hours decorating, your priorities are out of whack." (I suppose it annoyed me because I had just bought the ingredients to bake chocolate chip cookies for my teenage son.)

When my boys were small, I never spent two hours decorating cookies. We spent an entire afternoon doing it. I guess my priorities were really out of whack. I rolled the dough and the boys cut out the cookies. Along with the traditional Santas, trees and angels, we ended up with Christmas cows, elephants and turtles. While the cookies baked, we prepared icing in many colors and flavors and brought out the candy sprinkles. Baking and decorating cookies turned many bleak afternoons into family fun time. However, to be honest, the supermarket was selling the same cookies. They didn't have any blue cows or red turtles!

JANICE LRIE
Hagerman

New York teacher runs afoul of political correctness

Anyone who reads the children's book "Nappy Hair" would know that New York teacher Ruth Sherman should not have lost her job. But she did. Ignorance and political correctness forced her out.

RHONDA C. LOKEMAN

Mostly, it was practicing Negritude without a license that did Ruth Sherman in.

ing and encourage an acceptance of ethnic and racial differences. In "Nappy Hair" (Alfred Knopf, 1997), readers meet Brenda at a family picnic. Brenda's hair is "the kinkiest, the nappiest, the flattest, the most screwed-up, squeezed up, knotted up, tangled up, twisted up, nappiest - I tell you."

After jeers and alleged threats from some adults in the Brooklyn neighborhood of Public School 75, where she taught African-American and Latino third-graders, the confused white teacher requested a transfer. Sure enough, it was granted.

The book jacket notes explain the premise: "While it seems that the family is poking fun at Brenda's hair, in fact they're admiring it by uncovering its meaning, its strength, its African-ness."

"I knew... that I just couldn't go back," Sherman, 27, told reporters regarding her decision to leave the school under pressure.

It is precisely because you can't judge a book by its cover - something they obviously don't teach outside P.S. 75 - that one must read "Nappy Hair" to see who's right: Ruth Sherman or her opponents.

The school that gets Ruth Sherman a winner. The school that lost her - and especially her pupils - are the losers. Sherman has said her classroom use of "Nappy Hair," by African-American author Carolivia Herron, was an attempt to stimulate an interest in read-

Having read the book to my children - and having had my 7-year-old read it to me and her 3-year-old sister - it's clear that Sherman is a casualty. In the interest of promoting literacy,

a white woman chose a book by a black woman whose lead character is a girl with expressive Nigerian features.

Perhaps Sherman's good intentions were horribly misconstrued. Certainly her teaching was tragically received. She said she was taunted and felt threatened by some adults in the school's neighborhood. Would a black teacher have been so mistreated and misunderstood? Can you say Afro-centric, boys and girls?

Out on the West Coast, Steve White also got roasted for trying to introduce the concept of racial diversity in his classes. White, who is white, used to teach sixth grade in the Hawthorne schools outside Los Angeles.

Where did his sensitivity get him? "Not very far," he said. He has been married for 18 years to an African-American woman with three African-American children. "I think you're going to see a real cooling down of people like her, and people like me," he said.

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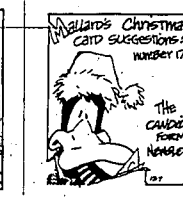
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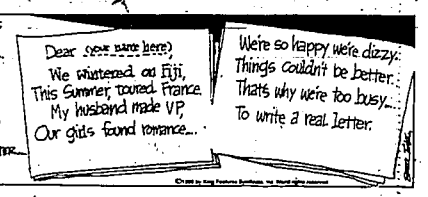
By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



Apply plenty of strings to Palestinian aid

With the United States leading the way, 43 countries recently pledged \$3 billion in aid for the Palestinian Authority, notwithstanding the authority's abysmal record of financial corruption.

President Clinton, in announcing his administration's commitment to provide \$500 million to the Palestinian economy over the next five years, explained that real peace has little chance of taking hold "if it does not deliver results for ordinary people."

He is right, and that logic is a founding principle of the Oslo, Norway, peace process: Improving people's lives economically counteracts political radicalism. But what should we make of reports that roughly \$20 million in European Union aid, earmarked for inexpensive housing for Palestinians, was used instead to finance luxury apartments for Yasser Arafat's cronies? Or the admission from the Palestinian Authority's own auditors that 40 percent of last year's annual \$323 million budget

GARY ROSENBLATT

was misused? Such stories are not new. Widespread corruption in the Palestinian Authority, starting with Arafat himself, has been well documented. He has refused requests from donating countries for an accounting system. But the Clinton administration is so deeply committed to the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, especially during these days of impasse, that it is willing to turn a blind eye to Arafat's autocratic style of leadership.

Indeed, the only way the United States managed to hammer out an agreement between Israel and the Palestinians at the Wye Plantation in Maryland this fall was to promise each side serious financial compensation and to put itself in the middle of what had been a two-way negotiation. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu may still view Arafat as more of a terrorist

than a peace partner, but he's not opposing financial aid to the Palestinians. That's because U.S. aid to Israel is linked to the package and Netanyahu knows that the alternative is chaos in the region. While the Palestinian Authority, which relies on foreign aid for half its budget, has done little to improve living conditions for Palestinians in Gaza — per capita income is down and unemployment is up — the militant fundamentalist group Hamas has gained popular support among the impoverished population by providing a wide network of social service programs. Any further weakening of the Palestinian Authority would, including terrorism as a primary means of venting frustration.

Most American Jewish groups are lobbying Congress to increase aid for the Palestinian aid package, though not with much enthusiasm. One exception is the Zionist Organization of America, an outspoken critic of the Oslo peace process, which opposes the aid, insisting that the Palestinians should not be rewarded for failing

to comply to the agreements these past five years.

The administration will not have an easy time convincing Congress of the wisdom of pouring more money into the coffers of Arafat's despotic regime as the key to bringing peace to the Middle East. The Palestinian leader, though visibly ailing of late, shows no signs of easing up on his insistence to declare statehood next May 4, when the original five-year Oslo deadline expires, despite verbal assurances at Wye that he would cease such talk. Declaring statehood would end the Oslo process, cause Israel to retaliate by annexing the West Bank territory it still holds and hasten the next Middle East war.

But Arafat has learned these last five years that he can have it both ways: Palestinian steadfast cooperation with Israel in the West while calling for jihad, or holy war, at home and allowing his media outlets to engage in the most vile forms of anti-Semitism. Official Palestinian newspapers insist that the Holocaust was a hoax and that Jews use the AIDS

virus against their enemies.

All of this behavior is tolerated because Arafat and the Palestinian Authority are considered less dangerous than Hamas and because the existing peace process, though deeply flawed, is better than nothing. Better Arafat should run the hellhole that is Gaza, figure most Israelis, than us. So in the end, Congress probably will approve hundreds of millions of dollars more for the Palestinians — though the more strings it can attach, the better — and hope that Arafat and company will come to realize that living

in peace with Israel is the only way to improve the lot of the long-suffering Palestinian people.

But don't count on it. Logic has never played a major role in Middle East conflicts, and Arafat, with his career as the leader of a militant guerrilla group, makes decisions in secret that thus never become accountable to outsiders, has yet to convince his people that he is looking out primarily for their best interests.

Gary Rosenblatt is editor and publisher of the Jewish Week in New York.

Activist braces for fight over school vouchers

Dr. James Leininger is known as the Daddy Warbucks of Texas social conservatism — for, as the San Antonio Current recently called him, "God's Sugar Daddy."

The 54-year-old San Antonio physician, who made a fortune estimated at more than \$300 million by making extremely fancy hospital beds, is an active founder and player in right-wing causes including school vouchers, home schooling, anti-abortion, tort reform, anti-gay rights, anti-unionist, anti-environmentalist efforts, a right-wing Texas think tank modeled on the Heritage Foundation, and a Republican political candidate.



MOLLY IVINS

Leininger tends to give his PACs and foundations innocuous names — Texas for Justice, the Texas Public Policy Foundation, the Texas Justice Foundation, Children's Economic Opportunity Foundation, Texas for Government Integrity, the A PAC for Parental School Choice, etc. According to the Current (a weekly alternative paper), Leininger is also a major donor to, or plays a leading role in, at least a dozen major right-wing groups.

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A recent edition of the Current is an extensive report on Leininger and his interests by Debbie Nathan — the most detailed to appear so far in any Texas publication. Nathan not only traces Leininger's religious, philosophical and political interests but also brings to light some truly obscure episodes worth mentioning.

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American Civil Liberties Union." He will wind up on the same side as the ACLU in no time, as the ACLU does more to stop government interference in the lives of individuals than anyone else. (Ask Ollie North.)

But Leininger's current leading cause, school vouchers, is simply a rotten idea. In the November issue of The Atlantic Monthly, Nick Lescault has an excellent article on what to do about failing public schools. He dismisses vouchers as an alternative because it's a ridiculous idea. There are millions of students in the public schools. Total enrollment in private, non-secular schools where the annual tuition is more than \$5,000 (what most of us mean when we think of "private school") is about 400,000 — less than 1 percent of public school enrollment. Catholic school enrollment is 2.5 million. You figure it out.

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

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Clean up Fish and Game

The people of Idaho believe there is no need for more predators in Idaho. Predators are killing off deer, elk and pheasant at an alarming rate. Cougars are killing the deer in the South Hills. Fox are helping themselves to pheasants. Wolves and coyotes are killing the deer and elk as fast as they can.

The Fish and Wildlife Service reintroduced wolves to Idaho a few years back. That is the federal government that we all know, anything they are involved in, "they screw it up." They put the wolves here not because there was a need for or the majority but because of a special minority interest group.

The Idaho Fish and Game Department did not take a stand against the re-introduction.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt recently helped release wolves in Arizona against people's advice and made the statement, "The people and ranchers better learn to live with it."

That seems to be the mentality of "let's bleed off" the people elected us and now we do what we want or go with the biggest pay-off.

We hunted in the Meyers Cove Area this year. My son did get a three-point bull elk. No mature bulls were seen and very few cows and calves. Now it's open to hunt any elk for four weeks. A lot of coyotes were seen and heard howling. When we would bugle for elk, the wolves would start howling. They associate elk calling to fresh meat. We saw no sign of deer in this area.

With these predators and poor management by the Fish and

Game, there will be no deer and elk to hunt in the state of Idaho. The Fish and Game needs to take a stand and get these predators under control or out of the state.

They raised tag fees this year and want to raise license fees. If they don't start managing, there will be nothing to fish and hunt so no licenses or tags will be bought. Consequently, no income to operate, then what will they do? They are pricing the family out of hunting and fishing.

Contact our newly elected governor and officials and tell them to clean up the Fish and Game. Contact your local Fish and Game office and tell them to start managing if they want more money. No tax money should support Fish and Game.

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Clinton to propose Medicare measure



Bill Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is suggesting a series of changes that will save the federal government an estimated \$2.1 billion by cracking down on waste, fraud and abuse in the Medicare program.

In his first proposal for the federal budget beginning next fiscal year, the president will announce Monday a package of legislative initiatives that would help the Health Care Financing Administration combat wasteful or abusive practices. The initiatives are being reported in a White House ceremony.

A White House official who discussed the package "under the condition of anonymity" said the plan includes eliminating markups in the prices Medicare is charged for drugs. Under Clinton's plan, Medicare would pay what a drug costs the provider, a policy currently used by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Medicare covers only certain drugs that must be administered by a doctor or in a hospital, such as those used for dialysis or organ transplants.

The official said Clinton was making this action to "ensure that not one dime of the program's trust fund is wastefully spent, especially as the Medicare Commission works to find ways to strengthen the program by 2013." An inspector general report in the Department of Health and Human Services found that markups for 22 drugs cost Medicare hundreds of millions of dollars annually because Medicare paid more than twice the average wholesale price for certain drugs — and in some instances more than 10 times the wholesale price.

Clinton's proposals also:

- Repeals Medicare requirements to require that Medicare beneficiaries be able to sue their doctors to recover lost wages. The HHS inspector general found that the current reimbursement rate for Emscop, a drug used to treat anemia due to chronic renal failure, is about 10 percent higher than the wholesale price.
- Prevents care providers from billing Medicare for services either were not given or were provided only to a few patients. This would close the door on one of the most abusive practices among therapy.
- Requires private health insurers to report what Medicare beneficiaries they insure. It prevents reimbursement from being denied for claims owed to private insurers. Also, HHS would have the authority to recover twice the amount owed by insurers who allow a provider to bill Medicare, and to impose fines for failing to report legal settlements where Medicare should have been reimbursed.

Hoffa vows to keep mob out of Teamsters union

Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — James P. Hoffa, the next Teamsters' president and son of one of the most notorious labor leaders in the nation's history, vowed Sunday that he would not get cozy with organized crime, as his father did when he ran the union.

A member of the union's most powerful union, Hoffa said, "I think the people in the union and the mob did not want him back because he was going to change this union."

Hoffa's father began ties with mobsters in an effort to bend business to the will of the union, the younger Hoffa believes. The organized crime figures his father befriended turned on him in 1975. When Hoffa disappeared from a Detroit-area restaurant while waiting to meet with them, he was trying to regain control of the union he lost when federal prosecutors put him jail.

The younger Hoffa, a 57-year-old Detroit labor lawyer, also

promised to keep the union away from mobsters by making the Teamsters more "militant" in its dealings with businesses and political powerbrokers.

The union that Hoffa will head has been weakened by corruption and is a shadow of the nation's most powerful union run by his father. In 1964, the Teamsters have 2.4 million members, down from 2.8 million led by the senior Hoffa.

Through some of the 421,000 votes cast over a 10-day period last Sunday, Hoffa's union challenger conceded a narrow win.

"Everything looks great and we will be elected," Hoffa said on NBC. "I only want to see a more militant union than mine ever was."

"The special situation involving Hoffa against Dennis Lehane was being supervised by the federal government to ensure it is a fair union in 1999 deal with the Justice Department that is a legacy of the national probe began with the senior Hoffa headed the union.

As part of that deal, the union election is being held. Government supervisors voted 1,100 votes to elect Hoffa by 16,000 votes to incumbent Ron Carey after a treatment financing scheme by Carey's company was discovered. Carey was later kicked out of the union.

Jury convicts man of injecting 11-month-old with HIV virus

ST. CHARLES, Mo. (AP) — A man convicted of injecting his son with the AIDS virus may spend the rest of his life in prison — a prospect that is little comfort to the boy's mother.

"Although the trial is over and the man responsible for this inhumane crime has been brought to justice... my son has been robbed of a normal childhood and given an unjust sentence of his own," said the woman, identified only as Jennifer to protect the boy's identity.

A jury convicted Brian Stewart, 32, of Columbia, Ill., of first-degree assault last Saturday and recommended life in prison. Sentencing was set for Jan. 8.

Stewart's son, now 7, was diagnosed with AIDS in 1996. The boy's mother wept briefly and became ill after hearing the verdict.

Stewart showed no emotion. He is expected to appeal. Prosecutors used circumstantial evidence to convince the jury that Stewart, who worked as a hospital technician at the time, stole HIV-infected blood from his workplace and injected it into the 11-month-old boy during a hospital visit in 1992.

Prosecutors said his motive was to avoid paying child support. No syringe or any other evi-

dence linking Stewart to the crime was found.

"The circumstantial evidence is like a number of crimes that weave together and make a tape. It's a very strong tape that bears the weight of a conviction," Prosecutor Ross Zumbert said.

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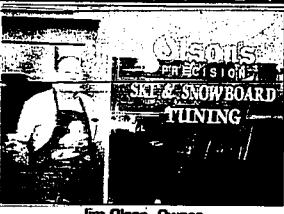
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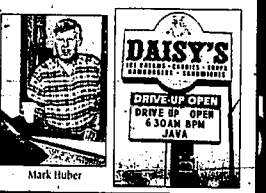
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Section B

Dave Barry's Christmas gift guide

Each year, as we set to work on our annual Holiday Gift Guide, we find ourselves thinking about the timeless lesson commingled in "The Christmas Carol," the heartwarming epic picture by Charles Dickens.

As everyone knows, the story begins on Christmas Eve, when poor, mill-mannaged Bob Cratchit, a lowly scrivener, and the father of something like 83 children, wants to go home early because he has to be in bed by 11 p.m.

But his employer, the mean old miser Ebenezer Scrooge, insists that Bob work late because Scrooge is dying to find out what "scrivening" is.

Later that night, Scrooge goes home and falls asleep, only to be awakened by a terrifying, unearthly howling sound. This turns out to be a commercial for a Slim Whitman CD. So Scrooge turns off the television and goes back to sleep, only to be awakened by the Ghost of Christmas Past, who tells Scrooge that he will be visited by the other three Ghosts of Christmas.

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Dave Barry

Ghost of Christmas Future, and the Ghost Who Is Named Later.

These ghosts spend the rest of the night reviewing Scrooge's entire life with him, then explaining to him, using charts, the benefits of becoming an Amway representative.

Horrified, Scrooge sprints from his house at dawn, resolved to mend his ways. He rushes over to Bob Cratchit's house with Nintendo games for all the children.

He also brings a fine tin Christmas mouse, but it starts eating the figgy pudding, and Mr. Cratchit has to kill it with a hammer. But the story ends on a happy note as the youngest Cratchit, Tiny Tim, places a star on the very top of the Christmas tree, and says the words that truly express the meaning of the magical time of year: "How come we have no Christmas tree? We're Jewish!"

Here at Holiday Gift Guide, I must qualify, in no matter how many ways, whether it's a warning story, we always say to ourselves: "Bah?" And that sentiment, more than any other, expresses our mood as we go about the task of creating our annual Gift Guide.

As in previous years, we have made every effort to gather together, in the place, the very finest gift ideas in the entire world, regardless of cost, unless it is more than \$50.

These are not your ordinary gifts. These are gifts that the lucky people on your gift list will never in a million years ever receive. But when they die, they may take legal action.

Toilet decals

\$24 plus shipping and handling from Handsome Rewards, 13465 Brennan Ave., Paris, CA 92559, phone (800) 943-2022. Suggested by my altercations.

Ask yourself: When friends, relatives and houseguests scrutinize the inside of your toilet bowl, what is their reaction? If you're like most homeowners, their reaction is, "Curiously, it doesn't stink!" That's because you have done nothing to "spruce up" those comode walls.

Now, thanks to Painted Porcelain Decals, you can transform that boring, white interior into a riot of color and style. Available in 12 colors. "There are things in this toilet." Among the decal schemes available are: plants, animals, fish, in your toilet; eyes and lips in your toilet; and a scheme called "humor," which — get ready — keys and money in your toilet.

Sno-Baller high-tech snowball-making device

\$9.95 plus shipping and handling from Best Ski & Sport, 230 S. Hale Ave., Escondido, CA 92029, phone (800) 350-7669. Suggested by Laura Paul of Minnesota, Ill.

It is a tragic but true fact that in this beautiful country, as an age of technological advances such as lasers, computers, cellular phones, pagers, motorized bicycles, etc. — many youngsters, righteously or so-called "civilized" society, are still ignorant of the joys of the snowball.

But these barbaric times may soon change. And, thanks to the "Sno-Baller," this amazing device, made of space-age plastic, enables your child to make perfectly spherical snowballs without having his or her hands come in contact with physical contact with the snow.

According to the manufacturer, Sno-Baller snowballs "explode on impact and don't melt like hand-packed snowballs."

Vacuum lip enhancer

\$40 plus shipping and handling from Best Care Center, 10 Challenger Dr., Brentwood, TN 37148-1716, (800) 345-3371. Suggested by Dolores Brady of Hildreth, Fla., and Barbara Price of Washington, D.C.

If you are a woman, please stop whatever you are doing, put down the phone, and listen to its right now, because we have an urgent beauty message for you: Your lips are too small.

Yes, the current Official Standard of Beauty for the lips is full, full, full. And it is a lips that are very bigger than yours. Look in movie actress Kim Basinger. Here's a woman. Please see BARRY, Page B2.

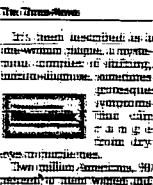


Mary Hopkins of Twin Falls practices her penmanship skills. Mary's struggle with the disease lupus began during the seventh week of her pregnancy with Felicia.

Lupus

It's a mystery, and it can devastate the lives of young women

Lupus is a mysterious disease that can devastate the lives of young women. It is a chronic autoimmune disease that attacks the body's own tissues. Symptoms include joint pain, fatigue, and skin rashes. The disease is most common in women of childbearing age.



Lupus breeds even more serious problems — heart disease, anemia, kidney disease and clinical depression, for example. Lupus is an autoimmune disease, which means the body turns on itself. Here are its symptoms, along with the percentage of lupus victims who suffer from them.

- Skin rashes (74 percent)
- Low blood count (71 percent)
- Kidney disease (50 percent)
- Chest pain with breathing (45 percent)
- Red, rash and color change on the face, in the shape of a butterfly across the bridge of the nose and cheeks (42 percent)
- Sensitivity to the sun or artificial light (30 percent)
- Unusual loss of hair (27 percent)
- Pale or purple fingers or toes from cold or stress (17 percent)
- Seizures (15 percent)
- Mouth or nose ulcers (12 percent)

— Sources: Lupus Foundation of America, —Lupus Foundation of Ohio

When the body goes after itself

When the body goes after itself, it can cause a wide range of symptoms. This is often the case with autoimmune diseases like lupus. The immune system, which normally protects the body from infection, instead attacks the body's own tissues. This can lead to a variety of symptoms, including joint pain, fatigue, and skin rashes. In severe cases, it can even lead to organ damage.

Life's agony with lupus

Life's agony with lupus is a constant struggle. The disease is unpredictable and can affect any part of the body. It can cause pain, fatigue, and a host of other symptoms. Many people with lupus experience a "flare-up" where symptoms suddenly worsen. This can be a terrifying experience, especially if it occurs without warning. However, with proper medical care and lifestyle changes, many people with lupus are able to manage their symptoms and live a full, active life.

Lupus' torrid, multiple guises

Lupus came on almost overnight for Mary Hopkins. It attacked her wrists first, making it hard for her to use the computer keyboard at the College of Southern Idaho. "I actually had to bind my joints so that I could go to work and write, so that my wrists wouldn't move back and forth in my wrists," because they hurt so bad," said Hopkins, now 41. "And they were full of fluid." Hopkins was pregnant when her symptoms began. For that reason, she said her obstetrician speculated that she might be having hormonal changes that caused the problems. "She got through the episode, because no one thought anything was wrong with her." Three months after her daughter, Felicia, was born, Hopkins was having trouble carrying her and walking. When she started back to work she decided she needed exercise, and used the stairs to get to the child-care facility at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. "By the time I'd get up to the top to the room where they did the child care, I was literally exhausted," she said. "And I thought, 'Oh there must be something the matter with me. This is not me. I've never been this tired. I've never hurt this bad.'" In addition to the joint symptoms, Hopkins lost weight and would become dizzy and nauseous. As the disease progressed she noticed little white spots blocking part of her vision at times. Hopkins' family doctor tested her for rheumatoid arthritis and Lyme disease, but both came back negative. He tried treating her for arthritis, with prednisone. Then one morning, Hopkins couldn't get out of bed. She had slept with her arms across her stomach and was unable to unroll them, because her joints were so swollen and painful. It took 10 minutes for her husband, Ralph, to unfold her. Hopkins' doctor told her to take a quick dose of prednisone. It gave her

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 immediate relief.
 "I worked for just that little while," she said. "But as soon as I got down to the last pill, I was in trouble."
 She was referred by her doctor to a rheumatologist, who told her she suspected she had lupus when he saw her swelling down the hall. She had been on a lot of pain.
 "Every single joint, except one of the bones in my cheek area, was

involved," she said. "It just was horrible pain. I really thought I was dying, but didn't know of what."
 Test results confirmed the physician's suspicions. He started her on a drug called plaquinil.
 Lupus is treated according to the part of the body that is involved, according to Twin Falls rheumatologist Dr. Donald Pica. An anti-inflammatory medication is tried for the arthritic symptoms, and if that doesn't work, plaquinil or other dis-

ease-modifiers can be added.
 "If all illness, the kidneys, steroids are used. If that doesn't work, a medication called cyclosporin is sometimes added."
 Hopkins said she began taking Cyclosporin two years ago, and was able to gradually reduce the prednisone she was taking from 20 milligrams to 5.
 If all overseas her joints, she takes naproxen which is an anti-inflammatory medication.

"My symptoms are stabilized," she said. "I'm not in inflammation. This is the first time I've been so well."
 Emily Hamlett, 71, of Twin Falls, is also in remission after suffering with lupus for 15 years.
 When her symptoms began with dry eyes, her ophthalmologist told her primary physician he suspected lupus.
 Then in the early 1990s, she was having problems with a skin rash

that wouldn't go away.
 She paid a visit to her dermatologist, who diagnosed her lupus. A year later the rash got worse, and her joints were painful, so she started seeing a rheumatologist.
 "I got so I couldn't hardly breathe, and I had really severe pain in my chest and joints—everywhere," she said. "I was so short of breath that I had trouble laying down, because I felt like my air was being cut off."
 Prednisone helped almost immu-

diately, she said. She is on a low dose now, which keeps it under control.
 She said she hasn't had any real problems for about a year.
 "People can go into remission for periods of time—sometimes it will be long-term," Pica said. "People can have remission, and then can have exacerbation of it."
 Times-News correspondent Joan Ryan can be reached at 733-0831.

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 who appears to be smuggling a pair of moisture South American jungle pythons around inside her lips, and she is regarded as beautiful.
 "How can you obtain lips like mine?"
 One way, of course, is to go to a plastic surgeon for a consultation. There have the surgeon Kidron Kim Lester, who specializes in removing lips, and implant them of you.
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 The manufacturer does not, however, caution that if you accidentally apply the Lip Enhancer to the wrong part of your face, you might accidentally suck out an eyeball, so we won't even mention it.

like the world's biggest cork.
 But then we read the accompanying literature, and we found out that these plastic things are in fact "parabolic arc segments rotated 180 degrees into an acoustic lens, with a single, subsonic focal point," the result being that this device "phase-coherently amplifies frontally incident sounds by over seven decibels."
 "I don't know about you, but when we see that many big words clustered together, we figure that we are dealing with a quality item."
 But just to be certain, we personally tested the Earplugs as wearing them during a planning meeting.
 Sure enough, we found that we could clearly hear, through the miracle of phase-coherent amplification, the frontally incident sounds being made by our co-workers ("Huh! What a cork!" etc.).

(Australian dollars), plus shipping, from Dr. Marcus Mathews, CSIRO Division of Entomology, GPO Box 1700, Canberra ACT 2601, Australia, phone (int'l) 61 2 6246 4282, fax: (int'l) 61 2 6246 4284. Suggestion by Gloria Trout of Longmont, Colo., Pa.
 Every now and then the scientific community comes up with a concept that makes us shake our heads in wonder. "When?" we wonder: "the scientific community smokes?"
 One question we were asked on our minds as we considered the Phalloblaster, a device pioneered by Australian insect scientist Dr. Marcus Mathews for the purpose of inflicting the genitalia of dead insects.
 We swear we are not making this up. We are not being sarcastic. As you are so bluntly aware, when you're trying to identify an insect, one important characteristic that you go by is the form of the insect's genitalia.
 However, as Dr. Mathews notes, "the shape of the genitalia is particularly hard to see in the museum setting."
 So Dr. Mathews, whose job involves identifying dead cater-eating moths in Australia, got some engineers to design and build the Phalloblaster.
 In layman's terms, what this device does is... well, let's just say that it is not anything that the phalloblaster is... sometimes called "the White House" in the museum setting.
 If you're one of the thousands of people who have been inflicting dead-moth genitalia in the ill-fated museum, you are going to love this item.

Attacks

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 what may or may not develop.
 Pica said lupus may display multiple symptoms—or very few. There may be a lot of these antibodies, and they may not cause any particular symptoms.
 "Sometimes it can be very, very minimal in the presentation and not cause major problems at all, and sometimes it can be life-threatening," Pica said. "And sometimes it can even be fatal."
 Pica said long-term survival is much better than it used to be.
 Lupus can start out as very mild, and eventually may become more aggressive and involve vital organs. Or it may stay relatively mild throughout the course.
 "There are certain markers one can use when you do the testing that may indicate a more difficult, more aggressive course, and that may not necessarily happen either," he said. "So it's a very unpredictable way it can go on after its inception."


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 When we first saw this item, we were sure to admit that we thought it was nothing but a set of goofy-looking plastic things that stick out from your ears and make you look

Agony
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- If you would like a copy of the MYRMC 80th Anniversary History Document and Annual Report to the Community, call 737-2807.
- CPR Class * Monday, December 7, 4-7 p.m., Doctor's Meeting Room. Register call 737-2807.
- Infant CPR Class * Tuesday, December 8, 7-9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration is not required.
- Childbirth Refresher Course * Wednesday, December 9, 7-10 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration required. Call 737-2800.
- Cancer Support Groups Holiday Meeting * Thursday, December 10, 7-8:30 p.m., Cancer Center Reception Area. This special holiday meeting is for all the cancer support groups—general, breast, and prostate. An ornament gift exchange (\$5 limit) is planned, and anyone who would like to bring a goodie to share is welcome to do so. Refreshments will be provided to celebrate the season! For more information call Char Basila at 737-2844.
- Cesarean Childbirth Class * Thursday, December 10, 7-9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration is not required.
- CPR Class * Saturday, December 12, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Doctor's Meeting Room. Register call 737-2007.
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HEALTH & FASHION

Menopause that doesn't wait for you

Knight Ridder News Service

The signs often seem small and insignificant at first. But they also can be disturbing and disruptive.

Mood swings. Sleep problems. Loss of interest in sex. Forgetfulness.

These symptoms of perimenopause, as the five to 10 years before menopause is called, are common, often treatable and not necessarily inevitable.

Some women cope well with modest changes in eliminating caffeine, rising at a consistent time to make sleep patterns normal, eating selectively and taking a daily multiple vitamin.

Others suffer with what many characterize as chronic PMS.

Far too many women are caught unaware by changes at midlife.

They feel alone and bewildered. They feel alone and bewildered, or taking care of more than one family, but they can't manage to care for their own health problems.

And their doctors and health care providers aren't much help. Too many don't discuss helpful strategies.

These findings emerge from the largest study ever done of Michigan women who have experienced menopause or are approaching it.

Among women 40 and older who have not been through menopause, half have not discussed changes with their doctors or other providers, the poll found.

Usually, women started the discussion.

The poll was released by the Michigan Menopause Action Team, a nonprofit group headed by Maxine Bergman.

She is a former state legislator who sponsored model mammography laws in Michigan adopted nationwide.

Other findings about women who have not been through menopause:

• One in four women never have discussed the benefits of exercise or good nutrition with a health care provider.

• Nearly two-thirds have never talked with them about hormone replacement therapy or other prescription medicines related to their symptoms, or vitamins and minerals.

• Half never have had a conversation about calcium supplements with their health care providers; most (86 percent) never discuss herbal remedies.

• Three out of four women haven't been instructed in how to relax.

The same number haven't been told about vaginal creams to reduce dryness and improve sexual relations.

• If they don't get answers from their doctors, women turn to magazines, TV, family and friends, medical books and journals, and newspapers for help, in that order.

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WOMEN

Perimenopause: Puberty in reverse

The time before menopause can be very unsettling for mid-life women. What to expect and what you can do.

What it is: Four to 10 years of widely fluctuating reproductive hormone levels.

Symptoms: These can come and go over several years: Irritability, irregular and/or heavy periods, hot flashes, headaches, depression, irritability, bloating, cramping, difficulty concentrating.

Who gets it: Can start as early as age 35, some women have few or no symptoms, about 20% are seriously affected.

Help: • Lifestyle changes: Stress reduction, good nutrition, exercise, positive outlook.

• Hormones: Some doctors say birth control pills, hormone replacement therapy (HRT) can prevent hot flashes.

• Natural remedies: Several herbs, vitamins and foods, like soy, can relieve symptoms.

SOURCES: Dr. Anne Brady's Self-Helping Book, "Menopause: Basic Advice from the Experts" by ADY TREMBLE

EXERCISE Intelligently? 730

By 2000:
19 million U.S. women will be 45 to 55 yrs. old

What to ask your M.D.

□ What types of health problems might I face due to estrogen loss in menopause?

□ How do I know if I have gone through menopause or if the process is beginning? What are the symptoms?

□ How can I relieve the symptoms, such as hot flashes, sleep disturbances, vaginal dryness, discomfort during sex?

□ What are the advantages and disadvantages of hormone replacement therapy?

□ What can I do before menopause to help ensure my good health as I grow older?

□ How often should I have a mammogram? Pap test, cervical exam, STG, bone density test, sigmoidoscopy?

□ When can I get more information about perimenopause and menopause?

—Source: Michigan Menopause Action Team

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The Dallas Morning News

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What to look for? Industry pioneer Malden Mills, makers of the trademarked Polartec, says good fleece should have a dense pile and should not snag or catch on skin. Other ways to check: Vigorously rub the fabric back and forth with the palm of your hand. If it sheds, it will probably pill after multiple washes.



Estate Shape

—Straight talk on wills, trusts, probate & estate planning

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

QUESTION: I want to update my financial and estate plan. Any ideas?

Dennis S. Voorhees

Here are some guidelines: Health care directives. Make sure you have a power of attorney and health care power of attorney, and nominate a guardian and conservator. The living will allows you to do so in advance, and without withholding such artificial life-sustaining measures as you desire.

Beneficiary designations. Check the beneficiary designations on your insurance policies, brokerage accounts, annuities, IRAs, 401(k) accounts, and retirement plans. They have to be updated every five years ago may not be what you want today.

Estate plan. Reread the provisions you've made in your estate trust instrument. Births, deaths, marriages, divorces, remarriages and changing futures will almost certainly have changed the facts of your life. Advisors (call or meet with your advisor) may be able to help you there. They might include your insurance agent, accountant, lawyer, financial planner, or broker.

Best tip: The last step is the most important one: start!

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Does Exercise Affect Pregnancy?
 Women who exercise regularly should avoid stopping during pregnancy unless they worry that vigorous exercise might increase the risk of premature birth. A new study found that it does not.

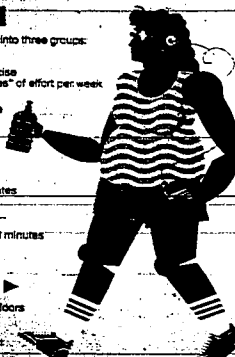
The study
 Information was collected on the amount of exercise 557 pregnant women got during each trimester of their pregnancy.

Amount of exercise
 The women were divided into three groups:
 ■ No exercise
 ■ Low-to-moderate exercise: Less than 1,000 calories* of effort per week
 ■ Heavy exercise: 1,000 calories* or more of effort per week

Doing any of these each day for a week will consume about 1,000 calories:

- Swimming for 20 minutes
- Running 1.5 miles at 10 min. per mile
- Bicycling 5 miles in 30 minutes
- Playing basketball for 15-20 minutes
- Walking 1.75 miles at 20 min. per mile
- Washing windows or floors for 45-60 min.

*includes meals 1,000 calories; TV normally burns 100-1,000 calories.



Effect on pregnancy

Trimester	Exercise
1st	Low to moderate
2nd	Low to moderate
3rd	Low to moderate

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TO DO FOR YOU

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS — A Cardiovascular Resuscitation class will be offered from 4 to 7 p.m. today in the doctors' meeting room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. To register, call 737-2007.

TWIN FALLS — A CPR class will be offered from 4 to 7 p.m. today in the doctors' meeting room at MVMRC. To register, call 737-2007.

TWIN FALLS — An infant CPR class will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday in the MVMRC Education Center. Pre-registration is not required.

TWIN FALLS — A childbirth refresher course will be offered from 7 to 10 p.m. Wednesday at the MVMRC Education Center. Pre-registration is required. Call 737-2007.

TWIN FALLS — A cesarean childbirth class will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday at the MVMRC Education Center. Pre-registration is not required.

TWIN FALLS — Cancer Support Groups Holiday Meeting will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Cancer Center reception area. This special meeting is for all cancer support groups, including

general, breast and prostate. An ornament gift exchange (\$5 limit) is planned and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Char Basila at 737-2441.

TWIN FALLS — The American Red Cross schedules twice-weekly CPR and First Aid Tuesday classes at 9 a.m. each Tuesday and 1 p.m. each Friday.

If your certification is about to expire, call the office to register for the class that is suitable for your schedule. To register or for more information, call 733-6464 or stop by the office at 718 Shoshone St. E. Prepayment is required for registration in all classes.

TWIN FALLS — A CPR class will be offered from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday in the doctors' meeting room at MVMRC. To register, call 737-2007.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. 3000, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

Smoking to stay slim? No way

The Washington Post
 For decades younger smokers, especially women who take up the habit as teenagers, have believed that cigarettes will help them lose or control their weight. Tobacco companies have capitalized on that association, marketing cigarettes named "slims" or "thinns" and featuring models with comely body types.
 It's not true — at least for those under 30.
 A federally funded study of nearly 4,000 young adults led by researchers from the University of Memphis has found that for people under age 30, smoking does not prevent weight gain. In fact, according to a team of researchers led by psychologist Robert C. Klesges, the impact of smoking on body weight among young adults is minimal.
 So why do so many people think smoking makes them thin?
 "That's because if you look at people who have smoked for many years, they weigh a bit less on average than nonsmokers," said Kenneth D. Ward, a member of the research team and a psychologist at the University of Memphis. The reasons for this weight discrepancy are unclear, Ward said, but it may result in part from the physiological effects of nicotine, which can speed metabolism.
 "There's no question that smoking cigarettes definitely did not help younger people to lose weight," Ward said. "And smokers who do manage to quit gain more weight after they stop smoking than people who've never smoked."

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Key to first aid

If you're looking for a holiday gift for the health-and-safety-conscious person who has everything, the Red Cross has a whole selection. Among them is a \$7 Microshield Key Chain — a disposable breathing device on a key chain that includes disposable latex gloves. Call 1-800-422-7677.

Too radical?

Do precautionary mastectomies work? A leading British breast-cancer surgeon has called for a register of all healthy women who have had a mastectomy to see if it protects them. Professor Ian Fentiman, of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, said in the British Medical Journal that a compulsory register may be the only way to determine whether removing healthy breast tissue from women with a high genetic risk of breast cancer works.

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Germs warfare

Women take note: A new study suggests a painful, recurring bladder condition might be caused by a single lingering infection. The study, led by a series of new ones as scientists had thought. Researchers at Washington University, St. Louis, report in the journal Science that antibiotics may be less effective in some cases because of bacteria able to burrow deep into cell tissue and hide out in the bladder.

Many fitness fans bring the gym into the home

Los Angeles Times
 LOS ANGELES — Kelly Brown belongs to a gym and liked working out but was so involved in the family marketing business that it was a hassle to get there. And her husband, whose doctor had recommended cardiovascular workouts, didn't want to take the time.
 There seemed but one solution: Bring the gym home.
 So eight years ago she bought a Star Trek 2000 treadmill with all the extras: heart monitor, calorie meter and wheels for movability. The cost: about \$4,000.
 "Back then, that seemed really expensive, but we wanted the top of the line," said Brown, who put it on the patio of their Malibu home for an ocean view during workouts.
 It was also a luxury item at the time, she recalls, but no more.
 Indeed, fitness buffs are converting spare bedrooms, patios, garages and large closets to home gyms at such a pace that we can surely expect some sort of "fitness niche" in the homes of the future.

(A spokesman for the National Association of Home Builders says that home gym space is starting to appear in upscale houses of 3,000 square feet and more.)
 Like Brown, many people are discovering the convenience of exercising at home.
 "I get in 45 minutes at least three times a week," Brown said. "I'm just more alert and energetic, even when I'm rundown."
 Americans in 1997 spent an estimated \$5 billion on home-exercise equipment, according to the Fitness Products Council, a trade group.

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"WAKE ME WHEN YOU GET PAST THE BULL"

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

"IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP?"

"SURE"

"I'LL BE TAKING A BUBBLE BATH!"

"I SAID ANYTHING OF EVERYTHING!"

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

"THAT PARENT YOU SOLD ME DOESN'T TALK!"

"I'LL GIVE YOU HALF YOUR MONEY BACK"

"SUCKER!"

Huge as Humble By Chris Browne

"ON MY LAST RAID I BROUGHT HELGA JEWELS WORN BY TEN GENERATIONS OF ENGLISH ROYALTY, BUT SHE WON'T WEAR THEM!!"

"WHY NOT?"

"SHE REFUSES TO WEAR 'HAND-NE-DOWNS'!"

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

"WHAT ARE YOU DOING BACK IN BED?"

"YOUR YELLING MADE ME VERY ANGRY"

"NOT ANGRY"

"I'M TRYING TO GET MY DANDER DOWN"

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

"INSECT MUSEUM"

"GYPSY MOTH"

"GYPSY ROSE LEE MOTH"

"IT SAYS IT'S JUST LIKE THE GYPSY MOTH, EXCEPT IT MAKES A BIGGER PRODUCTION OF COMING OUT OF ITS COCOON."

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"YOU SAY I'M WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU CROSS A SWAN WITH A ANDRE?"

"I DON'T KNOW, WHAT?"

"FROSTBITE!"

For Better or For Worse

"HEY! DON'T WORRYING TID"

"WHAT'S UP? YOU LOOK WORRIED"

"I DON'T GET MUCH SLEEP AGAIN LAST NIGHT ELLY WAS UP AND DOWN, CHANGING NIGHTGOWNS, PLUMPING THE BEDDINGS"

"SHE'S HIT THAT SHE?"

"MY WIFE PLUNGING AHEAD, PLANNING, PUNCHED, EXTRA PLANNING, NOW SHE'S TRYING TO GET THE BIRTHDAY SURPRISE GOOD LATER ON HERSELF!"

"PLANNING WANTED TO BE WANTED TO GET ALONG, BUT THIS IS KIDNAPING!"

Boinks By Zina Stone & Stan Druce

"I THINK WE SHOULD TRY TO GET ALONG BETTER... LET'S CALL A TRUCE"

"WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT BOSS? WE GET ALONG FINE"

"NO, I ALWAYS WIND UP YELLING AT YOU FOR SOME REASON"

"OH, THAT'S SILLY! YOU'RE WORRYING ABOUT NOTHING"

"INCLUDES FOLLOWING SILLY STOP-STARTING THE CAR AND STOPPING BEFORE THE TALKING TO HIM!"

Pickles By Stan Druce

"DAN, SYLVIA TELLS ME THAT A DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR THE WEDDING"

"THAT'S RIGHT, MRS. PICKLES"

"SHE WON'T TELL ME WHEN IT IS, THOUGH. SHE'S AFRAID I'LL TAKE OVER THE WEDDING PLANS"

"HEAR, I KNOW!"

"YOU TRUST ME, THOUGH, DON'T YOU? SOON I'LL HAVE THE DATE, AND YOU KNOW"

"OH, SHE CAN'T TELL ME, SHE'S AFRAID I'LL TAKE OVER THE WEDDING PLANS"

Deeds the Messes By Hank Ketchum

"CHRISTMAS MUST BE COMIN', JOEY. I HEARD THE FIRST PARTRIDGE IN A PINE TREE TODAY"

"IT'S SO COOL! JOEY! YOU'LL GET EVERY BIRD OUT THERE, I HOPE!"

fringe Liberty Meadows

"YOU HAVE TO FINISH THE PAINT FOR THE NO. 1 I FINISH THE FONG, YOU WILL BE HE HE HE TO MEAN FROM HE HE HE TO LET GO UNTIL HE FINISH BE OK"

"THREE? WHY I CAN'T FINISH THE PAINT, I DO ITTY YOUR LEFT WITH YOU'RE NOT DOING IT WITH FORAM, YOU'RE DOING IT FOR"

"OH MY! I'VE BEEN BURNED!"

"DID YOU WANT ANYTHING?"

"I'VE BEEN BURNED!"

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

"-MY I-ELP-OVP-GRAND!"

"YEAH I'D LIKE THREE BUBBLES TWO BUBBLES AND A BUBBLE OF ANY GRANDER AND A"

"RIGHT"

"OH WAIT! HOLD ON!"

"DID YOU WANT ANYTHING?"

"I'VE BEEN BURNED!"

Lemon By Greg Evans

"HOW ARE YOU DOING BACK IN BED?"

"YOUR YELLING MADE ME VERY ANGRY"

"NOT ANGRY"

"I'M TRYING TO GET MY DANDER DOWN"

"THE CANCER TREATMENT? BUT I'VE BEEN BURNED!"

"I'VE BEEN BURNED!"

Strange Brew By John Deering

"I FINALLY RESEARCHED TO RE-COOL, AND YOU CAN'T FIND TRULLY WITH IT."

"AT THE 'CREATING' HEARINGS"

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

"Half our life is spent trying to find something to do with the time we have rushed through life trying to save..." -Wall Rogers

- NORTH: A 7 2, K 10 9 8, S 7 5 3, H 4 3 3
WEST: A 9 5, K 5 5 2, S 10 9 4 2, H 9 4
EAST: A 10 8 4 3, K 10 9 8, S 10 9 8 7, H 10 9 7 2
SOUTH: A K Q, K Q J, S A Q 2, H A Q 2 5

South wasted no time with his play. He took one. His partner studied at trick two more than eleven matters. Unfortunately, it no longer made any difference. He should have studied at trick one and played quickly at trick two.

Vulnerable: Both Dealer: South The bidding: South West North East N T N T N T N T

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Opening lead: Heart five South bids: 1 NT 2 NT 3 NT 4 NT 5 NT 6 NT 7 NT 8 NT 9 NT 10 NT 11 NT 12 NT

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ANSWER: Spade four. With near-equal holdings in the black suits, choose the major because no effort was made to drive a major-suit game.

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