

THE REGION

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Camas Prairie

High: 19 Low: 2
Occasional light snow otherwise, mostly cloudy.
Mostly cloudy on Friday.

Treasure Valley

High: 30 Low: 20
Occasional light snow otherwise, mostly cloudy.
Mostly cloudy on Friday.

Sawtooth Mountains/
Wood River Valley

High: 10 Low: -2
Occasional light snow otherwise, mostly cloudy.
Mostly cloudy on Friday.

Eastern Idaho

High: 29 Low: 19
Mostly cloudy, with and without scattered snow showers.

Northern Idaho

High: 29 Low: 21
Mostly cloudy with scattered snow showers.

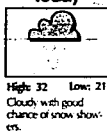
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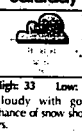
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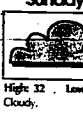
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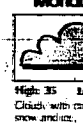
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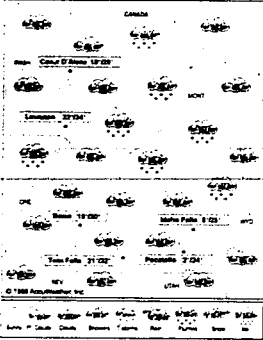
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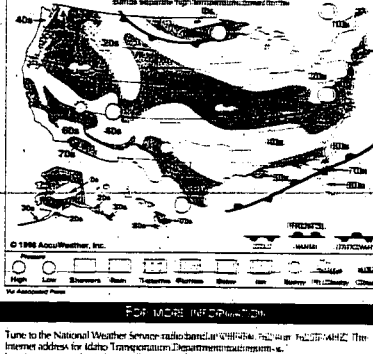
Friday, Dec. 25

AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, low/high temperatures



National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Friday, Dec. 25



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Low: 10
High: 20
Snow showers

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SKYWATCH

Sunset today: 5:10 p.m.
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Lunar phase: First quarter, Dec. 26; full, Jan. 2; last quarter, Jan. 9; new, Jan. 17.

Lights

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If the old traditions feel too empty, people should consider making new ones, Mallee said - or establish a tradition in memory of a loved one.

"I think one of the most important things is to acknowledge the reality of the loss," said Father Boniface Laury of the Ascension Priory in Jerome.

And people need to be able to share their grief in their own time and way. That can be difficult during the holiday season, when people are expected to feel and act "up."

Mallee agreed. It's OK to be sad, even though popular culture preaches holiday happiness. Sadness, anger, and depression are prelude to accepting loss.

Many people experiencing grief like to be asked how they are doing, Mallee said. If the topic comes up, don't try to cheer them up by changing the subject.

Validation of feelings is important. It's important for the grieving to draw support from family and friends, he said. If things become too difficult, people suffering from a loss of a loved one should seek professional help.

For Champlin, having his three children and nine grandchildren living within a few miles is a big help. The little children especially enjoy his holiday decorations.

He made the 13 unusual globes for his birch tree last year. He knew he would continue decorating after Wilma was gone. She had asked him to do as much.

"Maybe she can see the lights," he said, fighting back tears.

Times-News staff writer Jennifer Sandmann can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 241.

Charges

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Hayhurst said Wayne McFadden is not under investigation by his agency, and such investigation is not anticipated.

Wayne McFadden "certainly is not implicated in any way," Hayhurst said, adding that the elder McFadden was not at work at the time of the June 17 massacre.

"He is an excellent employee, a good man. He is obviously very embarrassed and crushed by this deal," he said. "I just can't believe Wayne had any knowledge of this at all."

Brian McFadden faces separate charges in Twin Falls County one count of forgery in the

alleged \$100,000 sale of a rifle, and a count of grand theft involving allegedly stolen fire insurance.

A hearing on the Twin Falls County charges is set for Jan. 22 at the District Court in Twin Falls. A pretrial conference on the charges in Jerome County is set for Jan. 15 with a jury trial scheduled for Feb. 3.

A juvenile wife had been staying with the McFaddens but was not implicated in the cattle theft. The juvenile has cooperated with authorities, according to Steinhausen.

Chris Dierker, editor of Magic Valley, said he was reached at 733-0931, Ext. 221.

Defense reinstates

blanket program

Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Just in time for Christmas, the U.S. Department of Defense has reinstated its blanket program for the homeless.

During the program's first decade, more than 4 million blankets were distributed to more than 500 homeless shelters around the country.

The program was authorized in fiscal year 1997, the Senate Armed Services Committee decided that supporting homeless veterans was "sound" for the military's "primary mission."

The committee said the \$3.5 million annual cost diverted needed money from weapons.

Iraq

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Iraq has dismantled its programs to build nuclear, chemical and biological weapons along with long-range missiles, U.S. trade sanctions imposed on Iraq for its 1990 invasion of Kuwait cannot be lifted.

It says more than 40 civilians and 62 soldiers were killed in the U.S.-Iraq strikes on some 100 targets described as military and defense related sites, Iraq says.

The Babil newspaper, owned by Saddam's eldest son Qadai, warned that the United States

and Britain might use force again.

"The possibility of military action which they wave as a means of psychological terror will not be more than what our people and military units have already seen," the paper said.

The government has kept the military on alert.

Road junctions, strategic sites and main roundabouts in Baghdad are still patrolled by militia of the ruling Baath party.

A move taken just before the airstrikes began. Air defenses remain active.

Iraq has not taken foreign reporters to military sites hit during the four-day bombing.

But the impact of the bombing on civilian life is evident. Telephone lines between Baghdad and the rest of the country remain cut.

The popular Shebab Channel, or youth television, run by Qadai, is off the air; Iraq's satellite television channel also no longer broadcasts.

Radio and television stations that can still transmit are not clear and apparently only cover Baghdad and the surrounding areas.

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Fire

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The networking "creates a false sense of security," the inspector general said. "This, coupled with the lack of adequate escape routes tends to encourage the building and emergency response in the buildings, exposes the home to undue risk of loss of life and property in the event of a fire."

Alan Hamman, the architect of the Capitol, agreed in a written response that "buildings in the House complex are not fully protected by modern, state-of-the-art fire protection systems meeting current codes."

But he contended "there is no legal requirement" to meet current codes and insisted "It is inappropriate to characterize existing fire protection systems in the House as 'deficient' unless they are being compared to a recently completed building. In any building, however, fire safety improvements are under way."

While the architect relies on the 24-hour presence of the Capitol Police to augment the deficient fire-protection system, the officers "are not a fire brigade. This is contradicted by high

incidents of smoke inhalation suffered by Capitol Police during fire drills and smoke drills."

The architect's Fire Protection Engineering Division had three engineers 10 years ago. Now it has one.

In 1991, \$997,000 was reprogrammed from fire protection projects to other areas including office building renovations, construction of a new House public records center and renovating a cafeteria.

Architect officials misled Congress and the inspector general about the state of fire safety. The architect's office said this allegation was "without foundation."

Freeze

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Bill Spencer, president of Associated Citrus Packers Inc., a major lemon producer and shipper.

Long hours of freezing temperatures have blanketed central California's San Joaquin Valley, especially in Tulare County, which supplies 50 percent of the state's oranges.

County officials, along with those from Fresno and Kern counties, were planning to seek federal aid for farmers by asking the state to declare their commu-

nities disaster areas.

"Based on preliminary damage surveys, our growers will be lucky to salvage more than 15 percent of the county's citrus crop," said Leonard Craft, Tulare County's agricultural commissioner. "It was too cold for too long."

Temperatures in the Yuma, Ariz., area, which produces most of the nation's winter lettuce crop and millions of dollars worth of lemons, also dipped into the 20s overnight Tuesday and Wednesday.

While citrus growers can irrigate their fields when temperatures dip near freezing because water gives off heat as it cools, little can be done to protect the fields of iceberg, romaine and red leaf lettuce grows close to the ground and its leaves are heavy with water.

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Judge lets Forest Service make its case

BOISE (AP) — The U.S. Forest Service will have the chance to make its case at trial on state court that the federal agency is entitled to water rights for maintaining stream channels as national forests.

The decision issued Tuesday by Snake River

Basin Aqueduct Judge Daniel Boulter rejected arguments from the state and private parties that the federal agency was not entitled to a trial on the issue.

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Six-year-old Catie Carlsson tosses snow in the air in her front yard Thursday in Warwic, R.I. Carlsson, who said she had hoped for snow for Christmas, was enjoying a Thursday storm that dropped up to 5 inches throughout the state. For more on the weather, see page A6.

Some lobbyists welcome prospect of new speaker

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The sudden prospect of Rep. J. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., as House speaker was an early — and unexpected — Christmas present for what one lobbyist called the "lobby mafia."

They comprise nearly two dozen lobbyists, most of whom, like Hastert, are proteges of former House minority leader Robert H. Michel, R-Ill., or have worked with the speaker-designate on the Hill. All are hopeful that their friendship with Hastert will make for a very happy new year.

"You can believe the buzz," said one of the happiest, Charles N. Kahn III, Kahn was the Republican health counsel to the House Ways and Means Committee from 1986 to 1993, coinciding with Hastert's work on the GOP task force on health care. Fortuitously becoming president of the Health Insurance Association of America next week, Kahn says the new speaker is just what lobbyists want: "He'll be a conciliator, a facilitator, a what-it-takes-to-get-it-done kind of guy."

Adds Hastert's former Ed Kutler, a managing director at Clark &

Weinstock Inc. and former aide to departing Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga.: Hastert "is a great listener." Clark & Weinstock clients have included the American Association of Health Plans and Microsoft Corp.

At Hastert is unknown to the public, that's not surprising. "He's what I call a member's member."

"You can believe the buzz."

— Charles N. Kahn III,
health insurance trade
association president

said Daniel J. Mattone, a BallisCorp lobbyist who ran Hastert's first House campaign in 1986. "His forte is working behind the scenes with members." Just the way many lobbyists like to work.

Peter J. Madigan, chief operating officer of Boland & Madigan Inc. and a former House GOP floor assistant, predicts that his longtime friend will have "a more domestic agenda" than either Gingrich or Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La., who dramati-

cally dropped his bid to become speaker Saturday. Boland & Madigan clients have included Bell Atlantic and Boeing Co.

Hastert's rise is good news for the myriad of lobbyists who have been working health care, telecommunications and technology issues.

As a senior member of the House Commerce Committee, Hastert has been active on those issues and aides say he is into the details. When it comes to health care, Hastert is friends with what a lobbyist calls "all the usual suspects."

In addition to Michel, now a senior adviser at Hogan & Hartson, other lobbyists who know Hastert well include his former staffer, John P. Feehery, now at Harbour, Griffith & Rogers; Maria Cino, former executive director of the National Republican Congressional Committee, now at Wiley, Rein & Fielding; Howard Cohen, a Commerce Committee counsel and health specialist, who is joining Greenberg Trautman; former Rep. Vin Weber, R-Minn., a partner at Clark & Weinstock; and William C. Lahe, lobbyist for Illinois-based Caterpillar Inc.

Nigerian community rallies behind octuplets

HOUSTON (AP) — The world's only living octuplets and their mother were recovering well, and their father Thursday made his first public comments since their births, saying he's "stunned beyond belief. I'm still taking it in."

"I'm OK, I'm OK, I'm blessed," Iyke Louis Udoji said. "I'm excited and grateful to God for giving us these blessings. We and my wife are blessed. We thank God, the doctors, the therapists and the nurses who made this possible."

"We thank the world who has been praying for us... (and) mak-

ing donations to make sure these babies are taken care of."

A respiratory therapist from Nigeria, Udoji addressed reporters at Texas Children's Hospital four days after his wife, Nkem Chukwu, gave birth to seven of the children by Caesarean section.

At the news conference, Dr. Patti Sarrick, the babies' pediatrician, said the octuplets were "coming along very well."

"We're real, real excited about their progress so far," she said. "We're very optimistic about the seven babies, except the small girl, and we're sort of guardedly

optimistic about her. She's done better than we expected this far."

Dr. Leopold Weisman, the chief neonatologist, said the children will be in critical condition for several weeks.

However, the seven healthiest babies could be taken off mechanical ventilation in the next few days.

Analysts: Clinton is lamest of lame ducks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Now that the House has ousted President Clinton with the shame of impeachment, he becomes the lamest of lame ducks.

What could Clinton hope to accomplish in his final two years in office? Not much, presidential scholars say. "A scandal such as this is corrosive," said Maria Jovyn Kumar, a political scientist at Towson State University in Maryland. "It erodes his influence, his ability to get things done."

Even if the Senate wraps up the issue quickly, with a measure for example, Clinton would be humiliated. Most recent proposals call for him to admit that he had one woman and force him to forgo next year's State of the Union address.

Of course, as a President limping out his last term, hemmed in by the opposing party in Congress, expectations were low for Clinton's last two years, in office even before the nation heard of Monica Lewinsky.

But now he faces the prospect of working with lawmakers who have condemned him as a liar and a cheat. Some said they couldn't trust his word even on something as grave as assassinations on trial.

And Congress itself could be gridlocked by partisan cancer lingering from the impeachment fight. Democrats are tense about the one-sided House vote, while congressional Republicans are annoyed that Clinton retained high job approval ratings while their own public support waned. "The White House is hurting, and the Republicans for several years doesn't help future relations," said George C. Edwards III, director of the Center for Political Studies at Texas A&M University. "It takes a little time to get things done in a bipartisan government."

Washington could find itself in a holding pattern as it waits for the 2000 elections.

If Republican leaders have any motivation to cooperate with the president, it would be merely to pass a few pieces of legislation that won't be vetoed, giving them an agenda to run on at 2000 and helping them reverse their low approval ratings. "His loss has moral authority," said Mark Edwards, a former GOP congressman from Oklahoma.

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President hits the stores late

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton joined millions of other Americans on Thursday, finishing last-minute shopping on a Christmas Eve that otherwise was quiet.

The president headed out shortly after 11 a.m. MST to pick up gifts for those remaining on his list. He did the bulk of his shopping on Wednesday at a store in

the Peace Corps headquarters. Outside of that, Clinton kept a light schedule. He recorded his weekly radio address and nominated an ambassador to Brazil before hitting the stores. Clinton, his wife and daughter were spending the holiday at the White House with relatives and friends. They planned a huge Christmas feast.

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NATION

Working Christmas to let others celebrate, he fills jobs with heart

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Albert Rosen sobbed so loudly when his 17-year-old son died a neighbor rushed over. A deep fester, his family called him, a door-to-door salesman who carried the details of his customers' lives.

So no one was surprised when he came home late one evening in December 1969 with another tale of woe.

"I feel terrible," his son, Jeffrey, recalls him saying. "I just ran into a man who told me he wasn't going to be home Christmas Eve because he had to work." And he added, "Maybe I can do something about that."

That night, Rosen called a local radio station and asked the disc jockey to announce that a Jewish man wanted to work for a Christian on Christmas.

For the next 28 years, Rosen did just that. He filled in as a police dispatcher, bellman, switchboard operator, TV reporter, chief, convenience store clerk, radio disc jockey and gay station attendant so Christians could spend the holiday with their families. He trained for each job as the holiday approached.

This year, Rosen had volunteered to work at the Badger Home for the Blind. But on Dec. 2, Rosen died at age 80, leaving his extended family of bellmen and bartenders to reminisce about the man who stamped his mail: Albert Rosen / Brotherhood.

"Al wanted to start a brotherhood movement," says his friend Rosemarian Scudacher, 80. "He couldn't understand why people couldn't get along."

The first Christmas was among the toughest for a man who never drank anything stronger than soda pop. He spent a week apprenticing at Sardino's South mixing martinis so bartender Jeffrey Rosen, Jr. could have Christmas off for a change.

"He wasn't much of a mixologist," recalls Volpe, now a retired nightclub owner in Naples, Fla. "But he was very good with people."

ple, a genuine guy."

The bar was mobbed that night and a couple of people complained about the drinks. But Rosen basked in the attention from TV and newspaper reporters in what would become his annual respite from obscurity. His stint at the Pilsner Hotel went more smoothly. "He looked like he'd been a bellman all his life," says Richard Ross, the bell captain who trained him. "He had a nice personality, bubbly, upbeat. I would have hired him."

Still, not everyone applauded Rosen's Christmas cheer. Some

He married his favorite customer, Sylvia Levine, whom he said inspired him to do good work.

Brotherhood was a household theme. "There was never any negative talk — about anyone's race or religion," says Jeffrey Rosen, 52, an assistant principal in the Milwaukee schools. "The story from my mother and father always was people are the children of God, and everyone is to be treated equally."

In the 1950s, Rosen joined the NAACP. And he wrote to Lyndon Johnson to praise his civil rights legislation.

Truman was his favorite president, a common man's man, and Rosen was determined to meet him.

"My Dad was visiting some friends in Kansas City after President Truman

left office. They're sitting at breakfast and he says, 'I think I'll go and visit President Truman.' They just laughed." But Rosen called Truman's office and made a half-hour appointment for the following day.

They talked family, Rosen said afterwards.

Throughout the 1970s and '80s, Rosen visited some 50 prisons and detention centers to spread his brotherhood message.

"He felt sorry for the guys cooped up for years," said Scudacher, who accompanied Rosen on several trips.

Rosen, she says, encouraged the inmates to love themselves and their fellow men, and to work to improve their lives and those of others while in prison. Even the "tough buns" at the women's prisons accepted him, she says. A quarter of inmates surrounded him with "Hugs and Grins."

He handed out his address and phone number to prisoners, many of whom corresponded with him, and he helped several find jobs upon release. One inmate wrote asking Rosen to take his place on Christmas. A soldier had made the same request during the Vietnam War.

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saw it as an attention seeking stunt. Occasionally Jews asked him why he would want to ingratiate himself with Christians.

"I do this because I'm a Jew," he told them. "Judaism is about being a light unto the world."

It was a belief instilled in him by his mother when he was growing up on Milwaukee's Northwest side. Rosen had dreams of studying law. But financial pressures pushed him to take a job that would become his career: peddling pots, pans, plastic dishes and ballet door-to-door. "He was an inborn salesman," says his old friend Harry Schoenfeld, 75. "He hadchutzpah."

The family still tells the story of the time Rosen knocked on the door of a house, and when there was no answer walked upstairs to the attic where a woman was hanging her wash. He made a sale, and then there was the time at the movie theater when he spent too long in the men's room, leaving his sons, Jeffrey and Jerold, outside.

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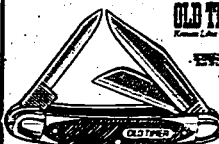
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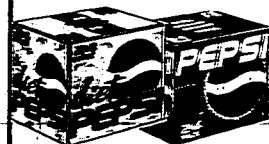


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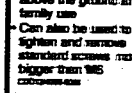
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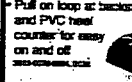
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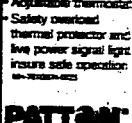
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Bus overturns in New Jersey; 8 die

Death toll may rise; driver hospitalized

SAYREVILLE, N.J. (AP) — A bus carrying 23 people from New York to Atlantic City overturned on the Garden State Parkway Thursday, killing at least eight.

Some passengers remained trapped in the bus for hours after the mid-morning accident, and there could be more fatalities, state police Lt. Dan Cosgrove said.

Eight people were hospitalized, including the 52-year-old driver, who was listed as stable. A ninth person was pronounced dead on arrival at Memorial Medical Center, but it was not clear if she was among the eight previously confirmed dead.

The bus, operated by Bruin Transportation, was about 25 miles southwest of Brooklyn when the driver lost control. About 2 inches of snow had fallen in the area overnight, but the highway had been plowed, Cosgrove said.

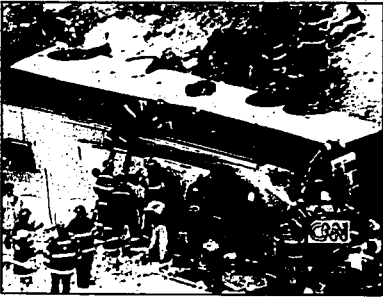
The bus went through a guardrail and flipped on its side on an embankment between the express and local lanes, state police Sgt. Al Della Fave said. "It finally came to rest on the driver's side, facing the opposite direction," he said.

A witness saw the bus swerve before it went off the highway, Cosgrove said.

The driver was being interviewed at the hospital, Della Fave said.

The bus began its run in the Canarsie section of Brooklyn and made stops in Sheepshead Bay, Brighton Beach and Bensonhurst, said Sandy Sonnick, president of SGS Travel Scope, which sold the tickets.

Numerous emergency response vehicles went to the scene, and traffic in the area was snarled.



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Snow, freezing rain paralyze much of country for holiday

The Associated Press

Snow and freezing rain shuttled into the East Thursday, disrupting Christmas travel, after turning mild across the nation's midsection into deadly sheets of ice. Dozens of people have been killed.

Two in four studies in snow were predicted from Kentucky and southern New Jersey by Thursday night, while another storm system was expected to bring snow to the Northwest. A mixture of snow, sleet, and freezing rain was likely in parts of the South, with ice storm warnings and treacherous driving conditions from northern Texas to Virginia.

The roads are going to be cold, said a weather forecaster from time when they need to do, they probably won't be able to do it before Christmas," said Dewey Watson, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Maryland.

In California, the threat was limited for more than 2,000 miles in damage to crops.

The cold snap, which began over the weekend, is blamed for dozens of traffic accidents from Texas to Maryland.

Weather-related accidents have killed 15 people in Texas, five in



Drivers make their way through heavy sleet in Nashville, Tenn., Wednesday.

Virginia and two in Louisiana, in north Alabama, where temperatures dropped as much as 40 degrees into the 20s before moving back into the 30s Thursday morning, a homeless man was found dead of exposure Tuesday and icy roads contributed to three deaths Wednesday.

Icy highways also have contributed to traffic deaths this

week in Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas.

And by early Thursday, weather-related delays and cancellations had been reported at many airports across the nation, including Baltimore, Dallas, Charlotte, N.C., and Memphis, Tenn.


Airport delays quickly filled up hotels and turned terminals into travel refugee camps. At the American Airlines complex in Dallas, travelers spent the night on cots, in chairs, on floors. And their holiday spirit waned quickly.

"It's very frustrating. We watched people kick walls and scream and holler around here," said traveler Gary Samples.

American canceled all flights out of Dallas before 8:15 a.m., but expected to fly at least 80 percent of today's scheduled departures.

Traffic stacked up for miles along icy Interstate 35 from Gainesville, Texas, into Oklahoma. State troopers went vehicle to vehicle, trying to persuade drivers to turn around and head back north.

In Shreveport, La., Gladine Draught's sports utility vehicle slid off an icy overpass and fell 35 feet to the street below. She came out with only a black eye and bruises, calling it "a miracle."



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WASHINGTON, AP — The Federal Trade Commission is accusing a Florida-based company of billing customers nationwide for telephone entertainment services they didn't order.

The complaint, filed Tuesday in federal court in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., accuses Crown Communications and its affiliates of misleading consumers by telling them they had to pay for the charges, even if the consumers hadn't authorized the purchase.

The company's screen had charges for entertainment services, such as premium helpline, appear on the phone bill as a charge for a long-distance or collect call, the FTC said.

In some cases, Crown solicited consumers to call singles chat lines, the FTC said. The customers were then asked to hang up and wait for a call back from a single person in the area, according to the complaint.

Despite the advertising claim that the service was "free," Crown charged consumers for collect calls — some of them even long distance — on their telephone bills, the commission alleged.

Crown, headquartered in Margate, Fla., referred inquiries about the case to New York attorney Joel Dichter. Dichter could not be reached for comment at his office, and a listed home phone was disconnected.

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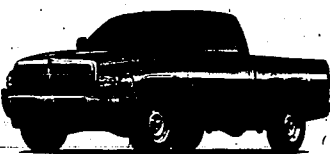
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CIA: Consultant bribed Chinese for deals

NEW YORK — A CIA cable alleging that a consultant for aerospace companies bribed Chinese officials to win lucrative contracts was buried in agency files for two years, according to published reports Thursday.

The information was disclosed this year only after the start of a congressional probe into whether the Chinese administration had compromised national security by aggressively promoting technology exports to China. The New York Times said, citing U.S. intel-

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The cable doesn't specify on whose behalf the consultant, Bansang Lee, was working. Lee, 51, who was reared in China but educated in the United States, told The Wall Street Journal he started working for Hughes Electronics Corp. in 1992

as a consultant and left in 1995. He was later hired by Loral Space & Communications Co. and still does work for the company.

The cable also does not indicate what kind of officials the Chinese were, how much money was exchanged, or whose money it was.

Lee's lawyer, Brian O'Neill, said his client "has never made any unlawful or improper payments of any kind to any Chinese officials."

Loral and Hughes spokesmen denied any wrongdoing.

Know the score The Times-News sports pages

Culkin fire focuses on heater

4 die in New York apartment blaze

NEW YORK (AP) — Investigators were trying to determine if a space heater in the apartment of actor Macaulay Culkin's family might have caused the blaze that killed four people there in the high-rise.

The fire broke out Wednesday in apartments 15D and 15E at the 57-story building that houses about 200 units on West 50th Street near Lincoln Center.

The bodies of the four victims — three women and a man — were found in a stairwell on steps above the fire. Police said they died of smoke inhalation.

Twenty people — including four firefighters — were injured in the fire, some seriously. The Culkins — family — escaped unharmed. Family publicist Paul Bloch said.

Neighbors said Macaulay's apartment, which he shared, and some of his six siblings, ranging in age from 10 to 22, still live in the two connected apartments on the 15th floor.

"The family is very sad about the tragedy," said Bloch. Macaulay Culkin, who starred in "Home Alone," recently moved out after getting married.

Resident Steve Young said he saw some of the younger Culkin brothers as he left the smoke-filled building. "I can down the hallway and see the Culkins in the lobby," he said.

The building was not required to have sprinklers. Fire Commissioner Thomas Von Esen said. Some of the victims may have died when a blast of wind caused a deadly fireball, he said.

Miho Sakara, who lives one floor below where the fire began, said she was packing to travel to Japan later in the day when the fire alarm went off. "I opened the door and saw the smoke from upstairs," she said. She ran out, coughed, and stood shivering in the 35-degree weather.

Two hundred firefighters were sent to the scene. White smoke billowed from the burning apartments as the building was searched floor by floor for victims.

Investigators were looking into reports that a Christmas tree caught fire. Fire Commissioner Thomas Von Esen said. A space heater was removed from the Culkins' apartment.

Karen Cook, a 36-year-old food stylist, noticed smoke pouring through a vent in his bedroom wall. Unable to escape through the thick hallway smoke, he sufficed wet towels under the door.

"My television was working, my fax machine is sending me assignments, and yet here the building is burning up and people are dying," Cook said.

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WORLD

Israel gears for elections

Troubles on 2 fronts add to turmoil

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's relations with the Palestinians are crumbling and an agreement not to harm civilians along the Lebanese border is collapsing — just as the nation goes to elections over how to shape its security into the next century.

Reflecting widespread security concerns, a bevy of retired generals are among the candidates for prime minister. And each seems to have different ideas about bringing peace to the country.

On Wednesday, Lebanese guerrillas showered towns on Israel's northern border with Katyusha rockets, retaliation for an Israeli air raid a day earlier that killed a woman and six of her seven children. Israel vowed further retaliation.

In the Gaza Strip, meanwhile, Palestinian authorities released the spiritual leader of Hamas, two months after placing him under house arrest when a member of the militant Islamic movement attempted to blow up a schoolbus full of Israeli children.

Israel accused its Palestinian partners and Lebanese enemies of violating agreements.

Government spokesman Moshe Fogel said the Palestinians showed bad faith by releasing Sheikh Ahmed Yassin.

Yasser Arafat's government has conducted a high-profile policy of ostensibly taking actions against Hamas... but in reality, quietly acquiescing to Hamas activities," he said.

Palestinian leaders are frustrated with a slowdown in Israel's fulfillment of the peace accords reached in Wye River, Md., in October, and have said they no longer feel totally bound by their own promises.

Israel has frozen a number of its Wye commitments, including a small pullback from the West Bank, accusing the Palestinians of failing to contain anti-Israel violence.

Yassin, frail and confined to a wheelchair, said his release showed that his movement — which calls for the destruction of Israel — had triumphed over Wye.

Today, after the sound of Wye has become inaudible, it is inevitable that other voices will be heard," Yassin said as enthralled followers showered him with kisses.

In the north, Israel accused the Hezbollah guerrilla movement of breaching a two-year-old agreement to avoid attacks on civilians.

The Lebanese guerrillas countered that Israel broke the agreement with the deadly air raid Tuesday.

In Baalbek, Lebanon, hundreds of mourners gathered Wednesday for the funeral of Nada Othman and her children, aged 2 to 13.

Israeli chief-of-staff Lt. Gen. Shaul Mofaz expressed his regrets and said the attack on the family home was the result of pilot error. The target had been a Hezbollah radio transmitter.

He said Hezbollah's retaliatory rocket attack was excessive.

"We reserve the right to decide when and where we will respond," Mofaz said.

The rockets struck early Wednesday just as Israeli school children were emerging from bomb shelters, where families had spent the night in anticipation of an attack. Sixteen people suffered slight to moderate injuries.

The Katyusha attacks and Yassin's release came two days after Israel's parliament voted to hold elections more than a year ahead of schedule.

The elections, expected by April, were prompted by widespread opposition to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Hard-liners in his governing coalition are angry with his Wye concessions to the Palestinians, while the dovish opposition, says Netanyahu is scuttling the agreement with his demands of the Palestinians.

On Wednesday, Lebanon became an election issue as well. Dovish legislators revived their claim that Israel's occupation in southern Lebanon — meant to protect northern villages — is counterproductive.

"Staying there is a trap and, unfortunately, a death trap," said Labor legislator Yossi Beilin. "Leaving there gives us a chance."

China democracy campaigner vows to carry on the battle

BEIJING (AP) — His friend and political mentor is jailed, their budding opposition political party lacks its most potent organizer, but Zhu Jianping is not afraid.

A few paces with toothbrush, toothpaste and medicine lies ready at his Beijing home for the day Chinese police take him away. He has told police interrogators he expects to be jailed, likely for a few years less than the 13 given China Democracy Party leader Xu Wenli on Monday.

"Democracy is a process, and in that process a small number of people will be sacrificed," Zhu, a 47-year-old former manager of a

computer design company and vice chairman of the party's Beijing branch, said in an interview today.

"We want to use our sacrifice to arouse the people, and we believe that sacrifice is worthwhile."

With a mixture of defiance and cool clarity about the chances for success, Zhu said, he says, other China Democracy Party members will continue organizing and campaigning for change.

His tenacity holds despite the summary trials and harsh punishments for Xu, Wang Youcai and Qiu Yongmin — prominent party principals from the provinces who

were sentenced to 11 and 12 years — and despite portentous signs from the ruling Communist Party.

Chinese President Jiang Zemin called Tuesday for a yearlong nationwide police clampdown on any acts that threatened "social stability." In a speech, carried in national newspapers Wednesday, Jiang warned that common criminals, white-collar corruption and political subverters threatened to upset the fragile social order.

"Whenever any element that undermines stability raises its head, it must be resolutely nipped in the bud," Jiang said. Zhu maintains that such tactics

are unnecessary. In its manifestos, the Democracy Party espoused peaceful means to tar-

get "the undemocratic system, not the political power of the Communist Party."

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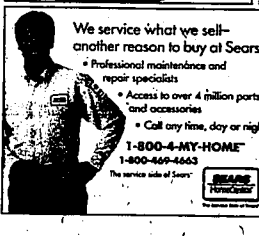
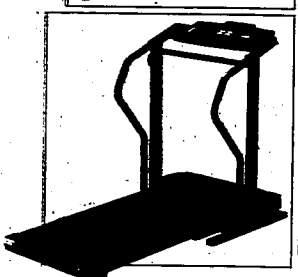
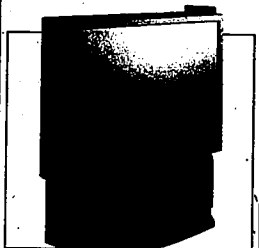
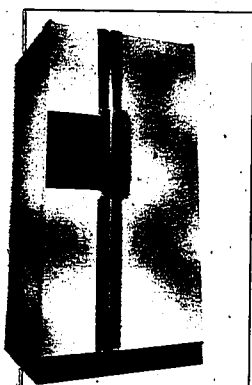
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Russian parliament gives initial OK to 1999 budget

MOSCOW — The Russian Parliament's lower house gave quick, initial approval to an austerity budget for 1999 after Prime Minister Yegor Gerasimov threatened to resign if the draft was rejected.

The Communist-dominated legislature, which generally backs Prime Minister Gerasimov, voted 303-65 to approve the 1999 budget after its first reading.

Gerasimov rallied lawmakers' support in an emotional speech before the vote, saying Russia desperately needs the strict budget to deal with the worst economic crisis since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Russia's coffers are so bare that the entire 1999 budget calls for government spending of just \$29 billion and revenues of \$24 billion.



President Boris Yeltsin speaks to the media after his meeting with Prime Minister Yegor Gerasimov in the Kremlin in Moscow, Thursday. Yeltsin, who believes at the moment of being a lame duck, scolded his potential successors for acting as if they were already president.

World in brief

against separatist guerrillas.

Local human rights workers have alleged that hundreds of civilians died during the fighting in the northwestern region and have unearthed several mass

graves. The military has apologized and has pledged to reduce its presence in Aceh.

Muhammad Salim, a member of the National Human Rights Commission, said it had received witness reports that Mobil managers were aware of abuses in Aceh and even provided equipment to soldiers involved in atrocities.

Balloonists soar over the Pacific Ocean

LONDON — A trio of balloonists soared over the Pacific Ocean today at high speed, bound for the halfway point in their attempt at the first nonstop balloon voyage around the world.

British tycoon Richard Branson, American millionaire Steve Fossett and Per Lindstrand of Sweden caught the jet stream after their passage over China on Wednesday and quickly gathered speed.

By 4:15 a.m. EST, their helium and hot-air ICO Global balloon was moving at 150 mph, and about 1,000 miles out over the Pacific, said ground crew director Mike Kenrick.

He said the ground crew was tracking the position of all ships that would be under the balloon in the Pacific.

Human rights group looks into Mobil

JAKARTA, Indonesia — A government-backed human rights group said Thursday it was assessing allegations that Mobil Oil knew about military atrocities in an Indonesian province in the early 1990s.

Mobil Oil Indonesia, a subsidiary of the U.S. oil giant, has big operations in Aceh province, where the government recently ended a decade-long campaign

Kurdish rebel blows up military bus; 2 die

VAN, Turkey — A Kurdish rebel threw himself in front of a military bus Thursday and ignited bombs strapped to her waist, killing herself, a passerby and injuring 22 people, police said.

The attack in downtown Van, a southeastern city bordering Iran and Iraq, was the third such suicide bombing in three weeks by rebels fighting for autonomy in the southeast.

Gov. Abdullahi Sari said a 13-year-old boy was killed. None of the injured, including officers and civilians employed by the

military, was in critical condition, Sari added.

The rebels from the Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, have staged suicide bombings in the past but have increased such attacks since their leader Abdullahi Ocalan was detained in Italy in Nov. 12.

—Compiled from wire reports

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EDITORIAL

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

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

Stephen Hargen
Clark Walworth
Steve Crump
William Brock
Kevin Richert
Kurt Friedemann

Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taxed. This first census took place while Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register.

And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem - because he was of the house and family of David - to register together with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child.

And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

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

God shone round about them, and they feared exceedingly.

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

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

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

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

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

- Luke 2:1-30



There's a lot to be thankful for this year

Merry Christmas everyone! Christmas columns are for ducks, pig and celebration, and it can't wait to begin, 'cause my list is almost as long as Santa's.

First, thanks to all those who work with the homeless, poor, or there, get it: down there and doing what Christ would have wanted. Thanks to the gang in the kitchen that whumps up the piles of instant noodle gourmet thanks to the countless souls at the reception desk, thanks to folks who work at the downtown banks, thanks to the counselors and preachers and volunteers who take time to listen. Thank you, and bless you, and all.



MOLLY IVINS

Thanks to all the volunteers in all the organizations and churches. Those who go and work, those who teach, those who give messages, those who fill the endless assistance forms and those who give care. Some believe their reward will be in heaven, but folks who give of themselves know that there are rewards here in earth as well. Some rewards are as simple as a smile given despite circumstances that continue to despair.

And here's to those who give of their talent - the artists who dance, sing, play and clown for the elderly and the children, those who give their time to the elderly, those who give beauty and joy, the chorists who go to counseling at the schools for the retarded, and the gifted who teach their craft.

Here's to all the volunteer lawyers for the American Civil Liberties Union, who are willing to make themselves un-

popular by working for the Constitution. Sing folks at Christmastime for an excess of Christmas spirit in public places may seem Grinch-like to some, but as we watch the news from Bosnia, where blood soaks into the Christmas snow, we know that the wall of separation between church and state is worth cementing. Good on you, brothers and sisters.

Thanks to all the women who work at shelters for battered women. Thanks to all the beautiful souls who work with prisoners so their humanity may not be extinguished. And to those who work with crime victims, offering love, comfort and support. May a cure for the plague of violence be found as surely as we fight the other viruses that destroy life.

Thanks to the Big Brothers and the Big Sisters and those who help teenagers in their anguish and confusion. Here's to the folks at homes for runaway kids and throwaway kids, those who gently, simply, half-defiant, half-deperate kids who have run around on the shoals of adolescence. God, they need love.

Here's to all the political volunteers - Democrats, Republicans, Perot followers, Libertarians, Socialists, Greens - who want to make this a better nation.

We'll get there yet, and then we can keep on arguing about how we got there. God bless the statesmen and women who keep trying to persuade that killing is not the solution. Peace be upon you.

Here's to all the NGOs (that's "non-governmental organizations") to those of you who are acronyms-impaired that deliver food, care, medicine and shelter in the places on earth where man or Nature has created disaster. Doctors Without Borders, God bless. Here's to the good folks at the humane societies, for helping all the cats and dogs and critters that come their way, for saving wild horses and gently washing the oil off the wings of birds trapped in spills. I'm sure they'd want me to tell you, "Have Spot stayed!" And if the oil companies would double-haul their tankers, we'd appreciate that, too.

And most of all, here's to all who practice random acts of kindness - those who went out of their way to return lost wallets, the guy with American Airlines who fished my computer off the plane in Los Angeles and then tracked me down, those who found my pets, stopped to help change a tire, helped a lost child, took time to visit the sick and the elderly, sent funny cards to discouraged friends, cleaned up after floods, neighbors who took in the battered wife down the street.

God bless every one. And thank you, God, for laughter.

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Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

Nearly a century ago, young Virginia O'Hanlon sent the editor of The New York Sun a question that still perplexes parents: "Is there a Santa Claus?" Her letter was turned over to Francis P. Church, and his eloquent reply was published that Christmas of 1897. The Times-News is pleased to reprint its wisdom on yet another Christmas Day.

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus promptly the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of the Sun:

"Dear editor:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "If you see it in The Sun, it's so!" Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

Virginia O'Hanlon
115 West 95th Street"

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect - an ant - in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you

know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable the existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight.

The eternal light which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus; but even if they did not see Santa Claus, they would have missed him, for no good fairy dance ever was. No one sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. It is all real! Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

If gas stations overcharge

This letter is written in the eyes of the Magic Valley to a gentleman.

On a recent trip to Salt Lake City, I was traveling through Emmett, Idaho, when I noticed the gas pump was near empty. I was in a hurry and did not have time to drive around looking for some out-of-the-way station with the best price on gas.

Imagine my surprise when I counted out "national chain, high name" service station, and I paid the bill on the freeway. Ready for the shell of a lifetime, what I paid instead was a great early Christmas present. Gas was 96 cents a gallon. The "supreme, high tech, what you" gas was only 91.95.

I happily filled my tank and was on my way. Curious about the general prices in the Salt Lake Valley, I did a little comparative shopping. The gas ranged from 95 cents to \$1.01. The regular unleaded was the average for "supreme unleaded" was \$1.10. This seems rather good considering when I returned to Emmett, Idaho, the best price at these same "national chain, big name" service stations was \$1.15 for the regular and \$1.25 for the supreme.

Why is it that Salt Lake Falls above the gas wholesalers and retailers in this valley to bankrupt us as a continuing thieft? We keep talking about business and its effects on us. We continue to try to control markets in drives because we "supreme" have control markets that the farmers are no

lenger the lifeblood of this valley and that motorists are the only way we can survive. How can we, in good conscience, lure tourists here and then strand them because they cannot afford to pay a tank of gas to leave unless they get a loan at one of the Magic Valley's many banks.

Wake up, Magic Valley! Time to say enough. Someone is getting off of the misery of the masses. At an average of 20 to 30 cents a gallon higher for gas, no wonder we need all these banks. I know who's filling them up.

Well that's my 96 cents worth (that could buy another gallon of gas you know - well, everywhere but here).

JEFF WEBSTER
Filer

Don't play God, Fish & Game

I am addressing this letter to our honorable Idaho Fish and Game, U.S. government and Idaho state and local governments and to all Idaho citizens.

I believe when the Fish and Game, quits trying to play God and let nature have its way that the environment would be in much better control of our fish and wildlife.

I can remember when salmon ran up the Columbia River and over the dam, and they were so thick that it looked like you could walk on them. I can remember the Puhimuri River and the main Salmon River having great runs after the dams were built. Then the Fish and

Came quickly built fish hatcheries in the best spawning areas in the Upper Salmon River, Decker Flats, Stinley Basin and the Puhimuri at Ellis, Idaho. Since that time, there has been a substantial decline in the salmon runs.

I sincerely hope that the people of the dams in Idaho decisions should be made by Idahoans, not Washington, Oregon or by our Congress people living in the East. These people don't even know where the dams are or their purpose. If this is done, what would happen to our waterways to Lewiston or the power and water generated for our services. The Columbia River also has many dams; maybe we should breach all of them, too. Let's get to the head of things instead of the tail end of things. Please, Idaho Fish and Game, let's quit trying to play God. Why is the Salmon River called the River of No Return?

License fees, permits and tags. I am a senior citizen that enjoys hunting and fishing in our great state of Idaho. After reading the new license fees, I see room for major improvement. I don't mind purchasing a license, but I think the vendor fees are completely out of line. I know the Fish and Game receives its fee from the head count each year. It appears that the senior citizens' four-year permits and licenses are gone by the wayside, which is a crying shame.

DON CULLEY
Paul

Doonesbury

By Gary Larson

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By Bruce Tinsley



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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“They boo for a living in those places. We played on Christmas Eve and they even booed Santa Claus.”

— Jerry Glanville, then-Houston Oilers coach, on Cleveland and Cincinnati fans

IN BRIEF

Burley Trap Club holds weekend turkey shoot

BURLEY – The Burley Trap Club is holding a “Turkey Shoot” starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday at the trap range, 805 W. 50 S. on Milner Dam road. The cost is \$4 per shoot and turkey guarantee cards are available.

Participants shoot against shooters of the same ability. The public is welcome.

Hansen Alumni game set for Tuesday inside gym

HANSEN – The Hansen High School Alumni basketball game is set for Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Hansen gym. Graduates of Hansen High School are invited to participate and attend. For more information, contact Brad Myers at 423-4070.

Parks and Rec revises open-gym schedule

TWIN FALLS – Open gym sessions, sponsored by Twin Falls Parks and Recreation, will continue to be held through Dec. 3 at Robert Stuart Junior High – with a few revisions.

Dates and times are: today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.; Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., as well as later in the day from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Jan. 3 from noon to 4 p.m.

Treasure Valley CC hosts basketball camp

ONTARIO, Ore. – Treasure Valley Community College is hosting a youth basketball camp for boys and girls age 6-12 next week, Dec. 28-30.

Cost of the camp is \$35, and sessions will be held from 2-5 p.m. daily. Participants will be given a camp t-shirt and instruction from TVCC men's coach Jason Ficca, assistant Bus Connor and several players of the Chukar men's and women's squads. For more information, call (541) 889-6493, Ext. 266.

Minor league team plans to continue discounts

HAGERSTOWN, Md. – The Hagerstown Suns say they will fight a federal lawsuit against the minor league baseball team's policy of giving discounts to those who bring church bulletins to the ballpark.

The American Civil Liberties Union notified the team Tuesday that it had filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Baltimore seeking to stop the promotion. The Suns have offered the discount for five years.

In August, the ACLU joined atheist C. Silverman in opposing the promotion.

Silverman, of Waynesboro, Pa., claimed he and his family were discriminated against when they were charged full price on Easter Sunday, while fans with church bulletins received a discount.

The Maryland Human Relations Commission ruled in July that there was probable cause for a hearing on the promotion, which could be in violation of the U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964. A hearing before the commission is pending.

Team officials say the promotion does not discriminate because it does not require that fans attend church, but merely bring a bulletin to the ballpark. Promotions such as the church bulletin discount are needed to attract fans and revenue, team officials say.

The promotion offers families of up to six people a group admission price of \$6 with church bulletins.

Silverman was charged the regular admission price of \$5 plus \$3 for one of his two children April 12. The other child was admitted free because he was 4 years old, a Suns policy.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Mark of history

St. Louis slugger Mark McGwire's 70 home runs record receives top sports Story of the Year status

The Associated Press

NEW YORK – Mark McGwire hit another home run – this time in voting for The Associated Press Sports Story of the Year.

McGwire, who broke Roger Maris' record and set a new mark by hitting 70 homers, was the overwhelming winner in voting by AP member newspapers and broadcast outlets.

The St. Louis Cardinals first baseman received 1,433 points in the annual voting, released Thursday.

Each first-place vote was worth 10 points, second was worth 8 and so on.

John Elway and the Denver Broncos, who won their first Super Bowl, were second with 972 points.

The New York Yankees were third with 789 points for winning a record 125 games in the regular and postseason, the NBA lockout was fourth with 688 points and Michael Jordan leading the Chicago Bulls to their third straight title – such in eight years – was fifth with 468 points.

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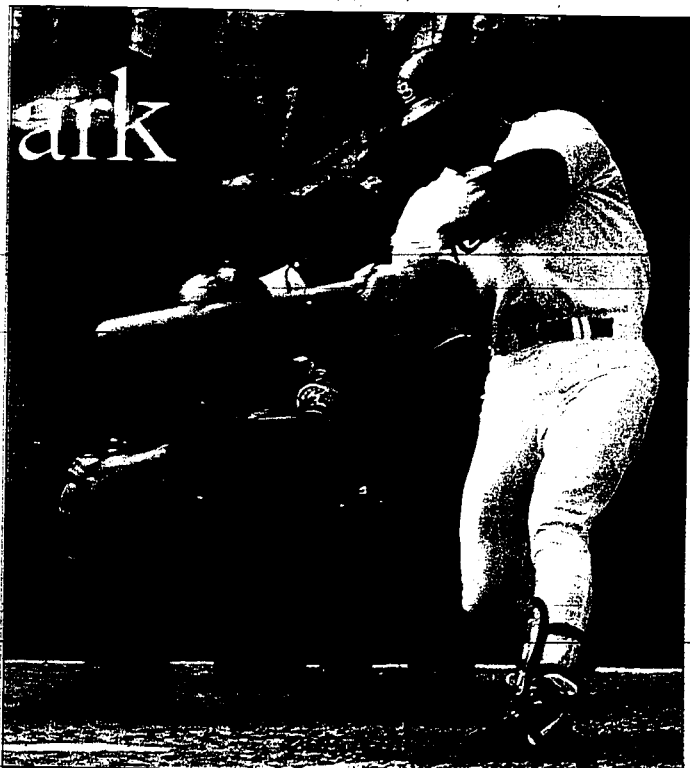
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St. Louis Cardinals slugger Mark McGwire connects for his 70th home run of the season against Montreal Expos pitcher Carl Pavano at Busch Stadium in St. Louis Sept. 27. McGwire and fellow home run leader, Chicago Cubs outfielder Sammy Sosa, captured the world's attention with their historic home run race into the history books.

50 SAN DIEGO
40 ARIZONA

25 MCGWIRE
70
21 SOSA
66

The scoreboard at St. Louis' Busch Stadium reflects the final home run numbers of MLB's all-time home run hitters Mark McGwire and runner-up Chicago Cubs star Sammy Sosa.

domination of McGwire (25), followed by Ericsson Griffith-Joyner's death (27) and Casey Martin's court victory over the PGA (242).

Mark McGwire was 12th (225) for winning the Masters and the British Open, followed by Bruce's White Cup soccer victory (159), Davut Malik's percent game for the Yankees against Minnesota (158) and the 20-arkness game by the Cubs Kerry Wood against Houston (152).

McGwire also was voted the AP Major League Player of the Year, beating Sosa 103-80.

McGwire led Sosa 27 (45) in homers through May, but he trail set a major league record with 20 home runs in June.

"We both had unbelievable years," McGwire said. "No one in the game of baseball has done what we did."



Mark McGwire cools off Sept. 4 in the dugout during a game with the Cincinnati Reds. Luckily, his bat didn't.

1998 Story of the Year



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'Tis the season for a Big Mac Christmas

Right now, he's rapping, opens up, one of only three 13-mallet down to the house in which I grew up, the house in Texas where, my mother and sister are celebrating Christmas.

He knows it's a honor, because he always shakes his present, rapping, trying (a) to guess what time, and (b) to infuriate the gift-giver.

More often than not, he's successful on at least one of those.

And if he gives it more than a split-second thought, he could figure out what the subject was.

He was the one responsible for getting me into baseball, at age 4. He



FIFTH DOWN
Damien Clow

played in college and on a Los Angeles Dodgers rookie squad. Struck out Rusty Staub four times in one game. For Father's Day a few years back, I gave him a miniature model of Dodger Stadium.

I think the labor strike in '94 gave

birth to his deep cynicism towards professional sports. Which is why this past baseball season, the one that may have finally shut the door on that dark chapter in the league's history, is important to me.

Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa broke Roger Maris' 37-year-old record. A Yankee threw a perfect game and a kid from Texas struck out 20 batters in one outing. Even he had to admit it could stand as our favorite season of our favorite game.

So I went out and bought a book

Please see CLOW, Page B2

Huskies halt No. 11 Lobos' streak

First road game of year for New Mexico proves perilous

SEATTLE (AP) — Dean Lutton scored 22 points and Todd MacCulloch 21 as Washington dropped No. 11 New Mexico from the ranks of the unbeaten with a 70-61 victory Thursday afternoon.

It was the first road game of the year for New Mexico (8-1), and a battle between two of the best centers in the country, MacCulloch and New Mexico's Kenny Thomas.

MacCulloch, who led the nation in field goal percentage accuracy the last two seasons, made 9-of-9 shots from the field and grabbed 14 rebounds for Washington (6-3).

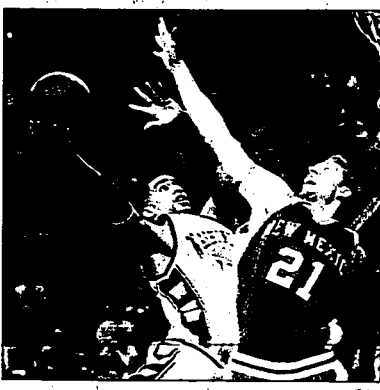
Thomas scored 26 points for New Mexico while John Robinson II and Greg Davis added 12 apiece.

Washington led for most of the game, but Robinson capped off a 9-0 New Mexico run with two 3-pointers to give the Lobos a 53-52 edge with 5:36 remaining in their second and final lead of the game.

The Huskies came back with 10 unanswered points, six by Lutton and four by MacCulloch.

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Thomas has averaged 21.7 points a game in three games



Washington's Greg Clark, left, tries to shoot around the defense of New Mexico's Brian Smith (21) during the first half Thursday in Seattle.

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LT wants Hall notice

NEW YORK (AP) — Lawrence Taylor, whose arrests for drug use could hurt his chances of joining the Pro Football Hall of Fame, says he has no worries about his election.

"I know I belong there," says Taylor, who is eligible this year for the first time. "I just figured it as a given. I don't want to sound cocky, but I expect it."

Taylor told the Daily News that he's innocent of his two most recent arrests but he considers himself an addict.

"If I've been clean for one day or 1,000 years, I'm a recovering addict and that possibility is always going to be there," Taylor said.

Before the arrests, Taylor was considered an easy first-ballot Hall of Famer.

He was the key player in two Super Bowl wins by the New York Giants and his style as a pass-rushing linebacker changed the way many defenses played. But while he's still considered a good bet to get in, a few of the 36 voters have expressed reservations because of his drug problems.

"I have for people to hold me to higher standards than I hold myself," Taylor said of voters' reservations. "I would take my bad points and shortcomings and my good points and I would put them against anybody out there."



NBA players' union director Billy Hunter speaks to the media before heading into a negotiating session with NBA owners in New York Dec. 22.

NBA: Secrets abound in talks, possible vote

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA commissioner David Stern and union director Billy Hunter held a secret meeting in Los Angeles Wednesday night, a few hours after the league said a settlement must be reached by Jan. 7 to save the season.

An NBA spokesman confirmed the meeting, which was the first between the men since Dec. 11. It took place at the office of agent Leonard Aronson, who in the past has tried to act as a peacemaker between Stern and Hunter.

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Aronson, who flew to New York earlier this month and brokered a meeting between Stern and Hunter, did not return several phone messages.

If no agreement is reached by Jan. 7, the league's Board of Governors will meet and Stern will recommend wiping out the entire 1998-99 season.

It would be the first time a major professional sports league in North America lost an entire season of competition.

If we do not have a collective bargaining agreement by that date, then David and I will have to recommend to the board that the 1998-99 season be canceled," league deputy commissioner Russ Granik said Wednesday.

Hunter could not be reached for comment.

"It's my view that if the owners are unwilling to move from their current proposal, the season will then be canceled," agent Aronson said. "I believe that ultimately when the players make their decision, it will be in their own best interest to take the deal on the table."

The 6-month-old dispute centers on players and owners trying to decide how to divide \$1 billion in annual revenue.

Before Wednesday, Stern had adamantly refused to discuss a "drop-dead" date.

At the end of the season, the NBA had never lost a single game because of labor disputes. The lockout began July 1, and 358 games have been canceled since then.

Taylor was the 17th of 36 voters to lose 550 million a week in shutdown.

Karl Malone of the Utah Jazz and Kevin Willis of the Toronto Raptors have said players should accept the offer Stern made.

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Olympic probe: When is a gift a bribe?

IOC struggles with scandal; Investigation asks major questions

NEW YORK (AP) — Among Olympic perks, there are gifts, favors and possibly bribes.

And then, there are bulldozers.

As the International Olympic Committee wrestles with its greatest ethics scandal and three panels investigate alleged bribery in Salt Lake City's bid for the Winter Games, IOC members

at several host cities face the issue of where friendliness ends and corruption begins.

Atlanta, like most bid cities, handed out gifts to visiting IOC members, and at least one had four legs and a wet nose — a bulldog for a Cuban delegate.

"You get caught up in the entertainment mode and you may do things that stretch the limits," said Charles Brown, who was in charge of international relations in Atlanta's winning bid for the 1996 Olympics. "You go over the top."

In what may have been one of the most creative acts of gift-giving, Atlanta boss Billy Payne gave a bulldog to IOC member Manuel Gonzalez Guerra after he admired Uga, the mascot of the Panama Water, the University of Georgia.

"The biggest problem we had was getting Customs to let him take the dog back," Battle said. "They're like, 'What are you taking things to Havana from the United States. Maybe they were afraid we were hiding spy gear in his collar.'"

There's no way of knowing if

Guerra voted for Atlanta in the secret balloting in Tokyo in 1990, and IOC rules now limit gifts to a total of \$150 a member — meaning any current cash giveaways would probably involve a mull.

In the two weeks since the Salt Lake Organizing Committee said families of six IOC members received \$400,000 in college scholarships during its successful bid for the 2002 Winter Games, Olympic organizers past, present and future have defended their work amid allegations that the scandal extends far beyond Utah.

Marie Hodler, the IOC's senior member and one of its most respected, said \$500 a person, said 500 people, the committee's 115 members were open to bribes and that vote buying occurred in the campaigns for the 1996, 1998 and 2000 Olympics.

Olympic organizers and IOC members say they have done nothing wrong and played by the rules, but they also acknowledge that those rules are now being drastically tightened by the Salt Lake case.

"I would think that after what has happened, any U.S. city bidding for the Olympics in the next 30 years is going to be so squeaky clean they'll have ivory soap for a sponsor."

— Sue Locker, San Francisco Olympics bid coordinator

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"There was a great deal of concern, because there were no rules," said Anita DeFranz, an IOC vice president from the United States.

Racks of mink and expensive porcelain are no longer housed through the lobby of hotels housing IOC members — a practice that was blatant in Seoul — but bidders still know how to catch a member's attention.

Paul Henderson, who ran Toronto's 1996 bid, told The Toronto Star that Atlanta "set the standards" that triggered the current scandal.

He said he suspected that Salt Lake City got the scholarship idea from its IOC predecessors.

Henderson offered no evidence to support his suspicions and Battle denied any wrongdoing, saying a personal touch helped Atlanta win, while staying within the rules.

He said organizers made sure a visiting IOC member received proper care when he complained of chest pain during a 1998 bid.

The member, David Sidumani Sibande of Swaziland, has been linked to unusual gifts or favors in Salt Lake City, Sydney and Fahn, Sweden, which bid for the 1998 Winter Games.

Doctors in Salt Lake have confirmed providing free medical care — including plastic surgery — to IOC members at the request of bid organizers.

But Battle said Sibande's hospitalization in Atlanta was an emergency and not an attempt to curry favor.

"He had heart pain while he was here. He was admitted to the hospital and spent an extra day. He didn't come here for treatment," Battle said.

MLB: Side deals are unenforceable

NEW YORK (AP) — Without mentioning Roger Clemens, the baseball commissioner's office sent teams a memo saying side agreements such as the one between the pitcher and Toronto were unenforceable.

During a news conference Tuesday, Clemens said he had a written agreement with Toronto that gave him both the right to demand a trade and the right to block one. Those clauses are not contained in the copy of Clemens' contract sent to the American League.

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team wishes to talk with a player, it wants to acquire, it must agree on the trade and the player's current club must formally notify the commissioner's office to gain permission for a 72-hour window in which the player can negotiate with the acquiring team.

While there was no announcement of the memo, its contents were described by The Associated Press by a management source who spoke on the condition he not be identified and later confirmed by Blue Jays general manager Gerd Ash.

The source denied a report that commissioner Bud Selig had held a conference call with the teams about the memo and both the source and Ash said no specific references were made regarding Clemens' situation.

Ash did not wish to respond to the memo.

Clemens, who is owed \$16.1 million over the next two years

under the \$31.1 million, four-year deal with Toronto he agreed to in December 1996, demanded a trade Nov. 27, then withdrew the demand Tuesday, blasting Boston Astros president Tal Smith and general manager Gerry Hunsicker for denying him of making "mind-boggling salary demands."

Clemens' agent, Randy Hendricks, had asked the Astros to extend the five-time Cy Young Award winner's contract for one additional season at \$27.4 million, which would have left him with what amounted to a \$43.5 million, three-year deal.

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Clemens made the side agreement with Paul Beaton, then the Blue Jays president. The following year, Beaton left Toronto to become chief operating officer of the commissioner's office.

Ash said Thursday he will honor the agreement Beaton made with Clemens and said he will resume trade talks following the holiday break. The Astros, Texas Rangers and Cleveland Indians currently appear to be the top contenders.

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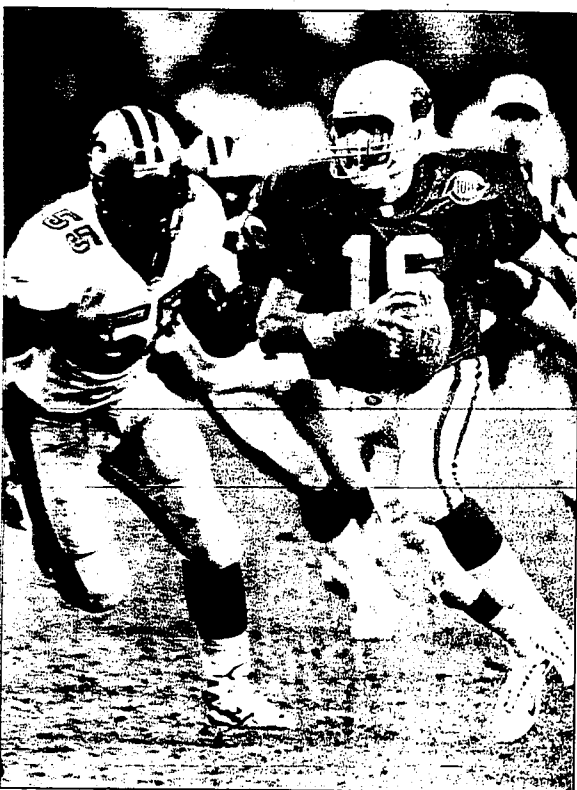
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SPORTS



Arizona Cardinals quarterback Jake Plummer scrambles for a first down against the New Orleans Saints Sunday. Plummer, a graduate of Bishop's Catholic High, will try to get Arizona into the playoffs for the first time ever.

Arizona's Plummer will attempt to direct team's biggest game

By the time Arizona fans have

been waiting for the Cardinals to make the playoffs for the first time since 1980, they will have to wait for the team to make the playoffs for the first time since 1980.

The Cardinals are currently in a 1-2 position, and it would be a surprise if they were to make the playoffs for the first time since 1980.

The Cardinals have a lot to look forward to in the coming weeks. They will be playing some of the best teams in the league.

Plummer's return to the team is a big deal. He will be the quarterback for the Cardinals for the first time since 1980.

New York Giants (minus 3.1/2) at Philadelphia

For the Giants to make the playoffs, they need to win this game.

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but chances are the others won't. **GIANTS, 20-10.**

Seattle (plus 10) at Denver

Like the rest of the games, this means little. But the Broncos need some momentum back. **BRONCOS, 24-13.**

Miami (plus 3) at Atlanta

The Dolphins want home field in the first round. **DOLPHINS, 24-20.**

Minnesota (minus 8) at Tennessee (Saturday)

One more game and it's the Tennessee Titans. **VIOLETS, 32-14.**

Kansas City (plus 3) at Oakland (Saturday)

The Chiefs try to avoid 10 losses. **CHIEFS, 16-15.**

New England (plus 6) at New York Jets

In 1996, Bill Parcells' Giants closed the season with a 52-24 win over the Packers in a meaningless game that helped propel them to their first Super Bowl win. **JETS, 32-24.**

Green Bay (off) at Chicago

Cliche: In a rivalry like this, there are no records. Where did James M. Smith come from? **PACKERS, 30-19.**

Buffalo (minus 3)

at New Orleans
Incentive? Very little. **BILLS, 13-11.**

St. Louis (plus 12 1/2) at San Francisco

The Rams have lost 16 straight to the 49ers. If the Packers win, the Niners need to win to keep home field in the first round. **49ERS, 27-11.**

Pittsburgh (off) at Jacksonville (Monday)

The home team has won every game in this rivalry. **Jonathan Quinn? Kordell Stewart? Jaguars 6-3.**

Washington (plus 1) at Dallas

Chan Gailey says the Cowboys will try. So what? **REDSKINS, 23-10.**

Detroit (plus 1 1/2) at Baltimore

What does a defense that allowed James Allen 163 yards do against Barry Sanders? **Five Pro Bowlers? LIONS, 31-28.**

Carolina (plus 5) at Indianapolis

Two years ago, Jim Mora got angry in Carolina. Last week, he got angry in Seattle. The first was spontaneous, the second calculated. **COLTS, 31-30.**

Last Week: 5-10 (spread), 8-7 (straight up).

Season: 110-110-5 (spread), 143-82 (straight up).

Dave Goldberg covers football for the Associated Press.

Oregon, Colorado say Aloha

Ducks get shot at revenge from 38-6 whipping in 1996 Cotton Bowl



HONOLULU (AP) — Two former baseball players who gave up their careers for college football will be quarterbacking their teams today when No. 21 Oregon plays Colorado in the Aloha Bowl.

The Ducks (8-3) are led by Akili Smith, the Pac-10 co-offensive player of the year.

Smith passed for 3,307 yards with 30 touchdowns and seven interceptions, completing 59 percent of his passes and finishing second in the nation in passing efficiency. It was the best single-season performance by a quarterback in Oregon's 104-year football history.

Mike Moschetti directs the offense for the Buffaloes (7-4) of the Big 12 Conference, taking over after joining the team in spring practice. Moschetti bailed through ankle, shoulder and rib injuries to throw for 2,104 yards, 15 touchdowns and seven interceptions.

Both Smith and Moschetti were drafted in 1993 — Smith by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the seventh round and Moschetti in the second round by the Oakland Athletics.

The game will feature teams with similar defensive philosophies.

"It's a lot like playing ourselves," Oregon defensive coordinator Bob Foster said. "Colorado

does a lot of the same things we do. They play a wide open kind of football, and like to mix it up." Colorado's defense ranks 33th nationally, allowing 296 yards and 19 points per game. It will be tested since Oregon ranks 10th in the nation in total offense at 478 yards per game and seventh in scoring at 38.1 points.

Defensively, both teams have good speed, and both use lots of blitzing and man-to-man coverage. That leaves many opportunities for Smith and Moschetti to hook up with their receivers.

"Our cover guys, Ben Kelly and Damon Wheeler, and our safeties will have to do a great job of making plays on the ball," Colorado coach Rick Neuheisel said. "When you're playing with your back to the quarterback, which is often the case in man-to-man coverage, you've got to have great instincts as to when the ball's arriving. That will be a key."

Smith's favorite targets were Tony Hartley, who had 48 catches and 20 touchdowns, and Damon Griffin, who had 50 receptions and scored seven times. Hartley is suspended and won't play.

Even without Hartley, Smith is confident.

"If I get time, I can pick these guys apart," he said. "But when you get eight, nine men in the box, they're going to be getting after you."

Kelly, a first team All-Big 12 selection at cornerback and punt

returner, loves the challenge. "That's what defensive backs like to do — to have glory, or am have glory, covering a deep ball," Kelly said. "Just man-to-man."

Oregon will be without its top running back, Reuben Droughmans, who was injured in the sixth game of the season. He finished with 824 yards, fourth best in the Pac-10.

Colorado running back Marlin Barnes missed five games with foot and knee injuries, but still led the team with 572 yards. Moschetti's top receiver is Darrin Claiborne, who had 52 receptions and five touchdowns and was the team's most valuable player.

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"What we want to do is that we have been unable to do consistently throughout the season is come up with some big plays," Neuheisel said.

Oregon is seeking to avenge a 38-6 loss to Colorado in the 1996 Cotton Bowl, a game in which the Buffaloes used a fake punt with a 32-yard run to drive that led to their last score.

"We didn't intend to show anyone up," Neuheisel said. "This is a new year, a new team, a new season in the Las Vegas Bowl. Colorado did not go to a bowl."

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No. 16 Air Force, Washington to inaugurate Oahu Bowl

HONOLULU (AP) — A little deal has served as a constant reminder for this year's Air Force football team.

It lists three goals. Two have been accomplished and the third can be fulfilled today.

"I gave our players a deal that they stuck on their watches," coach Fisher DeBerry said. "It was 'Commander' in Chief Trophy," Western Athletic Conference and bowl.

"Those were the three season goals for our team. The idea for doing it was that every time they were also able to focus on what the goals were."

The 16th-ranked Falcons beat the other two military academies and defeated Brigham Young for the WAC title, so two of the goals have been attained.

To complete the trifecta, they must beat Washington of the Pac-10 in the inaugural Oahu Bowl.

Although the Huskies finished the season with a 6-5 record, Air Force has incentive to beat a team from a major conference so it can claim its legitimacy, and, perhaps, eventually capture the attention of the Bowl Championship Series.

"There's going to be a time, and it's not that far off, when we're going to take the top eight or 16 teams and have a national playoff," DeBerry said. "I am in favor of that now."

Even with their impressive 11-1 record, the Falcons were not chosen for this year's championship series.

"I wasn't smart enough as the season went along to understand the ramifications of the BCS," DeBerry said.

"But I think the way things worked out this season, (a playoff system) is inevitable."



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DeBerry is counting on Blane Morgan, the triple-option quarterback, to lead the way against Washington.

In the two years that he's been a starter, we're 21-3 and I think the way you measure the success of a quarterback is not in stats like number of yards, but whether he

gets his team in the end zone and wins the game," DeBerry said.

But for those who are statistically minded, Morgan, who succeeded his brother Beau as quarterback, rushed for 508 yards, scored 15 touchdowns, and directed an offense that finished third in the nation with 266.8 rushing yards per game.

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Mike Documents Crapo saw weren't secret

WASHINGTON — Sen.-elect Mike Crapo was one of a group of House members to receive some-thinged documents before voting to impeach President Clinton.

The files weren't secret, Crapo spokesman said. The Judicial Committee "kept them out of the public eye" to keep some documents from the public.

Newsday reported this week that the documents included "unimpeached and unimpeachable" allegations about the president and other "promising leads" that were not pursued.

Wheeler said Crapo looked at the material on Saturday, the day of the impeachment vote, but he didn't know what the papers contained.

"We did not want to discuss it with him," she said.

Crapo voted in favor of all four articles of impeachment before the House Saturday, two of the articles passed.

Democrats made a big deal about the files being "secret." Wheeler said, but they were still a part of the record.

"Some members of the House could review the information," she said.

Burley doctor critical after Utah accident

SALT LAKE CITY — Burley physician Dr. Sam Vania remains in critical condition at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, after a highway, non-fatal accident in Fremont County Tuesday, a hospital spokesman said.

The accident occurred at about 2:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Vania, of Burley, was traveling 75 to 80 mph on Elk Creek Road when he lost control of his semi-trailer, said a Fremont County sheriff's report.

He hit numerous small trees, the report said.

He was transported to Elk Creek Station and en route to LDS Hospital.

His wife, Catherine, said the Office is investigating the accident.

House speaker fine after hospital stay

BURLEY — Newly elected House Speaker Bruce Wenzel is spending Christmas with his family today after his release from a Burley hospital.

Wenzel was treated for a blood clot in his leg earlier this week. He was given blood thinners and reports that he's fine. His leg had been slightly swollen and sore, he said. He was discharged after a problem with a routine checkup Tuesday.

SNRA announces new deputy ranger's salary

STANLEY — Jacky Skyrme, new deputy area ranger for the Southwest National Recreation Area, will earn \$47,000 a year.

Skyrme, who will be based in Stanley, will replace Dave Ringer as ranger.

Skyrme, a native of North Bend, Wash., has been working with the U.S. Forest Service permanently since 1996.

Let us know about your holiday traditions

TWIN FALLS — Got an unusual Christmas tradition? We'd like to hear about it. The Times-News wants to know about yours.

We're looking for Magic Valley families whose holiday traditions could be described as "unique." We'd like to hear about anything out-of-the-ordinary, or even out-of-the-ordinary. Opening the piggy bank presents before the stocking is hung?

Remember, if you want mail to go, we're asking for a little self-revelation. Ask yourself, "What would the neighbors think?" If you think you've got a pretty Christmas custom that just might qualify, call Times-News writer Gregory Eakin today at 733-9631, Ext. 238.

Compiled from staff reports

Early morning fires hit 2 homes

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Early morning fires damaged homes in Castelford and Twin Falls Tuesday.

The Castelford fire, by far the more serious of the two, nearly destroyed a house at 2725 N. 948 E. The four outside walls were left standing, but the inside of the house was gutted. Castelford Fire Chief Briggs Vulgamore said.

The fire probably spread from a wood stove in the house. Homeowner David W. Knapp said his wife woke up, saw the smoke and flames and escaped through a window, he said.

Castelford firefighters used their 3,000 gallons of water to knock down the fire, but the fire escaped while they waited for

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more water from the Filer and Buhl fire departments, Vulgamore said.

Damage probably exceeded \$150,000, he said.

In Twin Falls, firefighters contained a carpet fire Thursday before the flames could spread to the main portion of the house.

The fire started in a storage closet in the carpet. It destroyed the carpet and blackened one side of the house at 431 Ostrander St. N.

A sheet of ice and ash covered the driveway.

Firefighters were investigating the cause, which might have been an electrical short in the closet, said Clayton Clough, son of homeowner Jack Clough.

The fire had been smoldering in the closet for some time before the flames erupted more than 15 feet into the air, Clayton Clough said.

From inside the house, Jack Clough and his wife had no idea their carpet was on fire. Neighbors who saw the fire knocked on the door and warned the Cloughs, he said.

"It was fully engulfed, and they were in there having coffee," he said.

The main portion of the house sustained smoke and water damage. Damage was estimated at \$20,000, Battalion Chief Gary Cravens said.

The Cloughs' insurance company had to put them in a hotel for the night because of the damage, he said.

Times-News staff writer Brian Haynes can be reached at 733-9931, Ext. 238.

Holiday fire safety

Twelve local fire departments were not alerted by Christmas trees or lights. But each year, more than 400 home fires nationwide involve Christmas trees, causing dozens of injuries and nearly \$200 million in damage.

The National Fire Protection Association recommends three tips to prevent holiday fires: Place the Christmas tree away from heat sources, and water it frequently.

Replace frayed or faulty light cords. Do not overload electrical outlets.

Unplug lights before leaving home or sleeping. Make sure candles are in sturdy holders placed far from trees, presents, and other combustible materials.

Santa's sleigh ride takes him above the law

By David Lee
Times-News writer

BURLEY — You better not shout.

You better not cry.

You better not pout.

Because here you'll read why:

Santa Claus can defy the law.

Santa Claus, a.k.a. Kris Kringle, a.k.a. St. Nicholas, a.k.a. Father Christmas, had to break quite a few laws to get Christmas gifts to kids around the world Tuesday night, but law experts and officials said they're more than happy to let him get away with it.

There's no need to regulate him," said Lewis Sanders, assistant manager of the Federal Aviation Administration office in Boise. "He's got his own special rules."

Even though some jolly wrenchables have been seen in shopping malls around the county the last few weeks, promising gifts to kids they never met, only he is able to do the job of reading lines and delivering gifts without trouble from the law.

So what would a Santa Claus impersonator get busted for?

Fine. Here's a rundown from Sgt. Lew Jones of the Rupert Police Department.

Land on a roof and that's trespassing — and a parking violation.

Scare down the chimney and the police will cut you for trespassing and entering. You'll stay in jail even longer if your sleigh and reindeer aren't registered vehicles.

Be the way, does that sleigh have a seat belt? How about those reindeer? There is a law against having wild animals with-



Canada County sheriff's deputy Robert Taylor hangs out next to Santa Claus at the sheriff's office earlier this week. The jolly one would never get arrested, though, even though he broke dozens of laws to deliver gifts around the world Thursday night.

in city limits.

And if Jones actually saw someone trying to get in a house last night?

"We'd have every unit over there," Jones said.

Officers would check that person's ID. If it didn't say Santa, they might charge him with impersonating a national figure.

St. Nick also gets to break several FAA regulations on his one-

night world tour.

He's the only one who can break the 1,000-foot minimum airplane flying altitude over res-

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St. Nick defies laws of physics

By David Lee
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Never mind the criminal laws. Santa Claus also gets to defy the laws of physics.

Dan Pringle, a Burley High School physics teacher, did some Internet research recently about Santa's abilities.

"I feel that it is important to note that I am a firm Santa believer," Pringle said. "I am passing on this information to simply demonstrate what an utterly amazing fellow Santa must be."

According to a "World Wide Web site called 'The Physics of Santa,' Santa's trip is a miracle of time management.

Once you get the reindeer off the ground, without any form of motorized propulsion, the jolly work really begins.

Make the list, check it twice. There are 2 billion children (under 18 years old) in the world, but because Santa doesn't appear to handle Muslim, Hindu, Jewish or Buddhist children, that reduces the workload to 578 million children, according to the Population Reference Bureau. With an average age of 3.5 children in each household that's 91.8 million kids.

Punch the time clock. It says

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Hog farm foes drop recall idea

By Carol R. Dumas
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Opponents of a proposed hog farm say they contemplated trying to unseat Twin Falls County commissioners over the issue. But they dropped the idea after the commissioners sent the hog farm back to the county's planning and zoning commission.

Members of Citizens Against Hog Farming, neighbors of the potential swine operation south of Twin Falls, say they had looked into the recall process and were ready to hit the pavement for signatures if the courts didn't fall their way.

"Depending upon the outcome of their decision, there were going to initiate the recall," CAHF member Dennis Hanson said.

The cards did fall their way, however. After the commissioners' Dec. 8 decision, Idaho Premium Pork's proposed 3,600-sow operation was back to Squire One, after months of pursuing a permit approval.

The hog farm's future is uncertain separate land-use applications are pending in both Twin Falls and Cassia Counties.

Mike Thier, CAHF chairman, said his group was disenchanted with commissioners who didn't ask the right questions of developer Brian Dune the first go-round. The group had appealed to the commissioners a September planning and zoning decision to approve a permit for the hog farm.

County Commissioner Dennis Maughan said he was aware of efforts toward a recall petition, but the threat of recall is not unusual or unsettling and had no bearing on his vote in the matter, he said.

"That's a citizen's right, that's our sys-

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Dworshak student wins state art contest

3rd-grader designs Christmas card

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Keegan Knopp's teacher was not surprised when he won the statewide Idaho Department of Education Christmas card contest in the third-grade category.

"He appears to have a gift with visual and spatial abilities," said Dworshak Elementary School teacher Dana Bradley. "That is recognized as a type of intelligence among educators."

Knopp's winning entry was a picture of a Christmas stocking brimming with goodies. All Knopp, 9, won for his hard work was some recognition, but he said it was worth it.

Knopp may have inherited some of his ability from his grandfather, Virgil Cole, who draws and paints.

"His pictures look like he bought them at a store," Knopp said.

When he visits his grandfather, Knopp draws for his grandmother, Connie Cole. "She has a whole wall full of my drawings," he said.

Bradley believes with Knopp's creative abilities, he will grow up to be an architect or engineer. Knopp also brings things that he has built into school for show and tell.

"He builds lots of incredible things with Legos," Bradley said.

"He has a pretty good imagination," said Kory Knopp, Keegan Knopp's father. Keegan Knopp's mother, a secretary in



Keegan Knopp works on a drawing over the Christmas holidays. Knopp is the third-grade statewide winner of an annual Idaho Department of Education Christmas card contest.

the school district office, also is proud.

"A fax came in announcing the winners of the contest and the superintendent's secretary asked me if I was related to Keegan Knopp," Michelle Knopp said. "That's when they found out whose kid he is."

The Department of Education's Christmas card contest has been held for five years.

Keegan Knopp plans to enter again next year, but his 7-year-old brother, Logan Knopp, plans to compete against him.

But this year, Logan Knopp just asked for his older brother's autograph.

Times-News staff writer Lorraine Cavener can be reached in Burley at 577-4042.

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Small town's claim to fame is a two-story outhouse

GAYS, Ill. (AP) — Paris has the Eiffel Tower, New York the Statue of Liberty. This little town has a two-story outhouse.

The privy is the closest thing to a claim to fame for the community of about 250 people, and carloads of tourists occasionally stop to take pictures.

"People can stop and see it and then go back to Chicago, St. Louis or New York and say 'You'll never believe what I saw,'" said Bob Vail, who lives next door.

The double-decker convenience has been here since 1869 when Samuel Gamill built his general store across from the train depot on Front Street in Gays, 45 miles south of Chicago.

Apartments were located above the store. Having an adjacent two-story outhouse, connected to their level by stairs and a short ramp, meant the apartment dwellers didn't have to walk down to the ground, and also gave them privacy away from the general store customers downstairs.

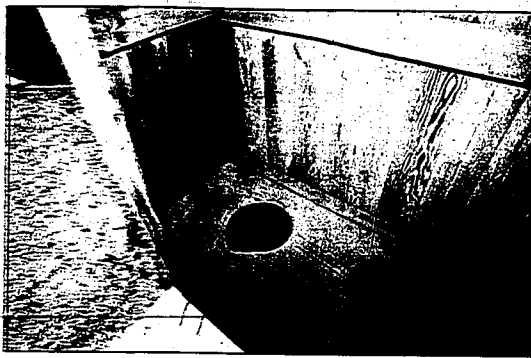
Each level had two holes, just like ordinary one-story conveniences.

"Back then they didn't think it was funny. It was just an accommodation to the people who were living upstairs," said Nancy Goodwin, a village trustee and unofficial overseer of the outhouse.

The main building, with the store and apartments, was torn down in 1994 because it was falling apart, but the double-decker outhouse remained and was restored.

"It stands on its own in the middle of a small park."

While travelers stop to marvel at the little building, they can't try it out. The building is padlocked to keep out vandals and the occasion-



Below, from left to right, are the outhouse, the main building, and the outhouse, which was torn down in 1994. The village board decided to leave the outhouse standing and took over maintenance of it. Right: Nancy Goodwin, a village board member, stands next to the two-story outhouse.

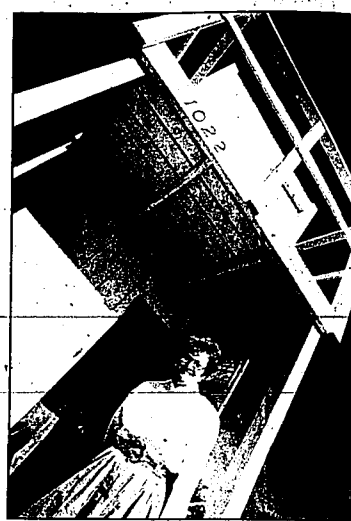
alpenes-by who can't resist.

But who in their right mind would ever have

"It really is the secret of the town how you can't have somebody on both top and bottom,"

said Nancy Goodwin.

Actually, it's no longer a secret. The holes on the top level are set back farther than the ones on the lower level. A false wall hides the difference.



GOP bashes Utah's fidelity oath idea; Dems have mixed reaction

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah Attorney General Jan

Wilson proposed that the fidelity oath for Utah's all-Republican congressional delegation has been hashed by Republicans and is getting a mixed reaction from Democrats, some of whom are uncertain of her aims.

Former Democratic Salt Lake City Mayor Ted Wilson on Wednesday described Graham's call for Utah's representatives to sign a sworn affidavit that they never have had extramarital sex as a mistaken "gimmick."

"It was very out of character for Jan, normally a very mainstream-type person," said Wilson, who heads the University of Utah's Hinckley Institute of Politics. "Unfortunately, it contributes to the mood of sexual McCarthyism."

He said several Democrats at a breakfast meeting Wednesday were "all kind of shaking their heads, wondering what she was up to."

However, some other party loyalists applauded Graham.

"Jan Graham says and does things that other people only think about doing," said Senate Minority Leader Scott Howell, D-

Sandy. "She is the most courageous politician in the state of Utah."

Howell said the oath Graham's public stand as "calling an ace on one's own party, exposing the truth about what the Republicans are doing. ... They're on a witch hunt, an private personal matters."

Democratic Utah legislator, who unsuccessfully challenged Rep. Merrill Cook this year, doesn't know quite what to make of Graham's idea.

"Is it tongue-in-cheek, or what?" Eskola asked. "I'm assuming she was joking."

Graham has refused interview requests.

All five members of Utah's delegation have sworn to be faithful to their wives but they were dismissed by Graham's proposal.

Democratic Salt Lake City mayor Russell Ross Anderson said, "I don't think the political discourse or message we're sent could get any lower until I read about Jan Graham's challenge to our congressional delegation."

"It is in the nature of a second witch hunt," said Anderson. "Instead of taking such a mea-

spirited approach and a partisan approach, it's time that we find some leadership that will take a higher moral ground and get this nation back to rationality."

Other Democrats were more willing to accept Graham's stand as a sarcastic but firming response to the spectacle in Washington.

Fae Beck, former vice chairwoman of the state Democratic Party, said,

"I kind of liked it. It was kind of fun."

"For years we've all heard rumors (about Utah's delegation) and she got tired of the boiler-plate-these attitudes," Beck said. "It's like, 'Have some of your own medicine.'"

One-time Utah Democratic Chairman Peter Billings Jr. also sees Graham's point, but rejects her approach as "inappropriate" and "a unnecessary piece of judgment."

"There is hypocrisy in Washington and to the extent she's calling attention to that, I agree with her," Billings said. "But I don't think it's helpful to ask anybody — including elected officials — about their private sexual relations. I just don't think it's anybody's business."

Simpson leaves behind satisfied patients

BLACKFOOT (AP) — When Michael Simpson moved to Washington to become a congressman, Cheryl Simper will have to find a new dentist.

Simpson opened his dental practice in 1978 and has more than 1,000 patients. Simper has been going to see him every six months for years; and her children have gone from baby teeth to braces under Simpson's care.

"We love him. He was really good with the girls when they were little," said Simper, whose

daughters now are 22 and 16. "It's hard when you've gone to somebody for that long and he knows you."

Simpson said he enjoys the rapport with his patients.

"I think the best part is the interaction with the people," he said. "There are some wonderful people you get to know. The hard thing is, as a general rule, people don't want to be here."

The 14-year state legislator, and former speaker of the Idaho House will sell his interest in the

practice to his uncle and cousin before taking office in Congress representing Idaho's 2nd District.

"My dad started this practice in 1956 when we moved to Blackfoot," Simpson said. His uncle joined it in 1970, Simpson joined in 1977 and his cousin joined the practice last summer.

Simpson's brother, sister, sister-in-law and another uncle also are involved in the dental profession. And his mother briefly was a dental assistant.

Florida woman dies in rollover on I-15

FORT HALL (AP) — A Florida woman was killed when an excursion van she was riding in skidded, hit a guard rail and rolled over on Interstate 15 in southeastern Idaho.

Fraser S. Foster, 52, of Delray Beach, Fla., died Wednesday at the scene of the crash of the van owned by Jackson Hole Express.

Twelve people were riding in the van, which was pulling a U-Haul trailer, said Alan Blackburn, owner of Jackson Hole Express. Several people were taken to Pocatello hospitals to be treated for minor injuries.

An investigation continued Thursday.



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2 children die in crash involving 4 vehicles

CEDAR CITY, Utah (AP) — Two sisters were killed and 12 people were injured in a collision involving a pickup, station wagon, car and semitrailer Tuesday.

Katie Allen, 8, and Melanie Allen, 6, of Lancaster, Calif., were killed in the accident on Interstate 15 at 3:40 a.m. Wednesday near Cedar City, the highway patrol said.

Two vehicles were apparently

traveling south in a caravan when the drivers stopped to take more a stalled pickup from the freeway. The station wagon began to push the pickup southbound along the emergency lane, followed closely by a Ford car. The vehicles were traveling about 100 mph.

Minutes later, a semi crashed into the car, killing the two girls, who were riding in the front seat. The impact pushed

the car into the station wagon, which was then struck by the semi.

The station wagon and the pickup truck careened off the road.

The semi continued down the freeway, west of the right side of the freeway and rolled on its left side. Investigators believe the driver of the semi, Charles M. Fennell, Roseville, Mich., had fallen asleep.

SERVICES

Ann L. Banks of Rupert, graveside service at 10 a.m. Saturday in Springdale, Ark.

Vernia Diaz of Fort Hall, Ill. a Saturday at the Hill Hawker-Sandberg Funeral home, 214 S. University in

Blackfoot.

Ora C. Wenzel of Shoshone, I. p.m. Monday at Jeremiah's Shoshone Chapel.

Mary E. Faye of Wendell, memorial service at 5 p.m.

Monday at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

Lucille E. Newsum of Boise, memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Bayless Funeral Home, 318 N. Lusk in Boise (Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

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Released:

Raymond Hansen, Tammi Pollard and Henry Rios, all of Burley; Erin Perkins, Gloria Fox and Adrian McKee, all of Heyburn; Marie Garner of Rupert; Gary McManus of Paul; and Donnie Merrill of Albion.

Births

Boies were born to Sherron and Kelly Hawkes of Murrah and to Leah and Karla Garcia of Pocatello.

WINDRIVER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Some names omitted at patients' request. Admitted:

Bethann Johnson and Lucy Cole, both of Rupert; and Melissa Clark of Twin Falls.

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Bonnie Sanchez and baby boy of Paul; and Homera Sanchez and baby girl of Rupert.

Births

A daughter was born to John and Melissa Clark of Twin Falls.



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Were the ancient Anasazi cannibals?

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The remains of seven people littered the floor of the dusty home, the victims of an unimaginable slaughter.

They had been scalped, their skulls roasted, cracked open like nuts and the contents eaten. The rib cages were torn open, the cracked bones boiled and the fat extracted. The tongue of one victim was cut out and the flesh stripped from the bones and apparently eaten.

That's how Christy Turner reads the 800-year-old evidence amid the ruins of an Anasazi pueblo along the Puerco River near the Arizona-New Mexico border. It has been more than 30 years since he first came upon remains he believes contains evidence the deceased were cannibalized.

Turner's controversial conclusions have shaken long-held perceptions of the culture which blossomed in the Chaco Canyon area of northwest New Mexico in about 900 A.D. and spread in the next 250 years across a vast region encompassing the Four Corners area of the Southwest.

The basket-making culture was known for its system of enormous buildings known as Great Houses, an elaborate system of roads connecting them, advanced irrigation, astronomical observation and peaceful ways. Around 1150 A.D., for reasons unknown, the culture crumbled.

The term Anasazi is a Navajo word meaning ancient enemies, and many of the culture's descendants resent the characterization. Hopis, for example, use the term

Professor draws new conclusion

The Turners hypothesize that cannibalism was brought from Mexico into the Anasazi territory, perhaps by religious cultists. Cannibalism was common in Mesoamerica, dating back 2,500 years, and Turner believes the cultists used it to terrorize and control the Anasazi.

Hitsisano, meaning the people of long ago.

They also object to Turner's conclusions, arguing the claim of cannibalism is a slanderous stain on their ancestors.

Scientists have also criticized the Arizona State University anthropology professor for making broad generalizations without adequate supporting evidence.

Turner, a scholar who relishes controversy, takes the criticism in stride. "We've said, 'Let's open our eyes and look at the darker side of ourselves,'" he says of his claim of cannibalism among the Anasazi.

It is that dark side Turner explores in a new book, "Man Corn: Cannibalism and Violence in the Prehistoric American Southwest," published by the University of Utah Press. The 547-page work was coauthored by Turner's late wife, Jacqueline, who died of breast cancer in 1996.

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years, and Turner believes the cultists used it to terrorize and control the Anasazi.

There is a history of commerce between the Anasazi and Mexican tribes and some evidence — not paintings and the like — indicating some of the southerners' religious traditions were incorporated by the Anasazi.

Remains at the Puerco River site are very similar to remains of victims of ritual sacrifice in Mexico, Turner says.

"We choose to see it as a group of people coming in and taking over in a very gang-like behavior," he said. "Cannibalism was their gimmick. This was their weapon."

As evidence, Turner points to characteristics of some human remains that are identical to those on the bones of game animals the Anasazi slew for food.

For example, the long human bones were broken so the marrow could be removed; there was evidence of roasting on some bones, including the back of the skulls; marks on the bone where the flesh was cut from the bone; and "anvil abrasions," caused when the bone slips as it is pounded with a stone.

Another unique characteristic, discovered by Tim D. White, an anthropologist at the University of California at Berkeley, is "not publishing," which occurs when bones buried in a clay pot rub along the side of the pot and are buffed smooth.

Bone-bank, Turner looked at 76 sites excavated since 1953 where archaeologists have asserted there was violence and possibly cannibalism. Turner said that at 38 of those sites, mostly in a 50-mile radius around the Four Corners area, some 236 people were "humiliated and eaten."

All this adds up to compelling evidence for some, but not for others. "It's not cannibalism. I don't know how you'd explain it," said Doug Owley, head of the physical anthropology division at the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C.

Owley is compiling a database to assess 4,500 variables on bone pathology in some 6,000 to 7,000 Native American skeletons so they can be assigned to the tribes and burial.

He said he has seen evidence that cannibalistic warfare and even massacres occurred along the border of the Anasazi and Fremont tribes. And in some cases — in the Great Plains and the Southwest — Turner's reliable signs are evident. Owley said.

"It's not trying in any way to cast any aspersions," he said. "It's simply trying to look at it objectively and determine what the reality was."

Boise, feds reach agreement over zoo

BOISE (AP) — The city Parks and Recreation Department will pay a \$1,500 fine and Zoo Boise will invest about \$12,500 in training for zookeepers as part of a settlement over allegations of inadequate animal care.

The agreement was reached this week with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The agency

investigated the zoo in 1996 and early 1997. It issued violations of the Animal Welfare Act on Aug. 31.

The settlement is not an admission of wrongdoing. Regulators said low staffing led to the deaths of two elk and a leopard, and the injury of a lion.

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Mark Bonstedt, 22, chases his brother Adam, both from Victoria, British Columbia, through the surf of Venice Beach in Los Angeles Tuesday. The Bonstedt family, who arrived only an hour before hitting the beach, did not mind the cold wave that Southern California has been having, with L.A. hitting the 40s.

Exotic dancers find fewer restrictions in Idaho clubs

STATE LINE (AP) — Restrictions on the conduct of exotic dancers in Washington's Spokane County are prompting some of them to work at a new Idaho club with fewer limits to cramp their style or moneymaking ability.

State Line Showgirls opened last week, providing an alternative both for customers and strippers who were finding the rules adopted in Spokane County a few months ago too restrictive.

"We have a very liberal ordinance, quite frankly," State Line Showgirls manager David McKibbin said. "It's not like Washington. The guys can get a real table dance without a 4-foot setback."

The club opened to a larger than expected crowd, said McKibbin. He said of Tuscany Inc., the club's parent company. If the trend continues, the club will consider expanding.

"Without any advertising whatsoever, within 45 minutes there wasn't a place to sit down," McKibbin said. The club can seat about 160 and can hold as many as 200.

Tuscany remodeled the building, which once housed another strip club called the Ken Tiki. Inside, except for a shiny black stage in the center of the room and leopard-print carpeting, the club looks like a high-class bar.

"It was expensive and extensive," Hissaw said. "We've got in excess of \$1 million in there. I was planning on about \$600,000."

But not everyone is excited about the club's success.

At least two churches in Post Falls — Immaculate Conception Church and St. George Catholic Church — have started petitions against the club, asking that authorities do whatever they can to stop it. "I personally doubt that anything can be done, but people need to make their feelings known," the Rev. William Gould of St. George's said.

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Psychic scam victims get refunds

BOISE (AP) — Idaho consumers who bought psychic services from Capital Gains of Naples Inc. are eligible for refunds under terms of a settlement reached between the company and Attorney General Al Lance.

He announced on Thursday that the refunds will include all payments from Idaho consumers to Capital Gains from Dec. 1, 1997, to March 2, 1999. Lance said the company also must give every consumer who contacted him the chance to cancel their current monthly service.

Capital Gains is a Florida corporation that has been doing business in Idaho as a Psychic Power Center. Lance's Consumer Protection Unit began investigating the company in June after receiving complaints alleging it had misled consumers who used its psychic telephone services.

The attorney general said he was particularly concerned that Capital Gains' television commercials offered free 10-minute psychic readings over a toll-free telephone line. Lance alleged the deception came when those who called were charged \$9.95 per month on their telephone bills.

Chief of eastern Idaho juvenile center gets fired

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The first director of the year-old 9-38 Juvenile Detention Center has been fired.

Bonneville County Commissioner Roger Christensen, who chairs the three-county center board, would not give a reason for Michael Moore's termination other than to say there had been plenty of meetings between the panel and Moore to iron out their differences.

The facility was built to handle juvenile offenders from Bonneville, Bingham and Butte counties. Moore was an un-union employee, Christensen said. They do not sign a contract and can be fired without cause. The Lakewood, Ore. resident was hired in July 1997 from among 24 applicants for the position, which pays about \$40,000 a year.

Moore was chosen, Christensen said at the time, because he was one of few applicants coming from a successful program.

There have also been disagreements between the Idaho Falls School District and the Juvenile Crime Prevention and Enforcement Coalition over a proposed expansion of educational facilities at the center.



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Man sentenced for student attacks

LEWISTON (AP) — A Spokane, Wash., man accused of beating two black Washington State University students during the annual Hot August Nights celebration is headed to prison. Second District Judge Ronald Schilling on Wednesday imposed a one- to three-year prison sentence. Dustin Rudolph earned in 1996 for grand theft.

The Aug. 28 attack on the two men constituted a violation of Rudolph's probation, Schilling had ruled at a hearing earlier this month.

Rudolph allegedly punched

one of the men twice, knocking a tooth loose, and the other once in the eye during Lewiston's popular summer event. He is accused of shouting a racial slur before the alleged attack.

Rudolph was on probation because his prison sentence was suspended in the grand theft case in 1996.

Schilling gave Rudolph credit for the time he served in a prison boot camp in Coeur d'Alene, which means he will spend about six months in prison before being eligible for parole.

Rudolph was sent to boot camp

for violating probation soon after his original sentencing. Before Schilling made his ruling Wednesday, Rudolph was given a chance to speak.

"It wasn't a really monitored fight, your honor," he said three times as he read unsuccessfully an explanation why prison was not appropriate. "We got a probation officer in Spokane said me it wouldn't have been such a big deal there."

"If this sentence would be appropriate in Spokane, I'm happy to be living in Lewiston," Schilling replied.

Woman surrenders after 20-hour standoff

LEWISTON (AP) — A Clarkston, Wash., woman surrendered peacefully after a 20-hour standoff with police during which she fired two rounds and kept a SWAT team at bay.

The neighborhood near Clarkston High School where Kathy Johnston lives was behind barricades until the incident ended at

about 10:45 p.m. Wednesday. "She laid down her gun in the house and was taken into custody," Clarkston Police Chief Verle Brown said.

Johnston, about 40, was charged with reckless endangerment and will be evaluated by a mental health professional, Brown said.

The standoff began at 1:45 a.m. when Clarkston police received a 911 call from Johnston's boyfriend, Lyle Reimers, who reported she had fired a shot.

While officers responded, another shot was fired, this one exiting the home and ricocheting in the area of the high school. Reimers was able to leave.

Wheat farmers hope for the white stuff

SPOKANE (AP) — Palouse wheat farmers have more than a passing interest in seeing a white Christmas this year.

They are hoping for snowfall that would provide an insulating cover over fields seeded with winter wheat.

This week's cold snap may already have harmed winter wheat seedlings that were planted last fall for harvest next summer.

When temperatures dip below zero — as they did across much of Eastern Washington and north-central Idaho this week — the seedlings can freeze-dry and die.

The worst of the snap is over. Daily high temperatures that had been in the single digits early this week rose into the mid-teens on Wednesday, with continued warming forecast for Thursday.

and forecast the National Weather Service said.

Snow is expected to fall across much of the region but also die.

A layer of snow would keep the soil warmer than the air and help limit whatever winter damage may already have been caused by the cold, said Steve Blumhardt, an Adams County, Wash. wheat farmer.

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U.S. ski patrol's avalanche director keeps safety as his No. 1 priority

WHITEFISH, Mont. (AP) — The year was 1948. Nineteen-year-old Chuck Kempner, who had just learned to ski the year before, was roosting around the Alta ski area in Utah with a friend.

They entered the top of a steep, powder-filled glade, not realizing that the run had been posted off-limits.

Suddenly, the ground began to shift around them, and Kempner found himself sliding downhill in the middle of an avalanche. Panicking, he stayed close to the edge of the slide as the world turned white. "Luckily, I fell out of it. The guy with me skied out of it," said Kempner, who now lives in Whitefish.

The two young men incurred the wrath of the area's ski patrol, who yanked their passes until they explained that they had entered the run well above the signs posting it closed and hadn't realized the area was off-limits. Their tracks proved they were telling the truth.

Some lessons need only be learned once. "Since then, I've had no intention of being caught in one again," Kempner said.

Now 69, with 51 years of skiing behind him, Kempner has tried to teach others about avalanche safety as avalanche program director for the 27,000-member National Ski Patrol.

The National Ski Patrol, founded in 1938, is a professional volunteer organization of ski patrolers. Its members work for ski areas across the country, providing emergency care, search-and-rescue services and education. They also help train other ski patrolers that join the national organization.

Kempner is in charge of a committee that annually updates the avalanche-training program and develops new training and instructors' manuals. Avalanche science is constantly changing because of new methods and equipment, he said. "Thirty years ago, we didn't use snowmobiles in avalanche rescue, because we didn't have them," he said.

The National Ski Patrol's training program covers avalanche safety and rescue techniques, and advanced training is offered for people in leadership positions. Members, in turn, learn how to present avalanche-awareness courses to the public, Kempner said.

Avalanche awareness is more important now than ever before, he said. Ever-increasing numbers of people are venturing into the backcountry in winter. High-powered snowmobiles are popular winter recreation toys. Snowshoe designs have improved, making winter foot-trekking more popular. Extreme skiing and snowboarding films convince others that they, too, can conquer difficult backcountry terrain.

Snowshoes actually can get people into avalanche danger more easily than skis, because skiers tend to stay in the flats, Kempner said. Backcountry snowboarders often snowshoe into steep chutes and board down.

"There are lots of backcountry boarders now," he said.

North America had one of its worst years for avalanche fatalities last winter, in part because of a lack of snow early in the winter and colder-than-normal temperatures. Heavier snowfall tends to stabilize more quickly, Kempner said.

Conditions around Montana are similar this year, and at least four people already have been killed by avalanches in North America, including a hunter near Dillon and skier in British Columbia.

"People just don't know what avalanches can do to them," he said. "They don't know how to recognize the danger. So many don't know what to do if they get caught in an avalanche or what to do if a buddy gets caught."

The National Ski Patrol still teaches rescue techniques but now emphasizes self-rescue methods, such as how to stay on top of a slide if you're caught and how to create an air pocket to help you stay alive if you're buried.

"Your chances of survival are the best within the first 15 minutes after burial," Kempner said.

Learning to travel safely in the backcountry and recognize potentially dangerous situations also is stressed, he said.

"There's a certain amount of euphoria when you're out skiing," and it's the recreationist's responsibility to be aware of avalanche dangers and what they can do to avoid them," Kempner said.

Back in 1948, Kempner was smart enough to realize that his chances of surviving the avalanche were better if he was

closer to its edge, rather than in the middle. The technique was effective then, and it's a cornerstone of avalanche education now, he said.

Kempner has been active with

the Flathead Nordic Ski Patrol since 1964, including a stint as director. Earlier, he helped organize ski patrols in Idaho Falls and Sun Valley, Idaho, and served as director.

During his 30 years with the National Ski Patrol, Kempner has served as an instructor in three disciplines: mountain travel and rescue, outdoor emergency care, and avalanche awareness.

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Montana Highway Division worker Clay Colby, right, removes a speed limit sign while his co-workers install a night speed limit sign on U.S. 2 near Kallispell, Mont., in this file photo from 1995. Montana lost the last vestige of a day-time highway speed limit Wednesday when the state Supreme Court declared the vague requirement to drive a "reasonable and proper" speed was unconstitutional. The current nighttime speed limits are 55 mph on interstates and 55 mph on two-lanes, and those are not affected by the court's ruling.

Workers may qualify for assistance

Benefits available from trade pact

By The Associated Press

About 19 workers at Crown Pacific Limited Partnership's Bonners Ferry lumber operation are eligible to apply for federal benefits under the Trade Act of 1974 and the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The U.S. Department of Labor found that lumber imports impacted sales, production and employment at the company.

As a result, the agency Wednesday said affected work-

ers are eligible to apply for "transitional adjustment assistance program" benefits under NAFTA if they have been laid off since June 4, 1997, or may be laid off through July 6, 2000.

The program, authorized by the NAFTA implementation law and effective Jan. 1, 1994, covers workers laid off or forced to work part-time because of increased imports from Mexico or Canada or shifts in production to those countries.

Under the program, a group of three or more employees who believe they are affected by imports from Canada or Mexico can petition their state's gover-

nor for assistance. A union or company official, or an authorized community-based organization, also can petition on behalf of a company's workers.

Once they are certified, employees may receive a broad range of re-employment and retraining services. The Labor Department said that includes career counseling, job placement assistance, job search and relocation allowances, income support during long-term training and support services such as child care and transportation assistance.

Benefits are administered by the Idaho Department of Labor with federal funds.

Idaho company carves niche for developmentally disabled

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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Former Sen. Alan K. Simpson, R-Wyo., learned a hard political lesson up at Harvard University: Academia and lobbying don't mix. After Harvard objected, he postponed his plans to join the lobby shop of Tongour & Scott as a senior counselor.

The plan, announced in mid-November, created quite a stir in Cambridge, where Simpson is serving as director of the Institute of Politics at the Kennedy School of Government. As Simpson told The Washington Post's Helen Dewar, his academic colleagues "nearly fainted dead" after the deal was announced.

"We made a mistake of not checking the fine print in the employment contract at Harvard, which prohibits things like selling used cars and lobbying," said former Simpson chief counsel Michael A. Tongour. As a result, Tongour & Scott has canceled plans to add Simpson's name to the letterhead until after he completes his stint at Harvard.

The senator never planned to lobby the Hill directly, just offer strategic advice to the firm's clients, Tongour said. But for Harvard that was too much.

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Rails and wine

Northwest's only year-round dinner train stops at old winery

By Sharon McElroy
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — All aboard! Dinner's served.

The dinner train is a rare treat in the United States. The Spirit of Washington dinner train is one of only 24 left; it's the only one in the Pacific Northwest operating year-round.

With 200 passengers a year, the train is an excellent way to get a different view of some Northwest scenic landscapes.

The trip lasts about three hours and covers 48 miles round-trip. Departing from Rainier, guests are served a three-course dinner with an appetizer choice of four entrees, a dessert, and a beverage. There is also a special children's menu.

"It's quiet, cozy and has great food," said Lisa

Anderson, 33, of Seattle. "When else can you ask for?"

In guests' eyes, the train travels along the east side of Lake Washington, passing the Boeing plant in Renton, Bellevue, Mercer Island, Kirkland and the Sammamish River Valley.

One particular item of interest is the Wilburton trestle, the longest wooden trestle in the Northwest — at 102 feet in length — the highest timber span in the Northwest.

The train makes a 45-minute stop at the Columbia Winery in Woodinville where guests can take an optional 15-minute tour, visit the wine tasting room and browse the gift shop. It is the old-

est winery in Washington state, founded in 1962.

On the return trip, dessert is served and the train chugs a little faster, though not exceeding its maximum speed of 25 miles per hour.

"It's a nice ride and it's something different to do that I've never done before," said Bill Cantani of Illinois.

According to president Eric Temple, the Spirit of Washington is the biggest dinner train in the country with a staff of 70 and an average turnout of 227 on the 367-capacity train. Thirty to 40 percent of the passengers are from out of state.

Though fall is considered the most scenic time for a train trip, Christmas and summer are the busiest times and reservations are recommended two weeks in advance.

The Spirit of Washington Dinner Train began in 1988 when the Washington Central Railroad Company leased a set of seven antique diner cars from the Canadian Historical Society. They leased tracks from Burlington Northern Railroad and set up shop in Eastern Washington. The train relocated to Renton in 1992.

"I think it appeals to different people for different reasons," Temple said. "For older people, it brings back a lot of nostalgic feelings, it's a matter of reliving memories. For younger people, it's a new experience and a chance for them to relive the past in a way they wouldn't normally and they can do it in style."

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Idaho's new program for the developmentally disabled allows participants to choose whether to work and how much. Participants can stay at Tri-Co or move on to employment outside the job-training program.

A lot of them have a lot of skills," Dasenbroch said.

In her 20 years, she figures several hundred people have been employed at Tri-Co. "We've gone from complete institutionalization to being as independent as you can."

Large woodworking equipment sits on the side of the cavernous workshop next to the driveway. Electric saws and drills hum along to an accompanying chop, chop, chop of an employee splitting wood with an axe.

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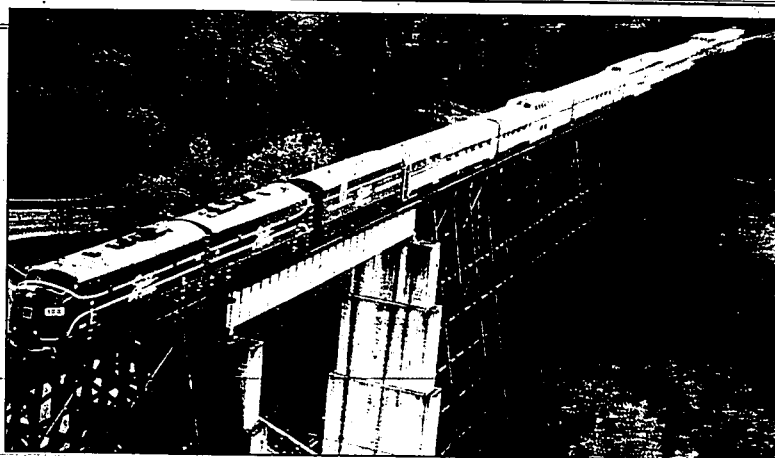
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Idaho firm assists disabled with jobs

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Mincham Mills, a gift shop in Lewiston, contracts with Tri-Co to make game pieces and other items to store in the store. The Idaho Transportation Department contracts with Tri-Co for wooden stakes used in construction.

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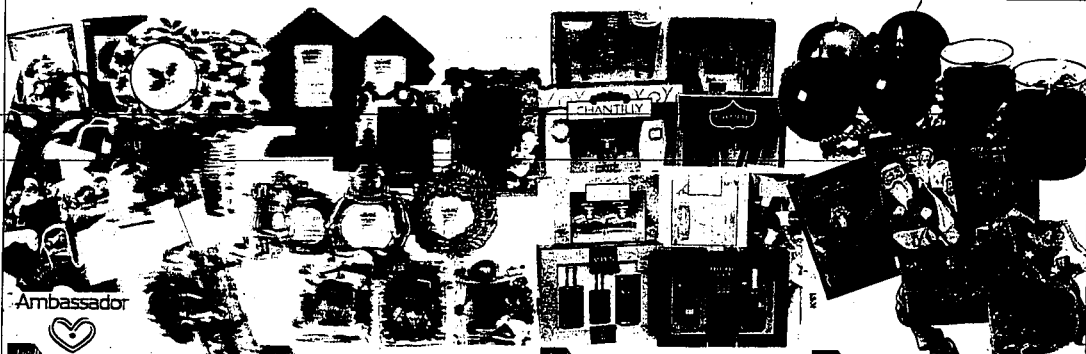


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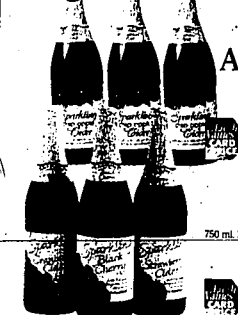
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With funds, first step may be the hardest

By Chet Currier
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The most perplexing decision facing investors in mutual funds, quite often is the first decision — where to begin?

With thousands of funds to choose among, new investors may feel that they are being asked to dive into the deep end of the pool before they know how cold the water is, or whether they can swim. But the whole process doesn't have to be overwhelming at all. Newcomers with small amounts of money to invest can ease their way into the fund marketplace without grave risk of going astray if they keep things simple.

This column will propose two "basic" approaches, Plan A and Plan B, to your first fund investment — each involving a single fund, and requiring a bankroll of no more than \$2,500 or \$3,000.

There are ways to get into the game with less money than that. Some funds stand ready to open an account for an initial investment of \$1,000 or less, and most funds will accept a very modest upfront sum if you are willing to commit to regular additional investments thereafter.

But we're aiming for the greatest possible

simplicity here. So we'll assume you have \$2,500 with which to get started, or, if that's not your plan, to save \$3,000 in a bank, credit union or other savings venue before you venture into funds.

Our Plan A is for investors who want to start an investment program for long-term growth. It will take us time to find that one fund (relatively conservative) with bonds in a portfolio (labeled "asset allocation," or growth-and-income, or similar).

Plan A might also serve as a starting point for an individual retirement account, or an employer-sponsored 401(k) retirement savings plan. Either type of tax-deferred account can easily be changed or suspended later as you build up a big nest egg.

Our Plan B is, of course, more basic, is for investors who simply want to dip a toe in the water to get a feel for fund investing. It will be a money-market fund operated by a fund family or brokerage firm that can give you access to other types of funds as your gain experience and begin

to consider branching out.

Once you select the fund you want to use for either plan, the process is simple: Call the fund's toll-free 800 number, visit its site on the World Wide Web, or write a letter if you wish, and request an account application. From there, the fund will instruct you step-by-step on how to proceed.

Ah, but you may have noticed that we skipped over an important point: How to select the appropriate fund. Here is where simplicity can be an especially valuable virtue.

DON'T begin and end your search with a study of the latest performance tables or ranking systems. For a beginner, the most important question isn't whether a fund beat all others in the past year, but how it is rated by the independent research services. Besides, past performance doesn't predict the future. Sure, you'd like to see a decent operating history. But what you may want to emphasize most is reliability

— picking a sizable, well-known fund that has been around for a while — and service, as reflected in prompt, cheerful responses to your inquiries with explanations and procedures that are easy for you to understand.

You can think of yourself as going for a test drive, rather than necessarily committing yourself to buying a car. For Plan A, you won't have to look far to find suitable funds. All the big fund families offer conservative asset-allocation or growth-and-income or balanced funds. For example, veteran fund adviser Jay Schabacker names as his "conservative one-fund now" the Vanguard Wellesley Income Fund, with a portfolio of bonds and blue-chip stocks.

For Plan B, again, don't pay too much heed to tables of money funds with the highest current yields. Many of these are small funds whose advisers are temporarily waiving expenses as a marketing ploy.

What you are looking for is an established, solid fund with a large asset base. Ideally, it will serve as a steppingstone to a bigger, broader fund for you in managing your money.

Personal income surges in November; savings increase

The Associated Press

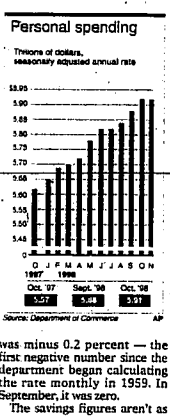
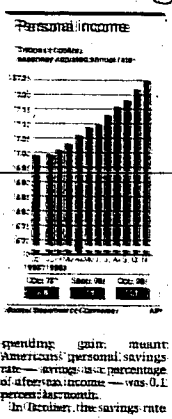
WASHINGTON — Americans' personal income surged 0.5 percent in November, the largest gain in nine months, and they managed to save a bit of it for the first time in three months.

The increase in personal income, the most since February, followed respectable gains of 0.4 percent in October and 0.3 percent in September, the Commerce Department said Thursday.

Heading into the holiday shopping season, personal spending crept up just 0.1 percent in November. But that came on top of a robust 0.7 percent increase in October.

Also, the Labor Department reported separately that the number of Americans filing applications for unemployment benefits fell by 12,000 in a seasonally adjusted 287,000 last week, the lowest level in a year and a half.

The combination of a large income increase and a small



bleak as they appear. They indicate Americans are spending more on the wealth they've accumulated in the stock market and cashing in part of their home equity as they refinance to take advantage of low mortgage rates.

But they can't continue raiding their wealth indefinitely — especially if stock-market gains are more modest next year. But, for now, consumer spending is powering the U.S. economy at a brisk growth rate, even as it struggles to cope with diminished export sales to slumping economies in Asia, Russia and Latin America.

Noting the signs of resilience, the Federal Reserve this week held short-term interest rates unchanged. It had cut rates three times this fall to help insulate the U.S. economy and Wall Street from foreign turmoil.

The most important component of income, wages and salaries, rose 0.6 percent in November. Wages and salaries in manufacturing were flat, reflecting U.S. trade problems.

But they rose 0.9 percent in services, which are less affected by international competition.

Farm owners' income rose 10.9 percent, helped by an increase in federal subsidy payments intended to help farmers cope with declining commodity prices.

Business owners' income also rose, as did transfer payments such as Social Security, rental income and dividends. Interest income fell 0.9 percent.

Two special factors held down spending. Auto buying returned to more normal levels after shooting higher in September and October as buyers made up for time lost during the summer's General Motors strikes.

Thus, spending on big-ticket durable goods fell 0.9 percent in November after increasing more than 2 percent in both October and September.

Also, mild weather depressed electricity and natural-gas use and that helped hold services spending to a modest 0.2 percent rise.

The big makeover

If you're determined to change your life for the new year, be prepared to pay big bucks, reports SmartMoney magazine, which made a lighthearted survey of what a variety of self-improvement products and services would cost in several cities.

Using a personal trainer biweekly for a year would cost you \$2,400 in Fresno, Calif., a bargain compared to the \$4,320 you'd have to pay in Wilmington, Del. Want to give up smoking? Two months' worth of Nicoderm patches ranges from \$225 in Indianapolis to nearly \$240 in Wilmington and Tampa, Fla. Want a career change?

A counseling session is just \$25 in Topeka, Kan., but \$85 in Fresno. Tired of that tattoo? If you're in Tampa, it'll cost you \$2,400, but people in Topeka and Fresno will pay just \$500. Can't handle all your monthly bills? Good news — credit counseling is free in all the cities SmartMoney sampled.

Ghost of bonuses past

If you didn't get a holiday bonus this year, it might be because traditional year-end payments to employees are being paid in many companies by year-round incentives.

Management Recruiters International Inc., an executive search firm, says that while bonuses used to be based primarily on a company's profitability, now they're more likely to be tied to an employee's individual performance and meeting specific goals such as sales targets.

A hotel for the holidays

People who travel during the Christmas holidays may be doing their celebrating in a hotel room.

HomeWood Suites, a hotel chain, surveyed 142 holiday travelers and found that 23 percent exchange gifts with family members in their hotel rooms. Christmas dinner arrives via room service for 26 percent, who eat the traditional holiday meal in their rooms.

Dow closes in on new highs, Micron sees slowing of chip price dip

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dow edged closer to a sixth straight session, but was gutted Thursday as investors opted to take some of their big gains home for the holiday.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose for a sixth straight session, but was gutted Thursday as investors opted to take some of their big gains home for the holiday.

... closing the gap from its Nov. 23 record of 9,824.7.

Broader stock indicators finished mixed, with the S&P 500 ending the day at 9,824.7, down from its Nov. 23 record of 9,824.7.

The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index fell 0.3 percent to 2,163.03, surging 51 points to a new high on Wednesday.

BOISE — Micron Technology Inc. reported losing \$4.6 million during the semiconductor company's first quarter, but said the free fall in the computer memory chip market appears to be slowing.

The Boise-based company's losses for the period that ended Dec. 3, at 19 cents per share, compared with a profit of \$9.6 million, or four cents per share, in the same period last year. And they were about half of the \$9.9 million loss Micron reported in its fourth quarter.

The company has been battered by low chip prices during the past three

years. The first quarter marked the fourth consecutive three-month period in which Micron lost money.

"You never want to be in that situation," Kipp Bedard, Micron's vice president of corporate affairs, said Wednesday. "We can't control the average selling price."

The semiconductor market is improving, helped by strong demand for personal computers. Sales increased 15 percent to \$793 million from \$692 million in the fourth quarter.

The first quarter was the first time that Micron included operational results from chip factories it bought from Texas Instruments Inc. in October.

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For Makah whaling crew, there's much to be learned

Tribe members prepare to revive tradition

NEAH BAY, Wash. (AP) — The process of becoming a whaling crew has a timetable all its own. It happens as it happens. It's happening here, now.

"These are my brothers," says Darrell Markishtum, 35, of the men who are working with him to embark on the Makah tribe's first gray-whale hunt in decades.

Wayne Johnson, 45, the whaling captain chosen earlier this month, is eager to get out to sea and measure the project and its perils.

"We need to get out there," he says. "We need to get it done."

But he sighs during a recent harpoon practice — the first on the water in many weeks — when the eight-man crew is three men short. There is still much to be learned.

Johnson succeeded Eric Johnson, the first captain, who stepped down after less than three months due to family and job concerns.

Some community members felt Eric was too cautious. Some now worry that Wayne is too gungho.

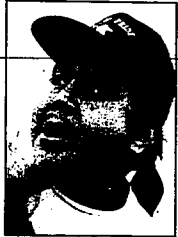
"But he'll go for it," says John McCarty, a member of the 23-family Makah Whaling Commission.

Wayne Johnson had been one of the impatient ones. But now that the responsibility is his — now that the crew's lives are in his hands — his focus is practice, practice, practice.

"We need to be out on the water every day," he says.

That's a start, say those who worry.

"There is a lot of skepticism in the community. They have to prove themselves," says Ed Claplanho, a member of the Makah Whaling Commission and former tribal chairman. He'd like to see the crew



Darrell Markishtum
Feels a sense of brotherhood

"play in the ocean ... play with the whale" in all kinds of weather until they "know how to act and react."

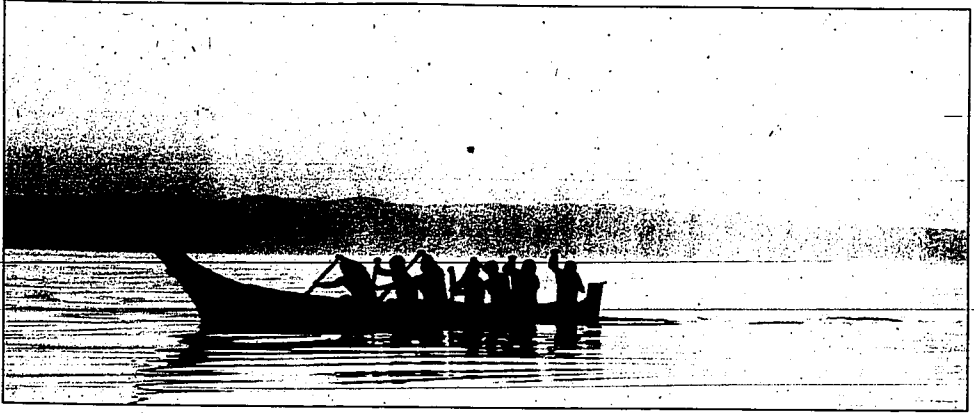
"When the crew and canoe become one, they're ready," Claplanho says.

When the hunt takes place, the plan is to follow a ceremonial harpoon strike from the whaling canoe with high-powered rifle fire from motorized support boats, trying for a quick, humane kill.

The novice crew has trained in the canoe, though not as much as some would like. They have trained with the big rifles. They have trained with the harpoon, which breaks away from the wooden shaft when it spears a styrofoam target and trails floats to help the crew track the whale and keep it from diving away.

But the training and preparation can only take them so far.

Eventually, they will have to face the open sea and the great



Makah Indians paddle their canoe in unusually calm weather as they head from Neah Bay toward open Pacific Ocean during an Aug. 20 practice. The tribe is poised to go on its first whale hunt in 70 years.

gray whale — a usually placid marine mammal up to 45 feet long that was called "devil fish" by 19th century New England whalers for its ferocity when attacked.

"The most important thing is preparation for the hunt, not the hunt itself," Markishtum says. "As long as we stay together, we have strength that way."

The southbound migration by 23,000 whales is late this year. Scientists believe warmer temperatures could be a factor.

The delay means the crews will come during the winter storm season — a dangerous time that can bring weeks of 25-foot swells and howling winds.

There are good days most winters, though fisherman Sonny Peterson shakes his head and says there aren't many winter days good enough for small craft like the 32-foot cedar whaling canoe and

its two support boats.

The late migration has been helpful in some ways.

The crew now has most of the equipment it needs for the hunt — including pricier items like two-way radios and wetsuits needed for winter.

Most of the media that thronged the streets of this quiet town three months ago are gone. It is harder to prepare for a difficult new task when strangers are watching.

And the small armada of protest boats is gone. The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society withdrew from Neah Bay in late November — eight weeks after its 95- and 180-foot vessels arrived to protect the whales from the whalers. Activists say the ritual hunt is illegal and will lead to a renewal of global commercial whaling, which so reduced whale populations early this century that the Makah ended the hunt — part of their

life here for thousands of years. Group leader Paul Watson says he believes winter weather will protect the whales till

spring, when he plans to return. Under the hunt-management plan worked out by the tribe and federal officials, Makah are to

hunt migrating grays — up to five each year through 2002. The whales usually pass this point of land in early spring and late fall,

traveling between summer feeding grounds off Alaska and winter breeding lagoons of Mexico's Baja California.

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Section E

What's goin' on



'Lion' In Jackpot

• **Tonight, Saturday and Sunday:** The Tokens will perform two shows a night, at 8 and 11 p.m., at Cactus Petes Resort Casino, Jackpot. Prices for the 8 p.m. dinner show start at \$8.95; cover charge for the 11 p.m. cocktail show is \$5. For reservations and information, call 1-800-821-1103.

... upcoming ...

... Jan. 13: The 1998 Annual Foreign Film Series will open with "The History of the Orpheum Theater" at 5:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served. Cost is \$5. The series will continue with films through Feb. 14. The schedule for January is as follows: Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m. and Jan. 17 at 1 p.m. - "Four Days in September," Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. and Jan. 24 at 1 p.m. - "The Thief," Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. and Jan. 31 at 1 p.m. - "The Butcher Boy." All films are at the Orpheum Theater, 146 Main Ave. Season tickets are \$30. Tickets at the door are \$7 for adults and \$6 for seniors/children. Call 734-2787 or 734-2402.

... Jan. 15: Arts on Tour will present the steel band **Bakra Bata** at 7:30 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets, priced at \$12 for adults and \$8 for students, are on sale at area ticket outlets.

... Jan. 16: A faculty recital featuring Sue Miller on piano is set for 7:30 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium. A \$3 donation will be accepted at the door.

... Jan. 21-23: The Fourth Annual Blues & Jazz Summit will take place at the College of Southern Idaho. Call 733-9554 for more information.

... Jan. 23: The Sun Valley Center for the Arts will sponsor a Chamber Artist Series featuring the American String Quartet at 8 p.m. at Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church on Sun Valley Road. Cost is \$15 (\$12 for Sun Valley Center members). A free kids concert is set for 11 a.m. Call 726-9491.

Every Week, What's Goin' on lists arts and entertainment events in south-central Idaho. To get an event listed in the calendar, send it to What's Goin' On, Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303. Deadline is noon Wednesdays.

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One calendar, same rules. "What's Goin' On" and "Steppin' Out," the two entertainment calendars in the Times-News WeekEnd section, will be combined starting next week. The ground rules will be the same for having an item listed. Mail it to Ramona Jones, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303, or fax it 734-5538. Or drop it off at our Twin Falls office. Deadline is noon Wednesday. Questions? Call features editor Steve Crump at 1-800-658-3683, Ext. 223, or 733-3248.



Shella Dalley restocks videos at Hollywood Video in Twin Falls. Local video stores are predicting a rush on videos for New Year's Eve.

Happy New video?

Twin's citizens sure know how to ring in the New Year. They rent videos!

New Year's Eve ain't what it used to be, locals say

By Steve Crump

Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Club, the traditional venue of special occasion revelry hereabouts, will be jumping on New Year's Eve.

But in most other respects, it will be an ordinary Thursday night in Twin Falls.

"It's true that New Year's Eve is not what it once was," said Steve Soran, who runs the Twin Club. "There's been a change in attitudes about drinking, and that's had an effect. But there are also a lot more entertainment options."

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—Steve Soran,

Twin Club manager

Twin Falls is the smallest business in Twin Falls will be done by video-rental stores.

"New Year's Eve and New Year's Day are two of the busiest days of the year for us," said Lisa Fiske, video manager at Hazzard Books & Music.

"We'll start our rentals on one video by Wednesday afternoon."

The average age of the Magic Valley's population has

barely budged in the past decade, but it's definitely a tamer crowd.

"Time was people would go out to drink," Soran said. "Now when they do, it will be wine or micro-brewery beer, not hard liquor."

Indeed, the revolution in DUI laws — a blood alcohol content of .08 percent is legally drunk in Idaho — has transformed occasions like New Year's Eve so completely that while drunken-driving arrests increase at the end of the year, they don't spike as they did 20 years ago.

Locally, restaurants expect to be busy, but most food managers predict it will be an early crowd — home well before midnight.

Is that because Baby Boomers have forgotten how to party? Soran isn't willing to go that far.

"No, folks my age still like to have a good time," he said. "Besides, next year is the Millennium. Wait 'til you see what we've got planned for that."

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Brush off those video blues with a fresh change of pace

By Steve Crump

Times-News writer

KETCHUM — Chick-flick and action-adventures are the stock in trade of New Year's Eve video-renting. More's the pity, says David Meyer.

Meyer, a film scholar, sometime Ketchum resident and author of two books about off-the-beaten-path videos, offers some fresh suggestions (all of these are available in south-central Idaho video stores, although not all video stores. It may save time to call first):

✓ **"The Lady Eve" (1941)** — **Henry Fonda, Barbara Stanwyck and William Demarest.** Directed by Preston Sturges.

The granddaddy of all screwball comedies, this is the story of a father-daughter team (Stanwyck and Charles Coburn) of grifters out to fleece a nerdy heir (Fonda). Stanwyck falls in love with the mark instead, and Fonda — learning the truth — dumps her. But Stanwyck exacts sweet revenge.

Smart, sexy and some of the funniest dialogue ever.

✓ **"Black Narcissus" (1946)** — **Deborah Kerr, David Farrar, Kathleen Byron.** Directed by Michael Powell.

One of the strangest, scariest and most beautiful movies ever made, this is the story of a group of nuns who take over an abandoned palace high in the

Himalayas, are gradually seduced by its sensual power.

✓ **"The Tall Guy" (1990)** — **Emma Thompson, Jeff Goldblum.** Screenplay by Robert Altmann. Directed by Robert Altmann.

Slight romantic comedy about a humbling American actor in pursuit of a British nurse. Understated, witty, and very funny.

✓ **"Touch of Evil" (1958)** — **Orson Welles, Charlton Heston, Jane Fonda.** Screenplay by Welles. Directed by Orson Welles.

Welles' last Hollywood movie is a gripping noir about a corrupt politician (Heston) who suspects that he's framing an innocent man. With its experimental cinematography and themes of racism, drugs and rape, it's not your typical 50s B-movie.

✓ **"Kin Me Deadly" (1955)** — **John Meeker, Gary Rogers.** Screenplay by Robert Altmann. Directed by Robert Altmann.

Mickey Spillane's dirty, violent, and scandalous private eye Mike Hammer (Meeker) stumbles upon a murder of stolen platinum, with explosive consequences. Still the toughest, most "masculine" film noir ever made.

✓ **"The American Friend" (1977)** — **Dennis Hopper, Bruce Lee, Rip Torn.** Screenplay by John Hodge. Directed by Wim Wenders.

This German thriller about a spy man (Ganz) who tries to sell a document to a woman with a rogue (Hopper).

Photo by WIDEWORLD

FLIX

Robin Williams clowns around as 'Patch Adams'

By Karen Hershenson

Magnum Photos/News Service

That advertising photo of a dewy-eyed Robin Williams with a red down nose tells you everything you need to know about "Patch Adams."

It implies poignancy faced with illness, the quintessential Williams formula. I prefer his straight-ahead comedies, such as "The Birdcage," but movies like that don't get released on Christmas Day in the heat of Oscar season. Movies like "Patch Adams" do.

This is one of those based-on-reality films that seem too fantastic to be true. Hunter "Patch" Adams is a depressive inspired by a mental institution, set to become a doctor, and use his brilliant mind and buffoonish bedside manner to heal others.

A cynic might walk into this movie with his or her guard up, expecting an onslaught of sentimentality. But director and former stand-up comedian Tom Shadyac doesn't overdo the schmaltz, although the film certainly falls into the heartwarming drama category.

Unable to shake the blues, Hunter Adams (Williams) admits himself to a hospital.

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Milsap will usher 1999 in at Jackpot

The Times-News

JACKPOT — Ronnie Milsap's country-soul music has earned him 40 No. 1 hits, six Grammy Awards and Country Music Association Entertainer of the Year honors. He's booked for a limited engagement at Cactus Petes Resort Casino on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Milsap's hits include "Day Dreams About Night Things," "I Wouldn't Have Missed It for the World," "It Was Almost Like a Song," "What a Difference You've Made in My Life," "Smoky Mountain Rain" and "Any Day Now."

Born with congenital cataracts that left him blind, Milsap was raised by his paternal grandparents in Robbinsville, N.C. He learned about music listening to gospel songs at revival tent meetings. While attending North Carolina's State School for the Blind, he learned to

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Lonely flat dweller itches to buy pooch

DEAR ABBY: I am an older woman living alone in a tiny apartment, but I try to keep myself busy. I am forced to live here due to tight finances and poor health. Rather than depending on medication or counseling, I think having a small dog would lift my depression and bring me much happiness.

Because of my restricted income, I cannot find an apartment complex that will allow dogs. The owner of my building says he doesn't allow them because of fleas, but isn't there something you can give dogs to remedy that problem?

—A DAILY READER

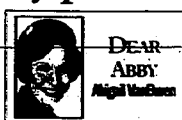
DEAR DAILY READER: It's a fact that pets can have a therapeutic effect on chronically ill people. If you are correct that there are medications available that have practically eliminated flea problems — if the dog is kept inside or in a restricted area, if the dog is taken out where many other dogs have been, it could be exposed again; however, with care, fleas should be no problem.

You are a humanitarian and ask for information about flea protection; then approach your landlord again.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I just celebrated our 10th anniversary. Our problem is that most people — including our families — think it was our sixth anniversary. We were married quietly because we were short of money. When we had enough saved up to have the wedding we wanted, we got "married" again, and didn't mention the first one. We felt that if people knew we were already husband and wife, they wouldn't view our ceremony and reception as special and might not attend.

We didn't really lie. We just never discussed our quiet marriage ceremony, and no one ever asked how long we've been married. Abby, should we come clean?

—NOT QUITE TRUTHFUL IN GEORGIA



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

Write to Abby
 Send everything in a postcard. If you need a return card, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

DEAR NOT QUITE TRUTHFUL: For Abby to believe your falsehood while withholding the truth is akin to lying. The date of your marriage is nobody's business but yours; however, since your conscience is bothering you, tell your family the truth.

There's no way to sugar-coat the deception, but I suspect your family and friends will be understanding. You may be surprised to discover you're not the only couple who have fiddled about the date of their marriage.

DEAR ABBY: You recently pointed out to your readers the importance of senior citizens getting their flu shots and pneumococcal immunizations.

Abby, please remind them that it is also important to keep their tetanus vaccinations current. People tend to forget that a tetanus booster is needed every 10 years after the initial immunization.

MARY SHINN, IMPERIAL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, EL CENTRO, CALIF.

DEAR MARY: Thank you. Readers, may I remind you to also keep a list in your wallet of all immunization dates and medications you take, as well as drug allergies. In case of an emergency, this information can be vital.

ARTS IN BRIEF

KEETCHUM — The Sun Valley Center for Arts and Humanities will present a combination of modern and medieval art through Feb. 5.

The featured religious texts from the 13th, 14th and 15th centuries will be on display, along with mosaics by Lisa Pitman and the paintings of Keetchum's Mary Murphy.

The manuscripts are pages from religious texts.

An opening celebration is planned for Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. in the center's gallery, 191 Fifth St., E.

The gallery is open from Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 726-9491.

The gallery will be closed today and New Year's Day.

TWIN FALLS — The Eddie Haskell Band will play at the New Year's Eve party at a Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave.

The party, sponsored by The Millennium Committee, is scheduled from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cost is \$5 per person.

There will be a no-host bar.

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Jaycees' 12th annual Freeze on Skis will be held Jan. 1 near Shoshone Falls Park on the Snake River.

Participating water-skiers and knee-boarders collect pledges from sponsors. Proceeds go to the Twin Falls County Search and Rescue.

This year's event will be dedicated to Joe Warr, a longtime supporter and participant who was killed in an industrial accident last March.

The event starts at noon. Spectators are welcome, and coffee and hot chocolate are available.

For further information, call Wade Gerber at 733-8899.

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Arts Council will kick off its 11th annual Foreign Film Series by celebrating the history of downtown's Orpheum Theater, where the films are shown.

The 78-year-old Victorian

structure, recently refurbished by Interstate Amusement, is Twin Falls' oldest theater.

The reception is planned for 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 13, just before the showing of the first film in the series, "Four Days in September." Flowers, doves and wine will be served.

The movie starts at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the free-film series are \$30. Single movie tickets are \$7 for adults and \$6 for senior citizens and children.

The series, co-sponsored by Interstate Amusement, will continue through Feb. 14.

ELKO, Nev. — The 15th annual Cowboy Poetry Gathering will be held here Jan. 23-30.

About 5,000 visitors typically descend on Elko during the last week in January to celebrate cowboy poetry.

This year's focus will be on Scottish and Northern British poets and balladeers who tell stories about the roots of American cowboy traditions.

This year's gathering will culminate with Dan Drove Roads' Carlie Trail, a hosted by Texas singer Don Edwards.

The Western Folklife Center, a private, nonprofit organization headquartered in Idaho, produces the Cowboy Poetry Gathering. Tickets can be ordered by calling (888) 880-5895.

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OUT OF THE VALLEY

BlackHawk will play the Delta Center in Salt Lake City on Thursday, part of the Professional Salt Riders competition. 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15-\$50, can be reserved by phoning the Delta Center box office at (801) 325-7322.

The Utah Symphony will present "A Viennese New Year's Eve," at 10 p.m. Thursday, Abravanel Hall, 123 West South Temple, Salt Lake City. Tickets \$22-\$42. For information, call Artix at (801) 355-ARTS.

Pianist Garrick Ohlsson will headline a program of Dvorak and Mendelssohn with the Utah Symphony, 8 p.m., Jan. 8, Abravanel Hall, 123 West South Temple, Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$13-\$32, can be reserved by phoning Artix at (801) 355-ARTS.

The Monster Truck Spectator is scheduled for the E Center in

West Valley City, Utah, at 7 p.m. on Jan. 8. Tickets, which are \$9-\$19, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (801) 467-8499.

Black Sabbath with Ozzy Osbourne, Pantera and Incubus will play Salt Lake City's Delta Center at 7 p.m. on Jan. 14. For ticket information, call the Delta Center ticket office at (801) 325-7327.

George Carlin will play Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall, 123 West South Temple, at 8 p.m. on Jan. 15. Tickets, which are \$23-\$26, can be reserved by phoning Artix at (801) 355-ARTS.

The U.S. Hot Rod Association's Monster Jam is scheduled for Nappa's Idaho Center at 8 p.m. on Jan. 15-17. Tickets, which are \$10 and \$12, can be reserved by phoning Select a Seat at (208) 385-1766.

Utah Opera will present

Carlisle Floyd's "Of Mice and Men," 7:30 p.m., Jan. 16, 18, 20 and 22, and at 2 p.m. on Jan. 24, Capitol Theater, 50 West 200 South, Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$12 to \$55, can be reserved by phoning Artix at (801) 355-ARTS.

Lou Rawls will sing with the Utah Symphony at 8 p.m. on Jan. 22-23, Abravanel Hall, 123 West South Temple, Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$18-\$35, can be reserved by phoning Artix at (801) 355-ARTS.

Violent Femmes will play Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. on Jan. 23. Tickets, which are \$20, can be reserved by phoning Artix at (801) 355-ARTS.

The Peking Acrobats will perform at 8 p.m. on Jan. 25 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall, 123

STEPPIN' OUT

BURLEY — The Fugitives will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Saturday at George's Eat, 325 E. Third N.

KEETCHUM — Jimmy Lloyd Ren and the Switch Masters from Baker City will play rockin' blues from 9:45 p.m. to 1:45 a.m. Saturday at the Roosevelt Tavern. Cover charge is \$3 at the door.

TWIN FALLS — Bob Nora Band will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday at Sax on Second.

JEROME — Dusty and the Nomads will play from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday at Spanbauer's Barn. Cover charge is \$5. Call 324-7366.

KEETCHUM — Bruce Innis will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday at the Roosevelt Tavern.

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls

Senior Citizens Center will hold a public dance with live music from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the center, 616 Eastland Drive. Cost is \$5 per person.

TWIN FALLS — A jam session will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Monday at Sax on Second.

TWIN FALLS — The Echoes (Rick and Mary Kuhn) will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday at Sax on Second.

TWIN FALLS — Bob Nora Band will play for Ladies Night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesday at Sax on Second.

BURLEY — Star Sound Karaoke by Frank and Laraine Hatch will play from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesdays at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave. No charge for karaoke. Call 436-5601.

BUEHL — A potluck dinner and dance will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at 1101 Main St. Music

will be provided by Cliff Hank.

BURLEY — Jeff and Sue's Dynamic Entertainment, DJ and Karaoke! will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday at the Burley Elks Lodge.

KEETCHUM — Nashville recording artist Amber Marie and Friends will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday at the Roosevelt Tavern.

RUPERT — A New Year's Eve party will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday at the Blue Room, 613 Fremont Ave.

TWIN FALLS — CAR Express will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday at the Weston Plaza.

PAUL — Star Sound Karaoke by Frank and Laraine Hatch will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays at the Office in Paul. No charge for karaoke. Call 436-5601.

ANNIVERSARIES

THE SEARSES

ELBA — Mr. and Mrs. Orvil C. Sears of Elba will be honored at an open house Monday for their 60th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Mediterranean Room at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave.

Sears and Edris Rae Ward were married Dec. 28, 1938, in Burley.

They have lived in Elba, Burley and Salt Lake City.

While he stayed busy ranching, the taught speech and drama at Rahr River High School.

Active in their church, they served an LDS Mission in Washington, D.C., in 1983.

The event is being given by their children, Orvil (Shirley) Sears of Pullman, Wash., and Lena (Blair) Bowers of Burley.

The couple has eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

THE WILLIAMSES

RUPERT — Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Williams of Rupert will be honored at an open house Sunday for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 5 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Paul.

The couple requests no gifts, only your presence or thoughts.

Williams and Dora Mae White were married Oct. 5, 1948, in North Platte, Neb.

They moved to Idaho and homesteaded for 43 years before retiring from farming.

The event is being given by their children, Bob (Tina)

Elwood and Dora Mae Williams

Williams of Paul and Perry (Paul) Bowers of San Diego, Calif.

The couple has five grandchildren.

Upcoming celebration? Let us know

The Times-News welcomes wedding, engagement and anniversary announcements.

Deadline to get them into Sunday's Family Life section is noon on Wednesdays.

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WEEKEND



Gwyneth Paltrow and Joseph Fiennes star in John Madden's 'Shakespeare in Love.'

'Shakespeare in Love' appeases romantics

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Movies played in south-central Idaho on a weekend. Reviews are by Kenner Riddler's News Service and Los Angeles Times critic.

• **"Babe: Pig in the City"** — Expect a totally different animal in this sequel to the 1995 Oscar-nominated fantasy. Rated G. **"Babe"** is a computer-animated pig movie, have you seen them? And there are obvious similarities between "Babe's" life and "A Star Is Born." Both of which are a dramatized worker ant trying to have his colony from extinction. Rated PG. Some scary bug fights.

• **"Enemy of the State"** — Patricia Scales depicts in this tech-thriller from director Tony Scott. It stars Will Smith as a labor lawyer who has something the National Security Agency wants, and doesn't know it. At least half the movie is played out on surveillance cameras, computer screens and satellite transmissions, and the barrage of info-technically over-the-top is so fast that this is just another chase movie. Rated R. Violence, language, and some nudity.

• **"The Faculty"** — "El Mariachi" director Robert Rodriguez teams with "Scream" writer Kevin Williamson in a soft-driller about high school students facing an alien takeover. R for violence, gore, strong language, drugs and some nudity.

• **"Jack Frost"** — Woefully understated exercise in the "It's a Wonderful After-Life" school of filmmaking that is doomed to self-inflicted meltdown as a dead father comes back as a snowman to make amends to his son. PG (slapstick violence).

• **"John Carpenter's Vampires"** — This exceptionally bloody entry in the canon of Nosferatu dogs. It's well-executed, entertaining, innovative — schlock. Rated R.

• **"Living Out Loud"** — Holly Hunter stars as a freshly-married Manhattan divorcee who wants to escape her mink-lined trap and is helped by elevator man Danny DeVito, who seems to be, and by past lover Oscar (Liam), who she likes. R. Mature, sexual candor, mature themes, profanity.

• **"Meet Joe Black"** — An excellent performance by Anthony Hopkins as a media mogul facing death in the earthly form of Brad Pitt. Rated PG-13. Language, one very dark scene.

• **"Mighty Joe Young"** — The

At the movies

big ape goes to Los Angeles in this update of the 1949 saga. Bill Paxton, Charlize Theron and David Paymer star. PG for some menacing action violence and mild language.

• **"Patch Adams"** — Robin Williams teams with the "Nutty Professor" writer-directing team of Steve Oedekerk and Tom Shadyac in the true story of an unconventional but inspirational medical student. PG-13 for some strong language and crude humor.

• **"Pleasantville"** — While this richly beautiful, rendered comic fable is set in the same vicinity as "The Truman Show" — inside your TV — it is a more enjoyable and enriching experience. Tobey Maguire is a teenage television addict, whisked with his Reese Witherspoon into his favorite "Father Knows Best"-style '50s comedy. Rated PG-13. Language, sexual situations.

• **"The Prince of Egypt"** — An ambitious retelling — and reinvention — of the Book of Exodus, with a young, strapping Moses leading his people out of slavery and into the Promised Land. With the voices of Val Kilmer, Ralph Fiennes, Michelle Pfeiffer and other biggies. PG (plagues, pestilence, infanticide).

• **"Psycho"** — Gus Van Sant's nearly shot-for-shot remake of the 1960 Hitchcock classic was a bad idea to begin with. Rated R. Violence, flashes of nudity.

• **"The Rugrats Movie"** — While it will be best enjoyed by viewers younger than six, this feature-length version of the popular children's TV show is not without its dry charms. Rated G. Dirty diapers, sloppy eating.

• **"Shakespeare in Love"** — Part big-screen romance (Gwyneth Paltrow and Joseph Fiennes do the honors), part knock-out farce, part witty amusement (R for sexuality).

• **"The Siege"** — Denzel Washington, back in his ideal American mode, is an FBI agent assigned to find the Arab terrorists whose random bombings are making the town of New York, Bruce Willis' conquest. Rated R. Violence, language.

• **"Star Trek: Insurrection"** — The ninth installment in the space canon finds Picard, Riker and crew in a corner of the cosmos inhabited by peace-loving artisans who have found the secret of eternal youth. PG (space violence, flesh-stealing).

• **"Stepmom"** — Ed Harris' ex-wife, Susan Sarandon, and his current girlfriend, Julia Roberts, develop an unusual friendship revolving around the marriage's children. Chris Columbus directs. PG-13 for language and thematic elements.

Match the movies with the lines

The Record (Hackensack, N.J.)

Test your knowledge by matching these quotes with the movies that spawned them:

- Quotes:
- "She's my daughter! She's my sister! My daughter! My sister!"
 - "I'm ready for my close up, Mr. DeMille!"
 - "You either surf or you fight."
 - "I don't have to show you any stinkin' bodies."
 - "Snap out of it!"
 - "You know how to whistle, don't you, Steve? Just put your lips together and blow."
 - "Woman, if you want to keep that arm, you better get it off my husband."
 - "Squid like a pig."
 - "We need the eggs."
 - "Now all you have to do is hold the chicken, bring me the toast, give me a check for the chicken salad sandwich and you haven't broken any rules."
 - "You can't handle the truth!"
 - "What we have here is a failure to communicate."
 - "Fasten your seatbelts, it's going to be a bumpy night."
 - "Every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings."
 - "Do I amuse you? Am I your dream?"
 - "I have one word for you, Benjamin: plastic."
 - "Hasta la vista, baby!"
 - "Gretel is good."
 - "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore."
 - "You ain't heard nothing yet!"
 - "As God is my witness, I'll never be hungry again."
 - "If you build it, he will come."
 - "Made it, ma. Top of the world."
 - "Schwing!"
 - "Toto, I don't think we're in Kansas anymore."
 - "Here's Johnny!"

Movies:

- "Terminator 2: Judgment Day"
- "White Heat"
- "Moonstruck"
- "Apocalypse Now"
- "To Have and Have Not"
- "GoodFellas"
- "Wall Street"
- "Come With the Wind"
- "The Wizard of Oz"
- "The Jazz Singer"
- "Cool Hand Luke"
- "Sunset Boulevard"
- "The Shining"
- "Annie Hall"
- "It's a Wonderful Life"
- "Five Easy Pieces"
- "Deliverance"
- "All About Eve"
- "The Graduate"
- "Network"
- "The Godfather Part II"
- "Tomb Raider"
- "The Untouchables"
- "Chinatown"
- "Cool World"
- "A Few Good Men"
- "Field of Dreams"

Answers:

1. q — As the good cyborg, Arnold Schwarzenegger learns how to be more human from his 12-year-old protégé, played by Edward Furlong. One way is to let fly with a pithy quip as he takes dead aim at the evil T-1000, played by Michael Patrick King. **"Terminator 2: Judgment Day."**
2. w — James Cagney never did say, "You dirty rat, you killed my brother," but in 1939's "White Heat" Cagney plays a mother-obsessed gangster who celebrates his short-lived success by sharing it with the only gal in the mob who matters.
3. e — In "Moonstruck," Nicolas Cage's character, who responds by telling him to "Snap out of it" — and smacking him in the face.
4. c — Lt. Col. Kilgore, played by an iron-jawed Robert Dornall, runs a wacky air cavalry division in Vietnam. He's shocked it with America's best surfing soldiers — the better to take advantage of Southeast Asia's killer tides. His admonition — "You either surf or you fight" — is witnessed by "messenger boy" Martin Sheen with barely concealed incredulity.
5. f — In 1944's "To Have and Have Not," 15-year-old Lauren Bacall played a heavily innuendoed, kittenish seductress opposite her future hubby, Humphrey Bogart. This time, a daring double entendre at the time, was aimed at Bogart, a tough guy who was helpless to parry her charms. It made her a star.
6. o — Joe Pesci plays a firecracker liable to blow at any time. At a party, girlfriend Rose Livorno makes the mistake of telling Joe he's funny — a harmless compliment, one would think.
7. r — As power broker Gordon Gekko in Oliver Stone's "Wall Street," Michael Douglas earned up the '80s Zeitgeist with this famous line.
8. u — In Sorkin's O'Hara's famous soliloquy delivered just before the film's intermission, Vinesh Leigh exerts superbly to an audience of raindrops.
9. y — How many times have you heard someone repeat this sentence when they're awed by the new and wonderful? In "The Wizard of Oz," Dorothy and her dog have just survived a tornado-buffed flight in a farmhouse, and suddenly the black and white world is in Technicolor.
10. t — The first words ever uttered in a talkie were these, spoken by Al Jolson, in "The Jazz Singer" (1927).
11. i — Paul Newman, as Luke, is a chain-smoking prisoner in the Death Row when the warden (Scorcher Martin) offers this line, moments after he visited some new brutality on Luke's head.
12. b — Gloria Swanson plays a has-been film diva who fantasizes about on a sound-stage making a comeback — when in fact "the lights" are TV news cameras and the "crew" is the police, come to arrest her for murder.
13. x — Johnny Carson and Ed McMahon were in the "Tonight Show" backstage when an ex-wedding Jack Nicholson walked down

a door and threatened his wife, played by Shelly Duvall, with McMahon's famous introduction, "Here's Johnny!" It made audiences laugh — with terror.

14. i — The punchline of Woody Allen's best film answers the question why the protagonist wouldn't seek psychiatric help for his brother, who thinks he was a chicken.

15. n — Oh, that Clarence.

16. i — Bobby Dupea (Jack Nicholson) is a frustrated former concert pianist who is reduced to roughnecking on an old rig. When he finally escapes that life, he's saved by a truck-stop waitress who insists she can't fill Bobby's order for whole wheat toast, prompting this diatribe.

When she asks Bobby if he wants her to hold the chicken, he replies: "Yeah. Hold it between your legs."

17. h — The colorful local citizenry greets the out-of-town canoers with warmth and affection in "Deliverance." In this scene, the natives are poking a bit of fun at Ned Beatty, inviting him to verbally mimic a farm animal, just for the hell of it.

18. m — A beleaguered Bette Davis — assailed by foes as amorphous as time and as palpable as the young ingenue Eve — makes a grand entrance into her own party by waking her guests to expect stormy weather.

19. p — "The Graduate," played by Dustin Hoffman, gets some unsolicited advice from one of his father's cronies, who'd like to see the young scion take up the plastics business.

20. s — A network anchorman, played by Peter Finch, loses it. His exhortation to his viewers: Refuse to take any more baloney! Open your windows and scream into the streets: "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore!" Millions obeyed.

21. x — Wayne (Mike Myers) and Garth (Dana Carvey), stars of their own public access cable TV show, use "Schwing!" as a euphemism for male arousal. Usually spoken when they spy a toothsome lass.

22. d — Humphrey Bogart and his gold-mining cohorts run into a band of Mexican bandits. But insist they're federal police officers. When Bogart asks them to show identification, the leader makes this indignant reply.

23. a — The exact status of the young female companion of Evelyn Muirway (Faye Dunaway) is mighty sketchy. And when private eye, Jake Gekko (Jack Nicholson), questions her, she can't help but tell the truth, in its dual forms.

24. g — Sissy Spacek won an Oscar for her portrayal of the rough-and-tumble country, music hero, Loretta Lynn. When Loretta catches hubby Foodleite, played by Tommy Lee Jones, in the backseat of a car with a floozy, she requests that the woman please unhitch her man.

25. k — Jack Nicholson chews the scenery in this wonderful sequence from "A Few Good Men" that has been repeated a quintillion times since.

26. v — Exhorted by a strange disembodied voice, Kevin Costner builds a ballpark in the middle of his Iowa cornfield, and he — the farmer's dead father — does indeed come.

A conductor's own Waterloo

WATERLOO, Iowa (AP) — The Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony Orchestra is again looking for a new music director and conductor.

John LoPiccolo, who had accepted the post in March, has resigned, citing personal reasons. LoPiccolo also is music director and conductor of the Idaho Falls Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, and had been commuting from Idaho.

"But in a situation where my kids are in school, my wife has a job here, we're having trouble selling our houses, and other personal issues," LoPiccolo said Wednesday from Idaho Falls. "It's one of these unforeseeable deals. Personal issues came up and I've decided it's not the best thing to do at this time in my life."

Mark Baldwin, president of the board of directors, said the board accepted LoPiccolo's resignation with disappointment.

"But we understand the personal issues involved," Baldwin said. "We just regret losing him."

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Hardcover fiction

1. "A Man in Full," Tom Wolfe. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$26.95. Last Week: 1; Weeks on List: 6.
2. "Rainbow Six," Tom Clancy. Putnam, \$27.95. Last Week: 3; Weeks on List: 19.
3. "Bag of Bones," Stephen King. Scribner, \$25. Last Week: 2; Weeks on List: 12.
4. "The Simple Truth," David Baldacci. Warner, \$25. Last Week: 2; Weeks on List: 5.
5. "When the Wind Blows," James Patterson. Little, Brown, \$25. Last Week: 5; Weeks on List: 7.
6. "The Vampire Armand," Anne Rice. Knopf, \$26.95. Last Week: 1; Weeks on List: 9.
7. "Mirror Image," Danielle Steel. Delacorte, \$25.95. Last Week: 6; Weeks on List: 6.
8. "The Poisonwood Bible," Barbara Kingsolver. HarperCollins, \$27.50. Last Week: 9; Weeks on List: 10.
9. "All Through the Night," Mary Higgins Clark. Simon & Schuster, \$17. Last Week: 7; Weeks on List: 9.
10. "Memoirs of a Geisha," Arthur Golden. Knopf, \$25. Last Week: 10; Weeks on List: 55.

Hardcover nonfiction

1. "The Greatest Generation," Tom Brokaw. Random House, \$24.95. Last Week: 3; Weeks on List: 2.
2. "The Century," Peter Jennings and Todd Brewster. Doubleday, \$60. Last Week: 1; Weeks on List: 4.
3. "Tuesdays with Morrie," Mitch Albom. Doubleday, \$15.95. Last Week: 2; Weeks on List: 25.
4. "The 9 Steps to Financial Freedom," Steve Orman. Crown, \$24.95. Last Week: 4; Weeks on List: 39.
5. "Blind Man's Bluff," Sherry Sontag and Christopher Drew with Annette L. Drew. Public Affairs, \$25. Last Week: 9; Weeks on List: 3.
6. "For the Love of the Game," Michael Jordan. Crown, \$50. Last Week: 8; Weeks on List: 7.
7. "The Professor and the Madman," Simon Winchester. HarperCollins, \$20. Last Week: 10; Weeks on List: 8.
8. "If Life Is a Game, These Are the Rules," Cherie Carter-Scott. Broadway Books, \$15. Last Week: 7; Weeks on List: 12.
9. "Conversations with God, Book 3," Neale Donald Walsch. Hampton Roads, \$22.95. Last Week: 5; Weeks on List: 5.
10. "Something More," Sarah Ban Breathnach. Warner, \$20. Last Week: 12; Weeks on List: 9.

Mass market paperbacks

1. "Inner Harbor," Nora Roberts. Jove, \$7.50. Last Week: —; Weeks on List: 1.
2. "Fear Nothing," Dean Koontz. Bantam, \$7. Last Week: 6; Weeks on List: 2.
3. "The Ghost," Danielle Steel. Dell, \$7.50. Last Week: 4; Weeks on List: 6.
4. "Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution," Robert C. Atkins. M.D. Avon, \$6.50. Last Week: 1; Weeks on List: 99.
5. "Tom Clancy's Power Plays: ruthless.com," Tom Clancy and Martin Greenberg. Berkley, \$7.99. Last Week: 5; Weeks on List: 9.
6. "The Winner," David Baldacci. Warner, \$7.99. Last Week: 2; Weeks on List: 6.
7. "Into Thin Air," Jon Krakauer. Anchor, \$7.99. Last Week: 9; Weeks on List: 36.

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AT THE VIDEO
COUNTER

Carnival movie services

New videos in Twin Falls-area stores this week:

- "Blade" (R) — This is a vulgar attempt to revamp the undead genre by introducing computer-generated splatter and a cascade of themes from genetic engineering to conspiracy theories.

It seems we're being led to death by big business and big government because they're run by a twisted communion of vampires. But the execution here, however darkly stylish, never lives up to the metaphor's rich promise. The times have a quest for the ultimate holiday, it's not. Director Stephen Norrington ("Death Machine") sets a grinding pace that amplifies by Blade's Wesley Snipes, the time-faced half-vampire, half-human hero. But who needs comic relief when the apocalyptic blood tide is rising?

Certainly not Blade, who is sworn to defend humanity and to destroy the night stalkers, one of whom infected him with vampirism while he was still in his human mother's womb.

Through his primary weapon is his crusty silver sword, Blade's arsenal includes everything from hypodermics of garlic serum to an ultraviolet vampire toaster. The only thing that doesn't work anymore is the crucifix, although the filmmakers do not hesitate to dress up this morbid comic book melodrama with challenges and other sacred artifacts. And certainly Blade himself serves as a messianic savior.

Descent: Frost (Stephen Dorff), his supposed arch-enemy, is about to compound the vampire threat by involving La Mago, the ancient blood god. But he must first trap Blade and anoint the god's altar with his powerful magical blood. Whatever. Though Blade's enemies are legion, he does have a pair of resourceful allies. Kris Kristofferson, as a crusty old hunter or avenger, his family is his sidekick, and N'bushe Wright, as a recently bitten hematologist, is his other sidekick. She is working to find an antidote serum for himself and Blade, who is losing the battle against his vampire side.

The thirst is upon him. Will the audience prevail? If so, will they be able to walk by day without wearing sunblock? Or will Blade prevent the imminent bloodbath? How much blood can you squeeze from a cure?

• "Wrongfully Accused" (PG-13) — OK, apparently this is something that needs to be said out loud: Leslie Nielsen is not all that funny. Don't misunderstand. He's funny. He's just not all that funny.

Neither is writer/director/producer Pat Proft. And there you have "Wrongfully Accused," a movie that's not nearly as funny as it's pretending to be. The same pair that brought us the "Police Squad" television series and the "Naked Gun" film series, Nielsen and Proft try to pick up where they left off. High-speed silliness, a picket fence of jokes zipping past the audience.

But from the first forced moment in an opening that never really clicks, the rap's snap is gone.

Nielsen is Ryan Harrison, concert violinist. So, naturally, he is performing, center stage, when the movie opens. His hopeless fumbling as the brilliant solo pours forth is supposed to be funny, a point underlined by the third hand that appears to assist him.

By the time he runs through his violinist-with-an-itchy nose routine a few seconds later, the film is already straining to bring a weird meld of Detective Frank Drebin and Mr. Magoo, Nielsen is the sublimely obvious idiot, creating madcap havoc as he strolls through a scene.

But all the Clouseau-lite tomfoolery falls flat — Nielsen is no Peter Sellers. So Proft keeps flinging anything he can think of at the screen, which brings us to the film's conveyor belt of movie parodies.

For the purpose of (barely) having a story line, "Wrongfully Accused" is a feature-length spoof of "The Fugitive," with Nielsen playing Harrison Ford and Richard Crenna playing Tommy Lee Jones.

As the motor-mouthed marshal, Crenna has most of the film's best moments: Striding through a national park/escape scene, he barks to an underling, "Kill and get every animal in the park."

HIGH 5

The Associated Press

- Films**
1. "You've Got Mail," Warner Bros.
 2. "The Prince of Egypt," DreamWorks
 3. "A Bug's Life," Disney
 4. "Star Trek: Insurrection," Paramount
 5. "Jack Frost," Warner Bros. (From Exhibitor Relations Co.)
- Hot Five**
1. "Tin Your Angel," R. Kelly & Celine Dion, Jive (Platinum)
 2. "Nobody's Supposed to Be Here," Deborah Cox. Arista. (Platinum)
 3. "Lately," Divine. Pendulum.

(Platinum)

4. "From This Moment On," Shania Twain. Mercury (Nashville)
5. "Baby One More Time," Britney Spears. Jive. (Gold) (From Billboard magazine)

Albums

1. "Double Live," Garth Brooks. Capitol (Nashville)
2. "These Are Special Times," Celine Dion. 550 Music.
3. "N Sync," N Sync. RCA. (Platinum)
4. "Spirit," Jewel. Atlantic. (Platinum)
5. "Backstreet Boys," Backstreet Boys. Jive. (Platinum) (From Billboard magazine)

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In Nashville, you're either a superstar or a musical stiff

The Associated Press

In country music this year, the very rich got richer and everybody else fought for a smaller piece of the pie.

When the final tally is done, 1998 country music sales are expected to be up as much as 12 percent. But that figure is deceiving. While Brooks and other superstars like Shania Twain have banner years, sales for others are stalled or took a dip.

"A lot of these mid-level artists were selling a million records a few years ago," said

Jay Knowles, a staff songwriter at Sony ATV. "But now there's four or five that are selling 6 million records and everybody else is selling 400,000 or so."

The problem is an old one.

Record sales are primarily the result of airplay on country music radio stations, which account for roughly one in four of all U.S. radio stations (2,368 of 10,394), by far the most popular format.

The people who decide what music country stations play are getting more conservative as the radio industry consolidates.

"Some of these radio people don't know if they're going to have a job next week, so it's not likely they'll take too many chances," Brooks said. "I think it would help things a lot if those guys started feeling more secure in their jobs."

The radio industry is still chaotic because of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, which freed companies to acquire stations in the same city.

The new law led to an avalanche of sales, with more than 4,000 stations changing hands. The result is a fewer number of program-

mers deciding what music to play and working under increased pressure to produce maximum profits because of the debt their bosses took on to acquire more stations.

It's easier to rely on established stars like Brooks, Twain, Reba McEntire, Brooks & Dunn, Vince Gill, Alan Jackson, George Strait, Tim McGraw and Faith Hill.

"Country is due a new superstar," yep, broadcaster Ralph Emery said. "I think the business needs a new guy to come along, like when Elvis came along. You know — he's different, he's unique."



Country superstar Garth Brooks sings during a concert Nov. 27 in Shennandoah, Calif. Brooks' star continues to rise.

Garth's No. 1, so's his CPA

New York Daily News

Yes, Garth Brooks made money with the opening-week sales of his "Double Live" album. But he did so on something of a cheat.

Consider the evidence: Around Thanksgiving, Brooks smashed Pearl Jam's old record for the most sales racked up by an album in its debut week, moving 1,085,000 to the Seattle band's 950,000 for "Riot Act," earned in '92.

But, except that in the same week, one of the country's biggest record suppliers changed the way it tallies its sales figures for SoundScan — enough to push Brooks ahead of PJ.

The Handelman company, which supplies albums to Kmart and many Wal-Mart stores, had been counting its albums from Saturday to the following Friday. Most other country then from Monday to the following Sunday.

The difference is crucial to debut-week sales. Since new albums arrive in stores on Tuesdays, the old Handelman policy of cutting off their sales on the Friday of that week sacrificed a new album's first weekend.

While these things even out the next week, it irrevocably hurt debuts.

Handelman talked about making its policy conform to the rest of the industry last summer.

While it makes sense that it would take the company some time to get that talk into practice, some industry sources find it suspicious that the company just happened to begin the new accounting on the same week: Garth stood to break PJ's record — something the country star announced as his goal.

Handelman did not return calls.

Handelman's power shouldn't be underestimated.

For instance, due to the change on the busy week before Thanksgiving, overall album sales increased 20 percent from the previous week.

Of that increase, 25 percent was due to the new accounting by Handelman, according to a source.

Also, consider the fact that a significant portion of Brooks' fans shop at discount outlets like Kmart and Wal-Mart.

Consider too that Brooks had a deal with Wal-Mart to perform a concert for the chain, broadcast in every store via satellite the day the album was released.

An informed source says that by adding in the first weekend, Handelman's outlets doubtless their sales of Garth's album, enough to give him the top debut.

A Brooks' spokesman denies any coordination between their camp and Handelman.

Yet he says the accounting change does mean Pearl Jam and Garth should be seen separately.

"Pearl Jam's record will always stand for the way SoundScan originally did their accounting."

But now there's a new way of doing things, so currently Garth holds the record for that," says Scott Stem.

In other words, call it a win on technicality.

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BACKBEAT

Lauryn Hill's 'Miseducation' in the music biz

Los Angeles Times

The critics who have made Lauryn Hill's solo debut the most acclaimed release of 1998 consistently have praised the album for its vision and honesty in presenting one woman's view on life and love.

But now, on the eve of the Grammy season in which it is a sure contender, "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill" is being portrayed in a lawsuit filed by the group of musicians as something far different — a group project and a lesson in the unfairness of the music business.

The musicians, known collectively as New Ark, are suing Hill and her label in U.S. District Court in Newark, N.J., claiming they deserve a share of songwriting or production credit on 13 of



Lauryn Hill

the album's 14 songs — and, of course, a sizable chunk of the profits generated by the album, which has sold 2.4 million copies to date.

The 23-year-old Hill, who gained fame as a member of the Grammy-winning Fugees trio, said in a statement that the suit is "without any merit whatsoever." A spokesman for the singer added this week that Hill feels "deeply betrayed" by the New Ark group, who toiled on the Ruffhouse/Columbia Records release for months at a studio in Hill's South Orange, N.J., home. The album credits say the

music is "produced, written and arranged" by Hill, and she is listed as executive producer on all the tracks. The New Ark members — Yada Nubles, Rabeem "Kilo" Pugh and twin brothers Johan and Tejumohi Newman — are acknowledged several times for "additional production," "additional musical contribution" and "additional lyrical contribution" on some songs.

Lawsuits are hardly a rarity in the realm of song credits — as one music publishing veteran remarked: "Where there's a lit, there's a writ" — but the suit against Hill is intriguing because she was viewed primarily as a vocalist before "Miseducation" won raves for her songwriting and production credit.

Sources close to Hill dismiss the lawsuit as an attempt to cash

in by some overreaching studio musicians. But Peter C. Harvey, the attorney for the New Ark group, says it is Hill who is exaggerating her artistic role. He says the hip-hop diva put her name on New Ark's work to establish herself as more than "just the singer" in the Fugees.

"She is not a musician, she is not a producer," Harvey said. "New Ark" will make another album and everyone will see that they were the ones responsible for this album. I dare say if you put Lauryn Hill in a studio alone, she couldn't do it again. Album No. 2 for her is not going to sound like this."

"Miseducation" debuted in August at No. 1 on the Billboard album chart, sold 1 million copies in less than a month and has been collecting top year-end honors.

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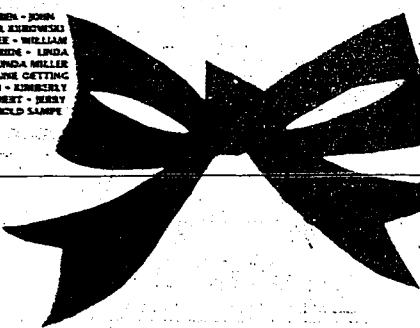
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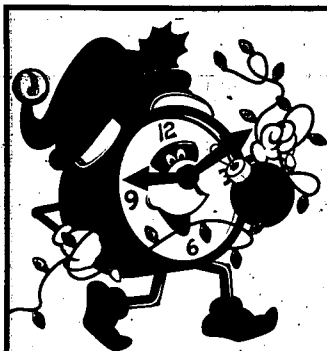
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However, if the deal were that simple, it wouldn't be much of a Christmas present. How do you play the slam if trumps are 3-1? The solution is elusive, but not beyond reach. South must ruff West's heart ace with dummy's seven and cash both high clubs, discarding a heart. He ruffs a low club with his ace to avoid an over-ruff and leads a trump to dummy's queen. With a high trump left in dummy (West has two), South leads a good club from dummy and discards his last heart to syringe West.

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Best wishes for the holiday season to all my readers.

NORTH 1304
AKQ7
Q73
AK97432

EAST 9
AK873
K10542
J8 Q106

SOUTH A106532
QJ8
A64
5

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East
1 1 1 1
3 4 Pass 4 4 Pass
4 4 Pass 4 4 Pass
All pass

Opening lead: Heart ace

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
AK84
AK873
K10542
J8

North South
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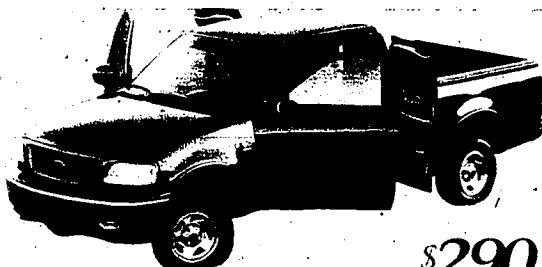
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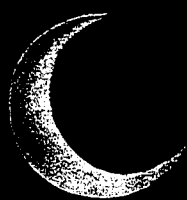
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