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# Cassia's history: Welcome hogs

By John Zebrowski Times-News writer

BURLEY - Rulon Vantassell is curious who his new neighbors will be. The Golden Valley dairy farmer had heard for quite a while that Dwayne Stafford was trying to sell property next to Vantassell's operation, but he had no idea who might be interested. Then a few days ago, the answer came in the mail. Vantassell's new neighbors might be a

## County has OK'd 3 operations this year

whole slew of pigs. More like 72,000 of them. Two weeks ago, amid mounting protest over developer Brent Dame's desire to raise hogs about 10 miles south of Twin Falls, his company, Pro-Ag Inc., filed an application with Cassia County to place the farm on 640 acres a half mile south of Warm Creek Road, just seven miles northwest of Oakley

and in plain sight of Vantassell's home. On Monday, Twin Falls County commissioners voted to hold more hearings on the issue and request more information from Dame. Dame might get a friendlier reaction from Cassia County. In the last year, the county has approved three hog farms; none sparked much public

opposition. Tim Hurst, Cassia County administrator, said he expects Dame's proposal will meet a similar response. And in contrast to a lengthy debate in Twin Falls County, Cassia County would likely vote on the plan by the end of the year.

A public hearing is scheduled for Dec. 14 at 1:30 p.m. After that, commissioners will have two weeks to vote whether to allow

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## NO ON NEW ORDINANCE



Charles Packham notified the city of Twin Falls that his Main Avenue store, The Bargain Side, will not heed an ordinance that would require him to fingerprint customers who sell him furniture.

## Law upsets furniture store owner

By Brian Haynes Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A city ordinance aimed at pawnshops and second-hand dealers would require Charles Packham to get identification and a thumbprint from anyone who sells him furniture. The Bargain Side owner - who said he buys dining sets, coffee tables and chairs from "little old ladies" - isn't taking it sitting down. He's refusing to comply with the ordinance and will continue

### Just the facts

Some highlights of the pawnshop ordinance, passed in September by the Twin Falls City Council:

- It requires pawnbrokers and second-hand store merchants to hold any precious metals they buy for 30 days, giving police a chance to check

his stand even if it means he loses his business. The ordinance took effect Oct. 1 with the intention of curbing the amount of stolen property

- for stolen items.
- It requires merchants to pay a \$500 annual fee to the city. The money will be used to pay a city employee to enter lists of items that each shop purchases.
- Identification of sellers also will be recorded. Merchants must get ID and a thumbprint from sellers.

fenced at pawnshops and second-hand stores. But stores like Packham's, which haven't had a stolen property report in its seven-year exist-

ence, are mislabeled targets of an all-too-broad ordinance, Packham said.

"As far as I know there is not a stolen sofa epidemic going on," he said.

Burglars don't often walk out of a house with a dining set and a loveseat on their backs. They are more likely to take compact discs, videotapes and antiques, which can be sold to stores which are not covered by the ordinance, Packham said.

But as unlikely as furniture Please see ORDINANCE, Page A2

## Clinton defenders urge no impeachment

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Struggling to stave off impeachment, President Clinton's defenders forcefully pleaded his case Tuesday before the House Judiciary Committee. One moderate GOP lawmaker signaled support for censure as an alternative punishment.

"As surely as we know that what he did was sinful, we also know it is not impeachable," White House lawyer Gregory Craig told a committee bristling with skeptical

### Lawmakers cautioned - A3

Republicans.

Other witnesses - including former lawmakers who sat in judgment of Richard Nixon a quarter-century ago - argued that Clinton's conduct in the Monica Lewinsky affair was not Watergate, and thus not worthy of impeachment.

Even so, Republicans flashed frustration as the session dragged on for 11 hours. "It's been very disappoint-

ing that we've had very little discussion of the actual facts of the case," said Rep. Charles Canady, R-Fla., after more than eight hours of testimony without a break. "I think the facts are very troubling."

Ready by all accounts to muscle through at least one article of impeachment by week's end, GOP lawmakers bore in with questions relating to allegations that Clinton lied under oath about Ms. Lewinsky, and thus committed perjury.

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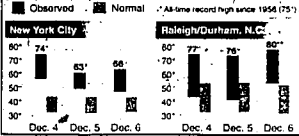


Gregory Craig Attorney for Clinton

## Warm month reflects century trend; no one knows why

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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The warming of the Earth in this century is without precedent in at least 1,200 years and cannot be fully explained by any known combination of natural forces, one of the federal government's top climate scientists said this week.

New research that documents climate change as far back as the Holy Roman Empire is strengthening the argument that humans are partly responsible for the rising tempera-

tures, said Jonathan Overpeck, head of the paleoclimatology program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "There is no period that we can recognize in the last 1,200 years that was as warm on a global basis," said Overpeck, who presented his findings at a meeting of the American Geophysical Union in San Francisco. "That makes what we're now seeing more unusual, and more difficult to explain without turning to a 'greenhouse gas' mechanism." Overpeck made the assertion as

the eastern half of the United States basked in an extended December heat wave that has shattered temperature records in dozens of cities.

New scientific findings presented in San Francisco appeared to simultaneously add clarity and confusion to the debate.

While some researchers reported strong signs that humans are driving warming in the past century, other scientists acknowledged enormous uncertainties that complicate the task of forecasting climate change in the future.

## 911 staff readies for Y2K

Managers say they're prepared; not so nationally

The Associated Press and The Times-News

JEROME - While many county-run 911 emergency response systems risk an immobilizing computer failure on Jan. 1, 2000, southern Idaho's 911 systems appear to be ready for the

"I think it's sort of a gray area, but we're taking steps to make sure we're on the safe side," said Jeff Rodeman, director of the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center in Jerome.

SIRCMM's computer systems should be ready well before the millennium, Rodeman said. Cassia County officials also are hopeful. But nationally, half the country's counties lack plans to deal with the Y2K party.

### Y-E-A-R 2000 CRUNCH

lem, the National Association of

of Counties said Tuesday.

Most of SIRCMM's work has involved calling the vendors of the center's various systems and asking them to send certification that equipment is ready for Y2K, or send technicians who can make sure the equipment is ready.

"Most of the (vendors) have a fairly inexpensive remedy," Rodeman said.

So far, it has cost less than \$3,000 to prepare SIRCMM systems. The center's recording equipment and location identifier will be prepared during the next two weeks or so.

Project Mutual Telephone, U.S. West and the Albion Telephone Co. the companies that maintain Cassia County's 911 system, are working to get the system ready for the millennium, said Kent Searle, 911 coordinator for Cassia County.

PMT has been making software and hardware changes to get ready for Y2K, so there should not be a problem, said PMT assistant manager Ike Christiansen.

Searle said the Cassia 911 system is getting enhancements over the next six months, and he is making sure the new equipment will be compatible.

"Unless there's a hidden chip somewhere that we have no idea about, there shouldn't be a problem," Searle said. "If the new equipment isn't Y2K-equipped, we're in a world of hurt."

Things aren't looking so bright elsewhere, according to the coun-

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NATION

# Historian warns lawmakers: Impeach and risk your legacy

By Robert G. Kaiser  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — An outsider — a cocksure academic invited to testify to the House Judiciary Committee — by President Clinton's lawyers — threw down a challenge to a House Republican on Tuesday.

"If you believe the charges against President Clinton... rise to the level of impeachable offenses... you will vote for impeachment and take your risk at going down in history with the zealots and the fanatics," said Sean Wilentz, a Princeton historian. "If you understand that the charges do not rise to the level of impeachment, or if you are all unsure, and yet you vote in favor of impeachment anyway... history will track you down and condemn you for your cravenness."

Wilentz doesn't ordinarily address members of Congress in such language, as many members made clear to the professor Tuesday's session on constitutional standards for impeachment.

But Wilentz, along with a group of other nonpoliticians — Samuel Beer, a retired Harvard government professor, Bruce Ackerman of the Yale Law School and former attorney general Nicholas DeB. Katzenbach — argued that even if Clinton did commit perjury as the Republicans charge, he should not be impeached, because impeaching a president is such a grave and momentous decision that it must be reserved for extreme cases of "political crimes against the state," as Katzenbach put it.

Essentially, they were putting the impeachment process to score a political point at your peril — future generations will not forgive you. But Republican members wouldn't respond, except to criticize Wilentz, and generally spent their time talking about Clinton's lies and the dangers of letting him get away with them.

The two sides never really engaged, especially on the largest issues raised by the witnesses.

Beer said that impeaching a president causes "enormous damage" to the presidency and the country, and has an enduring impact on the separation of powers between Congress and the executive branch.

Yet Republican after Republican made clear that they thought the president had to be punished for lying under oath to a grand jury, and in a deposition for Paula Jones' civil suit against him.

Rep. George W. Gekas, R-Pa., for example, challenged Katzenbach: "You're saying that perjury, which would be a direct affront to the judicial process, could not be considered fairly by any of us as being an impeachable offense."

"Would impeachment of



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— Sean Wilentz, Princeton historian, to House Judiciary Committee members

the 19th century (Wilentz's argument)? No reply.

Even so, not an observer could easily conclude that the Republican majority on the committee had no desire to confront any of these larger questions. But this is not unusual. Congressmen are rarely eager to take responsibility for establishing new precedents, particularly on sensitive issues. And the historic impact of impeaching Clinton for lying about, and perhaps encouraging, officers to lie about, his sexual misadventures rarely has been part of the public debate throughout 1998.

Wilentz noted that the next-logical draft of the Constitution described impeachable offenses as "treason, bribery, and other high crimes and misdemeanors against the state." This formulation might have helped Clinton this year, since it isn't so easy to describe his alleged perjury as a crime "against the state."

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## Endeavour lifts space station to higher orbit

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The pilots fired the shuttle's thrusters to climb to an altitude of about 248 miles, 5 1/2 miles higher than before. They'll soar even higher on Friday.

NASA wants to leave the international space station in as high an orbit as possible. Spacecraft gradually sink because of the naturally occurring drag of the atmosphere, and need to be boosted periodically.

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**NATION**

**Gore gives eulogy at memorial**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Mixing humor with reverence, Vice President Al Gore eulogized his father Sunday as a politician driven by conscience who never forgot his humble upbringing and always tried to help others.

Gore kept the audience laughing with several funny stories about former U.S. Sen. Albert Gore Sr. There was the time the elder Gore was giving a tour of his farm to a New York magazine writer when he spotted a cow stuck in the mud of a creek bed, stripped naked and spent 30 minutes freeing it.

The vice president noted his father, a gifted speaker, often used unusual pronouncements of common words. He would challenge his son to look them up in a dictionary. Sure enough, Gore said, the pronunciation was in there — with an italicized note: "archaic."

The only hint of sadness came at the end of his nearly half-hour tribute to "the greatest man I ever knew in my life."

"Dad, your whole life has been an inspiration," Gore said, his voice cracking slightly.

And then, referring to one of his father's favorite stories about "bringing the house down" with his fiddle playing, the vice president said: "Your life brought the house down."

**Pediatricians recommend diarrhea shot**

CHICAGO (AP) — All U.S. infants should be vaccinated against the leading cause of diarrhea, an illness which annually sends 55,000 people to hospitals, kills 40 children and costs \$400 million to treat, a top pediatrician group says.

The three-dose vaccine against rotavirus, an intestinal infection, should prevent thousands of American preschoolers from suffering severe diarrhea, health officials said.

"In order to protect against the large number of children who need to be hospitalized, we need to give the vaccine to everybody," Dr. Neal Halsey, director of disease control at Johns Hopkins University and chair of the committee that drew up the recommendations for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

**State employee opens fire; 2 die**

GREELEY, Colo. (AP) — A state transportation employee accused of harassing co-workers pulled a gun during a disciplinary hearing and opened fire Tuesday, killing one person and wounding another before dying in a shootout with a state trooper.

Robert S. Heifer, a 50-year-old accounting technician, shot the two women and then made his way through the building, perhaps seeking more victims.

"There was evidence in his motions he was not done with when they were under the hood," said Gov. Roy Romo, who traveled the 50 miles north from Denver to Greeley to help comfort state workers.

Heifer eventually leaped out a second-floor window, landing on a roof, and jumped to a parking lot. He emerged in a parking lot, where he was confronted by a trooper and killed in an exchange of gunfire. The trooper was not hurt.

**Clinton tackles Social Security**

**Stresses importance of cooperation**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton said Tuesday that cooperation by lawmakers and influential interest groups will be as crucial as his own guidance to a successful overhaul of Social Security.

At a White House conference on the future of the social-security retirement system, Democratic and Republican congressional leaders acknowledged a need to

work together, but also stressed

the need for compromise. Clinton said in the opening of the two-day conference, "In the end, all of us — government and the private sector — will have to sacrifice and compromise to work together to solve the problem."

The Republican Republican leader, "I've pledged to work together with you in order to solve the problem."

Clinton offered no new clues Tuesday about his own preferences.

The government's largest benefit program now sends checks to 44 million Americans, including the elderly, the disabled and families whose breadwinners die before retirement age.

Interest groups already are mounting aggressive lobbying and grassroots campaigns. Labor unions and civil rights groups oppose raising the retirement age. For example, while business and conservative groups oppose any tax increases.

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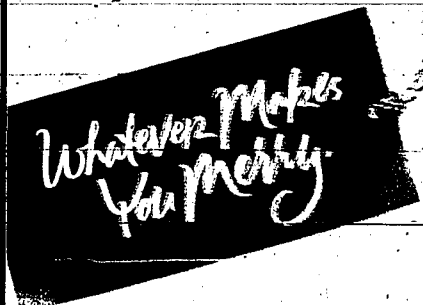
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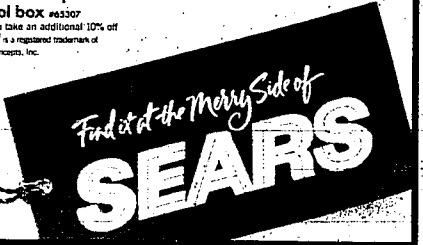
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# Court sides with privacy rights in police case

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a rare win for privacy rights, the Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that police cannot search people and their cars after merely ticketing them for routine traffic violations.

Such a search — without suspicion of other wrongdoing — is unreasonable and unconstitutional, the court ruled unani-

mously in a 5-4 vote case. The justices said police unlawfully searched an Iowa man's car after he was stopped for speeding. The search found marijuana and a pipe in Patrick Knowles' car.

The decision amounted to "a pretty resounding no" to police, said Knowles' lawyer, Paul Rosenberg. Allowing the search

would have created a "very big category of permissible searches," he said.

"What if you hit out at some person going over the speed limit on a sunny day? Legal left turns?" asked Brooklyn Law professor Susan Sherman, who signed a friend-of-the-court brief on Knowles' behalf.

Even Chief Justice William H.

Rehnquist, who wrote the court's opinion, was ticketed in 1986 for driving 41 mph in a 30 mph zone in his hometown of Arlington, Va.

During arguments in the case last month, Iowa's lawyer acknowledged that the state law would event let police search someone stopped for jaywalking.



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## EDITORIAL

### Is it time to regulate hobby farms along Rock Creek?

The pictures add the story. On Thursday's front page, accompanying a story about pollution of Rock Creek were photos of a horse and cows standing in or near the stream. Seeing those pictures leaves little doubt about how some fecal bacteria are finding their way into the creek.

Is it any wonder that Rock Creek, a stream with so much potential, is so polluted? Is this the best we can do?

In fairness, four-footed animals aren't the only ones fouling Rock Creek. City officials also suspect some Twin Falls homes flush sewage into the Orchara River, which drains into Rock Creek. These homes are inside the city limits and are required to be connected to city sewer lines.

They are required to be, but they probably aren't. When it comes to pollution in Rock Creek, there's plenty of blame to spread around.

Under better circumstances, the lovely creek — rushing and tumbling through town — would be a focal point for civic pride. Restaurant balconies could overlook its banks. Barefoot kids could frolic in the water. Urban anglers could catch a fish or two for dinner.

Though Thursday's photos were of cows and a horse, they weren't dairy cows or livestock from serious beef operations. Instead, they belonged to small landowners who keep a few animals on a few acres. Some of the cows may pay for themselves at auction,

but primarily they are hobby animals raised by hobby ranchers.

Regulatory agencies don't have much authority over hobby ranches. "Best management practices" are encouraged, but there isn't much leverage because livestock manure doesn't come from a fixed point, such as a pipe. Idaho is equipped to deal with point sources of pollution, but non-point sources are still exempt from many standards.

There's a reason why non-point sources are exempt. Idaho's environmental regulation has always given wide latitude for property owners to do what they want with their land. State lawmakers don't want to constrain Idaho farmers and ranchers without good cause.

That's fine when everyone pays attention to the common good. In the case of hobby farms along Rock Creek, however, private-property rights appear to be infringing directly on a valuable public resource.

With public agencies unable to get at the problem, maybe it's time for the Idaho Legislature to hold hearings on the need for stricter regulation of non-point sources of pollution. What lawmakers should do isn't clear, but public discussion might bring more clarity to the issue.

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## Who cares about campaign finance reform?

So the Federal Election Commission auditors are asking for repayment of almost \$25 million from the Republican and Democratic parties for "soft money" violations during the 1996 Clinton-Dole presidential race.

If anyone really believes this will serve as a wakeup call for either party to straighten up and fly right, please stand up and state your name for the record. There are some telemarketers who would like to sell you a time-share in Honduras.

Substantive change that is in the interest of the American people happens only one way in Washington: when the voters get ticked off enough about an issue that they contact their elected officials and read them the riot act — often and loudly. Unless there is a great groundswell of public outrage and indignation about the obscene amount of money going into political campaigns, Congress will continue to ignore campaign finance reform. If you're not in the overall best interest of either party to start mucking around with a system that, frankly, both of them abuse with equal impunity.

**J.R. LABBE**

Rep. Martin Frost of Texas, now the third most influential Democrat in the House and a costume fund-raiser for himself and his party, cut to the chase this week when he told our Editorial Board that campaign finance reform is not likely to be an issue when the new Congress convenes in January. Elected officials respond to the electorate — that's how the game is played. And when an issue barely raises a blip on the radar screen of the voters, you can bet Congress isn't going to go out of its way to do something on its own volition — even if it is the right thing to do.

Stoic voters apathy has reached such a height that folks can hardly drag their sorry rears to the polls on election day. Why should anyone think they will pick up a phone or a pen to let their elected representatives know that government is being corrupted by the scandalous amount of money being funneled to candidates in the guise of "soft money" to political parties?

Our current system of political gaming allows virtually unrestricted soft money contributions — money that lobbyists use to gain access to and influence with politicians. The United Widget Workers of North America give a hefty chunk of change to the Democratic Party for use in "issue ads," and the next thing you know, the widget welders have subsidies. (I admit to choosing widgets and Democrats willfully, feel free to substitute the special-interest group and political party of your liking.)

Or turn it around. Unrestricted soft money allows the political parties to extract large contributions from corporations and organizations that will need help in upcoming legislative sessions.

Meanwhile, John Q. Citizen, who is in desperate need of assistance from his elected official to clear up a problem with some governmental snafu in his life, can't get beyond a receptionist in a district office.

And we wonder why people don't vote.

*Jill "JR" Labbe is senior editorial writer and columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.*

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**Women will expose Dow's truth**

So the mighty Dow finally vindicated! It has used its golden waltz to buy its way out of the judicial system and now a science panel with the help of an Alabamian pined.

What this "scientific" report does not say is that Dow was convicted just last year. Louisiana on eight counts of fraud. It sold a faulty product and misrepresented the facts to thousands of women.

This "report" does not cover the migration of silicone from the breast implants. It does not cover the complications of inflammation, infection and necrosis. It does not address the breast tumors, liver tumors and many other diseases that have arisen. It does not cover the extremely high rupture rates of some breast implants. It does not address who funded the studies, many of which were funded by breast implant manufacturers and the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons.

In fact, this "summary report" is just another rehash of the anti-scientific "waltz" funded by Dow and its partners in the silicone hell in which they tossed thousands of women since the late 1950s. In the early 1990s, the breast-implant manufacturers paid \$1.8 million to New York University for a study looking for a link between implants and cancer. Their only cancer question to the participants in the survey asked if they had "heard" people say there was a connection.

A group of women have obtained a series of compact disks of evidence gathered through MD's 26th discovery, and we are in the process of reviewing the disks. Enclosed on each disk is up to 23,000 pages of documents, and there are more than 120 disks in the set. This is one of the largest private collections of product liability

evidence.

Dow can claim a victory in this battle, but there are those of us who will fight on and be sure that another generation of women is not bamboozled as we have been. We will expose the truth about how Dow and its partners attempt to do to shut us up. We are not waving a white flag. We are not defeated. We will not submit to Dow's claims of victory.

I am not represented by an attorney and will never gain a dime for this unholy mess, but I can be sure that another generation of women never can say, "I didn't know."

**PAMELA DOWD**  
Twin Falls

**Hog facility is more than pig farm**

This is in response to Megan Blakeslee's letter. I'm sorry you don't understand what all the fuss is on the proposed pig farm. This isn't a pig farm, it's a industrial hog facility with 72,000 pigs produced annually. As far as the landfill, that doesn't compare with the contamination the hog facility will create. It rips the land and air, and depletes all the water, with 87,000 gallons a day used.

Yes, we bought our property in an agriculture zone, but, Ms. Blakeslee, we didn't bargain for a hog factory. This is an entirely different matter. If you don't understand the fuss, you should buy our property and move there as soon as possible. I'll give you a good deal, so would the rest of the property owners in the area.

As for Mr. Dame, he left the south because he didn't like the regulations there. He thought he'd come to beautiful Idaho. He doesn't love pigs, the bottom line is money.

**LEONA E. JOHNSON**  
Filer

**'Ag zone' doesn't mean hog farm**

This letter is a reply to Megan Blakeslee, who believes the proposed hog farm would benefit Twin Falls County. She points out the fact that the farm would be built in the "ag zone." Megan, let me pose a question to you: if your back yard was declared a "trash" zone, or perhaps a "manure" zone, would you want the citizens of Twin Falls to put their trash and manure in your yard?

Another statement Mrs. Blakeslee makes is, "Mr. Dame loves pigs." Let me get this straight, Mr. Dame loves pigs? This is outrageous! Perhaps it is Mr. Dame's love for these animals that makes him want to stuff thousands of them into cages where they will ooze overnight until the day they die. I know if I had an animal I cared for at all, I would not lock it in a cage and slaughter it shortly thereafter.

I just pray to God that "Bog-loring" Brett Dame doesn't dump his waste into Twin Falls County's back yard.

**SONNY THORNBORROW**  
Buhl

**Living near hog factory stinks**

To quote Darlene Kirsh in Sunday's letter to the editor, "People in the Magic Valley need to wake up" — true statement.

Her praisers of the developers as gentlemen and great guys is an opinion to which she is entitled. However, that they need further clarification. One of those "great guys" happens to be her son-in-law, Pat Florence. No bias there. Half truths and half lies are statements have driven this issue thus far. The only thing the people in the Magic Valley need to wake up to is that living downwind from a hog factory stinks!

**LEONARD VAAK**  
Twin Falls

**Reader urges business support**

I wish I had thought of that Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School "Academic Renaissance" program.

I tried, taught apprentice electricians for 3 1/2 years, night school. Other efforts to encourage the "non-performers" to be "performers." Offered part-time employment if the "CS" and below raised their grades.

I wish to see businesses participate in this as they do in school athletics. I am having copies of the article in the Saturday, Dec. 5, 1998, issue made. I shall mail them, yes, express, first class, to every business that advertises in *The Times-News*.

P.S. Do you complain about today's schools? What are you doing to encourage them to improve?

**STAN PHILLIPS**  
Buhl

**More lanes won't solve problem**

Why do we need a six-lane road from the Highway 93-30 junction across farm ground into Twin Falls. When the outgoing road cannot handle the traffic it has now? Have you ever been at the Pole Line-Blue Lakes intersection during the morning or afternoon? Does it make sense that bringing six lanes into four lanes is going to fix our problem? No!

Tell me, doesn't it make more sense to put a second bridge across the Snake River Canyon at the end of Highway 93? Not only would it keep the semi-trucks away from the Pole Line and Blue Lakes intersection, but it would also lessen the demand on the Perrine Bridge.

I am not saying don't fix Pole Line, just stop and look. Add a turn lane, straighten out the curves. The option that the Idaho Transportation Department is offering is not a solution but a

quick fix.

Well, I am sorry, but a \$26 million quick fix doesn't back it. Local people will not be using it anyway; people from Buhl and the surrounding area will still be on the existing Pole Line Road, which means just as much daily traffic. This new road will have no access between the 93-30 junction and Grandview Drive North. And then the traffic will dump into the existing Pole Line Road, making the stretch of Pole Line between Washington and Blue Lakes one of the deadliest miles in Idaho.

What of the farm ground they want to take up, 100 acres? Does the Transportation Department know that our economy depends on our farmers? Continue in blacktop not farmland and we won't need roads because none of us will be here. The Magic Valley has no major industries. Was this not looked into before they decided to take out our livelihood? Growth is part of life, and it is coming to this valley, but a six-lane road with no access for the farmers or the rest of us is not the answer.

If someone asks you to sign a petition to halt a decision on the 93 alternate route, remember that we are not saying nothing needs to be done. We are just asking the Transportation Department to wait until the survey on a new bridge is done. The people of this valley are the only ones who can stop this, and our farmers are asking for our help.

**FRACY BUTCHER**  
Twin Falls

**Correction**

A typing error in the letter from Kristen Keck on Friday's Opinion page gave the wrong reference to the scripture. The correct reference is John 3:16.

*The Times-News regrets the error.*

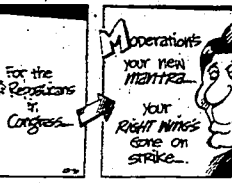
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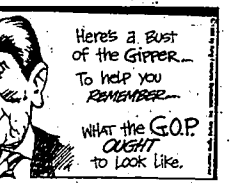
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# Uncle Sam on Wall Street?

Don't let it happen

Not long ago, who would have believed that a common-sense move would be gathering around Social Security by investing on Wall Street? But that's the big story that will emerge from the White House Conference on Social Security this week.

Stocks, at the heart of nearly all pension plans, have averaged returns of 10.66 from 1926 to 1997. Since the last conference on Social Security, returns are nearing zero for new retirees and, starting in 2013, taxes won't cover benefits. But stocks could keep the system solvent.

President Clinton suggested last summer in Albuquerque that the only way to end the crisis, short of raising taxes, was to "take advantage of the higher return on investments" in stocks. He's right. But there are two distinct approaches to moving payees' dollars into the market.

(1) Let workers set up personal retirement savings accounts, similar to 401(k) plans, or IRAs, which they would own themselves.

(2) Keep Social Security much as it is, but boost its trust fund by giving the federal government responsibility for investing about \$1 trillion in the market. In other words, Uncle Sam buys stocks.

While the two approaches look similar, there is a huge difference. Letting Americans choose and own their retirement investments certainly involves risks, but having Washington become a major shareholder in U.S. corporations presents terrible dangers and could undermine the system of free enterprise itself.

Politicians can't resist interfering. That's been the experience with smaller state-employee pension plans, according to research by Yale Professor Roberta Romano, who says that money is often directed to "local investments" or local companies with lobbying clout.

Michael Tanner of the Cato Institute notes that a quarter of the plans prohibit investment in firms that fail to meet foreign-policy goals or that sell cigarettes or alcohol or "even companies that make nuclear formulas to Third World countries." As a result, Olivia Mitchell of the University of Pennsylvania found that between 1968 and 1996, public pension plans earned rates of return substantially below those of other pooled funds, and often below leading market indexes.



JAMES K. GLASSMAN

But backers of centralized government investing claim that a neutral board could oversee the process. That's wishful thinking. As Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the Fed, told Congress, "I don't know any way that you can essentially insulate government decision-makers from having access to what will amount to very large investments in American private industry."

Under one plan, the trust fund would hold more than \$1 trillion (in current dollars) in stocks by 2015, making it the largest shareholder in scores of the biggest corporations, with the potential to influence key business decisions. No wonder Greenspan worries that such a system would "have far-reaching, potential dangers for a free American economy and a free American company."

Imagine even a "sterile" investment in an index fund based on Standard & Poor's 500. Would politicians let taxpayer money buy shares of tobacco companies such as Philip Morris and R.J. Nabisco Inc., which represent 2.4 percent of the S&P, or \$24 billion out of that \$1 trillion to be invested? What about buying \$33 billion worth of Microsoft Corp., the largest S&P stock and a company that the government is prosecuting on antitrust charges? Or stock in firms that use cheap foreign labor, trade with unsavory countries or "sex and pollution?"

Americans are well aware of the dangers if Uncle Sam goes to Wall Street. A survey published in the latest Democratic Leadership

Council magazine asked: "Which would you prefer: government investment of the Social Security Trust Fund in the stock market, or setting up personal savings accounts that individuals could invest?" Personal accounts were favored by 67 percent; government investment by 21 percent.

A plan backed by Democratic Sens. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Bob Kerrey would allow workers to move up to 2 percent of their pay—which now goes to Social Security—into IRA-style accounts that they would own themselves. They would create their own wealth, which they could use for retirement or pass on to their children or to charities—options foreclosed by the current system.

"Private ownership completely alters the relationship between the government and the individual," writes Carolyn Weaver of the American Enterprise Institute. Exactly. And that's one big reason labor leaders and others on the left oppose this direction for Social Security reform.

But it is low-income workers, minorities and young people, especially, who are penalized under the current system. Every payroll taxes consume cash that could have gone to investment. Over the past 17 years, the stock market has tripled, but the S&P have increased 15-fold. Is the market risky? In the short-term, yes, but in the long-term (and that's the nature of retirement investment), no—as extensive research has shown.

Uncle Sam shouldn't be an investor, but every American should. To reform Social Security along those lines would be a magnificent legacy for Bill Clinton.

James K. Glassman is a fellow at the American Enterprise Institute. He wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

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## Scientists urge more drug treatment

WASHINGTON — Labeling heroin addiction a "treatable disease," a panel of scientists is urging the government to expand the availability of methadone treatment and allow more doctors to dispense the synthetic narcotic.

The recommendation, to be published Wednesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association, comes as the White House's drug policy office seeks to boost money for methadone programs in next year's budget and is working with other agencies to change the system for licensing clinics.

"I think that most political leaders have a strong interest in seeing the government and the medical community go on in their neighborhoods," said James McDonough, chief strategist at the drug policy office. "You get that with methadone treatment."

The office hopes that by spring it will have a consensus on how to increase the availability of treatment — for example, by offering an accreditation program for clinics — so it can push for legislation in Congress by fall.

## Cable industry predicts rate increases

WASHINGTON — The cable television industry's top executive said Tuesday that rates would increase about 4 percent to 5 percent after they are deregulated by the government in March, unlike the average 7 percent increases seen in the past 12 months.

"I have some optimism that companies are going to be reasonably restrained in the new year," National Cable Television Association President Decker Anstrom said in an annual year-end briefing with reporters.

## Police: Angry customer plows car into bar

LIMA, Ohio — A customer who was thrown out of a tavern got into his car and drove it through a wall and into the burrow, police said.

The driver and two other people were injured, none seriously. Joe Stephens, 48, had gotten into a fight with other customers Saturday night, and the manager ordered him to leave. He got into his car and "made it all the way to the bar," police spokesman Bob Hummel said.

Compiled from wire reports

## Jets avoid mid-air collision; investigators look at computer

BOSTON — Two passenger jets heading to Europe nearly collided off Long Island, N.Y., and federal investigators are trying to determine if a computer malfunction at an air traffic control center was to blame.

The planes, traveling at more than 500 mph, came within 1.07 miles of each other Sunday night, the Federal Aviation

Administration said. The pilots took evasive action after being alerted by onboard collision systems.

The planes were a British Caledonian L-1011 carrying 271 people from Montego Bay, Jamaica, to Manchester, England, and a Delta Airlines Boeing 767 carrying 193 passengers from Atlanta to Zurich.

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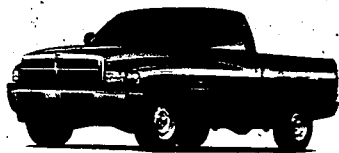
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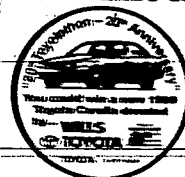


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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Car strikes Twin Falls man crossing street

**TWIN FALLS** - A Twin Falls man was critically injured Tuesday evening while crossing the street.

Carl Robert Cox, 61, was crossing Addison Avenue West around 6:15 p.m. in front of Big O Tire when a Volkswagen Beetle hit him, Twin Falls police officer Scott Smith said.

Cox was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center with leg and head injuries before being flown to another hospital late Tuesday. The hospital name was unavailable.

No citations were issued for the driver, Shelley Christensen, 17, of Twin Falls, but the accident was under investigation, Smith said.

### Murder suspect goes to trial in spring

**JEROME** - A Bellevue woman prosecutor says shot to death and then decapitated her ex-husband's fiancée pleaded innocent this week to a first-degree murder charge.

Sandra Jonas, 44, faces a March 22 pretrial hearing, said Jerome County Prosecutor John Lohspeich. Jonas' trial is set to begin April 12.

Lohspeich is seeking the death penalty against Jonas, who is charged in connection with the slaying and mutilation of Jerome County resident Meta Marie Jones, 46.

### Authorities find 'hand,' but it's not human

**TWIN FALLS** - A dog turned up what looked like a human hand in a feed lot near Rock Creek Canyon Tuesday afternoon.

But after a medical examination, Twin Falls County sheriff's deputies determined the bones and tissue were not human. They probably belonged to a bear, Capt. Dan Hall said.

Deputies responded to a call around 2 p.m. at a feed lot on Blue Lakes Boulevard South about half a mile south of the Rock Creek Canyon bridge.

If the bones had been human, deputies would have searched for a body, but an examination by a pathologist at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center showed the bones belonged to an animal, Hall said.

### Twin Falls police warn of phone scam

**TWIN FALLS** - Beware of callers from the Fraternal Order of Police asking for money. They're probably not who they are, the Twin Falls police said.

Police are investigating a possible phone scam that involves a caller saying the FOP is collecting money for the Twin Falls police, a news release said.

Police were alerted Sunday after a potential victim asked for the caller's phone number and address. The phone number was disconnected, and the address was for an abandoned building, the release said.

The Twin Falls police remind you that they are not associated with the FOP, and any callers who claim to be should be reported to the police. The police ask anyone who receives such a call to call 735-1911.

### Murtaugh board addresses drug tests

**MURTAUGH** - Drug testing of Murtaugh students is on the agenda when the School Board meets at 7 p.m. today in the high school library.

Also on the agenda: a sexual harassment discussion; the Interim Special Education Manual; reading and math requirements for middle and high school; and amendment of the 1998-99 budget. The meeting is open to the public.

### Wendell board meeting covers various topics

**WENDELL** - The Wendell School Board meets at 7 p.m. today in the high school board room, and the public is invited.

On the agenda: senior trip proposal; high school graduation; technology training; an elementary workshop request; policies review; and an executive session for high school personnel evaluations.

Compiled from staff reports

# Waiting games and money worries

## Jerome County wants murder suspect back but wonders how to pay for his trial

**By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer**

**JEROME** - Jerome County Undersheriff Jocelyne Roberts hung up her office phone and let out a sigh of frustration.

"I talk to Ada County on at least a weekly basis," said Roberts, who is waiting for word on when Michael Scott Grissom, 38, can be brought back to Jerome to face a first-degree murder charge.

Jerome County has to wait its turn.

An Ada County jail spokesman said Grissom is being held there on a \$1,500 bond for failure to appear on drug-related charges. No court date had been set for Grissom on that charge.

So Grissom will stay in Ada County until his bond there is paid or the failure to appear case is wrapped up, Roberts said.

And with two capital murder cases already in the hopper, the county could end up contributing to pay for Grissom's trial.

Grissom's troubles started last year, when he was charged with second-degree murder in connection with the suffocation death of 5-week-old Camryn Reiger-Barrett. Grissom's wife, Cynthia Grissom, Camryn's mother, was charged as an accessory in that case.

The charges were readjusted

to child endangerment, and later dropped. But armed with new evidence - and testimony from Cynthia Grissom and two of Michael Grissom's fellow Ada County inmates - Jerome County Prosecutor John Lohspeich last month filed the murder one warrant against Michael Grissom.

That warrant carries a \$500,000 bond, and contends that witnesses heard Michael Grissom say he planned to kill

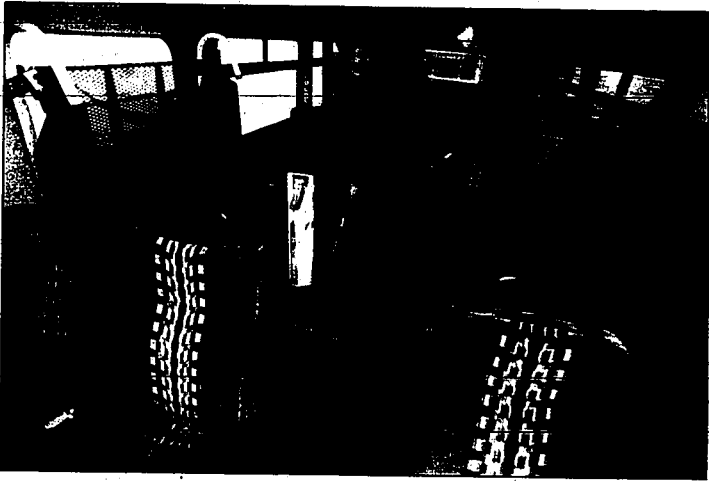
Camryn, court documents say. Cynthia Grissom will not be charged in the new case, Lohspeich said.

The other inmates say Michael Grissom told them he wanted the baby gone because Camryn had been fathered by another man, according to court documents.

The county's justice budget could live or die on whether Michael Grissom's case becomes

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## JACKPOT BOUND



Scott Laird sweeps out a bus that will be used to kick off a new service to Jackpot. Buses will make the turn to the Nevada border Wednesday through Sunday.

## Trans IV kicks off new bus route

**By Pat Marcantonio  
Times-News writer**

**JACKPOT, Nev.** - A new bus service to and from Jackpot is a winning hand for casino customers and workers, town leaders say.

The bus service, which starts today, grew out of a desire to improve safety on U.S. Highway 93, said Jim Vining, director of the nonprofit Trans IV, which offers bus service in Twin Falls and to the surrounding area.

"It gives people a safer, convenient way to travel back and forth," he said. "We're trying to meet the demands in the area."

The cost of a ride on the 44-seat bus is \$3 one-way and \$6 round trip.

Riders will receive discount coupons for motel rooms and other services at some of the casinos. The discounts probably add up to more than the cost of the ride, Vining said.

The Thursday and weekend schedules also allow people who want to spend the night in Jackpot to leave at noon the next day.

Trans IV has been working on the new route for six months, he said. Neither the town nor casinos have put money into the service startup, however.

Jackpot advisory board member Norma Prindle said the bus will benefit residents,

especially those without a vehicle who come to Twin Falls to shop or see a movie.

"I think it is a good thing for the town," she said. "It's something this town has needed for a long time."

For years, Cactus Pete's and Horseshoe casinos have run a private bus for employees.

Prindle said she was sorry the Trans IV bus couldn't accommodate workers at the other casinos, but hopes a service could be added later.

Beth Winans, a Barron's Club 93 employee and Jackpot advisory board member, encourages town residents to plan Twin Falls appointments around the bus ride.

Barton's will inform workers - many of whom live in Twin Falls, Hollister and Rogerson - about the new service. If possible, they may be able to schedule work shifts for some employees around the bus rides.

Winans also said she hopes the service can be expanded to more hours and days.

"I think it would be a wonderful service," she said.

**Times-News staff writer: Pat Marcantonio can be reached at 733-9311, Ext. 242.**

### When to catch the bus

**Wednesday-Friday Leaves Twin Falls at 5:30 a.m. Returns Jackpot at 11:30 a.m.**

**Thursday Leaves Twin Falls at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Returns Jackpot at noon and 12:30 p.m.**

**Saturday Leaves Twin Falls at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Returns Jackpot at noon, 3:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.**

### Where to catch it

In Twin Falls catch the bus at the shopping center behind the Post Office, across from the Nevada-Douglas Interstate on Main Avenue. In Barron's Club 93 catch the bus at the Post Office. In Rogerson catch the bus at the north side of town.

The bus also will stop at the Winans residence in Twin Falls.

The bus will stop at the Post Office in Rogerson. In Jerome catch the bus at the intersection of Main and 1st streets. In Nevada catch the bus at the intersection of Main and 1st streets.

**To learn more:**  
Call Trans IV at 735-1911.

## New book explores Wood River history

**By Susan Bailey  
Times-News correspondent**

**SUN VALLEY** - A work that started as a way for a history major to spend vacations in very resort turned into a 424-page book many call the definitive history of the Wood River Valley.

Wendy Holland, a senior at Yale University when she began researching the Sun Valley area in 1994, released "Sun Valley: An Extraordinary History" to enthusiastic crowds at Thanksgiving.

"We've been waiting for a book like this," said Rich Bray, owner of Ex Libris Bookstore on the Sun Valley Mall for close to 20 years. Bray said visitors and new residents often ask for a book on Sun Valley, only to be disappointed.

Not any more.

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Bray said he has been "very, very pleased" with the reception Holland's book has received in a short time.

Holland, 30, said the pages of the book were culled from a manuscript twice that long, and the 762 photos were selected from a batch far larger. Three trips to the Union Pacific Railroad archives in Omaha, Neb., and two trips to the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., were a small part of a huge process of information gathering.

Interviews, personal histories, old newspapers and diaries were other parts.

### 'Sun Valley: An Extraordinary History'

**Cost: \$79.95. Special edition with 424 photos and 47 maps: \$99.00.**

**The events:**

- Champagne celebration and author's signing party.
- 4:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Day Luncheon, Sun Valley Mall.
- Slide show and lecture with Wendy Holland.
- 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Community Library, Hazelton.

But Holland said "Sun Valley" didn't get it all, despite her year of study.

"I'm already reverting it," she said.

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## Grand theft nets 90-day sentence for Rupert man

**By David Lane  
Times-News writer**

**RUPERT** - With the help of the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office, a man trying to sell them to support his drinking problem. Hart believed Neibaur had to be punished.

He sentenced Neibaur to 90 days in jail and probation for work release, and \$11,000 in restitution. He also was sentenced to seven years of supervised probation, in which he cannot consume alcohol.

"The problem comes when you take a drink," Hart told Neibaur. "Neibaur violates his probation."

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# Malta children share Christmas cheer

By Heidi Tuttle  
Times-News correspondent

**MALTA**—An old-fashioned-snowstorm couldn't dampen the Christmas spirit of 62 children Tuesday afternoon.

Nothing was going to stop their plans. Invitations had been sent or hand-delivered to Malta's elderly residents, widows and widowers.

"It may be snowing, but they've gone to a lot of work for us older people," Luanna Barrett of Malta said. "And I wouldn't miss the chance of seeing my grandsons perform."

It wasn't the usual Christmas party at a senior citizens' center. Instead the Malta First Ward primary children used the Mormon Church to entertain—without the help of Santa.

They sang, talked about the symbols of Christmas and enjoyed refreshments together.

The Christmas play was formed by the Primary leaders spent countless hours preparing a memorable Christmas experience for young and old.

"We were trying to think of an activity to fit the season," said primary counselor Becky Jones. "A way for the kids to learn to give of themselves."

And they wanted to instill the true meaning of Christmas in the children, Jones said.

First, they thought each class could work as a small group and do something for elderly residents.

But time and distance discouraged the idea, so they continued to brainstorm.

Finally, teacher Becky Hill's creativity solved the dilemma. She decided to base a program on one of the children's favorite Christmas songs, "The Friendly Beasts," which describes animals that could have been present at Christ's birth.

Children in costume would play the roles of a donkey, a cow, a lamb, rabbits, kittens and a dog.

When Raft River Elementary School bells rung Tuesday afternoon, excited children hurried to Malta church to watch the play.

Some mothers were waiting to help children prepare.

Beverly Harper—armed with tinsel, paint and costumes—dressed her three children, 10-year-old Kimberly, 8-year-old Nicole and 5-year-old Deryk, as the angel, cow and a rabbit, respectively.

"This (costuming) has been so much fun," Beverly Harper said.

The program, refreshments and gifts were a success for the leaders, children and especially the guests.

"I think it's a sweet idea to honor some of us who are older during the Christmas season," said Naomi Padgett, 84, a Malta resident. "It's so tough to be alone and growing old, but we have to make the best of it, and with their help it's much easier."



Nammy Hurst of Jupiter adds the finishing touches to her son Doug's Christmas costume. The Malta First Ward primary children spread a little holiday cheer with a Christmas party and program for the Malta senior citizens Tuesday afternoon.

## VALLEY IN BRIEF

### Glenns Ferry School Board meets today

**GLENN'S FERRY**—The Glenns Ferry School Board meets at 7 p.m. today at 820 Old Highway 30.

The council plans to approve purchase of a new brick classroom replacing concrete steps to the v.o-tech building; discuss installation of drinking-water lines to the Sports Complex; finish the first reading of a substance-abuse policy amendment; amend the general fund budget to include a \$43,960 grant for the Accelerated Reader program; and set a special meeting at 7 p.m. Monday for a Quality Schools workshop.

The meeting is open to the public, but the board plans an executive session.

### GF council holds public hearings tonight

**GLENN'S FERRY**—Two public hearings will be held by the Glenns Ferry City Council at 7 p.m. today in City Hall.

One is on proposed increases for water deposits and connection fees, and the other is on proposed cemetery fee increases.

Among other business, the city will consider a request to hire a full-time police officer, and the city representative's request to hire two full-time employees and a part-time employee.

The public is welcome, but the council plans an executive session.

### Albion Telephone Co. wants to join co-op

**BURLEY**—Albion Telephone Co. wants to interconnect with the Project Mutual Telephone co-op, an Idaho Public Utilities Commission news release said.

PMTI is a cooperative telephone association providing local exchange service in Oakley, Burley, Heyburn, Paul, Elsieport, Minidoka and Norland. Albion Telephone provides telecommunications services to customers in Albion, Raft River, Malta, Elba and Almo.

The interconnection would provide extended area service toll-free calling between their respective customers.

### Former Miss Congeniality gets probation

**BURLEY**—A former beauty pageant contestant was put on probation after receiving positive reviews from the treatment center she had been enrolled in the past two months.

Jennifer Johnson, 20, who was convicted of methamphetamine possession and in connection with a burglary earlier this year, was sentenced to three years' probation by 5th District Judge Minnie Carlson in court Tuesday.

Johnson, who was voted Miss Congeniality in the 1985 Miss Mini-Cassia Pageant, was unruly toward her attorney and at her parents' during initial appearances in court. But after 60 days at the Boise Community Work Center Annex for women, Johnson had a changed attitude, Deputy Prosecutor Howard Smoyer said.

Johnson also completed a 60-day program at the Ft. Hall Women's Correctional Facility.

Jennifer has the potential to succeed," Smoyer said. "I do think her comment that drugs took over her life are accurate."

Johnson asked for the opportunity to prove herself. She said Carlson she wanted to enroll in the College of Southern Idaho to take care of general education requirements.

"She has a real chance to show I can have a successful probation," Johnson said.

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## Anguished father tracks snowy footprints in search of missing son

**ROCKY POINT, Ore. (AP)**—Robert Engbreton knelt in frustration over yet another footprint in the snow Tuesday as his search dragged on for his 8-year-old son, who wandered off during a weekend hunt for a Christmas tree.

"I've just got to find him," the burly millworker said through tears that ran down his bearded face. "I can't leave him up here."

Hundreds of people, some marching in a line, have been coming through the frigid Wintuna National Forest near Pelican Bunde, poking through mounds of deep snow with sticks for any trace of Derrick Engbreton.

Even though the brown-haired track angel has been lost in a driving snow since Saturday, searchers held out hope that he would be found alive because the boy was an avid hunter and so familiar with the outdoors that his family gave him the nickname "Bear Boy."

"He's not your average 8-year-

old. He grew up in the mountains. He's used to being in this weather," Engbreton said, adding that his son had routinely walked up to 20 miles through the southern Oregon countryside.

Engbreton clung to the belief that his son—who was dressed warmly in a blue snowmobile suit, hat and felt-lined boots—used the small hatchet he was carrying to build a shelter.

As yet another restless day dimmed toward darkness, Engbreton kept walking, seemingly in circles, following snow-covered prints in the snow. He was not giving up and hoped his feisty little boy didn't either.

"Derrick will go till he finds his daddy," said Engbreton's sister, Susan Hayes.

Later in the night, the search essentially was postponed for the night, as weary volunteers preparing to come back for a fifth day Wednesday.

The boy was last seen Saturday

when he joined his father and grandfather on the family's traditional search for the perfect Christmas tree. They parked the pickup on a road running between Upper Klamath Lake and Pelican Bunde and headed up the steep hill into woods of fir, pine and manzanita.

As they roamed the woods, Engbreton kept checking to see that Derrick was with his grandfather.

Engbreton said he had about given up on finding a tree and was making one last swing through the woods by himself when Derrick got lost. "My dad saw me and told him to take the axe up to me. He was following in my tracks."

But Derrick never reached his father. "Dad was coming down the hill and said he had a tree. I asked him where was Derrick. He said, 'I thought he was with you.'"

They started looking for the boy, calling out his name. But a snowstorm hit, wiping out any tracks.

## Rupert considers electric sale

**By John Zebrowski  
Times-News writer**

**RUPERT**—Motivated by an industry in the midst of dramatic change, Rupert is considering whether to sell or lease its electrical system to United Electric Cooperative, enter into a service agreement with the utility or remain independent.

All possibilities were presented to the public at a hearing Tuesday. After more than six months of negotiations with United Electric, the City Council said it is trying to figure out what to do.

"We want to make sure we don't do the wrong thing," Mayor Dwaine Allred told a crowd of 40. "We are awaiting instructions."

Roy Eiguren, a consultant who mediated the talks, said negotiations began after the Unity and Rural electric co-ops merged to form United Electric at the beginning of the year. With deregulation sweeping the industry as a result of congressional

action in 1992, it became apparent to Rupert if the city did not do something to remain competitive, it soon would find its revenue from electricity dropping, he said.

Although many options were presented at the meeting, Eiguren's presentation and questions from the public focused almost entirely on whether Rupert should sell the system or lease it to United Electric.

If the city sold the system, it would receive \$5,533 million from United Electric, plus nearly \$600,000 for the city's inventory. Rupert then would receive \$125,000 per year in franchise fees from city residents, a 3 percent tax on each bill. Depending on how the money is invested, the city could get either \$410,000 per year forever or \$677,000 for 14 years.

A lease would bring the city \$677,748 per year for 20 years, at which point United Electric would buy the system for \$1.

All figures fall short of the \$750,000 annually the city makes

now from the system. But Rick Buller, the county attorney, said with future expanded changes to the utility, the city would make even less.

"It's a question of the city weaning itself from this source either way," he said.

Despite the "downside" in revenue to the city, Buller said individual customers would benefit from a 6 percent reduction in rates through the end of 2000.

Whatever decision the city makes, the council's primary concern will be used to approve it. The earliest a vote could come is in May.

Charles Dury, a Rupert resident, expressed skepticism at any proposal to sell the system, fearing Eiguren was questioning after his presentation was concluded.

"I'm never convinced it's going to be better," he said. "The U.S. government proves it every day."

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## Sentence

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he will have to serve two to 15 years in prison.

Neibaur pleaded guilty on Oct. 21 to charges of stealing the pipes and on May 29 to charges of stealing the two vehicles, along with \$300 in cash.

Before Hart's sentencing, Neibaur, his attorney Kent Jensen, and his family helped convince Hart about the changes he made in his life.

Neibaur's brother, Steve, and his parents, Darwin and Jane, testified on his behalf. They talked about Ira Neibaur's condition at Walker Center, when he was "close to death" and did

not allow his parents to visit him.

They also talked about Ira Neibaur's recovery. He is working full-time for his brother and staying with his mother so she can keep an eye on him.

"He's brought happiness into my house," Jane Neibaur said. "He's been wonderful."

"Ira was what he used to be before he drank," Darwin Neibaur said.

Ira Neibaur thanked his family and Minidoka County Prosecutor Rick Buller, who recommended him to the Walker Center.

"If not (for the center), I would be dead," Ira Neibaur said. "Alcoholism told me this is what

I have to do to survive. I honestly believed it when in reality, it was killing me."

He also asked to keep living with his mother and continue working, to pay child support for his children.

"It's one of the many ways I can help my kids," he said.

Buller recommended the Cottonwood Drug Treatment Program, but Hart said he thought Ira Neibaur's treatment from the Walker Center and his family were helping enough.

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## Book

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Enolland said. "This book I'll be publishing for the rest of my life."

Holland holds all rights to the book and plans to keep it in print, unlike the history of Sun Valley by former reporter publicist Dorice Taylor, published in the 1970s.

When that book was released, it knocked the young Holland for a loop.

"When I was in high school and couldn't wait to get out of Ohio, I'd read Dorice Taylor's book 'the most every night,'" Holland said. "I wanted to be here so bad, I just

knew it would change my life."

Eight years ago, the changes started.

Readers have said her writing shows a love of the area, Holland said. Her struggle to move to Sun Valley from the first time she set eyes on the place elevated the region to a legendary status that hasn't let up an inch.

"I live in the most beautiful place in the world," Holland said.

She said her enthusiasm for life in and around Ketchum and her family makes her "the most boring dinner guest."

When she was writing for long

days alone, the outdoors kept her going.

"I'd take breaks from writing and stand out on the deck, breathing the fresh air in the winter, and I'd hear people on the backside of Baldy, shouting, 'Whoohooohoo!' and that would make it all worthwhile," Holland said. "Here, it's acceptable to be out skiing in the middle of the day; there's a sense of play as worthwhile."

Her sense of play was tempered by a drive to work hard to be successful.

"Everything I do, I go overboard," Holland said. "The

research was so fascinating, digging into the archives in Omaha, the Library of Congress—that's so much fun, I could do that for days and have done that for days."

Readers have said the book—nowwithstanding its size—is fun to read. Writer Crystal Thurston called the book "a lush depiction" and "easy to read."

"Sun Valley" is a tribute to the people who have loved to call the area home, if only for a week.

"The people who live here like it here," Holland said. "We never lived in a place where the overriding feeling is 'I like it here.'"

## Waiting

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a capital case, said County Commissioner Roy Prescott. A state law requires a second defense attorney—usually a private one—in capital cases.

Lothspeich said he hasn't decided whether he will file for the death penalty against Michael Grissom.

If the county is seeking the death penalty against first-degree murder defendants Jimmie Vurel Thomas and Sandra Jonas.

The commission at the start of the budget year set aside money for Thomas' case. To help pay for Jonas' trial, the county has tapped into the Idaho Asso-

ciation of Counties' capital defense fund.

After a \$30,000 deduction, the fund will cover the cost of Jonas' defense, Prescott said.

If Michael Grissom states the death penalty, the commission will likely ask for another share of the capital defense fund, Prescott said.

If the answer is "no," Prescott's immediate reaction is a grim laugh.

For now, he said, the county has no real contingency plan.

*Times-News staff writer Mark Heim covers the North Side and Twin Falls City Hall. He can be reached at 324-6162.*

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WOOD RIVER VALLEY

# Ketchum council suggests creating historic district

Meeting set to discuss possible postal sites

By Susan Bailey  
Times-News correspondent

**KETCHUM** - The pending sale of a historic Main Street building could spell its destruction, and that has the City Council thinking about preserving the past's legacy.

Stimulated by fears about the former Golden Rule grocers being torn down, Ketchum council member Chris Potter suggested it might be time to guard the few remaining historic buildings. Most are on Main Street and are remnants from the mining era of the late 1800s.

Planning administrator Lisa Majdak said Park City, Utah, another former mining town, wrote an ordinance to guarantee structures older than 50 years of age remain intact. But City Administrator Jim Jaquet said Ketchum has only a few large, significant buildings.

"Do we have enough buildings left to justify a historic district?" Jaquet asked the council.

Jaquet pointed out four brick buildings on Main Street, including the Lane Mercantile, the former Golden Rule and the former bank buildings now housing James' Holiday House and Chapter One Bookstore as candidates for a potential historic building ordinance.

Majdak reminded the council of a historic preservation committee formed several years ago and dropped by city officials. She said Poterelli has an ordinance to preserve historic buildings intact, and the council asked her to research Poterelli's measure as a possible model.

An ordinance preventing removal of an old building could assure an owner's rights, Jaquet said.

But Councilman Dave Hutchinson said he hoped a "significantly sized historic building would have value beyond the land."

The council set no dates for a possible ordinance or forming a historic district, but it directed city staff to explore options.

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to take citizens' input. Two other locations under consideration are in the neighborhood of the existing post office at Second Avenue and Sun Valley Road, the lot surrounding Ski Tek, and the lot across the street from Ski Tek. Each of the sites has easy access to Sun Valley Road, one of Ketchum's main thoroughfares.

Less than a year ago, the postal service had proposed building a new office on the outskirts of town, with a satellite post office in Ketchum. Shifting postal service away from the downtown core drew the anger of City Council members and residents.

A number of months ago, the postal service regional office in Denver offered to discuss downtown sites with the public and council. The Tuesday public hearing is the first to seek input on the top three possible sites of a new, larger Ketchum post office.

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The Bald Mountain Hot Springs area - formerly the site of a public swimming pool heated with natural hot water - is one of three sites slated for discussion by postal officials. The structure would be removed to make way for a post office.

A public meeting has been set for 5 p.m. Tuesday at the American Legion Ball off Sun Valley Road.

subdivision on North Main Street.

The council also will activate the south-end local improvement district project consisting of installation of curbs, gutter, sidewalk and lights from Gannett Road to the north end of a light industrial park on the east side of 12th, Highway 75.

The public is welcome.

## Bellevue council meets Thursday

**THE TIMES-NEWS**

**BELLEVUE** - The City Council meeting set for 7 p.m. Thursday at City Hall includes the city's 1997-98 audit and the postmaster's update on home-delivery rules.

The council will set a public hearing date on Mark Acker's final-plan application for a two-lot

subdivision on North Main Street.

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## Council, planners meet

**THE TIMES-NEWS**

**KETCHUM** - The City Council and the planning and zoning commission plan a special joint meeting at noon today to discuss the comprehensive plan.

The planning commission will report on the process, schedule and format for the plan's revision, and the council will give feedback. The public is welcome to comment at the meeting at City Hall.

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**—BUHL CRIME WATCH—**

**The Times-News**

**BUHL** — The Buhl Crime Watch report for the week of Nov. 30 to Dec. 6 includes:

**Arrests and citations**

Sandra L. Hemmings, 42, Twin Falls, malicious injury to property, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jackie R. Leeper, 45, Wooding, expired-driver's license was-surr. failure-to-pay-fine warrant.

Timothy J. Andalm, 25, Buhl, driving while suspended.

Aime Gifford, 22, Buhl, forgery.

Diane Brown, 26, Buhl, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Mandy L. Chandler, 26, Buhl, malicious injury to property.

Frank J. Holesky, 25, Buhl, driving under the influence, resisting, delaying and obstructing police, battery on a police officer.

Tina M. Maxon, 27, Buhl, forgery at large.

**Reports taken**

Vandalism — 512 N. 22nd, broken car window, 200 S. Seventh, 525 Sawtooth, car paint scratched, 309 N. 27th, accident, window, 113 N. Broadway, slashed tire.

Burglary — 720 Sawtooth, No. 4 vehicle burglary — 315 E. T.S. Highway 30, Theft — 512 N. 22nd.

Check forgery — 650 Cleland, Taxes & Co., 1102 N. Broadway, Jackson's 1004 Burley Ave., Hildley's, Battery — 500 block of South Broadway.

**City code enforcement**

Abandoned vehicle — 712 N. Eighth, Weeds and debris on property — 412 N. Eighth, 130 N. 13th, Dog at large — 609 N. 13th.

**Buhl Police Department message**

The Buhl school guard crossing program is now active in the community. Guards are posted at North Broadway and Maple and at 4th and Seventh in the morning, before school starts and again in the afternoon when school lets out. The police department encourages parents to direct their children to those locations. The program was initiated for children's safety, and parents' cooperation is needed to ensure children cross at the proper places.

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**BLACKOUT**



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**Rhyming may improve reading skills**

BOISE (AP) — A legislative committee has created a plan calling for elementary school students to do more rhyming and blending word sounds to improve their reading skills.

Today, the State Board of Education will consider elementary school reading standards designed to help students read at or above grade level by the third grade.

Studies show that children who do not read well by the third grade are likely to become high school dropouts and have a higher chance of ending up on welfare or in prison.

The standards are the basis for \$5.5 million in proposed reading legislation that will go before lawmakers in January.

The legislative committee has worked for two years to draft standards and legislation that would raise Idaho students' reading ability. If the standards are adopted, children will spend more time listening for different words in sentences and hearing syllables within words.

The standards are a road map of where children should be as they move through each grade level, said Sen. Betsy Dunklin, D-Boise, co-chairwoman of the reading committee.

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**Huntley urges tackling backlog aggressively**

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BOISE (AP) — Correcting immediate safety problems is an important step, but their attorney said it should not substitute for addressing the broader range of building needs facing Idaho school districts.



Robert Huntley

Robert Huntley, a former Idaho Supreme Court justice and unsuccessful Democratic candidate for governor this year, urged members of state schools Superintendent Anne Fox's ad hoc committee on the school facilities backlog not to be satisfied with a new Board of Education safety initiative.

"We are constitutionally mandated not only to worry about safety but quality of education," said Huntley, a lawyer representing a coalition of school districts suing the state for more facilities support as Idaho Schools for Equal Educational Opportunity.

"Before we get any safety program, let's see in our heart of hearts if we can solve the whole problem."

State Board of Education President Tom Dillon of Caldwell, trying to enlist the support of Fox's committee for the new one-bit-at-a-time safety approach to the multimillion-dollar problem. But he said the state would be unlikely to come up with

the \$100-million a year or so that Huntley wants to see allocated to all the needs. "I don't see any way to solve all those like that. This one you can solve," Dillon said.

Lawrence, the director of Education, adopted the program for surveying all 112 school districts about the safety problems on their buildings, and the economic cost of repairing them. Twenty-four superintendents, one responded by Tuesday, Nov. 30 letter saying that minimum, and no more than 10 million in safety concerns were identified.

The deadline for superintendents to respond to the survey and Dillon hopes to see a program plan for addressing the problem that the legislature can consider after it convenes next month.

But he said that about 80 stop Fox's committee — even though she is being recruited to office next month by Democratic Marilyn Howard — or the Legislature from continuing to explore options for a broader solution.

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## Navy reduces airspace requests over Nevada

FALLON, Nev. (AP) — After a decade of fighting with environmental and wildlife groups, ranchers, miners and other public land users, the Navy is sharply reducing its proposals for expanded air-training space over central Nevada.

A 45-page review of air and land requirements to operate the Navy's advanced air combat training schools based at Fallon Naval Air Station concludes that the 10,000-square-mile additional training requirement originally laid out in the Special Nevada Report of 1991 is longer applies.

And the Navy scrapped a low-altitude air space plan because tactics changed to high-altitude attacks during the Persian Gulf War.

Grace Fioruti of the Rural Alliance for Military Accountability congratulated the Navy for making changes to its air space demands she believes all sides can accept.

"The shoulder rolled off my back," she said. The new document lays out a variety of needs to improve pilot training at Fallon including new communications, electronic warfare systems and simulators.

But at such a rate, training to meet new demands on the Navy places less demand on the use of airspace which, nonetheless, may force some to meet for the first time.

Similar military operations reduce "It's a much smaller airspace and it's not as specific as the 1991 report," said William W. Smith, a spokesman for the Nevada State Office.

Ms. Fioruti said her group was less concerned with the issues than with the release.

"This is a victory for all of us," she said. "It's a victory for the environment, for the military and for the people of Nevada."

She said the biggest change is in the proposed training areas, which were reduced to 2,000 square miles from the 10,000 square miles originally requested.

In addition to sharply reducing the size of the airspace request, the document states that the new plan "will be used by jets at least 2,000 feet above the ground."

## Wyoming man killed in crash

REXBURG (AP) — A patch of ice is believed to have contributed to a one-vehicle accident that claimed the life of a 79-year-old Idaho man, Wyo. man.

Willard Moss died when the westbound vehicle he was driving went out of control on Idaho 33 about 10 miles west of Rexburg and rolled.

The Idaho State Police said Moss was partially ejected through the passenger window and crushed.

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## WEST IN BRIEF

### State cites county for slow cleanup

POCATELLO — State environmental regulators have cited Bannock County for foot-dragging in cleaning up a hazardous spill at its landfill above Pocatello's underground drinking water supply.

Division of Environmental Quality Southern Region Administrator Mark Love served notices over recent county delays in developing a cleanup plan for groundwater tainted by trichloroethylene.

"There's a pattern of lateness and missed deadlines; we want to get it fixed," Love said. He pointed to repeated requests last year that the county speed up compliance with the 1997 agreement to resolve the problem.

The county commission can still negotiate with the state over the alleged violation, which carries a \$2,500 fine.

### Candidate takes case to Supreme Court

LEWISTON — An unsuccessful Democratic legislative candidate has appealed to the Idaho Supreme Court a state Superior judge's ruling that he violated the state's campaign finance law two years ago.

In late October, 2nd District Judge John S. Bradbury overturned a ruling that Democrat John Bradbury sent his campaign treasurer, Susan Cook, failed to disclose a \$2,500 contribution from the state Democratic Party within 48 hours of disclosure.

Each violation carries a \$100 fine.

Bradbury, a Lewiston lawyer, filed his appeal of Superior's decision with the Idaho Supreme Court two weeks ago. It is unclear what the court is most likely to hear the case will result in.

### Utah jailer arrested for sexual coercion

FARMINGTON, Utah — A Davis County Jail corrections officer was arrested last week after officials allege he seduced and sexed from three female inmates.

Michael Carnahan, 32, has since been fired for violating the Davis County Sheriff's Office code of conduct concerning fraternizing with jail inmates. He now faces felony sodomy charges stemming from the incidents.

In a press release Monday, Davis County Sheriff Roger Davis said an internal affairs investigation revealed Carnahan's relations with the three women. He said there is evidence that in some of the cases coercion was used, giving rise to the criminal charges.

### Utah man faces charges in baby's death

FARMINGTON, Utah — Two years after the death of a 7-week-old son, a Clearfield man has been charged with killing that child by repeatedly squeezing him and breaking his ribs.

Mark Wing, 34, was charged with second-degree manslaughter on Monday. He faces up to 15 years in prison for the death of his son in February 1996.

Prosecutors say Wing claims the whole incident was an accident, but an autopsy showed physical force had been applied to the boy and repeated over several weeks.

Deputy Attorney General Rob Parrish said autopsy results showed that Ian Wing's ribs were broken in 33 different places. Over several weeks, the baby was forcefully squeezed at least five different times. Wing claims that he was trying to stop the baby from crying.

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## Here are some ideas for handmade ornaments

The first Christmas trees in North America were decorated with apples, nuts, even ears of corn. Nature is still a wonderful source for holiday ornaments, but whether you gather materials from your backyard or buy them at your favorite crafts store, you will treasure your ornaments more if you make them yourself.

You don't have to confine the charm of holiday ornaments to a tree. Hang ornaments from the mantel or from each doorknob in the house. Or use sturdy ornaments as window-shade pulls. Add an ornament to a wrapped gift, tie one to each place card at a party or pile several in a glass compote to use as a centerpiece.

The following are some of my favorite ideas for simple handmade ornaments:

• Pinecones "frosted" with glitter look appealingly natural on a tree. To make them, cover your work surface with newspaper or paper towels. Use a small paintbrush to apply a thin coat of craft glue to the pinecone's outer edges. Roll the pinecone in a bowl of fine-grain glitter until the glue is covered. Let the pinecones dry on a flat surface or in a glass bowl. To hang, use an awl to make a hole in the stem end of the pinecone, then screw in a small eye screw, through which you can thread ribbon, wire or twine. This technique can also be used to apply just a touch or a full coat of glitter to walnuts and acorns, or to enhance new or old store-bought ornaments.

• Oranges, lemons, limes and other fruits make lovely holiday ornaments dressed up with satin or organza ribbon. Use commercially freeze-dried fruit, which is lightweight and retains its bright color, or polystyrene fruit (look for these at florists and floral supply stores). Wrap several bands of ribbon around the fruit, overlapping at the stem and blossom ends, and secure with a hot-glow gun. Insert decorative tacks, such as brass upholstery tacks, at each end, and wrap a loop of gold twine or narrow ribbon around one of the tacks for hanging. Or glue several layers of differently colored ribbon around the "equator" of the fruit, each band narrower than the last. Place tacks at evenly spaced intervals around the band for decoration, as well as at each end of the fruit. Or simply place a satin bow at one end of the fruit, secured by a decorative tack.

• Seashells make unusual and elegant ornaments. Use a hot-glow gun to attach silver or gold dragées to scallop shells or starfish, or wind gold or silver thread around sea urchins or long, spiral shells. Hang by attaching pendant clasps with glue to a point of the shell, or use a margarine (1/2-inch) fat to drill a hole for thin wire or metallic thread.

• Decorate your tree by placing gifts in its branches as well as underneath it. Wrap a few tiny gift boxes, or make little sacks out of wide grosgrain or satin ribbons. Cut ribbon into 8- or 10-inch lengths, fold in half at the midpoint, stuff up the sides on a sewing-machine and make a zigzag edge at the top with pinking shears. Fill with candies or gifts. Tie the bags closed with thin ribbon or silk cord, and add small gift tags. Tie a length of thin ribbon, waxed twine, or corded cord around each gift, and hang it from a tree branch. You can also number gifts for each day of Advent, the 12 days of Christmas or the eight days of Hanukkah, and hang them from a mantel, a banister or the tree.

• Transform new glass-ball ornaments by giving them the soft, smoky patina of antiques. In a well-ventilated space, remove the metallic cap from an ornament, and fill the ball to the rim with equal parts water and ammonia. Let the ball stand overnight. Dispose of the solution, and gently scrub the outside of the ball with soapy water and a stiff-bristle brush until the cellophane coating disappears. Make clusters of small glass-ball ornaments by stringing them on or four together on a strand of wire and adding leaves for decoration.

• Wrap wired tinsel (available at crafts stores and from Christmas catalogs) in a spiral around a tapered rod, such as a paintbrush handle, to make shimmering icicles for the tips of tree branches. Or twist wired tinsel into stars and other simple shapes.

• Candy-filled cones of shiny, metallic decorative paper make delightful tree ornaments. To make a cone, cut paper

# Home for the Holidays

## Tour showcases houses decked out for the season

By Dixie Thomas Reese  
Times-News Correspondent

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Junior Club is sponsoring a holiday tour of homes. Six homes all decked out with holiday decorations, are on the tour.

Hostesses will be available in each home to explain the decorations and to offer refreshments. Local musicians will entertain along the route. There will be violin music, caroling and a piano medley.

### Here are the homes—

• Ivan and Dauna Allred, 2090 Stadium Blvd. More than 100 nativity scenes collected from around the world will be on display.

• Dr. Joe and Karen Gaines, 3083 E. 3100 N. This home offers a spectacular view of the South Hills.

• Dr. Greg and Judy Kadlec, 3116 Laurelwood Drive. There is an extensive collection of World War I posters - many with Christmas themes - and a collection of canceled checks signed by various presidents of the United States.

• Karl and Debbie Malone, 1809 Dorian Drive. There is a collection of old world Santas, a Christmas village and many hand-crafted decorations.

• Dr. Joseph and Shawn Lee Waters, 960 Wildwood Way. The interior decoration - by Shawn Lee Waters - incorporates landscaping, large bouquets and wreaths throughout the house. The Waters have a formal angel room and will display several Christmas trees.

• Roger Wynn, director of Valley House, said many of the residents are eager to show their facility to visitors. Each house is unique and will focus on a different aspect of decorating, collectibles or holiday memorabilia.

Valley House is a temporary shelter for homeless people. When new people go to Valley House, the rules state that



the adults have two weeks to find jobs. Kids must be registered for school. No drugs, alcohol or pets are allowed. Wynn said the youngest resident at Valley House is 9. Residents over the average age is 9. Residents are allowed to stay for three months, but the average stay is about seven weeks.

**Information**  
The Junior Club Home for the Holidays Home Tour is set for 1 to 7 p.m. Sunday. Tickets for the self-guided tour cost \$6 each and can be purchased from an Adult Club member or at Everpooy's Business, Inspiration, Kelsey Health Center, Courty 600 Garden, UIC Red Pen or Kestley Nurseries. Children over 8 are welcome. For more information, call Janice Lopez at 734-0755 or Heather Schutz at 736-8418.



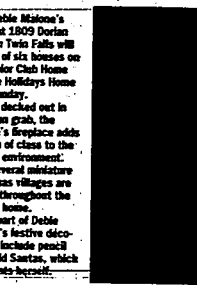
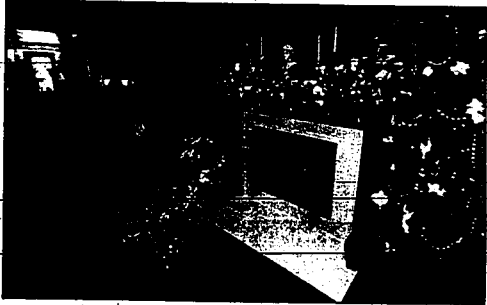
Top, Debbie Malone's home at 1809 Dorian Drive in Twin Falls will be one of six homes on the Junior Club Home for the Holidays Home Tour Sunday.



Above, decked out in Victorian garb, the Malones' fireplace adds a touch of class to the holiday environment.



Right, part of Debbie Malone's festive decorations include the old world Santas, which she painted herself.



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## 'Tis the season for treats

What's more fun than going to a fabulous holiday party? Hosting your own gathering of friends and family to celebrate the season! Join in the fun by inviting guests for dessert and coffee after a special dinner at a favorite restaurant or following an afternoon holiday concert or ball.

**WHITE CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE**  
Makes one 9-inch cheesecake  
1 cup pecan halves, divided  
1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/4 cup margarine or butter, melted  
3 (6-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened  
1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Regular Sweetened Condensed Milk  
1 egg  
1 (6-ounce) package white chocolate baking squares, melted  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract, divided  
1 (21-ounce) can cherry pie filling  
Whipped cream or topping  
Reserve 5 pecan halves for garnish. Finely chop and toast remaining pecan halves. Preheat oven to 300 F. Mix crumbs, chopped pecan halves, sugar and melted margarine or butter; press firmly on bottom of 9-inch springform pan. Beat cream cheese in large bowl with mixer at medium speed until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Blend in eggs, melted chocolate and 1

teaspoon vanilla. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 1 hour or until center is set. Cool completely at room temperature. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours. Mix cherry pie filling and remaining vanilla. Remove side of springform pan. Spread cherry mixture over cheesecake. Garnish with dollops of whipped cream or topping around edge and reserved pecan halves. Cut into wedges to serve. Refrigerate leftovers.

**CHEERY ALMOND TOFFEE BARS**  
Makes 24 to 36 bars  
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup powdered sugar  
3/4 cup cold margarine or butter  
1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Regular Sweetened Condensed Milk  
1 egg, beaten  
1 teaspoon almond extract  
1 (6-ounce) package toffee chips  
1 cup sliced almonds  
3/4 cup dried tart cherries  
Preheat oven to 350 F (325 F for glass dishes). Mix flour and sugar in medium bowl; cut in margarine or butter until crumbly. Press firmly on bottom of 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking pan to make crust. Bake for 15 minutes; set aside. Blend sweetened condensed milk, egg and almond extract in large bowl; stir in toffee chips, almonds and cherries. Spread over prepared crust. Bake for 25 minutes or until golden brown. Cool in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars. Store, covered, in refrigerator.

White Chocolate Cheesecake, Cherry Almond Toffee Bars and Walnut Cherry Fudge Logs are holiday party foods that make the table shine.

# Have the prettiest poinsettias this season

Poinsettias aren't just another pretty face. They're hard workers, and they should be treated with the respect they deserve. Here's how:



**GREEN THUMBPRINTS**  
Cathy Walthorn

**Step 1.** See the pretty poinsettia in store. Pick a color. But red is still the most popular, but you can have pink, salmon, white, marble or yellow.

**Step 2.** Wrap it up. Poinsettias given as gifts would be growing big enough to work as a hedge in some tropical paradise. They freeze our winter so it's better to keep winter a secret from your guests. Ask for paper bags, and make sure the clerk puts your new friend in a bag big enough to cover the whole plant. Take her straight home.

**Step 3.** Rip off that colorful foil around the pot. Poinsettias need light and air. They don't think twice about fanning dead areas if they don't get what they need.

**Step 4.** Put the poinsettia in a southeast or southwest window. A cup of sweetener chocolate chips (1 1/4-ounce) can Eagle Brand regular or Creamy Chocolate Sweetened Condensed Milk. 1/2 cup dried tart cherries.

and might that don't get any chillier than 65.

**Step 5.** Water your poinsettia when the top of the soil feels dry. Make sure some of the water drains out of the bottom of the pot into the saucer below. Throw away the excess water.

Now, sit back and enjoy the brilliant color your poinsettia adds to your decor. Breathe in all that freshly laundered air. Freshly laundered air? Yep. That's what poinsettias do for you: They clean the air. Specifically, they wipe out formaldehyde that you can't see or smell, but you certainly don't want. And you do have formaldehyde in your house. Formaldehyde escapes from particleboard, plywood, foam insulation, plywood, vinyl floor, denims, waxed paper, facial tissues, paper towels and permanent press fabrics. Fight back with poinsettias - lots of them.

NASA figured out that in a

room with an 8-foot ceiling, it takes two or three plants per 100 square feet of floor space to clean the air. That comes out to a couple of poinsettias in an average bedroom. Most of us don't have room for two more plants per room, but then we occasionally open doors and windows, letting in fresh air. Can't do that in a space shuttle.

After Christmas, you will want to tone down the Christmas-y decor, and the poinsettias will take in a month or so, anyway. Cut back the bracts (those are the branches holding up the col-

ored leaves you thought were flowers) to about eight inches. Feed your poinsettias with a liquid fertilizer, such as Thrive's 20-20-20, and watch it sprout. In no time, you'll have thick green, bushy branches that will continue to work for you year-round.

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## Treats

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**WALNUT CHERRY FUDGE LOGS**

Makes two 12-inch logs

3 cups sweetener chocolate chips (1 1/4-ounce) can Eagle Brand regular or Creamy Chocolate Sweetened Condensed Milk

1/2 cup dried tart cherries

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 (6-ounce) package walnuts pieces, chopped

Melt chocolate chips with sweetened condensed milk in medium saucepan over low heat. Remove from heat. Stir in cherries and vanilla. Refrigerate for 30 minutes. Divide mixture in half; place each portion on a 20-inch piece of waxed paper. Shape each into a 12-inch log. Press walnuts onto log. Wrap tightly; refrigerate for 2 hours or until firm. Remove waxed paper; cut

into 1/2-inch slices to serve. Store, covered, in refrigerator.

Almond Cherry Fudge Logs: Omit vanilla and walnuts. Add 1 teaspoon almond extract and 1/2 cups sliced almonds, roasted and chopped. Proceed as above.

**CREAMY MOCHA CAPPUCCINO**

(serving per cup)

Makes 5 cups

4 cups boiling water

1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Creamy Chocolate Sweetened Condensed Milk

3 tablespoons instant coffee

2 tablespoons coffee-flavored liqueur, optional

Mix all ingredients in 2-quart heat-proof pitcher. Pour into mugs, garnish with whipped cream and a sprinkling of ground cinnamon. Serve immediately.

## Martha

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into a 3-, 4- or 5-inch square, and lay it facedown on a flat surface. Place the point of a compass at one corner of the square, and its arm to an adjacent corner. Bring the pencil across the square to form an arc, and cut along the line with scissors. For a cone out of the resulting fan-shaped piece of paper, and glue the edges together with a thin coat of clear-drying glue. (Paper-clip the seam together while the glue dries.) Trim the edge of the cone with rubber, ribbon or wired tinsel. Form a handle by punching holes in opposite sides of the rim, then stringing ribbon through the holes, securing the ends with knots. Fill the cone with mums, peonies or other candy.

Questions should be addressed to Martha Stewart, care of The New York Times Syndication Sales Corp., 123 E. 43rd St., New York, N.Y. 10017. Or visit The Times-News Online's NewsLink page at <http://www.martha.com>.

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**Go to work on paper recycling**

For most of us, recycling is an activity practiced in the home. Bundles of newspapers, boxes of cans and piles of cardboard set aside for recycling are a common sight in American households.



**RECYCLING**  
Michael Hofferber

"Waste doesn't stop at the curb, however, and a significant share of the trash being sent to landfills these days is coming from the offices and factories where we spend our workdays.

More than 12 million tons of wastewater alone is generated by American office workers each year, enough to fill the Sears Towers in Chicago 20 times! Many businesses that have set up paper recycling programs to recover some of this waste have not only saved on garbage hauling costs, but have actually profited from the buy-back fees paid by recyclers.

Paper used in offices can be readily recycled and has good value so long as it is kept separate from junk mail, glossy-colored brochures and leftovers from yesterday's office party. Computer printout paper, the kind with the horizontal color bars and holes along the sides, is especially valuable.

Some offices fill their coffee kits with monies earned by recycling white ledger paper, maga-

zines, envelopes and discarded faxes. Local recyclers like Pacific Steel and Recycling and Magic Valley Recycling will pay a penny or so per pound for clean and sorted office paper delivered to their drop-off centers.

In Gooding and Shoshone, which are more than 25 miles from the nearest recycling center, Southern Idaho Solid Waste has set up special office paper recycling bins to collect and deliver tons of paper at a time to the recycling centers. The cash earned from these bins is shared with the offices participating in the collection.

Call 886-7106 or 432-9083 if you'd like to start collecting paper at your office. As with any business opportunity, the value of recycling office paper depends on the commitment and determination of the parent organization. Bank of America, for example, recycles



more than 122,000 tons of paper each year and receives thousands of dollars in return. The U.S. House of Representatives, on the other hand, earned just \$7 from office paper recycling in 1996 despite its annual consumption of more than 2,500 tons of paper.

Recycling office paper is not going to make or break many businesses. The value of wastepaper is depressed worldwide, and recovery may be a long time coming. But a business that recognizes its small returns as well as large ones, and discourages waste wherever possible, communicates these values to its employees. Recycling in the workplace can have many profitable returns.

For more information and advice on solid waste disposal and recycling, visit the Southern Idaho Solid Waste web site. Access it at The Times-News Online's NewsLink page at <http://www.magivalley.com>.

Send email to [recycling@stn.org](mailto:recycling@stn.org)

Michael Hofferber is the recycling coordinator for the Southern Idaho Solid Waste District.

**Put divinity into holiday baking**

**Knight Rider News Service**  
This candy recipe ran in the Dec. 2 Food & Home section of The Times-News. Two of the ingredient amounts were incorrect. Here's the corrected recipe.

- NEVER FAIL DIVINITY**  
Yields 2 dozen  
1/3 cup water  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar (newly purchased if possible)  
Dash of salt  
7-ounce jar marshmallow creme  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 cup chopped nuts  
Combine water, sugar, cream of tartar and salt. Do not stir. Bring to a rolling boil and boil until temperature on candy thermometer reaches 245 degrees. Place marshmallow creme in small bowl. Beat at low speed

with electric mixer while gradually pouring in hot syrup mixture. Add vanilla. Beat until candy loses its gloss and holds its shape when dropped from a spoon. If mixture is underbeaten, it will not hold its shape, and if it is overbeaten, it will become dry. Add nuts. Drop from spoon onto wax paper. Cool and store in airtight container.

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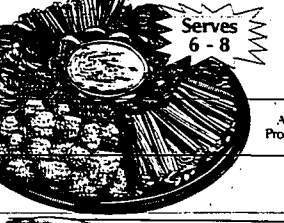
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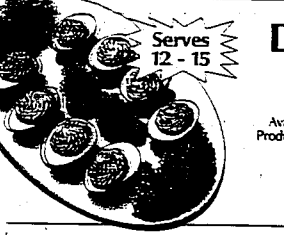
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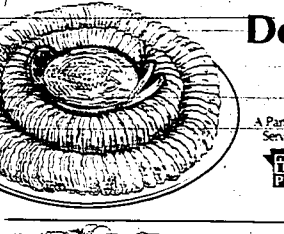
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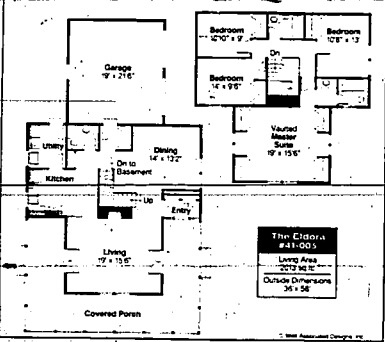


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**FOOD & HOME**



**Eldora style adds simplicity to home**

Were it not for French doors on the ground floor and a round-top window on the second level, a casual observer might easily mistake the Eldora for a historic country farmhouse. This home, by guest designer Steve Duarte of Bordentown, New Jersey, has a T-shaped configuration, three-sided porch and uncluttered exterior that serve as pleasant reminders of simpler times.

Simplicity carries over to the interior of this four-bedroom, three-bathroom home as well, but at no loss of convenience. A large entry closet is just inside the door. Family living is on the ground floor and bedrooms are upstairs.

Natural light, muted by a wrap-around porch, enters the large living room from three sides, softening the room with a soft glow. Fireplace and stairway are centrally located, separating the living room from the kitchen and dining area while providing a pleasant supplemental heat source.

The U-shaped kitchen has plenty of counter space and comes equipped with a pantry and built-in appliances. An exterior door in the adjacent utility room allows it to double as a mud-room. A half-bath is also nearby, convenient to both kitchen and garage.

Upstairs, the vaulted master bedroom is as large as the living room. Closets on two walls are interrupted by sunny all-weather window seats, or a desk and a sewing machine. A private bathroom serves the Eldora's owners' suite while the other three bedrooms share another bathroom.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$15 to Associated Designs, 1100 S. College Dr., Dept. W, Eugene, Ore. 97402. Please specify the Eldora 41-005 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring more than 250 home plans is available for \$12. For more information call (800) 634-0123.

**This cookie freezes well**

**Knight Ridder News Service**

This is a wonderfully easy cookie that freezes well and can be stored up to 2 months in airtight containers. It's from "Christmas Baking: Traditional Recipes Made Easy."

- DANISH BROWN COOKIE**  
(one dozen)
- 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons butter
  - 1 cup sugar
  - 1/2 cup molasses
  - 2 eggs
  - 4 cups all-purpose flour
  - 1 teaspoon baking powder
  - 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
  - 2 teaspoons cinnamon
  - 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
  - 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
  - 1/2 cup finely chopped blanched almonds
  - 1/3 cup finely diced candied lemon peel
- Combine butter, sugar and molasses in heavy saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Remove and allow to cool. Beat in eggs. Stir in flour, baking powder, bak-

ing soda, cinnamon, cloves, ginger, almonds and candied lemon peel. Cover dough with plastic wrap and chill 1 hour. Remove from refrigerator and divide into 4 portions. Roll each portion into an 8-inch-long cylinder. Wrap again and chill until firm. With a sharp knife, cut the cylinders into very thin slices—1/8-inch. Place 2 inches apart on greased baking sheets. Bake at 400 for 7 to 10 minutes, or until beginning to turn brown. Cool completely. Makes about 100 cookies.

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**Martha Stewart offers basics of clothing care**

By Barbara Gash  
Knight Ridder News Service

Martha Stewart has done it again. In a special issue of her Living magazine, called "Clothes-keeping" (\$4.50), Stewart imparts valuable basic information for home sewers and non-sewers alike, and for men as well as women. She calls it a useful guide, a way to look at one's wardrobe "so it can be cared for, preserved, worn and enjoyed."

Some topics I found especially interesting:

"Wash Day" is a chapter helpful to singles, the college-bound, and even newbies, but it's not a bad idea for all of us to review the pertinent facts of doing laundry. I learned, for instance, that cotton and linen become stronger when wet, but that wool weakens. Stewart gives complete how-to's for hand-washing, shaping and drying sweaters. She also describes what happens when we send clothes to be dry-cleaned. Water is used more often than you might think; suede, for example, is almost always "wet-cleaned." Grease-based stains are removed with solvents, but protein stains, such as blood or wine, respond to water.

"How Do You Know When It Fits?" is directed to all consumers, but is really interesting for those who sew. We are reminded that "a garment that fits is one which enhances the all-around human figure." In a well-tailored jacket, the collar settles neatly around your neck, the sleeves move with your arms, the curves rest gently against your frame, and the buttonholes line up.

Stewart devotes several pages to describing types of buttons. Many garments would benefit, she says, by changing ordinary buttons to more exciting ones. Jeweled buttons, frog closures, toggles, and fabric-covered buttons are possibilities.

Proper storage of clothes is tantamount to preserving shape and protecting fabric. Some garments should be kept in deep drawers or on shelves, while others should be hung on appropriate hangers. Among the hints: Clean clothes before storing, so that stains don't set; remove plastic bags, which can trap moisture; don't store wool or silk in airtight containers; try grouping clothes by color.

The clotheskeeping issue is available at drugstores, supermarkets and major bookstores.

**Share locations of houses donning festive lights**

The Times-News

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# Fond memories of Jackie fill 'Cooking for Madam'

By Wendy Lin  
Newsday

NEW YORK — At a time when we know all too much about the private lives of public figures comes a very intimate book about the Kennedys. But this book reveals only the happy details of the household of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and her children Caroline and John Jr.



Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

"Cooking for Madam: Recipes and Reminiscences From the Home of Jacqueline Kennedy" ( Scribner, \$30 ) is written by Marra Sgubin, who entered the Kennedy household nearly 30 years ago as nanny to 11-year-old Caroline and 8-year-old John and later became cook to Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. It is filled with memories of young John and Caroline eating cinnamon toast after strolling in Central Park, of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis having Hillary Rodham Clinton over to her Manhattan apartment for lunch on trays in the study.

"There are no personal stories in the book," said Sgubin, at lunch on Manhattan's Upper East Side, where she stays close to Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg's family. "The food stories are personal, written by a true Kennedy insider. She tells of Aristotle Onassis joining the family in their New Jersey house late one Thanksgiving and eating his dinner by himself in the kitchen. At one point, Onassis asked her to pass the salt. She tried to hand it to him, but he refused to take it and told her to put it on the table instead."

The cookbook originally was the "dreamchild" of Onassis herself, said Sgubin. "Madam used to say, 'When we get old, Marra, you can write a cookbook and I will publish it.'"

Onassis died in May 1994 and Sgubin was devastated. She went to work as a cook for Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg's family, and after a while, Caroline began to mention the cookbook again. Finally, they found a book editor, Nancy Nicholas, who would help write the book with Sgubin.

Sgubin's life with the family began in a whirlwind of activity — at first, weekends with the children and their grandmother, Janet Auchincloss, in Newport, R.I., and weekdays in Manhattan. Sgubin got her first taste of the paparazzi when she took John for his first "day of classes" at Collegiate, a private school in Manhattan. Photos of her accompanying 8-year-old John made the front pages of the Daily News and newspapers around the world.

Later, on weekends the Onassis jet would transport everyone to Puerto Rico where the yacht Christmas was docked. Then they'd cruise the Caribbean for two or three days.

Sgubin learned to cook by watching the chef on board the Christmas and then surprised the family by cooking a meal for them. Later, she was asked to take on the duties of the cook

while they were in Manhattan. Although Jacqueline Onassis enjoyed French food, she was a light eater. Caroline's favorite was creamed chicken with rice and peas. For John, it was chipped beef on toast for lunch.

"Madam would eat creamed chicken or beef Stroganoff because they were what her children wanted," said Sgubin, "and her children were everything to her."

These days Sgubin is back to feeding children. This time it is the children of Caroline, who are ages 10, 8 and 5. Sgubin, who is of retirement age, will not think of quitting.

The cookbook is filled with family recipes for mashed potatoes, brownies and yellow birthday cake. The photographs of the family are just as amusing.

Here's one of the recipes:

**SHEPHERD'S PIE**  
4 cups chopped cooked lamb or roast beef (the meat must be rare)  
2 large cloves garlic, chopped  
1 large onion, chopped  
1 teaspoon fresh rosemary leaves  
8 tablespoons (1 stick) butter, divided  
3 tablespoons flour  
1 cup beef stock  
Salt and pepper  
4 cups mashed potatoes

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine the lamb, garlic, onion, and rosemary and put them through a meat grinder. If you don't have a meat grinder, don't use a food processor because that doesn't give the right texture. Use a knife to chop the ingredients very finely, the way you would if you were making hash. Melt 6 tablespoons of the butter in a large skillet and stir in the flour. Stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, cook for 5 minutes or until completely blended. Slowly add the stock, stirring as you add, and cook until thickened, about 5 min-

utes. Add the chopped lamb mixture and stir to blend. Add salt and pepper to taste. Spoon into a 2-quart oval ovenproof casserole. Spread the mashed potatoes over the top. They should be as even as possible and touch-the-rim of the casserole so that none of the meat mixture shows. Use a fork to rake a design along the top, drawing the tines over the surface from one end to the other the long way. Dot with the remaining 2 tablespoons of butter. Bake for 40 minutes or until the filling is bubbling hot and the potatoes are browned. Makes 6 servings.

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# Be kind to your Christmas tree

The Washington Post

A cut Christmas tree is more than an object-to-be-adorned and tinned. It is a plant. You should keep the tree alive and healthy through the holiday season for two basic reasons: First, needles look better on the branches than in the rug, and second, a tree's natural qualities as an incendiary device.

Achieving realistic longevity takes some care, and just in case you don't know, here are some guidelines in making a healthy tree to begin with.

Unless you know a choose-and-cut tree firm, you cannot know what a tree's sale in a lot was cut. Most cut trees are fine, but you do have to keep an eye out for trees that are trying to tell you something.

• The following tips were gleaned from Jeffrey Fleishman, a Christmas tree grower in Leesburg, Va., with 25 years' experience. Michael Zajac, of Inside Gardens in William, Md., and extension agents in Maryland and Virginia.

• Don't wait until you're ready to decorate to buy a tree. Get it now and stick it in a bucket of water outdoors for at least a week, giving it a chance to rehydrate before you bring it in.

• Test the freshness of a tree by dropping a branch or two of several inches. If your shaves are showered with needles, move on. Trees naturally shed a few yellow dead leaves at this time of year, but if green needles fall out, that is a bad sign. Another test of freshness is to bend a branch; it should remain pliable.

• Wrap the tree in plastic if you have it tied to the back of your vehicle and are intending to get up to highway speeds.

• If the seller offers to cut the bottom off the tree, decline. Do it yourself when you get home and have a bucket of tepid water handy. Take one inch off the bottom and plunge the tree immediately into the water. Check the water daily and make sure the

crunk does not dry out. A new tree will rapidly absorb one gallon or more.

• Preservatives in the water do help; homemade concoctions are too much trouble and you will have difficulty finding glycerol. Use a commercial mix.

• Don't position the tree where it will receive heat, block an entrance or be in the way.

• Placing the tree is a two-person job. Once vertical, turn the screws so they bite into the bark firmly. The tree can be secured with wire, not string, to anchor joint points. Alternatively, use fishing line of at least 10-pound test.

• Store-bought tree stands should have small holes in each leg and be anchored in place with small nails to prevent tipping over. On a wood floor, some people nail the stand directly onto the floor and use the same holes year after year. Or you can use a 4-foot-by-4-foot sheet of half-inch plywood for a base and secure the stand to it with screws.

• Keep the tree watered. If the water in the stand disappears, you will have to lift the tree and saw off one more inch, an onerous task on a fully decorated tree.

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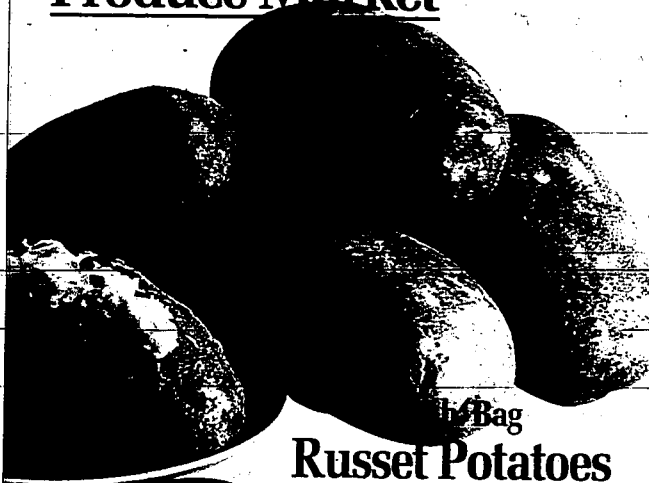
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# High style: Plates with pedestals elevate parties

## The Orange County Register

Blame it on Martha. That wife of Abraham table settings, entertaining expert so many Americans want to emulate, she's the one. Martha Stewart is the one who helped set the table with plates on their feet — or, perhaps, feet.

In her many magazine spreads, on TV, she's made the point that cake is not the only thing a footed plate can elevate. Instead, let it bring hours of beauty, and a different look, to your other than cakes to new heights — the buffet table. Once the buffet starts down flow, those varying levels of temptations, and your buffet table becomes like the house built atop the hill — desirable real estate.

Using the cake plate in other ways than its name implies speaks to today's style of entertaining — one that's more casual, more anything-goes.

If there is one word that best describes this new state of mind, it is informality. Stewart writes in the November issue of *Martha's Living*.

So as you plan a holiday party or gathering where the buffet table is a key, consider the cake plate as a starting point.

A variety are available beyond the old-fashioned kind Grandmother used (though the retro look certainly is in vogue). Some come with glass tops. Check out some of the sleek styles available in glass or pewter, which can be dressed up or down from about any setting. Glass, non-accident-prone for all uses, and if a bit of light is somehow shined through it, glass can make whatever is presented on top look elegant.

Look at kitchen and houseware stores and in dish departments, but don't be afraid to search among the treasures at antique dealers, museums and matching dinnerware is still these days.

The latest news from the designer front is that a mixed china table service is chic, even at a formal dinner party. Abigail Kirch says in her book "Invitation to Dinner" (Doubleday, \$29.95), written with David Nusbaum.

Once you've settled on your menu, let it be your guide in planning your buffet table. Kirch writes. At least the day before, decide where food will go on the table. If you can, set the table in the middle of the room, so guests can circle it for a dramatic view of the food. Go over your menu, selecting a serving vessel — ring, chafin, platter — for each item and don't forget extra items such as bread, butter, cream and other condiments.

Stick to a "visually appealing buffet design," she says. That's where the cake plate can come in, but first you can create height this way: Round up household items such as glassware, heavy cardboard boxes, fishing pans and ice buckets as supports, lay them on the serving table upside down, leaving enough space for each and making sure they're steady as pedestals. The highest point should be at the middle of the

table or in the back if against a wall. Remove the supports and cover the table with a protective cloth, if desired. Then remove the supports to their positions, and place your good tablecloth over them so that it falls smoothly. Set the serving vessels atop the supports for height, and punctuate the table with a cake plate or two to hold whatever you'd like.

Need some ideas for what to set atop your cake plate? This is from "Grand Housekeeping Christmas Jinx."

**CHRISTMAS QUESADILLAS**  
 1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
 1 large onion, finely chopped

1 green pepper, finely chopped  
 1 red pepper, finely chopped  
 1 garlic clove, finely chopped  
 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

12 (6- to 7-inch) flour tortillas  
 6 ounces Monterey Jack cheese with jalapeno chilies, shredded (about 1 1/2 cups)  
 Garbanzo, cilantro leaves and 1 hot red pepper  
 In a nonstick 10-inch skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add onion and peppers, cook, stirring often, 15 minutes, or until golden and tender. Add garlic, cumin and salt, and cook, stirring often, 5 minutes

longer. Remove skillet from heat; stir in chopped cilantro. Place 6 tortillas on work surface. Spread pepper mixture on tortillas; sprinkle with cheese. Top with remaining tortillas to make 6 quesadillas. (If not serving right away, cover and refrigerate assembled quesadillas up to 5 hours.) To serve, preheat oven to 450 degrees. Place quesadillas on 2 large cookie sheets and bake 4 minutes per side, or until lightly browned. Transfer quesadillas to cutting board. Cut each into 3 wedges; top each wedge with a slice of beef for garnish. Garnish plates with a hot red pepper. Serve immediately. Yield: 48 wedges.

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**Knight Rider News Service**

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- 1 stick butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate pieces

In a small mixing bowl, melt the butter with the brown and white sugars, either in the microwave, or in a double boiler. In a large bowl, with a wooden spoon, gently stir the eggs, stir in the sugar mixture and vanilla. Stir in baking soda, salt and flour. Do not beat. Stir in chips and nuts, if you wish. Distribute them the dough that forms a 2 1/2 by 9 1/2 inch, making these "bar" sheets lined with parchment paper. Spread as much as possible toward the edges. Bake in a preheated 350 degree F oven about 12 minutes. Cut into 30 to 40 bars.

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Sports Editor: Darren Cloz: 733-0931, Ext. 230

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Section D

## MORNING LINE

### SPORTS QUOTE

**Boos: That's a right any fan has. But you've crossed the line when you start throwing things.**

**—Pittsburgh Steelers coach Bill Cowher, after a disgruntled fan threw a quarterback Knottel Stewart's beer during Sunday's loss to New England.**

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

#### Wednesday, Dec. 9

Boys high school basketball  
Highland at Huerfano  
Blackfoot at Nizkor  
Shoshone at Valley  
Pocatello at Twin Falls  
Most major events high school basketball games begin at 6 p.m., local live coverage

### IN BRIEF

#### TFHS baseball oranges arrive on Saturday

**TWIN FALLS** — Unless prior delivery arrangements were made, supporters of Twin Falls High School's baseball team will be chasing oranges to benefit the team's fund-raising efforts. The oranges will be collected from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday at First Federal Savings Bank on Blue Lakes Boulevard.

The oranges will be used to fund the 20-pound boxes of citrus fruit for \$25 each. Proceeds from the fund-raiser will be used to further improve the Bruins' field.

Limited number of oranges are still available for sale. For more information, call coach Nick Olmstead at 733-4576.

#### Youth basketball accepts registrations, used shirts

**BOURLEY** — Registration for "Lions" Boys' Basketball for 1999 and youth players will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. through Friday at White Pine Elementary School, 12901 Highland Ave.

The cost is \$15, or \$7.50 with the donation of a good used coat. Coats will be donated to the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council.

#### Burley Trap Club sets 'Meat Shoot' this weekend

**BURLEY** — The Burley Trap Club is holding a "Meat Shoot" beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday on the range, 850 W. 80 S., on Milner Dam road.

Participants will have the opportunity to win turkeys, steaks, pork chops and Christmas trees.

#### Idaho Stampeded adds Harwood to squad's roster

**BOISE** — The Idaho Stampeders business' presence down low this week went into the acquisition of forward Quinn Harwood from the Yakima Sun Kings.

#### Gooding volleyball troupe will aid needy children

**GOODING** — The Avonshire High School Volleyball Team and Gooding, Inc. are co-sponsoring a "Christmas for Kids" volleyball tournament Saturday at Spinning Meadows School.

## LOOSE BALL

## This time,

# Poky seeks revenge

## TF Bruins, Indians will face off tonight

**By Jeff Rosen Times-News writer**

**TWIN FALLS** — Keep the Band-Aids and antiseptic handy, the Indians are coming.

The chronology:  
• Oct. 23, the Pocatello High School football team assaults Twin Falls 52-21 at Holt Arena.  
• Nov. 6, date of Grudge Match No. 2, the Indians arrive for a long-awaited A-1 state quarterfinal playoff game, and the vengeance-minded Bruins whip them 33-23 to advance to the semis.  
• Dec. 9 Showtime.  
• One month after knocking the Indians from the 1998 football postseason, the Bruins and Pocatello tip off on the Twin Falls High School basketball court tonight in a game riddled with high drama.  
• Twin Falls, with a 3-1 record in Region III showdown 0-2 on the heels of a 63-48 season-opening road defeat at Boise and Saturday's 88-50 home tumble to visiting Timberline, badly needs a win.  
• Pocatello, meanwhile, despite losing its top three scorers to graduation, is 2-0 after hammering visiting Meridian Thursday and Skyview Saturday.  
• Only one Indians starter returned from last season's No. 3 finish at the state tournament, the Indians' basketball roster is football 1998 revisited instead.  
• Behind senior center Cory Hunt (6-6), who averaged 6.2 points per game in 1997-98 and played tight end and defensive lineman for Pocatello this fall, (6-6) looms Indians wideout Josh Klitgaard, Indians quarterback Matt Hagler plays both guard and forward, bruising running back Jesse Mitchell plays guard and Brandon Mennear, starting tight end, rotates in at the post.  
• Offensively, the Indians run a four-out and one-in — four guards and a center — offense, heavily featuring guard Kennerly an unusually deep bench, Pocatello can wear a team down simply cycling fresh shooters into the mix and pressing buzzer to buzzer.  
• The Bruins, however, despite lacking a returning starter and lining up with just one player taller than 6-2 in 6-5 center Dane DeBoer, asserted themselves well late Saturday.  
• Shooting better and applying their own pressure defense, they were able to put points on the board. Though they could not claw free of a tremendous 49-11 half-time debt to Timberline, they outscored the Wolves 34-16 in the final period.

Vogt has stated several times that the Pocatello and Highland school hoast the basketball teams to beat in Region III A-1 play this season.

• Pocatello, along with a shot at one of them, has team press a new chapter in the Bruins-Indians saga. The two teams will meet again Jan. 14 in Pocatello.  
• Tonight's game tips off at roughly 7:30 p.m.



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## Carey hangs on against Devils

### Murtaugh moulins talk, but falls 52-48

**By Francisco Duran Times-News writer**

**WORLEIGH** — Down 19-5 to Carey in the first quarter, Murtaugh coach Clark Lemmon gave his Red Devils a demerit.

"It didn't hurt us as much as we thought it would," he said. "But we got blown out or

not," Anderson said. "The Devils didn't, coming back to make a game of it before falling to the Panthers, 52-48 in boys' basketball action."

Murtaugh's Kyle Funk went the length of the floor and missed a potential game-tying 3-pointer at the top of the key with seven seconds left. The Red Devils were forced to foul and Clayton Mechan went to the line and earned 1 of 2 to tie it for the Panthers.

"We were looking for Funk to drive the lane and kick it out, but he got caught up in the backcourt and decided

to take the shot, which is fine with me because he can shoot as good as the next guy," Anderson said. "But I was pleased with the way we came back. If we just could have had another minute."

Carey (1-2) jumped out to its big first-quarter lead on 7 of 11 shooting, including four 3-pointers.

The Panthers also played some defense, forcing the Red Devils into 0 of 12 shooting in the opening quarter.

The Red Devils (1-3) finally made

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## NBA cans All-Star game — What's next?

### The only thing left to stage is the season itself

**The Associated Press**

**NEW YORK** — The All-Star game is the most casualty of the NBA lockout. The only thing left to save is the season itself.

Ending a 47-year-old tradition of bringing in top talent together for a special showcase, the NBA on Tuesday canceled the All-Star game, which had been set for Feb. 14 in Philadelphia.

"This is our last minute of the inexcusable moment in the calendar," commissioner David Stern said. "There has been enough time left to have a season-ending All-Star game."

"We want to go to the city of Philadelphia, but we promise to bring the All-Star weekend back as soon as possible."

— commissioner David Stern after he canceled the All-Star game, which had been scheduled for Feb. 14 in Philadelphia.

**Day 161**

A look at the NBA lockout through Tuesday:

- Total days of season missed: 35.
- Games lost Tuesday: 250.
- Earliest estimated date season can start: Jan. 15.
- Negotiations: Nothing scheduled.
- Projected player salary losses (through Jan. 23): \$470 million.
- Today's best canceled game: Orlando at Utah. Jazz center Greg Foster, who disappeared during the NBA season, was traded to the Magic last season before the deal was recorded.
- Quota of the day: "If we can't make this deal, I don't think there's hope for the sport itself."
- commissioner David Stern after he canceled the All-Star game, which had been scheduled for Feb. 14 in Philadelphia.

every year without fail since 1951, and this season's version would have given the '76ers a chance to show off their new arena, the First Union Center, and perhaps even their best player, Allen Iverson, if he had made the Eastern Conference team.

The city would have been back at the center of the basketball universe for the first time since the days of Dr. J and Moses Malone.

"I wanted the world to see the greatness of Philadelphia in one giant show," Sixers president Pat Croce said.

It also would have given NBC a chance to draw one of its largest audiences of the winter during the all-important February sweeps period.

Last season, NBC drew its highest rating of the regular season, a 10.6, for the All-Star game from Madison Square Garden.

"Like all other NBA fans, we are disappointed by the cancellation of the All-Star game," NBC president Dick Ebersol said. "But we continue to be hopeful that an agreement can be reached and that the season will resume next month."

The owners and players have not met for negotiations since last Thursday, and no new talks are scheduled.

Stern has refused to set a date when it would be too late to save the season, saying it will expire of its own accord in the not too distant future. He also ruled out having an All-Star game at the conclusion of the season.

"Sadly, the owners have elected to cheat million of fans and the city of Philadelphia out of a wonderful spectacle," union director Billy Hunter

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## SLC Olympic fund helped IOC families

**The Associated Press**

**SALT LAKE CITY** — In the years before Salt Lake City won the 2002 Winter Games, its bid committee paid for college educations for six relatives of members of the International Olympic Committee.

Salt Lake Organizing Committee officials insisted, however, that the bid committee's privately funded \$500,000 "humanitarian assistance" fund was not set up as a bribe to buy the votes of IOC members as they looked to Salt Lake in 1991 and 1995 as the potential site of the Games.

This was such a minute part of that effort, it was mostly an attempt at a campaign of vote influencing rather than a campaign to work in the spirit of the Olympic movement, I don't think it is justified," said SLOC spokesman Frank Joklik.

SLOC officials on Tuesday provided general details of the fund, which operated between 1991 — the year Salt Lake lost the bid for the 1998 Winter Games to Nagano, Japan — and 1995, when it was awarded the 2002 bid. Joklik said that, in all, 13 individuals were given scholarships or athletic training.

Six of them were "direct relatives" of IOC members, mostly from Africa.

Joklik refused to identify the recipients of the IOC members, however he

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SPORTS

No. 5 Kentucky edges Hoosiers in OT

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Bob Knight took his frustrations out on the scorer's table during the 1,000th game of a college coach.



North Carolina's Brian Brevickler dunked over Buffalo's Nikolai Aleazev during the first half of Tuesday's contest in Chapel Hill, N.C.

College basketball With 3:45 remaining in overtime and Indiana down 56-51, Knight kicked a sheer of red plastic on the face of the scorer's table after a traveling call on Indiana's Kirk Heston.

The technical. Evans was fouled on Kentucky's ensuing possession and made two free throws to give the Wildcats an eight-point lead.

take a quick lead in the overtime. Kentucky's Mitchell Bradley said "Indiana had the momentum going into overtime, so we wanted to try to take them away from them by stopping early and getting on top by five or 10."

Down the stretch his made some key 3-point shots. His contribution was outstanding, Smith said. "I thought he had an excellent defensive effort."

Quinn scored 10 points during a very second-half run as North Carolina returned to the lead.

North Carolina's Brian Brevickler scored 29 points for North Carolina (5-1). Maliss Johnson led Buffalo (3-4) with 12 points.

No. 9 Purdue 65, NC State 53

WEST LEBANETTE, Ind. — Mike Johnson scored 17 points and James Carroll added 14 as Purdue defeated North Carolina State 65-53.

Carey

Continued from D1 Their first field goal of the night when Reese Widmer came up with a deuce at the 6:50 mark of the second. Widmer led the Devils with 13.

"Well, you know we have the potential to be a good team," said Carey coach Lee Cook. "But we haven't had a lot of practices or a lot of conditioning."

NBA

Continued from D1 said. "Their effort to further intimidate the players will not succeed."

The first two months of the season have already been scrapped, and it now cannot begin until mid-January at the earliest.

If a season can be salvaged it appears it will remain less than 5 1/2 games

The All-Star Game Session, an interactive event that provides coach fans with their best opportunity to get an up-close taste of the basketball, had already been cancelled.

IOC

Continued from D1 acknowledged one was Sonia Esomba, the daughter of the late Rene Esomba, Cameroon. She was given money to attend the American University in Washington, D.C.

No small accomplishment: A&M player wins Lombardi

HOUSTON (AP) — The smallest guy on the dais walked off with the big prize.



Det. Nguyen he didn't get to play immediately when he first arrived at A&M because he was so small.

Linebacker Dan Nguyen, Texas A&M's career tackles leader despite his 5-foot-11, 221-pound size, was named winner, Tuesday night of the 29th annual Lombardi Award as the nation's top collegiate lineman.

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SCORES AND STATS

Table with columns for Football, College Bowl Games, and Hockey. It lists various sports events, teams, and scores.

IN THE BLEACHERS

Table listing basketball games in progress, including teams like Kentucky, Indiana, and North Carolina, along with scores and time remaining.

ON THE AIR

Table listing television broadcasts, including programs like 'College Basketball' and 'Today's Women's Baseball'.

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Table listing rodeo events, including National Finals Rodeo results and other rodeo activities.

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Table listing skiing events, including World Cup races and other skiing competitions.

TRANSACTIONS

Table listing sports transactions, including player movements, trades, and signings across various leagues.



SPORTS

Tyson prepares for fight

Boxer is mum about his legal troubles

LOS ANGELES (AP)—If Mike Tyson is concerned about a possible return to prison, he wasn't saying Tuesday. Looking fit in a black muscle T-shirt and wearing a crimson beret, Tyson appeared for a news conference called to announce what promoter Dan Goossen called the worst-kept secret in boxing — that Tyson will face Francois Botha on Jan. 16.



Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson reacts to a question during Tuesday's news conference announcing his return to boxing.

Botha, he replied. "Come to the fight, brother." Another questioner asked about a possible future opponent, to which Tyson replied, "If the price is right, I'll fight a box." He also said, "I'm not here because I've been voted the nicest guy in the world. I'm just here to give good fights, and a good boy."

"Everyone knows I'm on parole. I'm trying to be nice up here." — Mike Tyson

Tyson pleaded no contest that "last" week. The Montgomery County District Court in Maryland has set Feb. 5 for sentencing, said James Voyles, Tyson's Indianapolis lawyer. Tyson served three years for rape in Indiana, and Gifford will decide whether he violated terms of his 1995 parole. Two motorists said he kicked and punched them after an automobile accident in Maryland in August.

"Everyone knows I'm on parole. I'm trying to be nice up here," Tyson said during the news conference. "I'm just here to fight, one fight at a time. I don't want no trouble from anyone." Botha, pretty much shoved to the background, said he felt honored to have the opportunity to face Tyson, an opportunity he said he has been awaiting his entire life.

Olympic gymnast returns to court

Mocciano to ask for measures against father

HOUSTON (AP)—If Dominique Mocciano's address cannot be located, it apparently was unobtainable in court. Since Oct. 28, when a judge granted the 37-year-old's request for adult status, the 1996 gold medalist says she's endured verbal slurs and stalking by her father. Police are also investigating a private investigator's claim that Dumitru Mocciano refused to pay \$100,000 to a friend and her coach killed.

her finances, Mocciano dogged her father and mother for answers about how her earnings, secured in a trust fund that they alone have access to, were being spent. "I kill myself training and going to school, and what is he doing with my money?" Mocciano told the Houston Chronicle at the time. "They haven't been working since 1996. Where does their income come from? Ma?"

Diamondback squad teams with veterans

Many 30-somethings will lead Arizona

PHOENIX (AP)—The Arizona baseball franchise is using the team's \$118.9 million free-agent splash over the past month, the Diamondbacks are loaded with 30-somethings. The projected starting lineup on opening day has five players over 32 and an average age of 30 years, 2 1/2 months. The only youngsters are first baseman Matt Williams (23) and shortstop Tony Batista (25).

take a run over the next four years, and by that time the pipeline should be ready to really come up with my minor league players." The minor league supply should be bolstered next year, when Arizona has three of the top 40 picks in the amateur draft. Those players might be ready for the big leagues in 2002 or 2003.

"I look at them as mature, veteran players who have been through the pinstriped leadership and maturity to a young franchise," team owner Jerry Colangelo said. "In baseball, players can stay in the game longer, said Colangelo, who also owns the NBA's Phoenix Suns. "When you look at the age of baseball players in their 30s, it's really a lot different than NBA players in their 30s," he said. "Longevity is much more of a factor in baseball than it is in the NBA, where the time span is really cut short."

Even before the free agent binge, the Diamondbacks had several older players. Third baseman Matt Williams is 33. Second baseman Jay Bell turns 33 this week. Left fielder Bernard Gilkey is 32. All had sub-par years last season. Williams had a bunch of nagging injuries. Bell was under the pressure of a big contract. Gilkey had eye-sight problems since corrected by laser surgery. Past their prime: All three say so. Does center fielder Steve Finley, who signed a \$21.5 million, four-year deal this week, and will be the oldest man in the Diamondbacks outfield at 34. He blazed his season-long .249 average with San Diego this year in foot surgery during the 1997 season. He's time now, he said, and ready to return to his old form. Players who stay in the game into their 30s know what it takes, Finley said. "We really take care of ourselves," he said. "I think that's probably half the battle in being injury-free is taking care of your body. I think the older we get, the more we learn. That's what's keeping us around so long." Finley knows the pressure will be on for the veterans to lead the Diamondbacks into contention and justify the big spending. "I think this team has a chance," he said. "Who wouldn't with the team we're putting out there?"

McMahon, Osborne lauded

NEW YORK — Former Nebraska coach Tom Osborne and BYU quarterback Jim McMahon were inducted into the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame on Tuesday night, along with 12 former college stars.

McMahon threw for 9,536 yards and 84 touchdowns for the Cougars. The quarterback who earned the nickname "Punty QB" for his brash behavior in the NFL led the Chicago Bears to victory in the 1986 Super Bowl. "I love the game, I'm glad I stuck with football," said McMahon, who came to BYU with the intention of playing baseball. "It brought me everything that I have great in my life. I met my wife in college, a good Mormon girl. I'm sure her folks were hoping she'd bring home a good Mormon boy and then I showed up."

Cincy Reds will add black

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds expect to be in the black — as well as the red — next season. The ballclub is adding black trim to its uniform for 1999. The new black-and-red caps have been appearing in some stores, but the entire newlook uniform won't be revealed until RedFest, the team's winter baseball gathering for fans, on Jan. 2 and Jan. 3 in Cincinnati.

Patriot faces assault charge

WRENTHAM, Mass. — The mother of one of Ben Coates' children testified Tuesday that the New England Patriots tight end pushed her to the pavement and hit her head on a car outside his condominium.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Official calls for investigation

LEIBROCK, Texas — An independent external investigation should be conducted into the deaths last month of Emmonson University basketball coaches Patricia Bibbs and Vanetta Gualoni by Lubbock police, according to City Councilman Victor Hernandez.

Ex-Stanford star pleads

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Eric Abrams, Stanford football's career scoring leader, pleaded no contest to sex charges involving a 16-year-old boy and faces additional accusations in San Francisco.

0's block sale of Ripken card

BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Orioles obtained a court order Tuesday night blocking the sale of a lineup card and other items from the game in which Cal Ripken broke baseball's consecutive-games record, claiming the memorabilia — worth more than \$30,000 — belongs to the team.

Fans may not make it to bowl

EUGENE, Ore. — The Oregon Ducks will have a trouble getting to Aloha Bowl for a Christmas Day matchup with Colorado. Stadium work, coaches, families, equipment managers, school administrators and the 12-piece band, who will hitch a ride to Honolulu.

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McGwire's 70th home-run ball goes up for bid

NEW YORK (AP)—The chase for Mark McGwire's 70th home-run ball is in full swing — with the winner to be decided in an auction. The historic ball will be sold early next month by the New York auction house Guernsey's.

as McGwire's St. Louis Cardinals ended the regular season against Montreal. "They know how to pull off an auction of this size," Michael Freedland, the Fort Lee, N.J. lawyer who represents Ozskey, told The New York Times. "And they're going to do an online auction simultaneously."

Cohen, have offered \$7 million for the ball, and Freedland estimated Ozskey has received more than 500 inquiries. The ball has been displayed at the Cardinals' Field of Fame since about two months.

— the homer that broke Roger Maris' 1961 record — is at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. The newspaper said Sosa, who had 66 homers, is scheduled to appear at a news conference today in Manhattan to announce the availability of some home run balls and to confirm his intention to sign his most important one.

Compiled from wire reports

# Unsafe at the stadium?

## Incidents prompt urgent calls for new structures

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Extra security guards will be hired and a popular standing-room-only area may be erected to keep spectators from standing directly beneath the walls, an extra security personnel will try to prevent spectators from clapping the standing room area.

The multipurpose stadium has had various problems over the years, including numerous water line breaks, one last week that flooded some street offices. Angry Steelers fans once drove his car on several flights of stadium stairs. Late one night to protest the team's play, coming to a stop just as his vehicle plowed into a set of bleachers.

But Rendell said a falling column that caused a group of stu-

dents to tumble 15 feet onto the Veterans Stadium turf during Saturday's Army-Navy game has increased the need for new stadiums. The most seriously injured cadet broke a bone in his neck but is expected to make a full recovery.

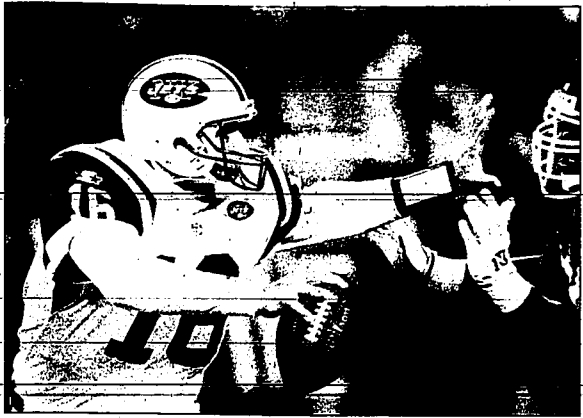
On Monday, Rendell said the railing gave way at the Army-Navy game was structurally sound, but broke simply because it was not designed to withstand the pressure put on it by dozens of Army supporters.

That accident occurred in a temporary bleacher section in the east end zone. Inspectors since then have pronounced safety railings in that area, as well as a level of the upper deck, the mayor said.

Last month, the General Assembly spiked legislation to partially fund four new stadiums in the state's two biggest cities, but Gov. Tom Ridge said it will be reintroduced next month.

*I sit right next to (the wall), and I don't want any bricks falling on me.*

— Bob O'Connor, Pittsburgh city council member



New York Jet quarterback Vinny Testaverde fights off the approach of Kansas City Chief linebacker Wayne Simmons during the first quarter of a Nov. 1 game.

## More than a passing grade

### Off-criticized Testaverde steps up pace this year

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Try this for a triple dose of success for oft-beleaguered Vinny Testaverde: a playoff berth, a Pro Bowl spot and the top ranking among AFC passers.

All three are within reach for the quarterback who almost had to go begging for a job this season.

Testaverde is having a phenomenal season. He's 9-1 as a starter, the only loss by one point. He is ranked just barely behind John Elway in the AFC passing ratings. He isn't exactly a shoo-in for the Pro Bowl in a conference also featuring Mark Brunell and Doug Flutie, but he's likely to secure the second trip to the all-star game.

How did it all come together for the 1986 Heisman Trophy winner whose 11 previous seasons pretty mediocre? Testaverde made one foray into the playoffs, in 1984 with Cleveland, and got to the Pro Bowl two years ago with Baltimore. Otherwise, the resume isn't impressive.

put all that work in for the opportunity to be successful.

"All of those wins to this point now mean much if we don't win this one."

Testaverde was the man most responsible for last weekend's 32-31 victory over Seattle — along with head linesman Earnnie Frantz, of course. Testaverde threw a career-high 63 times, completing 32 — second most in

said Parcells, who's had some excellent quarterbacks in Phil Simms and Drew Bledsoe. "He understands the game pretty well, and he also has got some thoughts on things and that is good."

Parcells was more impressed with Testaverde's work against Carolina last week than in what many might consider his signature game against Seattle. He was the model of efficiency against the Panthers, going 16-for-21 for 255 yards and two touchdowns as the Jets scored 48 points, their most since 1986.

"When you're going like that, you want everything to go perfectly," Parcells said.

"Vinny played very well, hardly made any mistakes."

"But we called a couple plays in the red zone that are TDs, but he goes to the wrong side. It's not a mistake, but we've got a TD on the other side and he goes the wrong way."

"When you look at that, almost every decision he made was perfect, almost every throw was very good, but the one he didn't make you get mad at him about, because your expectations are so high."

Testaverde loves to hear that. For so many years after his early failures with the dismal Buccaneers, he was chastised more than cheered.

Now, there are cheers and praise and, well, who knows what else in the very near future?

"This season has been one that no anyone expected to go the way it is, especially in my position," he said. "It's something of a magical season."

"Vinny showed he is for real."

— Keith Byars, fullback

NFL history — for 418 yards and two TDs. And he won the game with a diving 5-yard quarterback sneak in the dying seconds he never got into the end zone.

Frantz, however, immediately signaled a touchdown.

Even before such heroics, Testaverde had proved himself this year. He replaced the injured Glenn Foley in Week 3 and beat Indianapolis. He also led the Jets past the Dolphins to even their record after Foley started the season 0-2.

Foley returned for the fifth game and the Jets sunk it up in a 30-10 loss at St. Louis. So coach Bill Parcells turned back to Testaverde, and it has paid off.

Testaverde has completed 61.7 percent of his throws for 2,661 yards, with 22 touchdowns and five interceptions. He has a 101.3 rating, barely behind the 101.5 by Elway.

"I'm learning more about him,"

## Some teams feel bowl system's wrath

The Associated Press

Last week, Kansas State President John Wefald's stance on the Division I-A postseason play was similar to that of most university presidents around the nation — largely in support of the Bowl Championship Series, rather than a playoff determining the nation's top two teams and pairing them in a title game.

"I think that maybe you have to be at a university to understand the excitement for the team, the coaches and the fans that goes with going to a bowl game, whether it's the Copper Bowl, the Holiday Bowl or the Bowls," Wefald said Thursday.

"There's something excellent about that. In basketball, only one team ends up not losing its last game. There's no reason for football to be exactly like basket-

ball or baseball."

Monday, however, after Kansas State's 36-33, double-overtime loss to Texas A&M in the Big 12 Conference championship game had cost the Wildcats much more than a chance to win a national championship, Wefald's outlook was different.

Better dropping out of contention for a berth in the Fiesta Bowl, then being snubbed by the Sugar, Orange, Cotton and Holiday bowls, Kansas State is not excited for the Bowl and Wefald is contemplating the possibility of supporting a Division I-A playoff.

"Now I would start thinking more about a championship game of an eight-team playoff than I would have, say, one week ago," Wefald said Monday. "There might be more impetus today. Based on the numbers of calls I've had from the media, I think people feel that we got holed."

When something like that happens, sometimes reform gets in the air, so we'll have to see what happens."

Coaches, fans and the media appear to be the biggest proponents of a playoff system. The national champion would be decided on the field and individual colleges would receive a financial windfall from the revenue generated by television broadcast rights, ticket sales, etc.

Stanford Athletic Director Ted Leland, a member of the Division I Athletic Council, said he had heard estimates that each of the 112 Division I-A schools could receive at least \$1 million a year from a 16-team playoff.

The schools from the six major conferences — the Atlantic Coast, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pacific 10 and Southeastern — and the top independents likely would get at least \$5 million a year.

South Carolina went 1-10 in the Southeastern Conference this year before coach Brad Scott was fired.

Financial details of Skip Holtz's contract were not released. He said there was no formal or informal agreement for him to succeed his father, who has signed a \$600,000-a-year, five-year contract.

Lou Holtz said he has not hired any other assistants, but expects to name six or seven by the end of the week.

## Passing will make lively discussion for Holtzes

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — With his son on the sidelines once again as offensive coordinator, new South Carolina coach Lou Holtz expects there will be disagreements about how much to pass.

As a former quarterback, Skip Holtz likes to throw the ball a little more than I do," Holtz said. "That makes for good friendly discussion."

The final word, however, will always be dad's, just as it was when the two paired at Notre

Dame. Lou Holtz said Skip Holtz, 34, said he wrestled with his decision to leave as coach at Connecticut but wanted to be closer to his family. His mother, Beth, has throat cancer.

"It has been a privilege for me to have the opportunity to have the reins of this program in my hands for five years," he said.

The Huskies were 10-3 this year and went to the NCAA Division I-A quarterfinals. His record in five years was 34-23.

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Mother's carping drains daughter

DEAR ABBY: I love my mother and she says she loves me, but she can be quite difficult. A visit seldom goes by without her getting in at least a few hurtful zingers. There's always something about me that doesn't suit her. She says tactless things she would never dream of saying to anyone else. Telephone conversations don't include comments about my weight and appearance, because, thank goodness, she can't see me. However, she fills the space with advice and lectures.

DEAR ABBY Alison VanBuren

DEAR BRUISED: Your problem won't be resolved until you're strong enough to confront your mother and tell her how her criticism has made you feel. Do not approach her in anger. Before you visit, make a list of the comments that hurt you, and tell her how they make you feel. Rehearse what you're going to say until you feel comfortable with it. Then tell her plainly how

you expect to be treated in the future. DEAR ABBY: I must disagree with some of the advice you gave to "Sleepless in Missouri." The woman whose fiancé's sister stole an expensive painting and her grandmother's car. You stated that the sister may be suffering from kleptomania, a persistent neurotic impulse to steal, especially without economic motive. It's usually small, inexpensive items that they have no use for. They usually feel extremely remorseful for what they have done, and frequently either return the items or give them away. More than likely, the sister is "Sleepless' fiancé's sister. From a sister of entitlement? Since she brazenly displays the stolen items, she seems to feel no qualms about what she has done. She may rationalize it, it was acceptable to steal the item, because "Sleepless" was not

using them. Also, she may have transferred the painting's get caught, or the items weren't the missed stolen items they were left in storage. "Sleepless" should confront her fiancé and his sister about the stolen items and be prepared to press charges. ... as trusted as you, Abby, that the fiancé condones his sister's stealing, especially from someone he supposedly loves. I encourage your advice to "Sleepless" to think twice before entering into that marriage. — SEAN J. STAN, DIRECTOR OF THEFT CREWMENT PROGRAM CLEVELAND COUNSELING CENTER BATAVIA, OHIO

Visits with Mother drain me. It often takes several days for me to get over being depressed and cranky. My solution is to avoid her. Mother wants me to visit more often. I would like to accommodate her, and I go as frequently as I can. She always comments, and that's fine. I prefer the company of friends who accept and appreciate me just as I am. It breaks my heart to have to tell myself from my own mother. Abby, please tell parents that

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Bookworms go by another name

Almost all pornography is written by men. Most common nickname among funeral directors remains "Diggs." "A Texan tells: 'You posed the profound query about when life begins. I've always heard it's right after the dog dies and the children leave home.' Q. Can PGA golfers on the course have beards? A. Beards, no. Modest mustaches, yes. You knew that Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin was a German builder of lighter-than-air craft. But were you aware he was a volunteer in the Union Army during this country's Civil War? Eugene O'Neill's "Strange Interlude" opened in Quincy, Mass., in 1932. The theater was right across the street from a near-bankrupt restaurant. Intermission crowds saved that

WHAT'S NEW L.M. Boyd

youngsters' lives by what you give them for Christmas. The famed Mayo brothers once said they went into the medical profession because they didn't want their father — a good neurosurgeon. Approximately 11.2 percent of every hen's egg is shell. In the history of the ice cream business, the fastest growing flavor was Cookies 'n' Cream, an instant success when it came out in 1983. The Cantonese "tai-fung" means "great wind." Whence our word "typhoon." Number of rings on a mountain sheep's horns show its age. In 18th century England, asparagus was called "sparrows grass." No animal, frozen solid, survives. Jackie Chan's birth name is Kong Sang Chan.

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Prepare yourself for fun times, Sagittarius

IF DECEMBER 9 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have unique ability to communicate with people in foreign nations. You participate in charitable projects, are always willing to fight if cause is right. You do more than your share of travel, are impulsive in connection with romance, love. Aries: Leave individuals play-facinating roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names: I and R. Holiday journey results in serious relationship. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Will be considered practical matters concerning transportation. Tumabout occurs — plan that had been rejected will be enthusiastically accepted. Scorpio impressed. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Check Aries message for added wisdom. Creative juices stir, will be urged to dress differently. Young person declares, "Let's keep you up-to-date!" Gemini represented. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take a gander at Aries, Taurus abilities. Propagate value assessed, be aware of tax, license requirements. Spotlight revolves around home, security, family, music, marital status. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Die deep to get by hyperbole, deliberate confusion. Relative excess invitation, requires short trip. You could be witnessing demonstration of psychic phenomena. Don't miss it! LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Money now desired will finally be available. Appropriation, Aquarius' sons play intricate roles. Authorities are behind you, refuse to be intimidated by bureaucrats. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Juggles intuition on target; let go of superfluous material, free

HOROSCOPE Sydney Oriani yourself of uneasy relationship. Cycle highlights travel, new love, spiritually, completion of important project. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Secrets revealed, works to your advantage. Emphasize independence, originality, pioneering spirit. Wear bright colors, express views in dynamic manner. Leo prominent. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Check Aries message for pertinent information. Questions arise concerning direction, partnership, marriage, Believent without being weak. You'll hear these words, "I love you!" SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Prepare for fun, games, intellectual pursuits. Individual in position of authority takes note, declares, "Very happy to have people like you with us!" Gemini dominates scenario. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): People claim, "We have been looking for you!" Don't take this literally. Those who look will find you — otherwise, let it pass. Rewrite, revise, rebuild; don't give up. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Adhere to unorthodox methods, emphasize interest in mantric arts and sciences, including astrology. Dynamic member of opposite sex is intrigued, says so. Virgo plays role. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Attention revolves around earning a living, deciding on marital status. Focus on music, decoration, remodeling, imprinting style. Tonight dance to your own tune. Libra involved.

Trooper quits amid allegations of affair with lieutenant governor

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — One of Lt. Gov. Mary Fallin's Highway Patrol bodyguards resigned after being accused of having an affair with her. The accusation, which has not been confirmed, was made by her husband's lawyer during divorce proceedings last week. Mrs. Fallin, 45, a Republican, was elected to second term in November and has been touted as a possible GOP candidate for governor. Rumors surfaced in early September about her and a member of her security detail, Public Safety Commissioner Bob Ricks said. The trooper, whose name was not released, first denied the allegations, but after questioning again in November, he "admitted to unprofessional conduct and was permitted to resign," Ricks said in a statement Monday. "His admission did not indicate that sexual activity was involved." Ricks didn't elaborate on the nature of the unprofessional conduct, and his office said he was out of town Tuesday. Mrs. Fallin filed for divorce from her husband, dentist Joe Fallin, and has told a judge that he used drugs and physically

abused her. The couple have two children, ages 11 and 8. Fallin has denied his wife's accusations. He said he hired a private investigator to follow her, and at a hearing last week his lawyer described her relationship with the trooper as "an affair." District Judge Jerry Bass presided. Fallin's attorney from pursuing questions about the matter. Mrs. Fallin's lawyer, Lana Tye, said her client would not comment. In court, Mrs. Fallin said the rumors about her and one of her bodyguards were started by her husband. "It's an agonizing personal tragedy for her and her family," the Republican Gov. Frank Keating said Tuesday. "There will be a lot of pyrotechnics, accusations and charges as there always is in a messy, nasty divorce proceeding."

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# Paul McCartney sets up Internet chat session to talk about Linda

LONDON (AP) — Paul McCartney will take to the Internet next week for a live chat session with his fans.

The former Beatle wants to talk about his wife, Linda, who died from breast cancer in April, but an topic is banned. McCartney spokesman Geoff Baker said.

McCartney, now exactly an Internet talker, is "very excited, but a bit nervous," Baker said. He chose the format over several television offers because he wants to go "direct to the fans" without the filter of an interviewer.

The live chat session on Dec. 17 will include the premier screening of music videos of some of Linda's songs and new photographs.

## People in the news

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### Jagger inspects schools

LONDON — Mick Jagger and Jerry Hall are checking out expensive boarding high schools for their youngest — and he's only 14 months old.

The two visited Stowe, a private school outside London, last month, before their latest marital blowout, the Daily Telegraph reported Tuesday.

Gabriel Index Rosewood Jagger isn't the only celebrity seedling that may wind up at Stowe. Last week, Michael Jackson denied reports in the Sunday Telegraph that he planned to send his 21-month-old son Prince.

Jagger's 12-year-old son James is registered to attend Eton when he reaches high school. That's where Princes William and Harry go to school.



Jerry Hall and Mick Jagger.

### Mint turns out euro coins

UTRECHT, Netherlands — The first Dutch euro coin tumbled out of the minting machine Tuesday and went straight into the pocket of Queen Beatrix.

The new European currency, known as the euro, comes into circulation in the 11 participating nations between Jan. 1 and June 30, 2002. The euro coins share a common European design on one side, but carry individual national designs on the flip side. The Netherlands has chosen a portrait of Beatrix.

The freshly minted coin was the first of more than 3 billion euro coins that will be produced to replace the current Dutch guilder coins.

## Secret agent Frankie?

### FBI's Sinatra files A mix of fact and rumor

WASHINGTON — Francis Albert Sinatra — special agent for the FBI.

It would have happened if Or Blue Eyes had his way, according to a cache of confidential documents from Sinatra's FBI file, made public Tuesday. Sinatra in 1950 volunteered to work undercover for the feds — an offer they could not refuse.

That same year, according to a confidential document, Sinatra smuggled \$1 million cash into Italy for mobster Charles "Lucky" Luciano. Such tales are the stuff of The Sinatra Files, a mishmash of fact, allegations and just plain rumors.

The papers — 1,275 pages in all — offered few clues of new information. There were vague allegations of anti-trust and communist sympathies, but little detail or evidence of either.

There's no mention of Judith Exner, the Sinatra companion who allegedly had simultaneous affairs with President Kennedy and Chicago mobster Sam Giancana. No hush-hush tales of the Rat Pack rampaging through Las Vegas. And only passing mentions of mob bosses like Giancana and Carlo Gambino, with an smugging gang.

Rather than the slanders of the infamous Sinatra dossier, the documents include a variety of threats against the singer — everything from extortion to death threats.

A Sept. 1, 1950, confidential memo showed Sinatra offering his assistance to the FBI. Citing an unexplained go-between, the Elizabeth, N.J., memo told FBI officials that he felt there was an opportunity to "be some good for his country under the direction of the FBI," the memo said.

The file, the memo said, was "willing to do anything even if it affects his livelihood and costs him his job."

The Sinatra family had no comment on the release of the documents, said spokeswoman Susan Reynolds.

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AT&T buys IBM data network for \$5 billion

AT&T Corp. will take over IBM's global data network in a \$5 billion deal that firmly establishes AT&T in a realm where it had been deficient. The deal also gives International Business Machines Corp. a big outsourcing contract from AT&T valued at \$4 billion over 10 years.

and of the great company he leads," said Armstrong. Still, Gerstner stressed that the deal was struck after IBM held an auction that attracted several bidders and AT&T submitted the most attractive bid, which included \$5 billion in cash from the outsourcing business. IBM will pick up the "residual IBM is selling its network, Gerstner said, so it can focus on its core competency in computers."

IRA

could elect to convert part of the IRA into a Roth IRA, depending on factors such as your income tax bracket or the availability of cash to pay the tax. Convert the whole account this year and you're committed to the tax payments on the four-year schedule (though you can pay it all at once if you want).

After all, converting doesn't improve investment return chances as you will keep the money in the same investments it's in now. There would be no effect on most other Roth beneficiaries, since eliminating the minimum-withdrawal requirement faced by traditional IRA investors who turn 70 1/2, or using a Roth to pass money to heirs, are not affected by the new law.

FOSSIL FUELS

NEW YORK (AP)—Futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange Tuesday showed a high for light sweet crude oil. The price of oil rose to a high of \$24.10 a barrel.

METALS

Selected world gold prices, Tuesday: New York gold futures rose to \$274.50 an ounce. London market gold rose to \$274.50 an ounce.

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SOYBEAN MEAL

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MUTUAL FUNDS: A large table listing various mutual funds, their assets, and performance metrics.

Puzzles

**WHEN? WHEN DID I EVER GET MY LAMB?**

**YOU CAN NEVER KNOW IF YOU'RE GOING TO GET YOUR LAMB... SOMETIMES YOU DO, AND SOMETIMES YOU DON'T.**

**I LIKE TO KNOW AHEAD OF TIME.**

By Charles M. Schulz

For Better or For Worse

**WED INTERVIEW? I JUST PUT ON A FRESH POT.**

**NO THANKS. LOVE, I'M OFF OFFENSE.**

**HOW'S ABOUT DECAF?**

**I'M TRYING TO CUT COFFEE BEANS OUT TOGETHER. ALSO SUGAR, CHOCOLATE, SALT, FRIED FOOD.**

**IN SHORT, I'M TRYING TO GET UP NEXT TO THE TRING IN THIS WORLD THAT I REALLY LOVE.**

**SO HOW LONG WERE YOU GONNA DO THIS FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE?**

**GAME A MASH, LATTE AND A HONEY-CHEESE CROSSBANT?**

By Lynn Johnston

Blonde

**NO ONE RETURNS MY PHONE CALLS... NO ONE READS THE E-MAIL I SEND.**

**I FIND MYSELF HANGING AROUND WITH OTHER... SYNTHETIC, DEFEATED...**

**NO OFFENSE. NONE TAKEN.**

By Scott Adams

Blonde

**HOW OLD IS MERVIN? HE'S SIX RIGHT NOW.**

**BUT HE'LL BE SEVEN IN TWO MONTHS.**

**IF OUR NEIGH-BOORS WILL LET HIM...**

By Dean Young & Stan Drake

Blonde

**I'M BORED.**

**I KNOW WHAT TO DO.**

**WHAT? I'LL SHIP HER.**

**SURE RIGHT.**

**... LETS BLOW UP A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT.**

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By Johnny Hart

Pickles

**YOU LIKE THAT, DON'T YOU, MUFFY?**

**PURRR PURRR PURRR PURRR PURRR**

**PURRR PURRR PURRR PURRR PURRR**

**YOU LIKE THAT, DON'T YOU, GRAMPY?**

**PURRR PURRR PURRR PURRR PURRR**

By Brian Crane

Garfield

**MERRY CHRISTMAS! I'VE APPLICED SIPPIN' BISCUIT-MUNCHIN'...**

**LOVE, BOY.**

**NOTHIN' LIKE A BROTHER.**

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By Jim Davis

Dennis the Menace

**CAN WE PLAY WIDE 'X' OVER HERE? JOEY KNOWS ALL THE HIDING PLACES AT MY HOUSE.**

By Hank Ketchum

The Family Circus

**"Why do they call it a 'double-U' when it's really a 'double-V'?"**

By Bil Keane

Hi and Lo

**I WONDER IF SUNBEAM WILL COME TODAY.**

**I WOULDN'T GO OUT ON A DAY LIKE THIS EITHER.**

**I WOULDN'T GO OUT ON A DAY LIKE THIS EITHER.**

By Chance Browne

fringe

**LIBERTY MEADOWS**

**I HAVE SEVERAL LIMITED EDITION FIGURES, A COMPLETE SET OF 17 INCLUDING THE RAREST ONE, GLAZED IN THE DARK '01 WAIN KENDI!**

**HOW CAN I KEEP MY FIGURE COLLECTION FROM BEING STOLEN? I HAVE ONLY ONE THAT I HAVE WORN FOUR TIMES!**

**I KNOW EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT IT. I WANT TO GO HERE, KALIN. ZIE ME A FULL BLOWN QUARTION.**

**YOUR'S OVER! GET OVER!**

**LIBERTY WINDOR DID YOU HAVE A FULL BLOWN GEEK?**

By Frank Cho

The Wizard of Oz

**I'M WRITING A PLOTLINE OF SOLEME TERMS.**

**THE TEAMSTERS USE A LOT OF THESE SAME TERMS.**

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By Brent Parker & Johnny Hart

Hager the Horrible

**BEFORE I GET MARRIED I'D LIKE TO TRAVEL.**

**SO THESE ARE THE KINDS OF AIRCRAFT THAT WE USE TO TRAVEL.**

**TO BEGIN WITH, WHY DON'T YOU TRAVEL TO THE MOUNTAINS AND SET THE TABLE?**

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By Chris Browne

Beetle Bailey

**HOW'S THE GENERAL-DOING SINCE HIS SENSITIVITY TRAINING?**

**NOT WELL. HE'S EVEN LOOKING AT ME.**

**THAT MUST BE HIS SENSITIVITY TRAINING.**

**IT'S HARDER ON HIS NECK.**

**MISS BURN... OW!**

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By Mort Walker

Liberty Meadows

**GRUMBLE GRUMBLE**

**HAS ANYBODY SEEN THE GRUMBLEPHONE? I CAN'T FIND IT ANYWHERE!**

**OH YEAH I LEFT IT IN MY ROOM UNDER SOME CLOTHES. SORRY!**

**THEY OUGHT TO MAKE THESE THINGS WITH SOME KIND OF PROTECTIVE THAT ATTRIBUTES IT TO ITS BAGGE.**

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

Frank and Ernest

**BANK CHRISTMAS CLUB**

**BEFORE YOU CAN WITHDRAW MONEY, I NEED TO KNOW IF YOU'VE BEEN NAUGHTY OR NICE.**

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By Bob Thaves

Strange Brew

**POST OFFICE BATHROOMS**

**DISGRUNTLED GRUNTLED**

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

**THE CITY SECURED A 1ST SAFER BEFORE THEY STARTED PROTECTING US FROM OURSELVES...**

**CAUTION: HANDLING WITH CARE. DO NOT TOUCH WITH BARE HANDS. DO NOT TOUCH WITH BARE FEET.**

By Wiley

The Born Lamer

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WORLD

# Clinton visit stirs pride, fury in Gaza

**KHAN YOUNIS REFUGEE CAMP, Gaza Strip (AP)** — Squatting in the dust and playing cards outside the hovel he calls home, Maher Alwah thinks fate has dealt him an unlucky hand. "Here in Gaza, only God can help us," said the 32-year-old Palestinian chicken vendor, whose family of 10 lives jammed into two rooms. "I don't believe anyone else will."

In this crowded Mediterranean coastal strip, more than one-third of whose 1.1 million people live in refugee camps, President Clinton's visit next week is being viewed with a mix of anticipation and anger.

On the one hand, there is a certain pride over the first visit ever by an American president to the Gaza Strip, a blighted backwater whose main claim to fame is a long and remarkably luckless history of defeat and conquest.

On the other, the sudden and unaccustomed glare of attention is an unwelcome reminder of the humiliation and misery of daily life here.

"For that, most Palestinians place the blame squarely on Israel, which occupied Gaza for nearly three decades after seizing it in the 1967 war, and which remains an inescapable and much-hated presence in the form of thousands of Israeli soldiers and Jewish settlers.



A Gaza resident walks past a Palestinian spokesman's press carrier Tuesday. The carrier has been stationed for increased security outside the Gaza center in Gaza City, where President Clinton is to address 1,500 Palestinian delegates next week.

## President will land at newly opened Gaza airport

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — President Clinton has managed to please both Israel and the Palestinians in the dispute over his arrival at Gaza International Airport.

Clinton will be accompanied to the airport by a Palestinian spokesman's press carrier Tuesday. The carrier has been stationed for increased security outside the Gaza center in Gaza City, where President Clinton is to address 1,500 Palestinian delegates next week.

Clinton's visit was planned as a celebration of the Wye River land-for-security agreement he helped negotiate but has since been marred by bitter disputes and a suspension of the talks called by Israel.

# Furor erupts over strip search of 9th-graders

**Ontario students walk out in protest**

**TORONTO (AP)** — A high school vice-principal and gym teacher were ordered to step away from students after they conducted a mass strip search of ninth-grade boys in a futile quest for stolen money.

The search, carried out last week at Kingsville District High School in southwestern Ontario, prompted a walkout by about 200 students Monday. On Tuesday, Ontario Premier Mike Harris joined the widespread condemnation of the search, calling it repulsive.

In a Friday gym teacher Dan Bondy summoned vice principal John MacDonald to help him search students after none of the 20 boys in a gym class would admit to having stolen \$50 from a fellow student.

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—Mike Harris, Ontario Premier

the public school system, had no sympathy for the two staff members.

"I personally think back to teenage years and Grade 9 and the challenges of puberty and of a very sensitive age and I can't imagine that there is a teacher or vice principal anywhere in Ontario that would have been party to anything like this," he said. "I find it abhorrent."

Canada's Supreme Court has ruled teachers and principals have the right to search students on school premises if they believe school rules are being broken. But the court set guidelines on when searches are reasonable and how they should be conducted.

Ontario's education minister, Dave Johnson, said searches are supposed to be limited those for weapons and drugs, not money. He said strip searches at schools are never acceptable.

Kingsville is about 25 miles southeast of Windsor, Ontario.

# Who is behind mysterious slayings of Iranian dissidents?



Abbas Amir-Entezami arranges a picture of his wife and daughter on his desk at his home in Tehran in this Aug. 10 photo. In September the former secretary prime minister was detained following his public criticism of the treatment of political prisoners.

**TERRAHAN, Iran (AP)** — After Marjani Foruhar and his wife were found stabbed to death in their Tehran home, Iranian officials began an investigation into the mysterious slayings of critics of the Iranian government.

Foruhar, known as the couple's "biggest voice in their home" last month, Foruhar had been stabbed 15 times in the heart.

The slayings were chilling in their similarity. At least one individual received worse injuries struck by a car's military rifle. The latest victim was stabbed to death last month.

Dissidents and newspapers are beginning to question the spate of slayings, emboldened by the promise of political freedoms offered by President Mohammad Khatami, a moderate cleric elected last year.

Others killed include a Tehran University professor, a magazine editor, a publisher, three Christian priests and two Sunni Muslim preachers who spoke out against Iran's Shiite-Muslim leaders.

The day the Foruhars were buried marked the 10th anniversary of another killing, Kasem Sami, leader of a liberal Islamic movement, was stabbed to death at his Tehran office on Nov. 26, 1988.

In none of the earlier slayings are the perpetrators known to have been found or brought to justice.

The latest dissident to disappear is poet and writer Mohammad Mokhtari, who hasn't been

seen since leaving his home last week, the Zan newspaper of Tehran reported Monday.

Police said they have made several arrests in the slaying of the Foruhars, after Khatami coldly denied the killings and ordered an investigation. But no findings have been made public.

The National Front, an umbrella group that included Foruhar's Iran National Party, noted that the couple's every movement was closely watched by the intelligence and security agencies.

"Everyone is asking, 'How could one or more persons have gone through this permanent intelligence watch and murdered the Foruhars in cold blood?'" the group said in a statement.

New York-based Human Rights Watch expressed concern that the killing of the Foruhars is part of a longstanding pattern of harassment and persecution

of government critics in Iran." Farvah Foruhar had told Human Rights Watch that she and her husband feared for their lives.

The political killings have not been limited by Iran's borders. More than 60 Iranian exiles have been slain while abroad since 1979.

Last year, a German court convicted an Iranian secret agent and three other men of murdering a dissident in 1992, and said the men carried out the slayings on orders from Iran's top leaders. The ruling soured relations between Germany and Iran.

When Khatami was elected, many hoped he would bring change to Iran, ending the heavy-handed rule of the last 20 years.

But his efforts have been frustrated by powerful hard-liners like Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. As supreme leader, Khamenei has the last word on all matters.

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