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# WINTER WREAKS HAVOC



M.C. Hartwell sits in a police report Saturday while sitting in the driver's seat of his Ford Explorer while Twin Falls firefighters check out the wreckage of the house he hit when he lost control of his vehicle.

## White Christmas brings bad news

**By Gregory Hahn**  
*Times-News writer*

TWIN FALLS — Christmas Day brought bad tidings along with the good ones to a few Twin Falls residents.

For M.C. Hartwell, the good news was that he was O.K. The bad news: his Ford Explorer wasn't.

For Tom and Connie Lyons, the bad news was that they were late for a Christmas visit with Mother. The good news: their Ford Explorer was O.K.

And for Tyson Jones, the only one who heard his tidings over the phone, the good news was that this was the right holiday to

## Power goes out, candles light up

**The Associated Press**

Southerners enjoyed an unusual gift for Christmas Day — snow. But it came with a price, as hundreds of thousands were without electricity.

The freezing rain, sleet and snow that crippled the region

spend away from home. The bad news: he may not recognize his home when he gets back. Soon before 1 Friday afternoon, Hartwell lost control of his

Christmas Eve left thousands of utility workers spending their holiday trying to restore power lines.

"Mother nature has really pay attention to the challenges and programmed holidays," said

brick wall of Jones' Rusty Court house.

The white sports utility truck came to rest against a 4-by-4 post marking a fence line yet to be built between Jones' home and the house next door. A pile of bricks lay strewn beside a hole in the house the size of three timbers.

The Lyonses watched the whole thing. The couple was on their way to Burley to visit Tom Lyons' mom, when Connie Lyons saw Hartwell begin to skid as he was coming at them. When his truck crossed across the road, she said, she knew it would hit them.

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Key flow, right, talks to Kathy Anthony about a stove at Plew's Twin Falls store. Environmental experts worry an increasing number of residents burning wood for heat could harm air quality in the Magic Valley.

## TF city officials, DEQ aim to clean up smoke

**By Mark Heizer**  
*Times-News writer*

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Valley residents don't get a jump on curbing wood-burning pollutants, many could end up with sore throats and watery eyes, says an air quality expert.

"Right now, our air quality in general in the Magic Valley is pretty good," said Steve VanZant, who monitors pollution for the Division of Environmental Quality's Twin Falls office.

To keep it that way, DEQ and the city of Twin Falls have been pushing a "burn cleaner, burn smarter" program. It's aimed at teaching people who heat with wood how to cut smoke and minimize the risk of house fires.

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The valley's mostly open terrain and strong winds tend to prevent the sort of intense, smoke-trapping temperature inversions that have caused misery in Boise and other cities, VanZant said. But that won't prevent a major

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## Balloonists abandon quest, ditch near Hawaiian Islands

**The Associated Press**

HONOLULU — Three adventurers trying to make the first nonstop round-the-world flight in a balloon abandoned their quest Friday, ditching in the shark-infested waters off Honolulu a little more than halfway through their journey.

Coast Guard helicopters hoisted them from the water in good condition and high spirits.

The men — British mogul Richard Branson, American millionaire Steve Fossett and Per Lindstrand of Sweden — quit seven days into their journey.



A helicopter helps take three balloonists to a Navy station in Hawaii Friday.

**ICO Global balloon over Pacific Ocean**

Three balloonists, British mogul Richard Branson, American millionaire Steve Fossett and Per Lindstrand of Sweden, abandoned their bid to become the first to complete a nonstop balloon trip around the world after hitting dangerous weather in the Pacific Ocean near Hawaii.

Balloonists are planning to add a water or beach near Honolulu.

ICO Global balloon set off from Marshfield, Missouri on Dec. 18

Balloon maneuvers around reef

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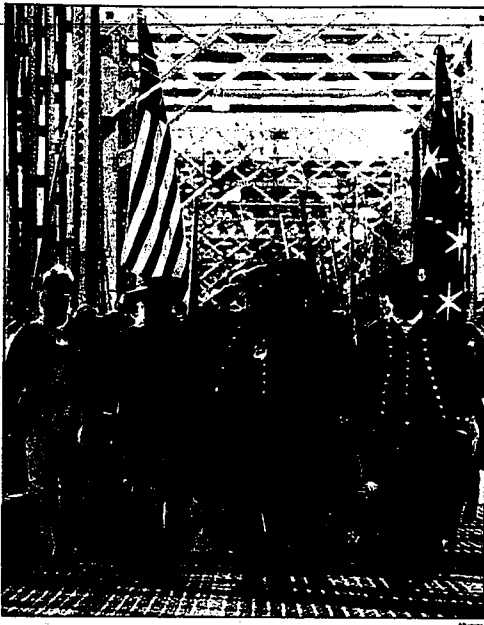
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NATION

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K. Ward Vinson, center, who is portraying Gen. George Washington, salutes as he leads his troops across a bridge during their re-enactment of Washington's crossing of the Delaware River Friday in Washington's Crossing, Pa. Due to a drought, the crossing that is normally done in boats, was done on foot across the bridge.



Drought forces crossing over bridge

WASHINGTON CROSSING, Pa. (AP) — George Washington and his men had to cross the Delaware over a steel bridge during the annual Christmas Day re-enactment because the water was too low to row to the opposite shore.

Months of dry weather, which has led to a drought warning in the entire Delaware River area, reduced the water level by several feet.

Where Washington crossed 30 miles north of Philadelphia in 1776, the low water has exposed gravel bars, rocks, and stumps that have not seen the surface in a century.

"The boats weigh 6,000 pounds apiece, and the river is the lowest that anyone can ever remember in over 100 years, so there's just no possibility," said K. Ward Vinson, 69, who was portraying George Washington for the first time after 27 years as a boatman. "You can't even get a row boat in there right now," said Vinson, who admitted to being disappointed, since this is his first and last chance to play Washington making the crossing.

The park plans to offer a different person each year the chance to play the "father of his country."

The bridge has been used twice before, when the river was frozen by ice, but this is the first annual

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Christmas came early for family

HOUSTON (AP) — It's been Christmas all week for the parents of the world's only living couplets, with the history-making births and the shower of donations that followed.

The holiday itself passed quietly for both the mother and her children. Doctors said the couplets remained in critical condition and expect them to stay that way for weeks. The mother, Nkem Chukwu, was in stable condition Friday and improving nicely.

The father, Iyke Louis Udobi, has referred to his children repeatedly as "gifts" and "blessings" from God since the birth of five girls and two boys Sunday.

The eighth, a girl, was born Dec. 8. Oni Chukwu, the mother's brother, said he is "the proudest uncle and this is the most wonderful gift."

Chukwu, from Connecticut, is part of a large network of extended family coming in from all parts of the country. "That's going to come in handy, as one could expect, as the kids leave the hospital," he said.

At least 300 people outside the family also have offered to help babysit. And then there are the material gifts, which have rolled in nonstop.

The Nigerian Embassy in Washington donated \$10,000 to the family on Thursday.

One gift that has not yet come for Ms. Chukwu is among the most precious for a new mother. She has yet to see or hold her babies because she's still weak from months of bed rest.

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NATION

# Rehnquist will likely keep tight reins on impeachment process

By Stephen Thomas

WASHINGTON — As a partisan historian, William H. Rehnquist has warned that impeachment can easily become a partisan partisan, "an apocalyptic confrontation between good and evil, when customary restraints must be cast off in order that the evil may not triumph."

But historically, the Senate has not allowed itself to become a partisan tribunal... willing to undermine the fundamental principles of the Constitution in order to remove a political enemy from office.

In the years in his 1992 book, "Imperial Presidency," which chronicled the failed 19th century impeachments of Supreme Court Justices Samuel Chase and Andrew Johnson.

Rehnquist thinks his full-time job as chief justice of the United States, Rehnquist is to preside over the Senate's only presidential impeachment trial of the 20th century.

Rehnquist says that he is not looking forward to the duty. He tells politicians who read in the opinion that the 74-year-old Rehnquist values his privacy. He enjoys walking, alone and unaccompanied, in the streets of Capitol Hill. His occasional remarks stop to ask him the directions, including how to find the Supreme Court. He also becomes unamused in his numerous interviews.

A recent rule in a televised Senate trial of President Clinton, scheduled to start in January, may not be an honor, but it is an opportunity to a process that so far has lacked both. And many who know him say he is uniquely suited to the job.

Rehnquist, when he takes to his bench, you will not know his true view of the impeachment. He will be merely indifferent to the outcome," says Washington attorney Charles J. Cooper, a former law clerk to Rehnquist.

As the case's presiding judge, he will rule on motions, including removal questions, on what evidence can be admitted and whether witnesses will be heard.

But unlike other judges, his rulings can be overturned by the court. A witness can challenge one of his decisions and call for a vote to reverse it, with a simple majority commanding the outcome.

"The uncertainty of it all may make for a rocky business," says one veteran high court lawyer and of Rehnquist. "The senators may miss this chance."

However, in his Senate proceedings, in all resembles the workings of the Supreme Court. Rehnquist will maintain control.

After serving since 1972 as an associate justice, he took over as chief justice in 1986 after the fractious 17-year reign of Warren E. Burger. During the Burger years, the justices spent hours haggling in their weekly conferences and their opinions often emerged as the byproduct of a warring committee. Either they formulate a "majority" vote, each justice wounded by the loss.

In contrast, Rehnquist has run an efficient, collegial court. He has never views, a decisive mind-set and amiable manner. The committee seems to work exceedingly well, at least within the closed confines of the Supreme Court.

It is not as means certain that he can impose much order and discipline on 100 senators but lawyers



William H. Rehnquist  
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

who know him expect he will try. "I'm certain he will try to move things along at an orderly pace," said Washington attorney Carter G. Phillips. "He always believes in making the train run on time."

Three years ago, when official Washington was shut down by a 22-inch snowfall, the Supreme Court conducted its arguments on the schedule. Rehnquist sent the court's marshals in four-wheel drive vehicles to make sure all of his colleagues arrived.

Off the bench, Rehnquist has a light-hearted manner and enjoys political jokes and cartoons. Strolling around the court building, he takes small bets on sports events.

But in court, he is strict and sometimes curt with lawyers. In lower courts, lawyers generally

can talk on to make their arguments. In the Supreme Court, they have 30 minutes, and under Rehnquist, not 10 seconds more. "He will cut you off in the middle of the word. Yes," one advocate said.

On occasion, Rehnquist scammers in asking questions but he has an amazing recall for constitutional decisions from decades ago.

Pompous advocates and their long-winded, flowery arguments often draw a sarcastic comment from the chief justice. Kenneth W. Starr, the independent counsel, has argued often before the high court and has found himself on the receiving end of several such jabs.

# Medicare deal may hurt health industry

WASHINGTON (AP) — A deal lawmakers struck to keep Medicare's finances under control for another decade is threatening to unravel as insurance companies, hospitals and medical professionals besiege Congress with complaints that payments for elderly health care are stretched too thin.

"Everybody who got a tick and a trim in 1997 wants more money," said Ari Fleischer, spokesman for the House Ways and Means Committee, which oversees the nation's health care program for the elderly and disabled. "If everybody — gets more money, Medicare will go broke even faster."

Congress was reluctant to tinker with Medicare in 1998 after politically sensitive negotiations

to find \$115 billion in savings just a year earlier.

Instead, lawmakers largely deferred to a commission of experts scheduled to make recommendations on Medicare's future in March.

But those recommendations may call for a fundamental overhaul that Congress likely will take its time considering. No action — only hearings — has been promised for next year.

In the meantime, pressure is growing on lawmakers to put back some Medicare money trimmed in the 1997 balanced budget act, which came out of the pockets of health care providers.

Medical groups are trying to grab lawmakers' attention by citing the human face of elderly and disabled Americans. The American Association of Health Plans, the HMO trade group, is enlisting senior citizens in 50 cities in a lobbying campaign. And physical therapists are encouraging patients to write letters to Congress.

"The Medicare belt-tightening was intended to buy lawmakers 10 years to make further changes to bolster the cash-poor program for the huge generation of aging baby boomers. Medicare gets much of its money from a tax deducted from workers' paychecks.

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# Minnesota Gov.-elect Ventura prepares for inaugural term

**ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)** — Gov.-elect Jesse Ventura's book deal is ready. He says meetings smolder on the late-night talk shows. Minnesota voters are snapping up "Our governor can beat up your governor" T-shirts.

Now comes the hard part. The books will be sworn in Jan. 4, and legislators will be wondering what they can expect from the former pro wrestler, who was famously vague on the campaign trail, saying he would sign any bills that were good for the state and veto the bad ones.

"Who knows what's going to come out of this? We haven't had any appointments. It's kind of been a media blitz," Senate Republican Leader Dick Day said. Day said he had met briefly with Ventura, and they talked about "Porsches and horses."

In the two months since Ventura knocked the wind out of both the Democrats and the Republicans with his third-party victory, he has tended to transition needs, drawing crowds of enthusiastic state workers on a combination victory lap-learning tour of state agencies.

"Most people think he has held his own on serious business, not national media interviews. He has shown a seriousness when required and a sense of humor," University of Minnesota political science professor Steven Smarr said.

But with the legislative session scheduled to begin the day after Ventura's inauguration, Smarr said the governor-elect needs to start sending signals now to the public and the Legislature about what is important to him.

Similarly, Carleton College political science professor Steven Schier thinks it's time for Ventura — whom he calls

the "infotainment governor" — to focus on serious business, not national media interviews.

"Governance is not fun. He's trying to make it fun by not governing," Schier said.

But he added, "If the economy stays good and we are not hit by any major state crises, this can go on for a while."

Ventura has many administration appointments to make and will be expected to lay out an agenda for the Legislature — if he has one.

Will he push for consideration of a bill

to legalize prostitution? Fireworks? Industrial hemp?

"I will not be a governor that spreads myself so thin immediately on ideas," Ventura said.

While Ventura is not required by law to submit an agenda, he is required to submit a two-year budget.

House Speaker-designate Steve Sviggum, who will be leading the 134-member body for the first time, said that given Minnesota's projected \$3.3 billion surplus over the next 21/2 years,

"It would be very difficult to blow it."

## Stores hope post-holiday shoppers buy en masse

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The after-Christmas sales will be hard to miss as stores try to make up for a disappointing holiday season by offering shoppers deep discounts.

Stores no longer look at the days after Christmas as just a time for returns and exchanges. Many retailers, from giant like J.C. Penney and Macy's to mom-and-pop shops — count on a burst of post-holiday buying to boost the bottom line, which is what happened a year ago.

After Christmas is becoming a much bigger portion of our business," said Michael Gould, president of Bloomingdale's. "Shoppers think 'If I don't get it before Christmas, I know it will be cheaper after Christmas.'"

Expectations had been high for the holiday season. In fact, many thought it would be one of the best Christmases in recent years, because of the strong economy and the boom on Wall Street.

But Santa didn't bring many retailers what they wanted for Christmas. Sales, especially at department stores, fell short of expectations. One reason was the warm weather, which especially hurt sales of coats and sweaters.

"It just didn't feel like Christmas," said Mary Kane of Quincy, Mass. "It didn't put me in the spirit."

Now left with a glut of inventory, many stores are planning big sales to clear the shelves and make room for new merchandise starting in early January.

Newspapers on Christmas Day were filled with ads announcing big bargains — some running as high as 70 percent.

The best prices were for cold-weather clothing. Bloomingdale's, Hecht's and Lord & Taylor advertised markdowns on everything from cashmere sweaters to boys' coats.

Even stores that did well this Christmas — like those carrying home furnishings and electronics — were offering steep discounts, hoping to get a piece of the post-holiday buying action.

## Christmas fires bring death

**DALE CITY, Va. (AP)** — An early-morning town house fire killed six people Christmas morning — including three children, authorities said.

The blaze in Clara, Calif., a blaze killed a father and two of his children when their home was engulfed Friday morning.

Dale City Volunteer Fire Chief Bob Hedge said the victims were a 9, 11, 17, 23 and 29 year old. Names were not immediately released. Relatives said the dead were immigrants from Mexico and had lived in the town house for about two years.

A seventh person was flown to a Washington hospital for emergency treatment, Hedge said. He said two others in the town house were not seriously injured.

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## New York columnist dies at 41

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NEW YORK (AP) — Mike McAlary, the street-smart New York Daily News columnist who broke a shocking story of alleged police brutality and won a Pulitzer Prize for a takedown of cancer Friday at 41.

During the 1980s and '90s, the Brooklyn-born writer employed his two-faced style at all three of New York's tabloids — the Post, the Daily News and Newsday — and bounced around so much that the News once obtained an injunction to block him from working for the Post in 1992.

McAlary was getting chemotherapy in August 1997 when he cut an anonymous tip that Sheri Louima, a black Haitian immigrant, had been sodomized and beaten by white cops in a rooming house.

The columnist went to Louima's hospital bedside and was the first reporter to talk to him.

"This is a tale straight from the police dungeon, an allegation of brutality at the hands of cops from Brooklyn's 70th Precinct that seems so impossible, so crudely medieval," he wrote in the Daily News.

That column and interviews with police officers who were later charged in the attack won him the Pulitzer for commentary. "He was a hell of a journalist and even a better friend," said Village Voice editor Don Forst, who hired McAlary at the Boston Herald-American and New York Newsday. "He had great passion. He was on to Clinton early on. I believe the first column he wrote for the Post after Clinton was elected began, 'Impact him now!'"

Jim Dwyer, McAlary's friend and colleague at Newsday and the Daily News, said his fellow columnist "had more impact on things in the city than pretty much any other journalist in the last 10 or 12 years. When he slowed down as a columnist, he won a Pulitzer Prize."

At Syracuse University, McAlary had boasted to classmates that he would be the next Jimmy Breslin. Their styles were similar: blunt, snappy columns with a close-to-the-street feel for what's going on in New York.

Even Breslin was fair game for the combative McAlary. In 1991, at the height of New York's tabloid wars, McAlary wrote in the Post that Breslin, 29 years his senior, was "the third-largest self-important blowhard in the city," after Yankees owner George Steinbrenner and former Mayor Ed Koch.

Breslin said with typical bluntness that he never read McAlary's column.

McAlary grew up in Goffstown, N.H., and at 14 was writing for a weekly there and for The Manchester Daily Union. After college he worked briefly for The Boston Globe and the Herald-American. But within a year, in 1950, was back in his native New York, as a sports writer at the Daily News.

Despite his elation upon winning the Pulitzer, McAlary lamented that he really wasn't a writer since he had not written a novel — only three nonfiction books on New York cops ("Buddy Boys," "Cop Shot" and "Good Cop, Bad Cop") and a novelization of the movie "Copland."

But this past fall, his novel, "Sore Loser" was published.

He was sued for libel in 1996 by a rape victim after he wrote a series of columns questioning whether she was really attacked or made up the story to promote a feminist agenda. The lawsuit was thrown out in 1997.

## Salty tongue lands man at center of freedom of speech battle

By Tom Ichniowski

DETROIT — Timothy Boomer insists he usually keeps his language pretty clean, although his personality is the subject of a criminal inquiry.

He says he curses maybe once a day, if that. The 24-year-old Roselle, Mich., man says he's just an average guy who works hard at his engineering job and plans to buy his girlfriend an engagement ring.

But in August, on a canoe trip in northern Michigan, Boomer's ordinary life took a dramatic turn — all because he said a few choice words when he fell out of a boat in Arenac County, north of Saginaw. First law enforcement got involved. Then the American Civil Liberties Union. And eventually the media.

Now Boomer finds himself the reluctant star in a First-Amendment battle over a 101-year-old state law that forbids cursing in

front of women and children. Boomer has become something of a local celebrity. Strangers on the street have offered their sympathy. A clerk at the grocery store asked whether he was the poor guy who faced criminal charges for a curse. Boomer told the clerk he was; the clerk shook his head and uttered a profanity.

Friends at work call him "cruvic" and "the curser" and "the swearing guy."

Stranger still, he's evolved into

a national symbol for the decline of American civility.

"It's really bizarre," he said. "Being famous for swearing that's not my fate."

Boomer's troubles began on Aug. 15 when he fell out of a canoe while heading down the Rifle River in Meffan Township. Flapping around in the water, he began yelling in the direction of his friends. He hardly could have anticipated the social consequences.

Boomer won't reveal what he said, but insists his language was good-natured and his voice well-tempered. An Arenac County prosecutor disagrees, saying Boomer swore and loudly uttered a most offensive particular vulgarity and "various derivatives" over and over. Worse, Assistant Prosecutor Richard Vollbach contends, small children were nearby. And screaming cuss words around children isn't the sort of behavior society has to tolerate.



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## Flashy new camera is geared to catch smugglers in a snap



A bus carrying 23 people from New York State's Albany City bus on its side after crashing through a guardrail on the Interstate 190 highway, rolling down the embankment between the highway and local lanes in Sayreville, N.J., Thursday. At least eight people, all of whom remained trapped in the bus, for hours after the accident.

## Bus driver said he tried to avoid ice before fatal crash

SAYREVILLE, N.J. (AP)—The driver of a bus that ran off a highway during a gambling jammer to Atlantic City, killing eight passengers, told investigators the vehicle went into a spin when he tried to avoid an icy patch on the road.

The driver, 52-year-old Walter Viner, had a checkered driving record, and his license had twice been suspended before the accident Thursday on the Garden State Parkway.

Viner told investigators he saw an icy patch and was blocked from changing lanes, so he braked. The bus spun around to face oncoming traffic, George Black of the National Transportation Safety Board said Friday.

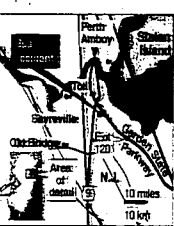
The bus, carrying 23 passengers, most of them from a Russian Jewish community in Brooklyn, skidded across two lanes, crashed through a guardrail and tumbled down a slushy embankment. Some victims were thrown from the bus.

About a dozen survivors remained hospitalized Friday, with at least one in critical condition. Viner suffered minor injuries.

Lt. Daniel Cosgrove of the State Police said Viner's account is consistent with those given by witnesses.

Viner drove the route daily from New York City to Atlantic City, and investigators are trying to determine whether he was fatigued, Black said. Tests for drugs and alcohol were also being performed on the driver.

Investigators interviewed him at the hospital with the help of



Rescue translators. At least 2 inches of snow had fallen earlier, and snowplows had cleared two of three lanes. Black didn't know if the bus' lane had been cleared.

Ernie Ginzburg, part owner of Braum's Transportation of Sayreville, which owned the bus, said Sunday. Thursday, the Viner had never had an accident.

However, the New York motor vehicles agency said Viner's professional driver's license was suspended in March because he had more than nine violation points on his record, including two convictions for speeding and failing to stop at a red light.

His license was reinstated in June after he took a retraining course, agency spokesman Joseph Bercowski said.

Viner also was involved in an accident involving property damage in 1996 and his license was suspended a year earlier for failing to pay a ticket.

Los Angeles Times

SAN DIEGO — It can't sniff drugs or rifle luggage. But the newest weapon against smuggling boats blind-of-eye speed that border officials hope will be just as useful.

The weapon is a high-tech camera that feeds the license plate numbers of passing cars into a computer that can tell if the vehicle is stolen or tied to a crime, and how often it crosses the border and when.

U.S. Customs officials in the California-Mexico border city of San Ysidro have installed a bank of the devices, called license plate readers, in freeway lanes leading into Mexico and plan to activate them within a month.

Part of a nationwide push by customs officials to stanch the flow of drug proceeds and firearms south to Mexico, the new system is but one example of how officials along the U.S. border are increasingly relying on emerging technology to cope with challenges ranging from smuggling and illegal immigration to chronic traffic snarls.

Soon to open at the San Ysidro crossing are two special computer lanes that will allow many

regular commuters to avoid long waits with the swipe of a card. A similar program is in place in Otay Mesa, where officials also are testing a remote voice-recognition system that someday could allow U.S.-bound cars to clear the border without stopping.

"What we see now is just the beginning of the trend," said Raymond D. Mintz, director of applied technology for the U.S. Customs Service in Washington, D.C. "In another year or two, the whole face of the way things are done at the border is going to change."

The newly installed license plate readers in San Ysidro offer one such change: Vehicles, always scrutinized upon entering the United States, will for the first time be recorded as they head into Mexico. The readers take an electronic snapshot and send the digitized data into a computer bank. That information pops up

when the car re-enters the country.

Officials say a log of departing cars may help establish the patterns of drug-cartel couriers and make it easier to crack criminal rings that operate across the border.

"You don't fight the drug war unless you get the complete picture," Ruben Carrasco, U.S. Customs traffic manager

at the San Ysidro port. The installation of the license plate readers, also in place at crossings in Calexico and Otay Mesa, coincides with a heightened effort by customs to search outbound vehicles for contraband.

In San Ysidro, a special team combining nine inspectors and a cash-sniffing black Labrador was formed in February to set up

impromptu checkpoints for south-bound vehicles at the border almost every day. The operations are often done in conjunction with local police seeking stolen cars or fugitives.

Customs administrators say the south-bound operations are fruitful. Inspectors turned up \$1.2 million in bundles of undecorated cash in searching a Mexico-bound van at a checkpoint last March. Other seizures have involved tens of thousands of dollars each.

"Years ago we were losing all that," said Oscar Prenzato, port director at San Ysidro.

The license plate readers, mounted on concrete barriers a few hundred feet north of the border, will tell inspectors whether a car nearing a checkpoint is sought by police and log all cars entering. Similar readers have been in place in U.S.-bound lanes at San Ysidro for about eight months. Data is checked against a customs computer and a separate national crime database to see if a vehicle warrants special attention. By the time the car pulls up to the booth, the information is on the inspector's computer screen. Officials say the advanced notice can prove an important warning for inspectors.

## Facing the end of an era, coal town bands for future

WIND RIDGE, Pa. (AP)—One of the time-wested truths of living in a town where coal is king is this: When the coal is gone, so is the kingdom.

In Greene County, one of Pennsylvania's poorest corners, people make a lot of sacrifices for King Coal, allowing mines to be dug under and around their houses—in the hills left to them by their great-grandparents.

If they're lucky enough to land a job in the mines, they work 10- and 12-hour days, seven days a week, in service to an industry that will leave them with little but deep holes in the ground and the memory of days when things were better.

Coal companies pay 47 percent of Greene County's budget, a figure that dwindles every year as more seams are mined, because

the property is worth less once coal is removed and so is taxed at a lower rate.

According to county Commissioner Farley Toothman, the value of coal taken off the tax rolls this year is the equivalent of tearing down 3,000 houses worth \$50,000. Put a different way, for every dollar that was added to the tax rolls, two were subtracted, said Commissioner John R. Gardner.

"We can't bail water fast enough," Toothman said. "The rippling effect of that is instability in our school districts, townships and county for any kind of funding stream."

Greene County, population 40,000, last year provided 46 percent of the coal produced in the state of 1.2 million tons. It is the second-most productive coal

county in the nation.

At the same time, the county—situated along the West Virginia and Ohio state lines in Pennsylvania's southwestern corner—has one of the highest unemployment rates in the state: 7.6 percent in June, compared with a statewide 4.3 percent. One-fifth of its residents live in

poverty. And the median household income is \$19,903, compared with a state median of \$24,869.

It is the only Pennsylvania county that still qualifies as distressed under the criteria of the Appalachian Regional Commission, an agency founded by President Lyndon Johnson in the 1960s to send aid to 13 states.

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## Idaho's salmon and steelhead aren't enemies

Comments made by the Idaho Council on Industry and the Environment during a presentation to the Twin Falls Rotary Club (reported by The Times-News) do nothing to help Idahoans understand the salmon debate. They only confuse the issue. In fact, one must question if this is the intent of the ICIE.

ICIE Chief Pat Barclay questioned: "Are salmon worth saving?" Like it or not, that is not a choice we in Idaho have the privilege of making. By asking the question, Mr. Barclay shows how out of step with mainstream Idahoans the ICIE truly is. All polls since salmon and steelhead were listed for Endangered Species Act protection show Idahoans favor saving our steelhead and salmon.

Secondly, a multitude of international and tribal treaties - U.S.-Canada Salmon Treaty, Stevens Treaty with Columbia River Indian tribes and the Bridge Treaty with the Shoshone-Bannock tribes - are government-to-government contracts guaranteeing salmon and steelhead in the Snake River in perpetuity. Federal laws such as U.S. vs. Oregon, the Endangered Species Act and the Northwest Power Planning and Conservation Act mandate the recovery and protection of steelhead and salmon. Mitigation contracts, like the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission require salmon and steelhead as mitigation for private and federal dams on the Snake River.

Sure, some would just as soon shoot the messenger as a simple way of solving this problem. They view this as an easier alternative than taking the necessary steps to save our steelhead and salmon. However, in the real world, I don't see that.

Surely, Ms. Barclay's organization cannot be totally ignorant of the fact that all the sciences today points to partial modification of the dams - removing only the earthen portion of each of the four Lower Snake River dams - as the best and possibly only alternative to save our salmon and steelhead. She wants us to believe that scientists, fishermen and fish advocates all have our doubts about the success of this alternative when, in fact, the most qualified scientists give this alternative a 90 percent chance for recovering our wild salmon and steelhead.

A federal court action brought against the federal government by the state of Idaho established an independent scientific group called PATH - Plan for Analyzing and Testing Hypothesis. These scientists were selected by the states of Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho, along with the federal government, to review data and determine the best biological strategy for steelhead and

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Mitch Sanchoniza

salmon recovery. This prestigious group of scientists has unequivocally come down, time and time again, on the side of a "partial river". I don't know where Mr. Barclay is getting her science, but the scientific science in the region bears the same conclusion as that of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Commission - breaching those four dams is the best biological solution.

The Northwest Power Planning Council felt that as an interim emergency measure, removal of dam water from upstream of Bonneville Reservoir could aid salmon and steelhead recovery and subsequently put on their "Strategy for Salmon". They requested an additional 1.6 million acre-feet of water from the Snake River in addition to the nearly half million acre-feet currently being provided.

Idahoans should know that in addition to the four lower Snake River dams, there are six water reservoirs created by the four Lower Snake River dams. However, if the dams remain in place, dammit, irrigation water may be the only alternative left to save these fish from extinction.

Ms. Barclay's organization wants us to believe it would be too costly to remove the earthen portions of the four Lower Snake River dams. Now, as a result, recent economic studies show a tax savings to the public of several million dollars a year in saved subsidies. Idaho's salmon and steelhead are not Idaho's enemy. Idaho's salmon, ranching, mining, and logging all are tied with Idaho's salmon and steelhead fisheries. All of Idaho's irrigation storage reservoirs were built between 1958 and during that time, our steelhead and salmon remain in decent enough numbers to provide incomes from Alaska to Stanley, Idaho. It wasn't until four poorly designed, unnecessary dams were built and completed in 1975 in Washington that Idaho's general statewide salmon subsidies closed (1978).

Idaho's fishermen don't believe they want to lose their salmon and steelhead or their irrigation water. To keep four heavily subsidized dams at Washington. At least, we sure hope not. All we ask is that when it comes to finding the facts, please ask the right sources.

You wouldn't ask a dentist to perform a heart transplant. Don't ask fishermen and fish advocates for business advice and vice-versa.

Mitch Sanchoniza is Director and active director of Idaho Steelhead and Salmon Unlimited.



## Comments concerning Clinton come easily

Editorial from newspaper editorials about President Clinton's impeachment:

**A lower bar**  
Impeachment's supporters, in their enthusiasm to restore the legal system against President Clinton's abuses, cannot ignore the long-range implications of their votes. They have collectively lowered the bar for future future actions against presidents. One does not have to be a supporter of the Clinton administration to worry that this measure is dangerous limit for the presidency and the rule of law in the name of what the law has been imposed. —The Washington Post

**Clinton should quit**  
Whatever happens from this point forward, there is no escaping the fact that the Clinton case, and should, put a stop to the demagogic and disingenuous episode in the nation's life. "With our little words," "Fresno," the unspoken state would be cleared. The situation with a world view and a mission, actually out of whack. There are the Democratic party leaders willing to accept the sole responsibility of impeaching the president with his obligations. It seems they are all too happy clapping him on the back and applauding his impeachment. —The Washington Times

**Censure, then move on**  
Regardless of its outcome, a prolonged trial would be harmful to the nation, both at home and abroad, holding up work on necessary legislation and raising doubts overseas about the ability of the United States to lead. That must be avoided... Instead, the Senate should adopt and send to the House a resolution expressing its abhorrence of Clinton's behavior and specifically condemning him for lying under oath. Clinton should agree beforehand to accept this condemnation, thereby, at long last, acknowledging his falsehoods and the dishonor he brought on his office. Then our nation must move on. —Los Angeles Times

**Start fresh with Gore**  
Leading Democrats in the White House and Senate should stop filling sandbags for President Clinton and search the soul of their party to ask: Should our nation be led by a man who has disgraced the presidency and violated his oath of office? Or is it healthier to start fresh, with President Al Gore serving the remainder of Mr. Clinton's term? The answer is obvious. —The Cincinnati Enquirer

**Proceed with care**  
If Clinton resigns, it will establish a

new, lower precedent for impeachment that could hamstring future presidents. It would also deprive the millions of Americans who support Clinton of the nonpolitical vindication they desire. Likewise if Clinton escapes with a simple censure, that will serve as endorsement for what are obviously lies under oath. It would also deprive millions of Americans who oppose Clinton of the non-political punishment they desire. The Senate must rise above petty partisanship. It must behave in a judicious, restrained manner, respectful of the magnitude of the task at hand. —The Burlington (Vt.) Free Press

**Upholding the law**  
No person is above the law. The high and the low, the mighty and the mean — all are subject to the rule of law. This simple yet majestic truth lies at the very foundation of the American republic. In voting to impeach William Jefferson Clinton, the United States House of Representatives upheld the rule of law. By his conduct the president sought to subvert the rule of law. Having taken an oath to see that the laws are faithfully executed, the president repeatedly lied under oath, suborned others to commit perjury, obstructed justice and abused the power of his office. —The Union Leader of Manchester, N.H.

## LETTERS

**Winco experiences a Renaissance**  
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sure academic excellence, ethical behavior and personal responsibility. Is charging for a Renaissance sticker really meeting these criteria? Please contact Winco High School and tell the administration that rewards should be free. For more information please visit my web site, which can be found at <http://www.cyberhighway.net/~drnrs/>. MIKE MCCARTHY Rupert

**Justice proves unjust for some**  
There is a young woman from a Magic Valley high school who was sexually molested in school, during school, by an upper classman. She reported the incident to the counselor, to the principal and the school officer. She wrote out several reports so the officer had an exact account of what happened. Several other students, including students that were not even present, had to write out statements as well. This young woman has spoken with two others who have had similar but worse actions happen to them by the same upper classman. But they are too scared to come forward for several reasons. I wonder if a few of these reasons are because of fear of the upper classman or his friends, the fact that his punishment was only a three-day suspension, or that with so many statements written, the whole school knows what happened to this young woman. Don't get me wrong. The school han-

dled everything well. The parents of this young lady were informed as soon as possible and the principal called to offer his support. The classroom in which this event occurred was changed around the next day to ensure no blind spots. The problem I have is with the judicial system. This girl's parents have called the prosecuting attorney a few times, as this is a felony — not a misdemeanor. They can't get a return call and the prosecutor hasn't gotten a hold of the school officer either. The school officer says that it is "his word against hers," so probably nothing will be done. So now the people know what's happened to this young woman because she came forward, but they are also wondering, because charges haven't been filed, if this really happened. This young woman has a good reputation, goes to church twice a week and gets A's and B's in school. This upper classman has a reputation for dealing with girls very badly. He no longer attends the school. Please explain why this young woman, or any other, would ever feel comfortable coming forth with something like this again if it comes down to "his word against hers." Everyone will know about it but nothing will be done, nothing will happen to make him pay. These young women in school need to know that if they are attacked, it will be dealt with in some manner. FAY JAMISON Kimberly

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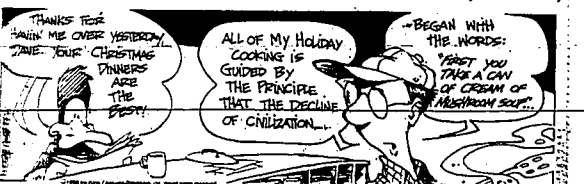
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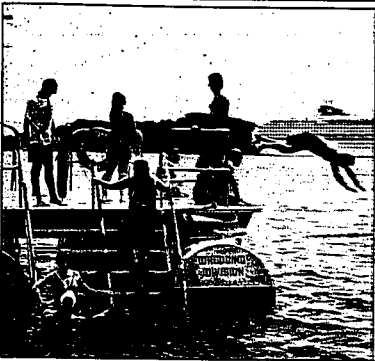
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WORLD

# Hamas leader denounces Clinton visit



Tourists from a cruise ship, seen in background, climb into Gatun locks Dec. 25 just outside of the Gatun Locks of the Panama Canal. Panama is hoping that a major part of its new economy will be ecotourism — resorts that respect and profit from the untouched nature that surrounds the 32-mile canal.

## Panama hopes to bank on canal's natural assets

Country regains control of channel next year

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — The Americans gouged a trench across this lush country and nurtured it during nine decades as U.S. soil into a vital link in the ever-expanding global market.

All that will change in just a year, when at noon on Dec. 31, 1999, the world's most powerful nation turns over control of the Panama Canal to this poor country.

There is no lack of skeptics, even among Panamanians, who question whether Panama is ready. In a CUP-Gallup poll in November, half the Panamanians surveyed said their country isn't prepared to run the canal.

But after decades of defensive assertions that the canal won't slip TOO far into ruin after the Americans leave, Panamanian officials and analysts are showing more confidence and setting their sights higher.

"I am in general terms very optimistic that we will administer the canal not only as well, but much better, because our vision goes far beyond moving ships from one ocean to another," said Roberto Eisenmann, a newspaper publisher who usually is a sharp government critic.

While taking on the canal's management, Panama's government also has big plans for developing the sophisticated infrastructure and vast swag of the Panama Canal Zone — an area valued at \$2 billion to \$4 billion.

The loss of the U.S. troops based in the zone will cost Panama's economy up to \$300 million a year, but officials say they will more than make up for that.

"In the beginning there will be a negative effect from the loss of U.S. military spending, but gradually that will be overcome by the new investments, new exports and new economic activity," said Nicolas Arango Bustera, administrator of the agency that coordinates investment in the areas turned over by the Americans.

The government wants to create a web of activities around the canal, creating a tourism industry to take advantage of the biodiversity of the canal's banks while at the same time developing ports at each end of the waterway.

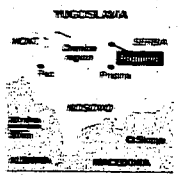
Officials hope the ports in Balboa on the Pacific side and Cristobal on the Caribbean side will develop into maintenance centers for ships traversing the

**GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip** — The spiritual leader of the militant group Hamas on Friday denounced President Clinton's recent visit to the Middle East, calling it an attempt to destroy Palestinian unity.

Sheik Ahmad Yassin's appearance at a rally to mark the 10th anniversary of the founding of Hamas was his first major appearance since his release Wednesday from two months of house arrest.

Yassin Arabiat's government criticized the charismatic sheik to his house in October after Hamas tried to blow up a school bus full of Jewish children in the Gaza Strip.

Arabiat's dealings with Hamas have been difficult. Israel demands that he see security to contain Islamic militants who stage attacks against Israel, but the Palestinian leader is reluctant to alienate Yassin's following.



## U.S. diplomat ventures into Kosovo fighting area

LAPASCOVA, Yugoslavia — The American head of international missions in Kosovo returned to the center of a new outbreak of fighting Friday, appealing to rebels and Serb forces not to return to full-scale war.

William Walker met with an ethnic Albanian rebel commander during a lull in the second day of renewed fighting in northern Kosovo, and Yugoslav army tanks on a nearby hill pointed their barrels at the rebel-held village.

Walker said he also hoped to talk with Serb commanders. Denunciations are part of his bid to end the latest Serb offensive, which poses the gravest threat yet to the Oct. 12 agreement that halted months of violence between Serbs and guerrillas trying to gain independence for the predominantly ethnic Albanian province in Serbia.

Walker said the worsening fight — now 600-strong and set to be increased to 2,000 in the coming weeks — would not be pulled out in the face of increased danger.

**Test shows Taiwanese waste highly toxic**  
PSEUNG PENG, Cambodia

Initial test results on tons of waste dumped by a Taiwanese firm in Cambodia indicate the mercury level was thousands of times higher than safety standards permit.

The waste, believed to be compressed industrial ash, was dumped a few miles outside Sihanoukville, 115 miles southwest of Phnom Penh, last month and discovered two weeks ago. Villagers living nearby have complained of exhaustion and diarrhea.

The waste was sent by Taiwan's giant Formosa Plastics Corp., and fear over possibly toxic content caused a panicked exodus of residents from the seaport area.

## Moderate earthquake hits Peru's capital

LIMA, Peru — A moderate earthquake rattled Lima on Friday, shaking buildings and causing office towers to sway, but there were no initial reports of damage, authorities said.

A preliminary estimate put the earthquake at magnitude 4.6, said Luis Vilcapoma, a spokesman for Peru's Geophysical Institute. A quake of that magnitude can cause moderate damage.

Most high-rise buildings were empty for Christmas Day. In Lima's sprawling shantytowns, where precarious houses are vulnerable to earthquakes, people ran out into the streets fearing their houses would collapse.

## Thailand rejects remake of 'The King and I'

BANGKOK, Thailand — A Thai film board on Friday rejected a U.S. filmmaker's final attempt to get approval to shoot a remake of "The King and I" on location in Thailand.

The board had already rejected five revised scripts as inaccurately depicting the life of the 19th century monarch, King Mongkut, and this time it didn't even bother reading the latest version.

20th Century Fox has already announced it will move filming to Malaysia, but the studio's representative in Thailand made one last bid to film in the country.

Thailand has long resented the portrayal of Mongkut, a

revered Buddhist scholar and linguist, as a despot and buffoon in the 1946 nonmusical "Anna and the King of Siam," and the musical, "The King and I," a decade later.

rebuked some priests for owning expensive cars and mobile phones at a time when many parishioners are struggling to afford the basics, a newspaper reported Friday.

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### AROUND THE VALLEY

#### Drop off Christmas trees for chipping

**TWIN FALLS** - People who want to help keep Twin Falls clean can drop their Christmas trees off at Sixth Avenue West, east of the city animal shelter, starting today. Trees will be chipped into mulch, and the dropoff site will be open until Jan. 15, 1999. Ornaments, wires, lights and plastic bags should be removed from trees before they are dropped off. For more information, call City Sanitation Inspector Sherry Jeff at 736-2264.

#### Low-income Idahoans can get free eye care

**TWIN FALLS** - Low-income workers and their families in Idaho can sign up now to receive free eye care in March 1999 through a program called Vision USA.

To qualify for the free eye care, people must have a job or live in a household in which at least one member is working part-time, have no health insurance that covers eye exams, meet certain income criteria based on household size and not have had an eye exam at a doctor's office within the past two years.

Application forms are available from Vision USA, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141. Completed forms must be postmarked by Jan. 22, 1999.

Dr. Jeff Schmers of Eagle is the program coordinator for Idaho. Services are being donated by members of the Idaho Ophthalmic Association. Administrative costs are being funded by a grant from Vistakon, a division of Johnson & Johnson Vision Products Inc.

For more information, call Schmers at (208) 939-7000 or Dr. Dan Thieme in Meridian at (208) 888-2200.

#### Agency receives grant to help the homeless

**TWIN FALLS** - The South Central Community Action Agency has been awarded \$568,275 to house the homeless in the Magic Valley. The money comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as an Idaho Housing and Finance Association grant.

The award will be used for the following projects:

- Replacing an eight-bed center operated by the Community Organization for Rehabilitative Efforts (CORE), a nonprofit organization providing housing for homeless adults who are severely mentally ill.

- Renovating the CORE center to house homeless juvenile females in Twin Falls.

- Acquiring six single-family dwellings throughout the Magic Valley to be used as transitional housing for the homeless.

The Community Action Agency will administer the funds and operate the transitional housing program. Support services will be provided to help homeless people get personal, medical and dental care, job placement, counseling, education, basic living skills and transportation.

#### CD-ROM created on Idaho solid waste

**BURLEY** - How garbage is handled at the Miller Butte landfill is explained on a CD-ROM titled "Waste and Recycling in Southern Idaho."

The disc was created by Southern Idaho Solid Waste, which operates the Miller Butte landfill and has transfer stations in six counties. It covers how waste is collected, the role of recycling, composting, and cardboard and other garbage recycling opportunities.

The disc uses photographs, illustrations, graphics, video clips and narration. Designed primarily for use in schools, the disc is available free of charge to government or public entities or may be purchased by individuals for \$3 per copy.

To obtain a copy, or for more information, contact the Southern Idaho Solid Waste, P.O. Box 159, Burley, 83318, or call 432-9083; or write Mike Hofferber, Recycling Coordinator, Box 277, Shoshone, 83352, or call him at 885-7106.

Compiled from staff reports

## Ice rink proposal warms up

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Skates that have been gathering dust in closets around the Magic Valley could be cruising the ice in Twin Falls soon if boosters of two proposed indoor rinks get their way.

Plans are being laid for a 59,000-square-foot, two-rink complex near the intersection of Addison Avenue East and Carriage Lane. The Twin Towne Ice Rink would be part of the Cedar Park Development in that area. Backers were granted a special-use permit for the complex in March.

But there's still some land swapping and fund-raising to be done. So construction probably won't start until well into 1999,

said Monica Cook of Cooker Enterprises, the company behind the project.

It's also taking time for the pieces to fall into place on a proposal to build a sizable rink and complex along Shoshone Street near the Depot Grill in Old Towne.

Booster Don Klune of Ketchum said one more investor - preferably somebody from Twin Falls - needs to hop on board before the project can glide ahead. An 85-by-200-foot sand-based rink would go in first, he said. If all goes well during the first two years of operation, backers would like to add a second building housing a 100-by-200-foot rink with a concrete base.

The first rink might be open by October 1999, said former

Twin Falls economic development director Dave McAlhadin, who he worked closely with backers of the proposed Old Towne rink.

Klune and Cook said they envision year-round use of their facilities.

The sand-based rink downtown could be covered and used for boat shows, concerts and other events during warmer months, Klune said. Cook said the second rink at the Addison Avenue complex could double as a soccer field. Basketball and inline skating are other possible uses, she said. And temperature control at both locations would allow ice skating all year long.

Party rooms and skating lessons also are planned at both complexes, and Klune wants to

see boys' and girls' hockey programs start to blossom in the Magic Valley.

But is Twin Falls big enough for a pair of such ambitious projects?

Probably not, Klune said. "I don't think two double rinks could survive two years."

Even so, public interest surrounding both projects shows many locals are anxious to get on blades, he said.

Cook said both complexes should see plenty of business. While Twin Falls alone might not provide enough customers, top-notch rinks should draw people from all over southern Idaho, she said.

Times-News staff writer Mark Heinz can be reached at 324-6962.

## Still on patrol

### Officers serve, protect regardless of holiday

By David Lee  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - Bret Wood expected his Christmas Day to go something like this: Get up at 6 a.m. and watch his two children open presents. Then off to work for the next 10 hours before coming home for Christmas dinner with his family.

Wood, a deputy with the Cassia County Sheriff's Department, has spent his Christmas like this before.

"It just comes with the job," he said of his 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. patrol shift. "It's the same 'ol, same 'ol, just like any other day."

Most law-enforcement officials who work Christmas Day get the shift through the luck of the draw, said Lt. Cary Bristol of the Cassia sheriff's department. They are scheduled on a rotating basis to work 10-hour shifts, and those who set the schedule don't look at what day it is, Bristol said.

"No one gets priority on holidays," he said.

Administrators and investigators get the day off, but officers on patrol don't. And Bristol, who once spent four hours stuck in a ditch Christmas Day when he lost control of his patrol vehicle in a storm, has moved up the ranks enough to get the day off regardless of the schedule.

During the 21 years Bristol has been an officer, he worked Christmas on at least half of those years, he said.

Christmas Days usually are slow with few problems, said Sgt. Lew Jones of the Rupert Police Department.

The biggest problem on Christmas usually is a domestic situation, when officers are called in to handle a family fight. The fights could range from visiting relatives not getting along to people simply getting strung out over the stress of the holidays, Jones said.

"It can be a very depressing time," Jones said. "There sometimes is too much emphasis on giving a great deal instead of remembering what Christmas is about."

Officers usually don't have to worry about much else, Jones said. Businesses, mostly closed Christmas, tend not to be broken into that day "simply because we're still out there patrolling and have a tendency to deter" criminals.

The roads probably will be busier today than Friday because relatives may be heading home, said Lt. Lamont Johnston of the Idaho State Police.

Roads usually are busiest Christmas Eve and Christmas night, but because the holiday landed on a Friday, relatives may stay for the night. Sunday's traffic may be the heaviest, with a few people heading home from weekend reunions, Johnston said.

Times-News staff writer David Lee can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

## CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES AROUND IN WOOD RIVER VALLEY



PHOTO BY M. HEINZ/THE TIMES-NEWS

#### Above, The Sun Valley Carolers serenade a crowd in Sun Valley to kick off the annual holiday festivities.

The group, which consists mostly of Brigham Young University students, entertains in the Wood River Valley every year.

Right, skiers make their way down Dollar Mountain under a shower of fireworks in the traditional torch light parade.



### Casino hopes to reduce risk of heart trouble

By Sam Feitman  
Times-News correspondent

**JACKPOT**, Nev. - If the excitement of the gaming tables turns out to be a heart-stopping experience, it close by.

Sudden cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death for Americans over age 40. So Cactus Petes Resort Casino has bought its own heart defibrillator.

The device, formally known as an automatic external defibrillator, was put into service on Dec. 19.

About half the casino's security staff has been trained to use it, and training is planned for the rest.

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### Christmas Eve brings back simplicity

#### Congregations hold Christmas Eve service in barn

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

**DECLO** - Mike McAfee's barn was filled to capacity on Thursday night. Not of sheep, or horses or even farm equipment, Mike McAfee's barn in Declo was full of local residents celebrating Christmas Eve.

"Not many people get this kind of Christmas Eve service," McAfee said, with his wife Jennifer and 10-month-old son Caleb close by his side. "To like to do it every year."

Members of the Calvary Baptist Church and the Congregational Church in Burley would've mind coming back again next year either. In his first year at the McAfee barn, the Christmas Eve service

turned out to be a grand success, with more than 50 people rolling onto McAfee's farm and filling into his wood barn.

"This is really natural and simple," said Brian Livermore, Congregational Church of Burley pastor. "Life has become so complicated today with the materialistic things - this reflects the spirit of Christmas in its simplicity."

Others in the barn Thursday night agreed with Livermore.

"Where was Jesus born?" asked Tom Watson, who also belongs to Calvary Baptist Church in Burley. "That's right, in a barn - what better way to celebrate the birth of Christ than like this."

Pastor John Ramsey of Calvary Baptist church must have been on the same wavelength as Watson and other residents Thursday night.

"I think it's appropriate that we're in a barn," Ramsey said before the assembled crowd. "It's appropriate for us to be here on Christmas Eve as we cel-

brate the birth of the king."

As John Ramsey helped paint a barn in Oregon this past year, he had an idea - why not have Christmas Eve worship in a barn this year? He began asking around and as it turned out, one of the church members did.

McAfee said that jumped at the chance to put his generally empty barn to use.

Some residents said they were glad that McAfee opened his barn to the community.

"I like to hear the service," Josh Pierce, 13, said. "I like to see the smiles on peoples faces - it's a good tradition every year."


Pierce and his buddy, Matt Shockey, 12, did their best to greet visitors to the barn, while helping to pass out candles.

Many of the guests were happy to spend an hour of their life in the barn - sacrificing time that may have been spent in front of the television or elsewhere to be at the service instead.

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### WANTED in the Magic Valley

Name: Thomas Scott Berry  
Age: 30  
Description: White male, 6 feet 1 inches tall, 160 pounds, blue eyes and blond hair charged with PROSECUTOR violation on possession of a controlled substance. The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office asks anyone with information to call 736-4100 or 735-1911.



MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Wife in kidnapping case files for divorce

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Kyndra Fink, who along with her husband is accused of kidnapping their allegedly malnourished son from a hospital, has filed for divorce.

Citing irreconcilable differences, Kyndra Fink, 23, filed for divorce from Christopher Fink on Dec. 18 — the day after the couple were ordered to stand trial on charges of kidnapping, child abuse and aggravated assault.

In the action filed in 3rd District Court, the woman asks for custody of the couple's two children: 23-month-old David Moske Fink and 3-month-old Ethan Moske Fink. David was born in the Montana wilderness during his parents' 16-day run from the law.

alimony, that Christopher pay the family's debts, pay child support and carry a \$300,000 life insurance policy and that she be awarded the use of her maiden name, Lee.

Bill Morrison, attorney for Christopher, 23, said his client was distraught after being served with the papers Wednesday.

"He was very surprised, very disappointed and very shocked," Morrison said. "He said he will always love her and he didn't want a divorce."

"I have enormous sympathy for her," Morrison said. "She's been given a choice of either your children or your husband. If she has any hope of gaining custody of her children, her only hope is to start fresh without the encumbrance of Christopher Fink."

ings to permanently remove custody of the children from their parents. The boys are in foster care.

The couple were married in Pocatello, Idaho, on Feb. 28, 1996, weeks after meeting. She was a massage therapist who shared office space with her chiropractor father in Pocatello.

Christopher, a native of Altoona, Penn., had spent much of his life on the road, often homeless, with his mother and four brothers and sisters.

During the next two years, the couple lived in numerous cities while Christopher put together the tenets of his religious beliefs. Their first son, Christopher has said, was born unattended in their apartment in Helper, Utah, on Dec. 27, 1996.

attention in September when they snatched David Fink from Primary Children's Medical Center. The child had been admitted five days before by relatives concerned with his weight — just 16 pounds, a pound less than an average 6-month-old boy.

An initial FBI report said the Finks restricted their firstborn's diet to watermelon and lettuce because they believed he was the "Christ child" whose body must be kept pure.

Christopher has denied that he believed his son was a Christ child or a prophet, and he denied that his son was fed only watermelon and lettuce. He has said his son was simply small for his age.

The couple are under a court order not to speak to each other nor to see their children.

'Tis the season to lose fingers (in snowblowers)

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — It happens every winter. Snow falls, a snowblower gets clogged, the owner reaches for the auger to clear the jam. He whacks his 9-1/2-inch finger.

One victim last February got four snowblower owners' fingers — in Bountiful, alone.

"It's generally just one of those things we see quite a lot in the ER," said Kathleen Marshall, coordinator at the Columbia Jordan Regional Medical Center Emergency Trauma Center.

Dr. Tom Wright, chief of emergency medicine at McKay-Dee Hospital Center, has seen many such injuries.

an impalpable — some are lost for good," he said.

"Bright blades make snowblowers believe that the motor of the snowblower is the motor of the fingers," he said.

"These are called, but the torque is still there, so when you remove the snow blower's blocking the blades will turn again even though the motor's off," he said.

"Snowblowers are simple to use. It's just a matter of putting your hand in the machine and pushing it forward. It's just a matter of putting your hand in the machine and pushing it forward."

Christmas stumping

Politicians send cards for PR

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — While Christmas card-sending in general is flat, elected officials are filling post offices with their greetings.

"It's just good public relations," said Sandy Mayor Tom Doherty, who sends out about 500 cards that carry an engraving of City Hall sprinkled with gold flecks of snow on the front.

About 70 percent of Americans send Christmas cards, which are a \$1.3 billion industry, said Michelle Buckley, Hallmark spokeswoman. Still, the number of senders has leveled during the past several years, Buckley says.

Card companies do not have to worry about politicians, though.

Gov. Mike Leavitt's office will mail 7,000 New Year cards this year. The cards — which cost about \$1 each, including postage — feature a picture of Leavitt's family. The governor's special-projects fund will cover the cost.

Sen. Bob Bennett, R-Utah, sent out 9,000 cards. His greeting features a picture of the Bennett family on election night.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, mailed 14,000 Christmas cards this year. They feature six small photos of Hatch's children and their families around a picture of Hatch and his wife, Elaine. Inside is sheet music of the senator's new Christmas song "Like a New Christmas." The cards cost about 58 cents each to print and mail.

Every piece of mail sent to supporters keeps the politician in their minds, says Peter Valcarlos, director of American Communications sent mailings for House Reps. Merrill Cook and Chris Cannon this year.

SEASON OF SOGGINESS



Building owner Ken Hong, right, stands next to his tenant, Tony Nguyen, at the PCH Discount Store, which was flooded after a water main broke under the Pacific Coast Highway at Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue late on Christmas Eve Thursday. The break flooded buildings in a four-block area, causing the evacuation of the mall.

Federal court sentences Idaho Falls man in armed robbery case

POCATELLO (AP) — Brian Rasmussen of Idaho Falls was sentenced in federal district court to eight and a half years in prison for the December 24, 1997 armed robbery of the East Idaho Federal Credit Union in Idaho Falls.

Rasmussen entered the credit union on Christmas Eve wearing

a helmet, ski mask and coveralls, and carrying a silver, semiautomatic pistol. He then, semiautomatic pistol. He then, semiautomatic pistol. He then, semiautomatic pistol.

Rasmussen took cash from three tellers and escaped on a snowmobile that he earlier had stolen from another location.

Two Idaho Falls residents found the helmet and coveralls in a dumpster at a truck stop south of the city. Upon hearing news of the robbery, the citizens turned the items over to police.

Rasmussen's snowmobile also was found in a field near the robbery site.

U.S. District Judge E. Lynn Warren II said that the violent nature of the robbery and the threats Rasmussen made to the tellers made his a particularly serious crime.

In addition to his prison term, Rasmussen also will serve five years supervised release and pay more than \$20,000 in restitution.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0932, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

PRESCOTT VALLEY, ARIZ.

Utahna K. Anderson, 75, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1998, in Prescott, Ariz. of causes incident to age.

She was born in Richland, Utah on Dec. 3, 1923, in Junctions, Rudger Kramann and Flossie Peterson whose names are on her gravestone. She married Frank Raymond Anderson on Nov. 7, 1938, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. She preceded her in death on Feb. 20, 1975. She was a member of the LDS Church and had lived in Pocatello, Utah; Twin Falls, Idaho; and Utah, and Prescott Valley, Ariz.

Surviving are one son, Norman E. Anderson of Park City, Utah, one daughter, Doreen Anderson of Prescott Valley, Ariz., two grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. She is survived by her sons, Robert and Dallas. Ore. She was preceded in death by her parents, her mother, and three brothers, Wesley Kramann, Doc Kramann, and Don Kramann.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 29, 1998 at Myers Mortuary Chapel, 845 Washington Blvd. in Ogden, Utah. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday, and 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

HAILEY

Betty Claire Mae Rainey, 66, of Rancho Bernardo, Calif., and Clayton, Idaho, passed away on Dec. 22, 1998, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was survived by family and friends.

Betty was born at home in a house on River Street in Hailey on Jan. 11, 1932. She was the first child of Stan and Stella Johnson. Betty graduated from Hailey High School in 1950 and soon after married her high school sweetheart, Lynn Rainey, also of Hailey. Betty had the opportunity to live in a variety of locations from coast to coast, but always held a spot in her heart for Hailey.

Betty managed the high school cafeteria at Northern High School in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, but she dedicated most of her younger life to raising her two children. She was a talented baker and put her craft to use creating wedding and special occasion cakes, both professionally and as gifts to loved ones. Over the past few years, Betty studied art at Polomark College in San Marcos, furthering her expertise in glass blowing, stained glass and sand-

blast glass art. She was passionate about many aspects of artistic expression and never hesitated to learn a new medium. She was generous in sharing her work with anyone who appreciated her skills.

Betty was an innovative and progressive thinker, making it easier for her to readily adapt to the constant changes that entered her life. She loved the opportunity of meeting new people and experiencing new places. She will be fondly remembered for her vibrant and strong personality, her wit and deep love for her family and friends.

Betty is survived by her husband, Lynn Rainey, three sons, Michael Rainey of Rancho Bernardo, Calif., Phillip Rainey of Kelchum, and Patrick Rainey of Hailey; two daughters, Nikki Rainey of Tucson, Ariz., and Terri Hilbert of Escondido, Calif.; two brothers, Stan Johnson Jr. of Hailey and Clifford Johnson of Boise; sister, Barbara Johnson of Hagerman; ten grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Betty was preceded in death by her mother and father.

Memorial services will be at 2:00 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, 1999 at the Hailey LDS Chapel, with Bishop Vernon Parfitt conducting interment followed by a dinner at the Hailey LDS Cultural Hall. Local arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey.

SERVICES

Tuesday at Rebeck Funeral Home, 318 N. Laramie in Boise

DEATH NOTICES

Stanley Cheney, 55, a Gering resident died Thursday, Dec. 23, 1998, at the Gauding Senior and Living Center. Funeral services are pending under the direction of Demery's Gooding Chapel.

Mary E. Yost of Wendell, memorial service at 3 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

Lucille F. Nushbaum of Boise, memorial service at 2 p.m.

Funeral Home, 318 N. Laramie in Boise

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# Scientist's book documents memories at favorite ski resort

INCOM (AP) — Julie Roche can't help but feel sentimental about her favorite ski area, "The Rock."

Since she was 4, she has liked at Pebble Creek Ski Area east of Inkom on a 2,500-foot-high Mount Bonnevile.

Her late grandfather, Ollie Roche, and her father, Roger Roche, taught her to ski at the area that has 20 to 40 runs and a 2,000-foot vertical drop.

It's a place that makes her grin and her eyes sparkle as she recalls more than 40 years of good times she's had there.

Two years ago, Roche began researching and writing a book about Pebble Creek and the people who ski there to commemorate the area's 50th anniversary on Jan. 30, 1959.

Her book, "The Rock: A History of Pebble Creek Ski Area" features more than 100 photos.

"Pebble has a charm of its own," Roche said. "And so do the people who ski there. She interviewed more than 60 for the book.

Loyal skiers have fondly nicknamed the ski area "The Rock."

*'Pebble has a charm of its own.'*

—Julie Roche, author

named the ski area "The Rock." "We call it 'The Rock' because the mountain is steep, the mountain is hard, the mountain is rocky," Roche wrote in her introduction. "We also call it 'The Rock' because it keeps our minds clear and solid."

She compares her book to rummaging through an old ski bag. "With each item discovered, long since forgotten or considered lost, an old memory surfaces."

Roche, a scientist at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, said it was difficult to shift her frame of reference from science to the humanities to write the book. Nevertheless, she enjoyed interviewing people, including many senior citizens who are still active skiers at Pebble. The first winter of 1948-49,

"we only operated for a month because a blizzard dumped about 5 feet of snow in the canyon." Paul Hill of Lava Hot Springs said. "The drifts on the road were so deep, and the country didn't have any snow removal equipment so we just had to close it up."

He and his partner and brother, Fred, called the area Skyline. "As you sat up there looking down into the valley, you could see a beautiful skyline."

It was later renamed Pebble Creek. In the early days, skiers often went to Joe Primbs, who had a barn in the basement of his printing business.

"We divided the coal bin in half and put coal on one side and a ski shop on the other," Primbs said.

Roy Miller, a longtime ski patrol, said the first skis were wooden with square tips. In those days, skiers stripped their skis down to the wood, then prepped the bottoms with Fast Ski base wax.

"It took an hour to prepare for a day of skiing," Miller said.



Bruce Anderson and wife Tara sing Christmas songs with their 6-year-old daughter, Katelyn, and other guests at Mike McAlvo's barn in Declo Thursday night.

## Christmas

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barn as opposed to the church, like tradition has seen over the years, did not make a difference. In fact, it was a welcomed change.

"This was really great," said Tara Anderson, who was at the barn with her husband Bruce and 6-month-old daughter Katelyn.

"We were all really enjoying it."

was a bit cold, but not too bad."

Though the snow on the trees brought back the nostalgia of Christmas, there were certain reminders of the present.

Electrician Jimmy Swann had to keep three or four antennas warm while a lightning-swear millimeter out the nearby canyon across."

Despite the official announce-

ments, some could not help but reminisce about their own childhood years on a farm.

"For me, it's a bit of fun," said David Suckin, who helped construct the wooden cross for the service. "I grew up on a farm - this is just a natural setting. It's unfortunate to have service here tonight."

# Idaho dry bean production slips

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's 1998 dry bean production is expected to total 2.11 million cwt, or hundredweight, five percent less than last year's production of 2.22 million cwt, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service.

Though planned and harvested acreage remain unchanged from last year, the statewide yield is expected to be 2,050 pounds per acre, a decrease of 100 pounds

from 1997's record yield. Pinto production continues to account for the largest portion of the state's crop with 43 percent of Idaho's total production. Pink production is next at 18 percent of the total. Small Reds, Great Northerns, Garbanos and the Black Turtle Soup bean account for the next largest fields. Navy, Light Red Kidneys, Small Whites, Dark Red Kidneys and Cranberries together account for

a smaller portion of the state's crop. Nationally, production of dry, edible beans is estimated at 31 million cwt for 1998, six percent higher than last year's 29 million. Harvest is estimated at 1.92 million acres, up 12 percent from 1997 and 10 percent over 1996. The average yield, at 1,675 pounds per acre, dropped 80 pounds from last year.

# Former fire captain sues for wrongful termination

BOISE (AP) — A shift captain for the North Ada County Fire and Rescue District is charging he was fired when he reported being given to several retaliatory acts, including a suspension that led to his discharge. Hufford also alleged he was not fully represented by the union over the suspension.

The lawsuit says Hufford suffered "severe and significant personal distress and damage to his reputation and character and future earning capacity."

Hufford's attorney was not available for comment, nor was the attorney for Fire and Rescue District commissioners, its fire chief and deputy chief. The union's attorney, Alan Herzfeld,

Association of Fire Fighters Local 2311 threatened to get even with him, and that he was subjected to several retaliatory acts, including a suspension that led to his discharge. Hufford also alleged he was not fully represented by the union over the suspension.

The lawsuit says Hufford suffered "severe and significant personal distress and damage to his reputation and character and future earning capacity." Hufford's attorney was not available for comment, nor was the attorney for Fire and Rescue District commissioners, its fire chief and deputy chief. The union's attorney, Alan Herzfeld,

said Hufford's claims are unfounded. "The union is confident that its efforts on Mr. Hufford's behalf were reasonable and appropriate and that Mr. Hufford's claims against the union and its members have not been fully investigated," Herzfeld said in a statement.

Herzfeld also said Hufford damaged district property after the union declined to take his termination grievance to arbitration, and that he refused to accept a settlement offer that would have earned him his job back.

Defendants this week filed a motion to dismiss the case.

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TWIN FALLS — If recent temperatures have anyone planning an ice-fishing trip, the Idaho Fish and Game Department has a few tips to keep the trip safe.

It takes at least three inches of clear, blue ice to support a single angler, and more than 5 inches of

ice to support a car or truck. Snow on top of the ice is not safe, so you want to use clear, unobstructed ice.

"If you want to create your track on the ice," a department spokesman says, "please do it in a straight line."

Be wary of lakes with narrow

water, and steer clear of discolored ice or imbedded weeds, logs, stumps, boulders and ice shelves - these objects can absorb the sun's heat and melt the surrounding ice.

The angler can only have five lines in the water, and for safety reasons, keep all holes under ten inches in diameter.

# Idaho will get \$8.5M to improve water

BOISE (AP) — Idaho will receive \$8,529,800 in federal grants to improve its drinking water, President Clinton announced earlier this month. Nearly \$870 million will be available to states and 115 territories to improve the quality of their drinking water.

The bulk of the money comes from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund proposed by

the President and authorized by the 1995 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act. The funds are used by states to provide low-interest loans to municipalities to construct or upgrade drinking water systems and to prevent contamination through approved wastewater treatment.

The President announced nearly \$200 million in similar

Water Supply Supervision grants. The funds are used by state drinking water programs to monitor quality, enforce standards and provide technical assistance to local communities.

Idaho will receive \$7,463,800 in Drinking Water State Revolving funds in addition to \$1,066,000 in Public Water Supply Supervision grants.

# Man faces new charge in molesting case

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah (AP) — The man accused of sexually assaulting three girls during a May sleep-over in South Salt Lake has been charged in another, earlier case.

Ray Lynn Butterfield has been accused of sexually molesting a 13-year-old West Valley girl, who was in police custody seeing him on the news in connection with the South Salt Lake charges.

"She saw he'd been arrested and felt safe enough to come forward," West Valley police Detective Jesse Castaneda said. Butterfield, 38, is now facing nine first-degree felony charges.

He has a long history involving sex crimes, child abuse and burglaries and was repeatedly charged.

Butterfield was living in South Salt Lake under the name Ray Franklin Jr. when the West Valley City girls were molested.

The counts of aggravated sexual abuse of a child were filed this month that allege that

between August and December of 1997, Butterfield groped the girl on numerous occasions at her home and his apartment.

Butterfield also was charged with one count of class A misdemeanor lewdness with a child for allegedly exposing himself to the girl.

The 13-year-old is one of several girls who came forward after Butterfield was arrested in May to say he also had molested them.

The sleeper attack occurred in the early hours of May 17 when an assailant into the backyard, cut a hole in a tent and threatened to slit the throats of two girls if they screamed.

Police said a 12-year-old girl was raped and her 10-year-old friend was sexually assaulted.

The assailant then sneaked into the home and sexually assaulted the older victim's 11-year-old cousin, who was sleeping on the couch. The assaulting victim told the courts of the incidents. The parents were asleep in a nearby bedroom.

# Piano teacher ignites breaching debate

BOISE (AP) — Former Port of Lewiston manager Roy McMurray calls 52-year-old Boise piano teacher Reed Burkholder "a pest."

Burkholder, who championed breaching the lower Snake River dams before conservation groups endorsed the proposal, first demanded information about the port's budget from McMurray several years ago.

Then, McMurray said Burkholder asked how much the port's warehouse made, although Burkholder doesn't recall it.

"I shut him off," McMurray said. "He has been there and there and wouldn't go away. Five or six years ago, I wouldn't have had anything to lose and he didn't have credibility to defend," Wilson said.

"We would have come to it later, but it triggered debates earlier and he deserves credit for raising the question and saying it was crazy to go half-way."

He lives in home in a quiet suburb, Boise neighborhood. The talk he expected Burkholder looks like a casual college professor in his blue jeans and is an animated talker. He fished every chance he had as a child growing up in Lewiston and recalls angling for salmon on the river.

Burkholder left to attend the

*"I had to tell them about how independent we are of these dams. All they have to do is switch an contract with an alternative supplier like Emron and then they'll see what they have power at the going market price, and that's what we live on."*

—Reed Burkholder, piano teacher

College of Wooster in Ohio and the University of Kentucky, and spent the years in Hollywood as a songwriter before returning to Boise in 1988 with his wife and two children.

In the early 1990s, Burkholder, a Mennonite, began studying ecology in the Bible and read a book about Christian environmentalism. He concluded it's consistent with Christian thinking to care about the salmon runs.

"I wanted to know what happened to the salmon and I figured it out when I saw they had no more dams."

His initial conclusion wasn't based on science. It was intuition, he said. Burkholder recalls talking to his father, retired court Maurice Burkholder, in 1992 about what he was learning about the Port of Lewiston.

"Dad said, 'You can have salmon or you can have dams and you can't have both.'"

But after a year of research about removing the earthen portions of the lower Snake River dams, Burkholder concluded it was a rational option and probably an economic plus.

He spent the next three years putting together what he calls a logical, researched case for breaching the dams, which he published last year.

U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers until the port's announcement. The Corps in July 1997 announced a would study dam breaching as an option to save the fish runs.

"In 1995 I was still active. The environmental groups were very loud."

Wilson said conservation groups, but instead he'd been doing what he was doing: writing, writing, writing to the creditable and responsible players with the dam."

"The challenge is to have the dam breaching be a natural sequence," he said. "There's no conflict of interest. It's just intellectual honesty."

Mitch Santoniemi, executive coordinator of Idaho Steelhead and Salmon Unlimited, said Burkholder's information is the most thorough people want to come to numbers about the lower Snake River dams.

"They are sources that probably some of the more accurate sources," he said. "The question is: How many more? You can't like what he's done. He's done a good job. He's done a good job. He's done a good job."

Believe it or not, Santoniemi is an independent, not an environmentalist. Other people in the Pacific Northwest are not.

"I don't believe Bruce Burkholder is the worst case I would like you to believe," Santoniemi said.

Burkholder tries to inject as much influence as he can in southern Idaho on the fish issue, said Port of Lewiston manager David Doremppoff.

"Reed has his views and I obviously don't agree with him," he said. "I believe he has a majority of his facts wrong."

The Burkholder argues the port substantially overstates its economic and fish benefits.

"Federal salmon buyers call the psychiatric, but don't save the salmon," it is written on a piece of paper above the government documents.

Burkholder, who is a piano teacher for about 30 families, has given about 50 speeches throughout the Northwest to pitch breaching.

"I had to tell them about how independent we are of these dams," he said about the power generated by Idaho. "All they have to do is write a contract with an alternative supplier like Emron and then flip a switch and they have power at the going market price, and that's pretty easy."

Burkholder finds it easy to make converts to dam breaching.

"I haven't even had a hate letter," he said. "When we get 35 or 75 percent of the people supporting breaching, I can't imagine (Gov.-elect) Dirk Kempthorne would back the dam."

An independent poll two months ago showed 37 percent of Idaho residents supported breaching the lower Snake River dams to save salmon and steelhead runs, while 50 percent opposed the idea. The other 13 percent were undecided.

# Casino

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The whole idea is, the quicker you can shock the person's heart, the better chance they have," said Marr. Jackpot's fire chief and ambulance director.

Marr suggested the machine offer learning that casinos in Las Vegas are not as safe as people believe. "If you have defibrillators to revive customers in cardiac arrest. Seven lives were saved within a year in one Vegas casino alone, he said.

Guest safety is our primary concern," Marr said. "We believe that this lifesaving technology was available, we knew that

we wanted to have it," casino spokeswoman Kathleen Boyd said in a written statement.

The machine analyzes the patient's condition and tells the operator whether the teller's heart needs to be shocked back into normal rhythm. Marr explained the machine's timing: "The ambulance can take 10 minutes to get to the scene, the time that could mean the difference between saving and losing the patient."

Times-News correspondent Sam Feltman can be reached in Jackpot, Nev., at (702) 755-2351.

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# Citrus shortage means more melons

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Speculation across the country could see a lot more melons from Mexico and grapes from Chile as a winter freeze continues to put a squeeze on California's citrus crops.

Harshness: Much less Central American bananas on market shelves, and in the coming weeks melon growers will have to produce California navel oranges with oranges imported for juice from Florida or other favorites from Chile, such as nectarines, pears and peaches, said Bill Nelson, president of the trade group California Citrus Mutual.

"In agriculture you have a saying that the time you're in is usually the worst time to be in," Nelson said. "The shortage of fruit is going to be significant. Consumers will substitute with some other commodities."

Just how bad growers will compensate for a lack of table oranges remains unclear, California State Bureau spokesman Ben Eganer said. But Nelson said that Texas and Arizona, which harvest small citrus crops, and Mexico and South American countries may come into the winter market to benefit from California's loss.

"The channels were fairly full with citrus prior to the freeze and harvesters are basically harvesting at a rate of 'the cold wave,'" Eganer said. "Certainly the supply is tight. The question is how much citrus is going to be lost."

Some uncertainty remains, said Jim Wirth, spokesman for Central California Citrus Growers, but he said that the 30s and 40s during the day and in the 20s at night, which growers are likely to see, are not as severe as in 1996, when nearly 90 percent of California's citrus crop was destroyed and 45 packing



A grapefruit tree is covered with icicles at a citrus grove in Fresno, Calif., Thursday. Three-straight nights of freezing temperatures have caused at least \$531 million in damage to California's citrus industry.

houses were shut down, leading to 12,000 layoffs.

"There's going to be a significant gap that's going to create some unemployment," Nelson said. "If there's more damage than we think, there's going to be some immediate layoffs."

He said as many as three packing houses have already laid off hundreds of workers. Fresno County supervisors unanimously passed a disaster declaration Friday, the first issued in the state since temperatures plummeted early this week.

The county estimated its damage to be at least \$200 million.

"This is the worst possible time for the freeze to have happened, during the holiday season," board chairman Juan Arambula said after the vote. "We just want to take as much of the sting out of that as possible."

Tulare County officials were expected to meet next week to decide whether to pass a similar declaration.

"An event like this is catastrophic," said Grant Hunt, president of Grant J. Hunt Co., an

Oakland fruit and vegetable broker. "Basically, the industry has come to a screeching halt."

The state estimates at least \$591 million in damage to oranges, lemons and tangerines.

California had anticipated shipping 50 million cartons of navel oranges, but only 20 percent of that had been moved when the freeze hit and killed 75 percent of the crop, Nelson said.

About 80 percent of the nation's fresh oranges — the peelable type, not the fruit used for juice — are grown in California.

# New study finds Arizona, Utah home to active fault

PHOENIX (AP) — A 150-mile fault slicing through Utah and into the remote wilderness in the Arizona Strip appears to be active and capable of shaking the region, geologists say.

"The message we have been trying to get out is that although the risk is not as great as other places, you do live in earthquake territory and you need to be prepared," said Bill Lund of the Utah Geological Survey office in Cedar City. "It's entirely possible that you'll pass your entire life here and not experience a major earthquake, but it's also entirely possible that you will experience one."

Lund and two researchers from Arizona spent about a year studying the fault line, which stretches south from Cedar City to Peach Springs, Ariz., looking for scars that would indicate when and how often seismic activity is occurring along it.

What they found was that the fault has been active for at least the last 1 million years and has remained active in recent geological time — or the last 15,000 years or so.

Lund said geologists now believe that a major earthquake of magnitude 7 or greater is

entirely possible along the Hurricane fault, though they are still unsure how likely a major quake would be.

The Arizona half of the fault line, which is about 100 miles long, is located in the Arizona Strip, a remote area north of the Grand Canyon. It is sparsely populated, though endangered California condors do make their home in the Hurricane Cliffs there.

The Utah half of the fault crosses through several communities, and through one of the fastest growing counties in the state, said Lund.

The researchers in the spring plan to begin studying just how active the fault is and the likelihood of future earthquakes.

"Nobody practices earthquakes. The best you can hope for is to learn something about the future from the past," Lund said.

Northern Arizona has been the scene of a number of earthquakes over the years, most relatively small.

But in 1916, a 6.2 magnitude quake rattled Flagstaff, sending chimneys tumbling to the ground, smashing dishes and terrifying residents.

# Federal court convicts Fort Hall man in assault case

RENO (AP) — Guy Dean Nevada of Fort Hall pleaded guilty in federal court to assault resulting in serious bodily injury, and a two-count of assault with a dangerous weapon as a result of an attack last May on two members of his family.

Nevada, a member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe, admitted that he entered the home armed with his sisters and mother on

the Fort Hall Reservation May 25, after having become intoxicated from sniffing spray paint. Nevada threatened sister Carol Border and mother Loreta Moshu with a knife.

Nevada admitted in the Pocatello court Monday that he continued to threaten the women after they ran to a bathroom to escape him.

Nevada then entered an adjacent room

where sister Alma Moshu was sleeping and stabbed her five times, including two life-threatening wounds to her abdomen.

He now faces a maximum possible sentence of 30 years in prison and a fine of up to \$750,000.

Nevada remains in the custody of the United States Marshall until he is sentenced March 1, 1999.

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## Use your imagination, note dreams, Capricorn

**IF DECEMBER 26 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You are capable of handling added responsibility, or of turning in dramatic victories when chips are down. Capricorn, Cancer natives play dynamic roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names. H, Q, Z. Music plays role, especially in connection with father. You are dynamic, conversational, are sensitive to needs of loved ones. The month of May will be most memorable for you in 1999.

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Soon you discover more friends than originally anticipated. People say, "We never communicated much because I did not want to distract you from work."

accounting procedures, learn more about money and how it got that way. Cancer native plays dominant role.

**LEBA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Look beyond the immediate, plan ahead for partnership, marriage. Aggressive Aries declares, "Be positive about what you do, future is involved!" Overcome distance, language barriers.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** What was lost will be retrieved - stress independence, courage of conviction. Emphasize pioneering spirit, exhibit tenacity, you'll be said, "You are a very sexy critter!"

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Focus on appealing to women, style, music, beauty of product. Capricorn, Cancer persons will play stunning roles. Attention revolves around where you live, marriage.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Vision rears on imagination. Your losses are due to become realities. Take note of dreams, they represent doorway to future. Sagittarius will sing your praises.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You could design game that catches fire in connection with public appeal. Your ideas are considered original, dynamic, an enemy of the mediocre. Scorpio figures prominently.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Correspondence with family members begins. Focus on self-expression, trips and visits ability to articulate ancient symbols. Sagittarius will play outstanding role.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Take initiative; refuse to be imprisoned by preconceived notions. You will be assisted in creative endeavors by Scorpio and another Taurus. Romantic music tonight.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Your kind of day. You win friends and influence people with wit and confidence your praises almost daily. Focus on editorial, writing, helping form educational opinions.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Family members ambivalent regarding home building project. Be a good listener but heed message from heart. Domestic adjustment includes possible change of residence.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You will hear lectures on difference between generosity and extravagance. You'll display amazing skill at picking winners. Some people claim you have special gift.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Insist on practical approach to problems, including financial. Review

**Friday's Puzzle Answer**

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## Try kangaroo dipped in soy sauce for dinner

Am advised a relatively recent dinner dish in Tokyo is raw kangaroo dipped in soy sauce.

"If you are more than 31 years old, you were born before American physicist John Wheeler named those astronomical phenomena ever since called "black holes."

"Tup jumps a new poll of barbers on his friends. Worst cutters, it grants, are schoolteachers, and best cutters, construction men."

"You can ease the pain of a headache by rubbing an ice cube on the same side of the body as the aching tooth. So content the acupuncture experts. Maybe so. The relief lasts about as long as the ice cube. Or such is my infinitesimal understanding of it."

"Which bird has the most feathers?"

"A. The penguin, research says."

"In the plusher homes of the ancient Greeks were rooms for sleeping and other rooms for romance."

"The original dictionary man Noah Webster was moved mostly at the outset by one main motive: to rid the American language of the useless "us" in such English words as colour, honour, labour. He was 17 years old when the Declaration of Independence was signed, and held little regard for English usage."

"If that egg has a double yoke, odds are it was laid by an inexperienced hen so young she just didn't know any better. Mature hens rarely lay the double yokers. Another name for "swizzle stick" is "muddler."

"Q. Isn't the daily flow of the Amazon River greater than the daily flow of all the rivers combined in the United States?"

"A. Not just greater but three



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Even if you've never heard the term "diastaleinophobia," you may remember something about it. It's the "fear of going to school."

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Q. I know Los Angeles is heading toward Alaska. But how fast?

A. Two maybe three inches a year.

If you soak your shredded cabbage in salted ice water for 15 minutes, then drain it, you'll get crispier coleslaw.

Q. How much daylight does Iceland get in mid-winter?

A. About five out of every four hours.

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## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

The bad news is, one of those teams will win the national championship. The good news for the Gators is one of them is going to lose.

—Florida Coach Steve Spurrier on the national championship game between Tennessee and Florida State Jan. 4.

### IN BRIEF

#### Burley winter hoops heats up, sign-ups end

**BURLEY** — The "Burley Bobcat Basketball Winter Clinic '98" will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Monday and Tuesday at the Burley High School gymnasium, 1600 Pauke Ave.

The clinic is limited to 70 boys in grades 4 to 8 and registration ends today. The focus is to provide future Bobcats an opportunity to learn first hand the basic fundamentals of the game. Skills taught at the varsity level will be taught in the clinic including defensive slides, shooting, dribbling, passing, pivoting, rebounding and communication.

The cost is \$25 per camper and includes a T-shirt. Camp directors are Matt Harr, head BHS basketball coach, Eugene Kramer and players from the varsity team. Special guest speaker Kenny Auld will speak about the dangers of drugs and gangs. A special presentation will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday for parents.

For more information, call Matt Harr at 678-8097.

#### Burley Trap Club holds weekend turkey shoot

**BURLEY** — The Burley Trap Club is holding a "Turkey Shoot" starting at 11 a.m. today and Sunday at the trap range, 805 W. 50 S. on Milner Dam road.

The cost is \$14 per shoot and turkey guarantees cards are available.

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

#### Hansen Alumni game set for Tuesday in Hansen gym

**HANSEN** — The Hansen High School Alumni basketball game is set for Tuesday at 7 p.m. in 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 6-9 p.m.; and Jan. 3 from noon to 4 p.m.

#### Treasure Valley CC hosts basketball camp Dec. 28-30

**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 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participants will be given a camp t-shirt and instruction from TVCC men's coach Jason Ficca, assistant Bus Connor and several players on the Clakur men's and women's squads. For more information, call (541) 889-653, Ext. 266.

OSU assistant heads to UNLV for defensive position

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Oregon State assistant football coach Jeff McInerney has resigned to become defensive coordinator at UNLV under new coach John Robinson.

McInerney, 38, was an assistant coach under Robinson at Southern Cal in 1996 and 1997. Oregon State coach Mike Riley was Robinson's offensive coordinator for the Trojans from 1993-96.

Robinson was named the Runnin' Rebels' new coach Dec. 3.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Buffs hang on over Oregon 51-43

### Aloha means goodbye for Ducks as 6 turnovers kill hopes of victory

The Associated Press

**HONOLULU** — Colorado took advantage of Oregon's charitable mood Friday to win the Aloha Bowl.

The Buffaloes converted four of six Ducks turnovers into scores. Ben Kelly ran back the opening kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown and quarterback Mike Moschetti set an Aloha Bowl record with four TD passes in Colorado's 51-43 victory over No. 21 Oregon.

Colorado (8-4) held off a fourth-quarter rally by Oregon (8-4), in which the Ducks scored three touchdowns before being stopped on their final possession of the game.

"We made too many mistakes early," Oregon coach Mike Bellotti said. "When you make as many mistakes as we did, and they're changing mistakes, you don't expect to win against that many football teams."

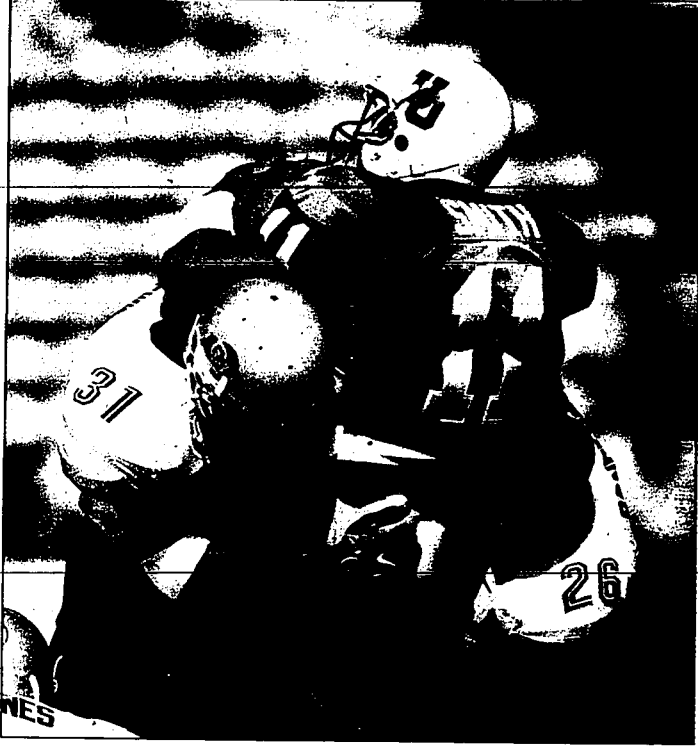
Moschetti threw touchdown passes of 73 yards to Dustin Chiaverini, 58 yards to Marcus Stiggers, 20 yards to Daniel Graham and 5 yards to Jaxon Green to lead the Buffaloes, who were playing in the school's 100th game.

Damon Wheeler had a 52-yard interception return for a touchdown for Colorado and Jeremy Aldrich kicked field goals of 43, 41 and 23 yards to set an Aloha Bowl record for most field goals as the teams combined for the most points in the 17-year history of the game.

"We talked about being able to control the line of scrimmage as one of our goals. The other was to get back in the big play business," Colorado coach Rick Neuheuser said. "They did a great job in containing our running game, but they also left themselves vulnerable to big plays."

Running back Derien Latimer had three touchdowns for Oregon. Quarterback Akili Smith scored on a 1-yard run and passed for second-half scores of 9 yards to Jed Weaver and 42 yards to Donald Haynes.

Smith's touchdown to Haynes cut the Colorado lead to 51-43 with 5:55 to play. The Ducks stopped Colorado on a fourth-and-2 on the next series, taking over at their own 43 with 3:11 to play.



Colorado's Michael Lewis (31) and John Sanders (26) — who lost his helmet on the play — combine to sack Oregon quarterback Akili Smith during the second quarter of the Aloha Bowl Friday in Honolulu, Hawaii. Colorado won the bowl game 51-43.

But the Buffaloes' defense held Oregon on fourth down and ran out the clock.

"We dug as deep as we could," Smith said. "We just came up short." Moschetti was 11 of 23 for 213 yards and the four TD passes. Chiaverini caught three passes for 96 yards and a score and Stiggers had three receptions

for 81 yards and a score.

Smith completed 24 of 46 passes for 456 yards, with the two touchdowns and two interceptions. Donald Haynes had seven catches for 148 yards and a score for the Ducks, while Damon Griffin had eight catches for 146 yards.

Moschetti and Smith were named the game's most valuable players.

The 94 points scored by both teams break's the bowl's record of 81 points scored in 1995, when Kansas beat UCLA 51-30. The 51 points scored by Colorado tie the record for most points by one team set by Kansas and matched by Washington last year.

# Air Force soars over Huskies

### Option, defense stings UW 45-25 in Oahu Bowl

The Associated Press

**HONOLULU (AP)** Take that, Bowl Championship Series committee!

Air Force, scrubbed by the BCS in the national championship picture despite an 11-1 record, put an exclamation point on its season Christmas Day by pounding Washington 45-25 in the inaugural Oahu Bowl.

Earlier in the first-ever bowl double-header, Colorado outscored Oregon 51-43 to win the Aloha Bowl.

In beating the Pacific-10 Huskies, the Falcons lived up to their ground-conscious persona by ripping off 234 yards. And, for good measure, Blaine Morgan, Air Force's triple-option wizard, outplayed heralded Washington quarterback Brock Huard. Morgan completed 12 of 16 passes for 267 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for 50 yards.

Huard, a junior who has announced he will skip his senior season to go into the NFL draft, also showcased his skills. He completed 23 of 32 passes for 267 yards. But that came up far short of making up the difference and three interceptions didn't help.

Jenkins allegedly committed a sexual transgression of the code, which includes prohibitions on premarital sex and the use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs. Jenkins was suspended for the 1998 season.

Jenkins ran for 1,307 yards and 13 touchdowns this season — second best in BYU history — and needed only 930



Air Force's Quallaro Brown (25) slips away from the grasp of Washington's Rashad Peters during the first quarter of the Oahu Classic Friday in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Air Force, which won its final nine games after a painful loss to Texas Christian, scored on three of its first four possessions and never looked back. Each time, Morgan guided the Falcons on long drives or 73, 83 and 74 yards or with Jermal Singleton scoring twice, on runs of

12 and 2 yards, and Scott McKay getting the third on a 15-yard run.

Bretton Clesman scored on runs of 3 and 1 yards for Washington to make it 22-13 at the half, but the Falcons responded with 16 unanswered points in the second half.

Jenkins was expelled Thursday.

Freshman Junior Mahe will replace Jenkins, and Junior Rob Warcup will replace Robertson, who was suspended earlier this week for the spring and summer terms at BYU — also for an alleged sexual violation of the Honor Code.

Robertson, however, is expected to be back at BYU next season.

Jenkins can transfer to another Division I-A school, but would have to sit out next season and lose a year of eligibility because of transfer rules and because he already used his redshirt season while he was suspended in 1997. He could play next season if he transfers to a Division I-A team.

**NBA**

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A look at the NBA lockout through Friday:

- Total days of season missed: 53
- Games lost Friday: 2
- Total games missed: 369
- Earliest estimated start date: Jan. 22
- Negotiations: David Stern and Billy Hunter meet this weekend, with the league having set a Jan. 7 deadline to end the season.
- Player's least coveted basketball: Boston at Indiana, 5 p.m. EST. The Celtics and Larry Bird were to reunite again. Bird, the coach of the year last season, was inducted into the Hall of Fame this fall.
- Days remaining: The Knicks-Bulls game scheduled for Christmas Day was replaced on NBC by the Jimmy Stewart classic "It's a Wonderful Life."

# College hoops thrive without NBA in place

**NEW YORK** — While the NBA hibernates, local college basketball is enjoying its liveliest December in years, with improved teams generating an attendance boom across the area.

"We're on a record pace," says Rutgers spokesman John Baissner, who has watched the Scarlet Knights bolt from the gate with an 8-2 record. "We've already had two games sell out, and there's a chance we could have four or five more."

Compiled from staff and wire reports



# How the NFL grew up in the 1958 championship

Sudden death OT took fans' interest to a whole new level

By Hal Rapch  
The Associated Press

America discovered the NFL 40 years ago Monday, when the Baltimore Colts and New York Giants took their 1958 championship game into uncharted territory — sudden death overtime.

Never before had any NFL game stretched past 60 minutes. And it seemed as if everybody wanted to pay attention.

Maybe it was the setting, a dramatic December day in historic Yankee Stadium on the Sunday after Christmas.

Maybe it was the presence of television, covering the title game even when the networks had not yet discovered the full-time programming potential of football.

Maybe it was just the idea of sudden death, with a championship going to the team that scored first.

Even the players knew this was something special.

"You had the highest scoring offense going against the best defense in the NFL," Colts linebacker Sam Huff said. "You had the classic matchup of offense and defense."

And they got to a show.

The Colts, trailing 14-3 at halftime, scored a pair of touchdowns and led 17-14 in the fourth quarter when the high-powered Baltimore offense took over at its own 14-yard line with 1:55 to go.

"When we got in the middle 1



Quarterback threaded the NFL 40 years ago Monday, when the Baltimore Colts and New York Giants took their 1958 championship game into uncharted territory — sudden death overtime — where Colts fullback Alan Ameche plunged through a goal line in the New York defense to give Baltimore a 23-17 win at Yankee Stadium.

looked down the field and the goal post looked like they were in Baltimore," Colts wide receiver Raymond Berry said.

*"You had the highest scoring offense going against the best defense in the NFL. You had the classic matchup of offense and defense."*

—Sam Huff, Colts linebacker

Unitas called tails and the coin came up heads. It was the last time things didn't go Johnny U's way that day.

"The defense was standing on the sidelines," Colts tackle Art Donovan said.

"We said, 'I'll get John the bull, we're going to win the game.' That's how confident we were."

The first overtime drive belonged to the Colts. Three plays gained 9 yards. On fourth-and-1, Flynn threw a 29, Don Chandler gained and Unitas took over at the Colts 20.



New York Giants' Pat Summerall kicks for 28 yards and a field goal with less than three minutes to play Nov. 9, 1958, to win the game against the Baltimore Colts in New York's Yankee Stadium. A month later, the teams met in the NFL championship game. Holding for Summerall is Charley Cooney.

In the huddle, the quarterback with the high top cleats told his teammates where they were going and how they were going to get there.

"We all got our confidence from Johnny," said Berry, who finished the game with 12 catches for 178 yards.

"I absolutely knew we were going to score on that drive."

Baltimore faced two crucial third-down plays on the road to the Giants' end zone.

On a third-and-8 from the Baltimore 31, Unitas connected on an 8-yard pass to Alan Ameche. On a third-and-14 from the Baltimore 37, he found Berry for 21 yards. On the next play, Ameche went up the mid-

dle for 22.

In two plays, the Colts had gone from their own 37 to the Giants' 20. Then Unitas turned the pressure up another notch with a 12-yard pass to Berry.

First down at the New York 8.

At the sideline, coach Weeb Ewbank told Unitas to keep it on the ground the rest of the way to avoid the possibility of an interception.

Unitas followed orders — for one play, Ameche gained 1 yard. Then on second down, the quarterback threw a 6-yard pass to Jim Mutscheller. Wasn't he worried about Ewbank's warning?

"When you know what you're doing," he said dryly, "you're not intercepted."

Now Baltimore had one more third down, this time from the 1-yard line, and Ameche went barreling into the end zone through a hole that looked big enough for a tank.

The Colts were NFL champs. Let the party begin.

In the dressing room, the players celebrated by pouring orange soda, not champagne, on each other. For Donovan, who grew up in the Bronx, not far from Yankee Stadium, the NFL championship was put in some perspective when he decided to visit one of his childhood hangouts, Goldberger's Candy Store.

"Mr. Goldberger comes out and looks at me and says, 'Arnie, you big bum, are you out of work again?'"

## Mizzou, Mountaineers boot up for Insight.com

Bowl pits Tigers, Braves, West against WVU's passing game

The Associated Press

COCHISED, Ariz. — Missouri and West Virginia, at first glance, would seem to have followed similar routes to the Insight.com Bowl. Both feature star tailbacks and high-play quarterbacks.

A closer look, though, shows a definite stylistic difference for tonight's game.

"Our running back is a power guy who's going to keep plugging it you, and our quarterback is more of a run guy who can make a big play on you with the



From left: Missouri coach Larry Brown.

"What often is more spread than ours. They've got great receivers. They're going to make big plays with the passing game, and they've got Zarnette, whose make a stretch-type run and will make people make him and will make people."

Missouri's DeLeon West and West Virginia's James Zarnette finished fifth and sixth in the nation in rushing. West gained 1,578 yards, or 143.5 per game. Zarnette, the Big East's career rushing leader, gained 1,430 yards, or 143 yards per game. West averaged 5.6 yards per carry, Zarnette 5.8.

Then there are the quarter-

backs. Missouri's Corby Jones is a stocky, athletic player who carried for 2,532 yards in his four seasons with the Tigers. He has 38 career rushing touchdowns and 26 career passing touchdowns.

"I've seen all Big 12 as a junior in 1997, was a second-round choice this year behind Kansas State's Michael Bishop.

"If their quarterback doesn't have it, you can bet your bottom dollar the nickelback does," West Virginia coach Don Nehlen said. "Their passing game is not elaborate, but very fundamental. Their punting attack is very similar to ours when we had Major Harris."

West Virginia's Marc Bulger is the Mountaineers' all-time leading passer with 5,995 yards. This year, the junior rushed for 3,178 yards and a school-record 27 touchdowns with only nine interceptions. He was a second-team, all-Big East pick, behind

Syracuse's Donovan McNabb.

Expect the Tigers to try to pressure Bulger.

"Their quarterback isn't a Michael Bishop because he doesn't want to run," Missouri cornerback Harold Piersey said. "He looks like he sits in the pocket and doesn't want to take hits. But their receivers, I can compare them to K-State's receivers. They're consistent with their route in getting open and really go to catch the ball."

With all this offensive talent, a high-scoring game would seem a good possibility, Jones hopes not.

"Both defenses are pretty solid," Jones said. "I hope we can score a lot of points, but it wouldn't be my preference to get into a shootout."

No. 23 Missouri (7-4) lost to four teams currently ranked in the top 14 — Ohio State 35-14, Nebraska 20-13, Texas A&M 17-14 and Kansas State 31-25.

## Bethune finally shakes losing, heritage

Perennial Heritage winner Southern faces upstart B-C

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Bethune-Cookman finished at the bottom of its conference last year, and was picked to lose again this year.

Instead, the Wildcats went 6-2, earning their first Heritage Bowl bid and first postseason appearance in 21 years.

They've been in the doghouse for a long, long time. "Bethune coach Alvin Wyatt said: 'We have finally gotten out of the hole.'"

Bethune's opponent today is a Heritage Bowl fixture. Southern (6-3) is playing at its fourth straight Heritage Bowl, and has won all. It has a 3-1 record in the game between historically black colleges.

Wyatt, in his second season as Bethune's coach, doesn't think his team will be bothered by pressure at the Georgia Dome.

He points to a tough conference schedule that included a game with Howard in the BCCA Dome in Indianapolis and, an upset victory at Hampton that broke Hampton's 7-game unbe-

lence-winning streak. The Wildcats also won a record eight-overtime victory against Virginia State.

Bethune dropped to third in the Midwestern Athletic Conference after losing its final game to Florida A&M.

Southern was unbeaten in the Southwestern Athletic Conference, capped by a 26-14 Bayou Classic victory over Grambling State on Nov. 28.

Southern got off to a shaky start with a loss to Southwestern State. Quarterback Marcus Jimmy quit the team the next week and star running back Steve Wolford was slow in recovering from a broken foot last spring. In addition, injuries rattled the offensive line.

Quarterback Sam George missed most of two games with an ankle injury and even all conference games. Matt Bushaw was bothered by a knee injury.

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But Southern caught a goal that's becoming such an annual tradition that the Heritage Bowl date is confirmed at the bottom of the journal's schedule.

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Gray squad running back Jermaine Fazzano (43) of Oklahoma drag Blue defeats an Auburn defender along on a first down late in the Show-Grey All-Star game Friday in Montgomery, Ala.

## Gray team leaves Blues feeling blue

The Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — This was a long, disappointing season for Auburn and LSU, and players from both teams set out to redound the season's at the Blue-Gray All-Star Classic.

"Both us and LSU had chances to win the SEC West and it didn't go our way," Auburn cornerback Jayson Berry said. "But it showed a lot of character for the players from both teams who came out here and made the most of it."

Berry had two interceptions and a fumble recovery. LSU linebacker Joe Wesley returned an interception for a touchdown and Auburn receiver Karsten Bailey had the winning score in the Gray's 31-24 win over the Blue on Friday.

"I'm glad it was the SEC guys who made the best plays because it goes to show even the worse of the league is pretty good," Berry said.

Bailey and Berry gave the game a home-grown flavor by sealing the outscore for the Gray.

Bailey, who ended the year as

Auburn's career reception leader in the Tigers' (8-8) worst season since 1953, caught a six-point touchdown catch from Wake Forest's Brian Kuklick with 5:11 to play to put the Gray up 31-24.

Mississippi had swung to the Gray's side one possession earlier following a goal-line stand.

Delaware's Eddie Conti returned a kickoff 71 yards to the Gray 15-yard line, and the Blue moved the ball to the 1 on two runs by Temple's Stacey Mack.

But Mack, who already had three touchdowns on the day, was stopped short of the end zone three times.

On fourth-and-goal from the 1, Blue quarterback Graham Leigh had the winning score in the Gray's 31-24 win over the Blue on Friday.

The Gray then took the lead on Bailey's score.

It reminded me of the Central Florida game," said Bailey, who had a 58-yard TD reception with 57 seconds left in that game to give Auburn its third and final win of the season. "Both felt great and I didn't have a lot to feel good about this season."

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five more. It's becoming a very difficult ticket."

Seven sellouts at 8,500-seat Louis Brown Athletic Center, Piscataway would be a milestone, given that the building had sold out just 12 times in the '90s prior to this season.

Rutgers isn't the only school filling up local arenas these days. Tuesday night, with most students out of school on vacation, was a remarkable show of drawing power for the college game. St. John's, roaring into the holidays with a 10-2 record, hosted a sellout crowd of just over 6,000 for a game with tiny Fairleigh Dickinson. Princeton's Jadwin Gym had a capacity crowd of over 7,000 for the Tigers' clash with Rutgers.

But Tuesday's biggest draw didn't even involve local teams: More than 20,000 packed the Meadowlands for the matchup of Duke and Kentucky in the Jimmy V Classic, a charity doubleheader with Purdue and South Carolina.

Moreover, Tuesday wasn't all fluke. "Our college games are doing great," says Eric Gelmini of the Garden, which hosts the ECAC Holiday Classic — Georgia Tech, Penn. State and Wake Forest — today and Sunday. "There are two reasons. One is the teams are playing well with good games on the schedule."

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Dolphins' receivers improve

MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Dolphins signed wide receiver Lamar Thomas and cornerback Jerry Wilson to contract extensions Friday.

The signing of Thomas — who caught three touchdown passes against Denver on Monday night — reflects how far the receiving corps has improved after a maligned start early in the season.

Thomas signed a two-year contract worth around \$1.6 million, his agent Howard Weinsberg said. The six-year veteran is tied for second on the team with 39 touchdowns in 524 yards and five interceptions.

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The scores came on a 42-yard punt return by Jackson winning a 4-ward run by Spanky Gilliam and

Bronde Gadsden on Sunday against Atlanta.

"As far as starting, it makes no difference with the way we inter-switch," Thomas said a few hours before agreeing to his new contract. "I'm more confident now. When you change your philosophy about being a professional — when you're more into it, studying film — you are more at ease when you go out there."

Coach Jimmy Johnson believes his receivers have been overly criticized.

"They've been underrated all year," Johnson said. "I've been happy with what our guys have been able to do. I don't think any-

one has taken notice that O.J. McDuffie leads the NFL in receiving."

McDuffie, who is signed through 2000, is close to becoming the first Dolphins receiver to lead the league in receptions with 85.

Gadsden, the former Arena Football League standout, has been hampered by injuries to both big hands.

"Nate Jacquet," the Indianapolis Colts' fifth-round pick in 1997, caught five passes for 68 yards earlier this month against the Jets. He also caught a 25-yarder in the second quarter against Denver that kept alive Miami's first scoring drive.

Morgan's 79-yard pass to Matt Farmer.

Morgan closed out the Air Force scoring by hooking up with McKay on a 30-yard pass in the fourth quarter.

With the game out of hand, Washington's Matt Jones Tulsa osope scampered 7 yards for one TD, and then passed 11 yards to Mijko Austin with four seconds left.

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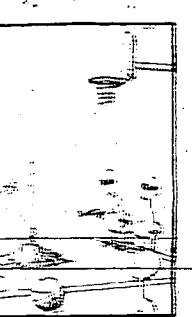
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# Bucs hope they don't stop here

### NFL's last regular season weekend ends with several teams trying for playoff spots

The Associated Press

They need help and they know it. Still, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers should be fortunate they still are breathing in the NFC playoff race.

The Bucs could have been in a power position had they beaten Washington last Saturday. But they turned over the ball three times in the last six minutes and the Redskins rallied for a 20-16 victory.

Now, they not only must win a road game in December, which they have done only six times and almost never in cold weather, but they must have the Arizona Cardinals come to San Diego. And they need the New York Giants to win at Philadelphia.

That would create a three-way tie for the sixth NFC playoff spot. Tampa Bay would get it through a tiebreaker.

"Maybe on Monday everybody should believe we were in this position," linebacker Derrick Brooks said. "Now we've got to take advantage of it. The reality is we still have a shot and the only thing that we control is our game. If we go out there with a win, we put ourselves in a position to fly home and listen to those other two games."

The Bucs must prove they can handle the cold. Of their six December road wins, only two were in colder areas at Denver in 1993 and at Washington in 1994. But they're 0-6 when it's under 40 degrees at kickoff.

Of course, the Bengals (3-12) are one of the league's worst teams and broke a nine-game losing streak last Sunday. They are down to third-string quarterback Paul Justin and have little incentive.

"We have the opportunity to play a spoiler's role," Justin said. "We did that at Pittsburgh. Now Tampa Bay needs this one."

Only the Cardinals don't need help in the NFC. A win over the Bucs in the final regular season game would give the Cardinals their first win since 1982.



Tampa Bay Buccaneers safety John Lynch celebrates after intercepting this season's final game against Pittsburgh Dec. 23. When training camps opened, Tampa Bay, Washington and the New York Giants had great hopes for the season. Now, with the season's final weekend here, the three are finally playing as they'd expect.

to strike you, and in the final season since 1978. The team was in St. Louis this year.

"Right now, I'm focused on the present and what we're doing in the future," said quarterback Jake Plummer, who signed a \$23.7 million contract earlier in the week. "I'm excited about this final game and the chance to get into the playoffs."

That's what we've seen so far. At the beginning of the year, I didn't set out to get a new contract. I set out to get in the playoffs."

In other games to close the regular season, it's Minnesota at Tennessee and Kansas City at Oakland Sunday, Miami at Atlanta, Buffalo at New Orleans, New England at the New York Jets, Green Bay at Chicago and St. Louis at San Francisco in games with playoff implications Sunday.

Carolina at Indianapolis, Detroit at Baltimore, Seattle at Denver, and Washington at Dallas, about Sunday and Pittsburgh at Jacksonville on Monday night.

In the AFC, all six playoff teams are decided, with division winners Denver and the New York Jets set for first-round byes. Jacksonville, winner of the Central, will be at home next weekend against New England or Buffalo, while Miami won the other division spot.

In the NFC, Minnesota and Atlanta won their divisions and have byes. Dallas took the East and will play next weekend against the team that qualifies for the sixth spot.

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## NFL playoff scenarios

National Football League playoff scenarios as provided by the league:

**AFC EAST**  
NEW YORK JETS—Have clinched AFC East title and a first-round bye.  
MIAMI—Has clinched playoff berth.  
BUFFALO—Has clinched playoff berth.  
NEW ENGLAND—Has clinched playoff berth.

**AFC CENTRAL**  
JACKSONVILLE—Has clinched AFC Central title.

**AFC WEST**  
DENVER—Has clinched AFC West title and home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs.

**NFC EAST**  
DALLAS—Has clinched NFC East title and home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs.  
ARIZONA—Can clinch playoff berth with a win or N.Y. Giants loss.  
N.Y. GIANTS—Can clinch playoff berth with a win, a Tampa Bay loss and an Arizona loss.

**NFC CENTRAL**  
MINNESOTA—Has clinched NFC Central title and home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs.  
GREEN BAY—Has clinched playoff berth.  
TAMPA BAY—Can clinch playoff berth with a win, N.Y. Giants win and an Arizona loss.

**NFC WEST**  
ATLANTA—Has clinched NFC West title and a first-round bye.  
SAN FRANCISCO—Has clinched playoff berth.

New England gets the fourth seed with a win and a Miami loss, while Buffalo can't finish higher than fifth overall and definitely will open the playoffs on the road.

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# Broncos' pass rush has sorely been missed

Knight Rider News Service

DENVER—No stopping was found hanging in the Denver Broncos locker room during just another day of practice on Christmas, so it's unlikely that Santa Claus brought the team what it really needs this holiday season.

Not that a pass rush would fit in a stocking in the first place.

Still, the Broncos could use a little help pressuring opposing quarterbacks, and they'll take it wherever they can find it.

Where they won't find it, for the second consecutive week, is from their pass-rush specialist, defensive end Neil Smith.

For the second consecutive week, Smith is on the inactive list while recovering from an abdominal strain that has limited his effectiveness over the past several weeks.

Smith had only six tackles in three games before being deactivated at Miami on Monday, and has recorded only four sacks this season - the lowest figure of his 11-year career since he was a rookie with the Kansas City Chiefs in 1988.

Smith averaged the season needing six sacks to become only the 17th player in NFL history with 100 sacks, but he has bagged only one quarterback in the past eight games for the Seahawks.

Coach Mike Shanahan says he's resting Smith so he'll be full strength for the playoffs. But perhaps his restoration is not if Smith will be ready for the playoffs, but if he's suffering from Michael Dean Perry Syndrome.

Perry, who like Smith was a six-time Pro Bowler, started the first eight games last season as the Broncos' nose guard, but was out for the rest of the season.

"I don't want to use Marino as an excuse, because he has been sacked," defensive tackle Harold Hessebach said. "It doesn't happen a lot, but it does happen. I'd love to give you some kind of master explanation for what's been going on with our pass rush lately, but I don't have it."

Maybe he should check the team doctor.

Knight Rider News Service

IRVING, Texas—On the Friday afternoon before the Cowboys went to Kansas City two weeks ago, player Matt Frawley and Rich Dalrymple had a request for running back Emmitt Smith, who needed one more rushing touchdown to break a tie with Marcus Allen for the all-time career mark.

"If I guys want to interview you just in case you break the record," Dalrymple said.

"Just in case?" Smith said, laughing. "Just in case one of your confidence." Rich?"

Smith still needs that one touchdown.

He has been stuck on 123 carries with 10 touchdowns since he rushed for three on Thanksgiving Day against Minnesota. Because reserve running back Chris Warren is out for the year, Smith will need to get several opportunities to break the record Sunday night in the season finale against the Washington Redskins.

Smith has 11 rushing touchdowns this season, fourth in the NFL behind Denver's Terrell Davis (21), Atlanta's Jamal Anderson (13), and Jacksonville rookie Fred Taylor (13).

**Super Nate**  
The Cowboys might be long shots to make the Super Bowl, but guard Nate Newton guarantees he'll be there.

"If we end up with a better record based on percentage points, we'd still consider tearing up his contract," team owner Jerry Jones said.

**Raiders' Woodson earns praise for rookie season**  
OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Raiders coach Jon Gruden has chided direction more times this week than wide receiver Tim Winters. Well, at least more times than Charles Woodson will be able to as a receiver.

Gruden at first said there was a "real good chance" Woodson, a rookie cornerback who won the Heisman Trophy at Michigan last year as a two-way player, would make his debut on offense today against Kansas City. Woodson would be restricted to defense.

"Charles is not going to play offense," Gruden said. "I made a decision not to do that. Maybe at some point in his career here, he'll get that opportunity. But it won't be this season."

As far as Kansas City coach Marty Schottenheimer is concerned, Woodson—who has four interceptions this season—is dangerous enough just on defense.

"I voted for him for the Pro Bowl," Schottenheimer said. "I've been very impressed with him over the course of this season. He is an outstanding player."

Today's season finale has been robbed of much of its drama because neither team is headed to the playoffs, but this is a bitter rivalry dating to the AFL.

# Vikes kicker attempts perfection on season with Tennessee game

Knight Rider News Service

PHILADELPHIA—Ninety times this NFL season, Gary Anderson's right leg has come bumpy-whipping forward and his instep has gone "thunk" and the football has sailed, end over end, tumbling between uprights that are as slim as stilts.

Every kick has been as true as sunlight. Fifty-eight-for-58 on extra points, 32-for-32 on field goals. Perfection. Absolute, unvarnished perfection.

So many things have to go right and only one need go wrong. The margin for error in kicking is far thinner than the distance between those uprights—a missed block, a snap the slightest bit off the mark, a bad spot by the holder.

So many chances to fail. So many, in fact, that every season in the history of the NFL, all of them eventually have.

Until now. If Anderson, a pleasant, 39-year-old cherub-faced man, on a one-time soccer player from South Africa, does not miss today, when the Minnesota Vikings conclude their regular season at Tennessee, he will have the only perfect ever.

The closest anyone has come was Tony Danzecki, in 1991. Kicking for the Rams, back when Los Angeles still had a real field goal, he never missed any of his 17 field goal tries.

He had one miss on an extra point, the one play that is considered all but automatic. That one miss reinforces the notion of just how exacting Anderson's performance is.

Predictably, he's just as soon not think about it. Which is, of course, impossible.

"I'm trying to maintain a positive attitude," he said, in that lachrymose way that most kickers have.

There's a fraternity of nomads. Even before free agency turned all players into tourists, kickers lived out of their suitcases.

Given Anderson's record-setting success in Minnesota, it should come as no surprise that not that long ago he was kicking for the Eagles. Not perfectly, but not especially shabbily, either.

In 1995, which was Ray Rhodes' rookie year, Anderson was 32-for-33 on conversions, 22-for-30 on field goals and led the Birds in scoring. In '96, he was 40-for-40 and 25-for-29 and led them again in points. But his lack of range troubled Rhodes, who said he didn't have faith in Anderson's accuracy.

Anderson was let go. The Birds spent seven figures to acquire Chris Boniol from Dallas. Since Anderson's skills have gone from 28-32 to 32-1, and Anderson is about to become the perfect kicker on a team that is 14-1 and needs a even points to become the highest scoring team ever.



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Anderson made 90 percent of his field goals as an Eagle. But even his has always been among the career leaders in accuracy—he made more than three-quarters of his attempts when the pigeon hit the Steelers six a decade. It was never a success that while he was available, he wasn't particularly hot.

In Pittsburgh and in Philadelphia, he kicked inside the Vikings, he was a dime for a home run that no other team had won in years. No showing would to show the ball of time.

More than half his games this season have been played inside. Jones' team on a season similar to attached to the previous season. Jones has been around for a long time now, and no kicker has been able to come in playing in a greenhouse.

Morten Andersen is regarded as just about

the best kicker ever, and he has spent his career indoors and has never gone a season without a miss.

So, considering all that can still go wrong, and considering that for 50 straight attempts Anderson and his accomplices have been able to avoid failure, this conks as every bit the impressive accomplishment that it seems.

When Anderson first came into the league, most field goals made in a row. It is his own, and it stands at 37 straight, dating to the last two games of last season.

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Anderson is still in the league, Anderson said when he was asked how coaches regarded him and his numbers, and he said: "Mostly, they think we carry. But when you're working on perfection, it's not one achievement a separate stat."

Then you are considered to be, like the rich uncle, not nuts, but rather charmingly eccentric.

SPORTS

# Flyball: Popular pastime for pets

Canines and their owners can't get enough of game

The Washington Post

Stocky dogs and lanky ones, purebreds and mutts are yelping at a near deafening pitch in cavernous warehouse in Silver Spring, Md. It's Saturday night, and Leaky Pete, Zoe, Bramble and three other feisty pooches are perched behind the starting line, the owners holding them firmly by their harnesses.

Above the din, someone cries: "Ready, set, go!" Two dogs dash away, jumping over hurdles as they race toward two small boxes across the room.

"Go! Go! Go!" scream the owners with the zeal of Little League parents. Each dog grabs a ball from a box and runs back to the starting point. Another two dogs take off. Off and on for the next three hours, matches reign.

On a night traditionally set aside for gallivanting about town, these avid animal lovers have a standing date with their pets. They're here to practice flyball, the fastest-growing sport in the dog world.

"How many places can you go on a Saturday night and take your dog?" says Sharon Fein, 32, of Chevy Chase, Md., whose Benjamin, a 2-year-old Pembroke Welsh corgi, has yet to make the team. Capital Punishment, sponsored by the Capital Dog Training Club.

Flyball requires two teams of four dogs each to run a relay race. After jumping four hurdles, 10 feet apart, a dog pounds its paws against a spring box to release a green tennis ball. The racer grabs the ball and retraces its steps, jumping the hurdles and returning to the starting point. The next dog takes off. The first team to finish wins the heat.

Flyball surfaced in California in the early 1970s. But it was in Detroit and Toronto that it first became popular. Flyball authorities say, after a man demonstrated it on the "Tonight Show With Johnny Carson." The North American Flyball Association was



Stephen F. Austin University student Derek Snyder watches as his dog, Derek, retrieves a tennis ball from a pond on campus Dec. 24 in Nacogdoches, Texas. Introduced in the '70s, flyball has put a new twist on the old game of fetch.

established in the early 1980s, and teams sprouted around the world.

There are more than 300 registered flyball clubs in North America alone — up from 100 just seven years ago — and more than 7,000 registered canines, according to NAFA officials.

Every other month, members of the Silver Spring team — four starters and two reserve dogs — travel to tournaments, some five hours away. Dogs and humans pile into motels for the weekend slumber parties. Vanessa Crawford says her mother's dog Rowan likes to test "the beds by jumping from bed to bed."

"We meet at the hotel and do dinner, and we talk about strategy," says Crawford, 27, whose Irish water spaniel, Ripley, is training but has yet to compete in a tournament.

"We talk about the racing order, depending on how any given dog is feeling any given day. Changing the racing order, you might pick up a second," she said, explaining that some dogs do better when they start the relay.

Last month, Capital Punishment traveled to Franklin, Va.,

for a tournament hosted by a team called the Hairier Jump Jets. They finished first in their division. Before that, they competed in Baltimore but didn't fare well, in part because three owners had just defected over clashes in philosophy.

Most of the racers are well disciplined. But some occasionally have accidents, so to speak, or cross lanes during a race, which forces a team to forfeit the heat.

When not competing, Capital Punishment dogs and their owners practice on Saturdays at a 5,600-square-foot warehouse leased by the dog training club.

By 7 p.m., the dogs have arrived. Some play briefly, but most seem more interested in racing, getting treats and pleasing their masters. Though the number of owners varies each week, all 10 owners on hand this particular week are women.

"Unfortunately, I don't think men have patience to train," says team captain Kim Fedor, of Hyattsville, Md.

During practice, the dogs line up to race, yelping and barking, or "trash talking," as the owners say. The noise is so intense that some owners wear shooting-range

## The sport of Flyball

**□ Basics**  
The team sport, first developed in California in the late 1970s, each dog at a training facility jumps a series of hurdles and grabs a spring-loaded ball from a box and runs back. The dog catches the ball, then runs back over the hurdles to the start line. When a dog crosses the start line, the next dog can begin.

**□ Training**  
The first team to take off four dogs run without errors wins the heat. Trainers use a variety of techniques to teach the dogs. Some use a series of five hurdles. Some use a single hurdle with a spring-loaded ball that releases the ball's time.

**□ Classes**  
The course consists of a starting line, four hurdles spaced 10 feet apart, and the spring-loaded box. The first hurdle is six feet from the start line, the second is 12 feet from the start line, the third is 12 feet from the start line, and the fourth is 12 feet from the start line.

**□ Flyball box**  
There are many variations, but most boxes are designed to open a top flap of wood or plastic to release the ball's time.

**□ Hurdles**  
The hurdles range in height from the height of the dog's chest to the height of the dog's head. Hurdles are made of wood or plastic and are spaced 10 feet apart. The minimum height is 6 inches and the maximum is 18 inches.

—Source: North American Flyball Association

earmuffs. "They're probably telling some chance words to each other. The dogs get very competitive," says Linda Stone, of Silver Spring, owner of Alice and Lab, two Pembroke corgis.

As practice gets underway, it's hard to tell who's having more fun, the dogs or the owners.

"The sheer enjoyment that they get from this is priceless. It's always well worth it," says Jeanne Karpman, 41, of Silver Spring, a dog trainer.

# Event of the Year mark return in Malibu Stakes

ARCADIA, Calif. (AP) — Event of the Year, among the Kentucky Derby favorites until fracturing a knee eight days before the race, returns to action today in the Malibu Stakes.

The unbeaten son of Seattle Slew won four career starts by a combined 20 lengths and earned \$498,600 before fracturing his right front knee training at Churchill Downs last April 24.

Event of the Year has been working well for trainer Richard Mandella.

"He's coming back from a pretty serious injury, and the only thing you wonder is if he will be quite the same," the trainer said. "Indications are the horse may be as fast as ever."

"I've been putting him to a pretty good test in the last month, and he's not just past ready, he's good and ready," Mandella said. "He's a pretty exciting horse to be around."

Event of the Year won the El Camino Real Derby at Bay Meadows by 3 1/2 lengths in 1:40 1/5 at 1 1/16 miles, then took the Jim Beam Stakes at Turfway Park by five lengths in 1:47 at 1 1/4 miles. The Kentucky-bred colt is scheduled to face 10 foes in the \$200,000 Malibu, a seven-furlong test for 3-year-olds and the opening leg of the three-race Strub Series.

Last year, Kentucky Derby and

Freshness champion Sil Charm returned to action in Malibu after an infection produced his trainer to keep him on sidelines for seven months.

Event of the Year will be ridden by Corey Nakatani and carry 121 pounds in the opening feature of Santa Anita's 6 annual winter-spring meeting.



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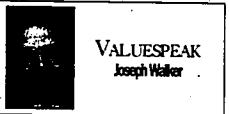
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Section C

## Yes, Virginia, there is peace on earth

"Dad, what does that mean?" Seven-year-old Jonathan and I were driving and listening to the radio, and I wasn't exactly paying attention to either - or to Jon, for that matter. My mind was swimming with concerns of the season, shopping bills, holiday schedules, the impeachment of the president, the bombing of Iraq. You know, the usual pre-Christmas stuff. "What does that mean?" I asked. "That song on the radio - what does it mean?" Jon asked. "I listened more carefully. I was Bing Crosby singing 'I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day.'"

*I thought here as the day had come,  
The bells of all Christendom  
Had rolled along the unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.*



VALUESPEAK  
Joseph Walker

"What don't you understand?" I asked. "The part about the bellies?" "Dad," he said, rolling his eyes, "we have the Hunchback of Notre Dame," remember?"

"Oh yes. The University of Disney. Education by animation. "It's the last part," Jon continued. "peace on earth, good will toward men. Did that really happen when Jesus was born? Did everybody suddenly start liking everybody? And when did they stop liking each other? I mean, they killed Jesus, didn't they? That wasn't very peaceful."

Those are tough questions to discuss with a 7-year-old - tougher even than ... you know, that other question of Christmas reality. You want your kids to believe in the possibility of peace, and you want to be able to tell them that you believe. But it's hard to believe in something so completely foreign to contemporary realities. Like Bing Crosby was singing:

*And in despair I bowed my head:  
"There is no peace on earth," I said,  
"For hate is strong and mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men."*

Still, there's something comforting and inspiring about the notion. So we cling to it - for the sake of our children, and for our own sakes. While permanent and lasting peace among nations may be too much to hope for just now, we can find peace within ourselves. And in our families. And in our communities. And perhaps in that peace we can find "good will" - toward our loved ones, toward our neighbors, toward our president, toward Saddam Hussein.

OK - that last one may take a little work. The point is, we can work on it. We can find our own peace and good will, as opposed to waiting around for someone to provide it for us. That's the real message of Christmas: that "peace on earth" is possible one person at a time, and that "good will toward men" can be our reality - individually and collectively. At last, that's what Jon and I decided, and that's what Bing seemed to be singing.

*Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
"God is not dead; God doesn't sleep,  
The wrong shall fall, the right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good will to men."*

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## Expected House speaker rates highly with religious right

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The presumed next Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Dennis Hastert of Illinois, earned a 100 percent rating in the most recent voter guide from Christian Coalition, the religious right lobby. The 15 House votes in the organization's ratings covered such issues as abortion, homosexuality, public needle exchanges, religious persecution overseas, aid for private school families, funding for the National Endowment for the Arts, and a proposed religion amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The continuing members of the House Republican leadership, Majority Leader Dick Armey and Majority Whip Tom DeLay, also posted 100 percent ratings.



Dennis Hastert



A street-side grilled meat vendor drinks a glass of water after the breaking of the fast at sunset in Cairo Sunday at the start of Ramadan. Ramadan is the holy month in which devout Muslims abstain from food, drink and the pleasures of the senses during daylight hours as an act of sacrifice and purification.

## RAMADAN

### Air strikes in Iraq leave U.S. Muslims pondering anew the meaning of holy month

By Julia Liebleich  
The Associated Press

The U.S. air strikes in Iraq that subsided just after the start of Ramadan left American Muslims contemplating anew the meaning of their holy month.

Many non-Muslims, unaware of Ramadan until President Clinton referred to it as he announced the attack, wonder what it means at all. For years American Muslims have been trying to educate people about Ramadan with limited success. Sayid Muhammad Syed, secretary general of the Islamic Society of America near Indianapolis, says that after four days of bombing, he's been barraged with phone calls about this season of praying and fasting.

It's an opportunity, he says, to talk about Islam not as defined by controversial figures, such as Saddam Hussein, but by Muslims in the United States.

Syed estimates that there are 6 to 8 million American Muslims, though some sources cite lower figures.

For years, few Americans realized that millions of observant Muslims were going hungry from sunrise until night during Ramadan. Some Muslims rise before dawn to have a meal. But during the daylight hours, they forgo the pleasures of the senses, eating, drinking, listening to music, and sex.

"You cleanse yourself by fasting to become a repository for this great message from God," Syed says.

That message, he says, is the revelation of the holy book of Islam, the Koran. Beginning about 630, Muslims teach, the Prophet Muhammad was meditating when the angel Gabriel appeared to him with the first revelation of the Koran on one of the last nights of the month of Ramadan. The ninth month in the lunar-based Islamic calendar, Ramadan can fall at any time of year in the Gregorian calendar used in the West.

President Clinton told American Muslims that he tried to avoid military action in Iraq during this time of revelation.

"But whether it's during holy time or not, it's still important to see innocent people dying," says Imam Tala El of the Islamic Center of New England in Sharon, Mass.

Many Muslims, he says, are thinking of the Iraq people as they reflect on the meaning of Ramadan. In the Islamic Center of America near Dearborn, Mich., "thousands of dollars are collected and sent to poor people, especially in Islamic countries that suffer a lack of food, such as Iraq, Sudan, Bangladesh, and Lebanon," says Imam Hassan Qasbi.

The holy month ends with Eid, a day-long celebration and feast. Some Muslims say they doubt the sincerity of the president's concern about avoiding air strikes on Ramadan. But, says Syed, Clinton was aware of the holy month long before the bombing in Iraq.

## Churches have a way with the manger

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — As the lights dimmed over the stage, Jessica Strible gripped her microphone, ready to launch into a song for her church's holiday pageant. But instead of a "Silent Night," she and a group of dancers and backup singers belted out Reba McEntire's "Why Haven't I Heard From You?" with all the attitude and swank of a music video. Fog and laser lights blanketed the stage, illuminating a giant computer screen and oversized cellular phone.

Welcome to Christmas pageants in the technology corridor, where members of The Heights Baptist Church in Richardson, Texas presented "www.HolidaysTheHeights.com" — Clearly Communicating Christmas.

The production is a nod to the hustle and bustle of a computerized society and examines how the true meaning of Christmas can get lost. But presenting this theme requires a state-of-the-art light show and a specialized projector

from Texas Instruments.

"This is like an arena creating a painting," said Donnie Strible, music minister at The Heights and Jessica's father.

With that in mind, more churches across the area and nationwide are moving toward more complex and creative Christmas pageants by using bigger sets and computer-generated lighting.

Lyndel Vaughn, an associate professor of church music at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, said the days of "hardhats and flip-flop sandals" in pageants are all but gone.

Vaughn, who teaches a class on dramatic church productions, said the most dramatic pageants can range from \$50,000 to a quarter of a million dollars. Two of the most grand, and self-supporting, pageants are the Dallas Christmas Festival at Prestonwood Baptist Church in North Dallas and The Greater Fort Worth Christmas Pageant, performed by the North Richland Hills Baptist Church.

The Prestonwood production — which

features flying angels, live camels, donkeys and sheep and a 1,000-seat stage — usually costs about \$250,000 and is financed through ticket sales and donations.

Setting up the Fort Worth pageant, which just finished its 25th annual run, takes thousands of volunteer hours to erect the elaborate sets and hook up the intricate lighting. A 40-member production team begins meeting each January to plan the \$105,000 event.

Deig Smart, a professor of radio and television at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill., said pageants are becoming more entertainment-oriented every year as churches struggle to compete with secular holiday events.

The Heights production focuses on a typical family so busy that they've lost touch with one another in a world that is, ironically, ruled by communication. Other churches are adding Christmas cards and even Santa Claus in the first act before returning to the biblical focus at the end.



Yemone W. Marlam, left, travels throughout Ethiopia to raise money for orphaned children. His assistant, Michael G. Marlam, serves as his accountant.

## Far away — in Ethiopia — children need help

By H. R. Welzel  
Times-News correspondent

FILER — The dead body of a young Ethiopian mother who had fought for her country was found by 22-year-old Yemone W. Marlam. Strapped to the mother's back was her little boy, still alive and crying. Marlam buried the mother and took the child home.

Since then, many lives, including the lives of Bob and Barbara Holloway of Filer, have been touched by Marlam's life. Working in the African country with volunteers for Overseas Cooperative Assistance, the Holloways met Marlam, who they describe as the

most dedicated servant of God they have ever known.

Today, the Holloways say, their story of Ethiopia is Yemone's story. Marlam's father had died when he was a small child. When he was 17, he made a commitment to the Lord that he would be a dedicated servant of God. His Christian convictions drove him to take a motherless child to his home.

## House divided

### 25,000 sects worldwide use Christian label

By Victor Greto  
The Gazette

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Don't bother to look up Christianity in the dictionary. Whatever it says, it won't be enough.

There are at least 25,000 different ways to define it — that's how many denominations around the world call themselves Christian.

"The word Christian is very abstract," said Lawrence Cunningham, a Catholic theologian from the University of Notre Dame. "There is no platonic ideal of what a Christian is. Some people say they're a Christian as opposed to Jewish or Muslim."

Most people define Christianity by the congregation they belong to.

"Within these denominations — Catholic, evangelical, Unitarian, Mormon, Methodist — hot-button issues like abortion, politics and the death penalty divide Christianity. And that old bone of contention — theology — divides Christian congregations along issues of creeds, acceptable behavior and what may be the ultimate test: who will go to heaven."

Being a Catholic means something specific, Cunningham says. "You need to profess the faith that the church has historically professed, participate in the sacramental life of the church; and the church you attend must be in union with all other Catholic churches and the pope."

But, this doesn't mean that those who do not follow these rules aren't Christian or are going to hell, Cunningham said.

"The Catholic church teaches that people are saved that are not professedly Christian. All those who attempt to lead a life according to the grace of God (are) saved," he said.

Cunningham, however, resents that "the word Christian has been hijacked by fundamentalists. If I'm ever on a plane, and someone asks me if I'm Christian, they're regarding me as a specimen of Protestantism."

For the Rev. Ted Haggard of New Life Church, "genuine Christianity" must be "sought through a personal relationship with God. A Christian's entrance into heaven, Haggard said, is independent of his or her congregation and whether or not one performs good works.

"We believe all people sin," Haggard explained. "We believe that we sinned on the cross to cover that sin."

But not all Christian denominations are equal, Haggard said. Some, including The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, regard doctrines as culls, which he defines as groups that "claim exclusive revelation and are difficult to exit."

Ray Hendershot, southern Colorado director of the American Family Life Movement church, bristled at his church being called a cult. People who label his church that way, he said, "clearly don't understand us or don't want to understand us."

He added, "The pope (claims infallibility). So, what's the difference with our claiming our prophet receives revelation?"

Unlike most Christian faiths that believe the New Testament was God's last revelation on earth, Mormons believe God has continued to speak.

"Some faiths believe the Bible is all that's needed of God, exclusively," said Hendershot. "We believe God will reveal and continue to reveal, just as he spoke to Moses and other prophets. In today's world, we need a prophet to give us guidance. We believe God speaks to us."

When he started caring for these children, he was betrothed to be married. He used the dowry he had set aside to obtain his bride to support his family of orphans, and his engagement was canceled.

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# RELIGION

## MISSIONARIES

## Star of wonder still baffles scientists

The Times-Herald

Several Magic Valley area young people have been called to serve and return on serving missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

### Called to serve

Elder Steven Hobson will serve in the Texas Fort Worth Mission. He will speak in sacrament meeting at 12:50 p.m. Sunday at the Star 1st Ward chapel, 100 S. 200 W.

Hobson is an Eagle Scout and the son of a ranchman, Jolene Hobson of Burley. He graduated from Burley High School and attended Ricks College in Rexburg.

Elder Lucas Wade Trevino will serve in the New York New York North Mission. He will speak in sacrament meeting at 12:45 p.m. Sunday at the Rupert 4th Ward chapel on Fifth and South F Streets.

Trevino is the son of Bob and Leslie Trevino of Rupert and a graduate of Minico High School. He majored in sports medicine at Ricks College.

Elder Jason Kyle Heatwole will serve in the Kentucky Louisville Mission. He will speak in sacrament meeting at 12:45 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 14th Ward chapel, 824 Caswell Ave.

Heatwole is the son of Emory and Cindy Warren and Bush and Donna Heatwole. He is a 1998 graduate of Twin Falls High School, where he was a regional champion and two-time state qualifier in wrestling.

Elder Chad Joseph Conley will serve in the Mexico Mexico City South Mission. He will speak in sacrament meeting at 9 a.m. Sunday at the "The 19th Street 2nd Ward chapel, 222 Birch St.

An open house is planned for 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Conley's residence, 130 Lake St. Conley is the son of Gene and Joyce Conroy of Kimberly.

Elder Calvin Boyd Page, son of Hal and Jeanne Page of Burley, will serve in the Australia Melbourne Mission. He will speak in sacrament meeting at



2:50 p.m. Sunday at the Burley 4th Ward chapel, 515 E. 16th St.

Elder Nathan Archibald will serve in the Brazil Rio Preto Mission. He will speak in sacrament meeting at 12:45 p.m. Sunday at the Oakley LDS Church, 301 N. Center Ave.

Archibald is a graduate of Oakley High School, where he was the 1998 Most Valued Player in football, basketball and track. He is the son of Tim and Karla Archibald of Oakley.

Elder Nathan Kent Allen will serve in the Florida Fort Lauderdale Spanish-speaking Mission. He will speak in sacrament meeting at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Hansen Ward chapel, 222 Birch St. in Kimberly.

Allen is the son of Kent and Renee Allen of Kimberly, a 1997 graduate of Kimberly High School and a graduate of Ricks College. He has earned Eagle Scout and Duty to God awards in scouting.

### Returned from serving

Elder Jordan Leigh Allen served in the Texas Dallas Mission. He will report on his mission at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Hansen Ward Chapel, 222 Birch St. in Kimberly.

He is an Eagle Scout and 1996 graduate of Kimberly High School. He earned a Duty to God

scouting award. He plans to attend Ricks College. His parents are Kent and Renee Allen of Kimberly.

Elder Ryan Thomas Gunnell served in the Japan Fukuoka Mission. He will report on his mission at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at the View 2nd Ward chapel, 450 E. S. 50 S.

Gunnell plans to attend Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. His parents are Morv and Dana Gunnell of Burley.

Elder Edward D. Whitney, son of Edward and Carolyn Whitney of Rupert, served in the Washington Tacoma Mission. He will report on his mission at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Rupert 1st Ward chapel on Eighth and G Streets.

Sister Richelle Hobbs served in the Italy Milan Mission. She will report on her mission at 11:30 a.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 7th Ward chapel, 847 Eastland Drive N.

Hobbs graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1993, where she was a student body officer and co-valedictorian. She plans to attend Brigham Young University (major: human development; minor: business management), then earn a master's degree in organizational behavior.

Elder Marc Alan Burgess, son of Ted and Mary Burgess of Twin Falls, served in the England Leeds Mission. He will report on his mission at 10:50 a.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 4th Ward chapel, 824 Caswell Ave. W.

Elder Lee T. Quigley served in the Peru Lima South Mission. He will report on his mission at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 11th Ward chapel, 847 Eastland Drive N.

Quigley graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1995 and plans to study political science at Ricks College. He is an Eagle Scout and the son of Dale and Betty Jo Quigley of Twin Falls.

Elder Michael Tim Darrington, son of Tim and Jana Darrington of Odele, served in the Texas Houston South Mission. He will report on his mission at 12:50 p.m. Sunday at the DeLoe Stake Center, 213 W. Main.

The Times-Herald welcomes news of church missionaries, which is a sign of change and inspiration to Ellen Thomson, The Times-Herald, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Joyce Brunner, The Times-Herald, Burley, Bureau, 323 1/2 E. Fifth St., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

One of my favorite Christmas songs has a verse that begins, "Do you see what I see—a star, a star, shining in the night with a tail as big as a kite, with a million points of light."

The song about the Star of Bethlehem, leading the Kings to the place of Christ's birth is one example of the fascination with the star that the General of Matthew says prophesied the location of a humble manger about 2,000 years ago.

Was the heavenly display a comet with a long tail, perhaps even Halley's comet?

Richard Gillies, chairman of the University of Idaho's physics department, thinks his computer—using the help of an IBM computer—has shown that a comet would not have been visible.

"The star of Bethlehem likely was a clustering of planets," says Gillies. "Jupiter and Saturn appeared close to each other three times within a few months of 7 B.C. If they passed them in Feb. 20, the year 7 B.C."

The brightest appearance of the three planets occurred in March of 7 B.C. But it was not Jesus' birth, he says. Also, the stars go along with theories that Jesus was born in the spring, not in the winter.

The Rev. Eugene Marshall, professor of theology at the University of Toledo, said the accounts of shepherds watching their flocks at night and shepherds wondering how the star appeared to the star that Jesus was born at, is impossible.

"It's very hard to believe that the star was a comet," he says. "The shepherds would not be tending to their flocks at night." Marshall said.

Many scholars believe that an event in the Chinese calendar created a wrong month as Jesus birth. They estimate the year from 6 to 4 B.C. or 5 to 3 B.C.

"I don't believe it is based on astronomy," Marshall said. "I believe the Great Star that Jesus' B.C. The Gospel says Jesus was

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Jim Jones

alive when Jesus was born, and, indeed, tried to have the child killed.

Ton Garland, director of the Noble Planetarium of the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, examines several theories about the Star of Bethlehem in a 25-minute Christmas show depicting first-century skies.

"We consider all the major possibilities of what the Christmas star might have been," Garland said. "We know that a comet appeared in 5 B.C., so we show a comet—actually a picture I took of Edley's Comet when it last appeared."

The planetarium show uses special effects to simulate an exploding star or supernova—another possibility mentioned in explaining the Star of Bethlehem.

Also, the planetarium program depicts a conjunction of planets that would not explain the Star of Bethlehem. Garland's research indicates Jupiter was close to Regulus, the bright star in the constellation Leo, in 2 B.C. and 5 B.C.

Garland said Jupiter and Saturn also are close together this Christmas season. In Texas, one can look directly overhead at the conjunction of the two bright planets. A fourth possibility—that there is no scientific explanation for the Star of Bethlehem—is also mentioned in the planetarium show.

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Jim Jones is religion editor of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

## Short-handed archdiocese tries hipper call to Catholic priesthood

By Jon Jeter  
The Washington Post

MILWAUKEE — The eye-catching billboard that rises above Route 45 on this city's east side is all but sure to get a lot of attention. It's the U.S. Catholic Benefits Package. Consider Priesthood."

The labor market is tight for everyone these days. So short-handed is this city's archdiocese that it is pressing for priests to teach the same way that Nike solicits shoe buyers: renting billboards, airing commercial radio ads and hosting flashy tailgate parties to woo the best and brightest

away from corporate America. It has always been a tough sell, asking bright, ambitious young men to forgo sex and money in exchange for a job that promises long hours and no family to go home to. But it is an even tougher pitch to the MTV generation. And parishioners across the country are feeling the pinch as aging priests are reaching retirement age just as tens of thousands of Latino immigrants are filling church pews.

With nearly 650,000 practicing Catholics in its 10-county archdiocese, Milwaukee ordered only one priest this year and two in 1997.

The problem is not confined to Milwaukee. The number of U.S. priests dropped from roughly 50,000 to about 48,100 between 1965 and 1997, even while the number of Catholics nationally increased from 45 million to 60 million.

Faced with closing more and more parishes or trying something new, dioceses nationwide are turning to the marketplace for seminarians. Last year, the diocese of Rockford, Ill., became the first to air religious radio and television ads. The archdiocese in Lansing, Mich., this year started a World

Wide Web site and distributed posters and T-shirts spreading the message. It also used more than the budget of two priests in dark spots on the highway. "Join the REAL Men in Church."

"We're going after the college audience, the 18- to 25-year-olds," said the Rev. J. Mandy, director of vocations for the Lansing diocese.

Using donated billboard space for \$150,000 in grants, the archdiocese of Milwaukee launched a marketing campaign last summer with slogans such as "What's Your World? Mine's Catholic" and "Wanted: Decent of Society" that con-

ated precisely the kind of buzz that church officials hoped for.

It is too early to tell whether ads like these will increase the number of seminarians and eventually suggest the decline in number of priests is due to several emergent factors, including changing attitudes about priests, careers and even celibacy, family size.

If in the past Catholics parents of large families encouraged at least one of their sons to become a priest, Catholics parents today are less willing to encourage vocations. And many sons who may be their only hope for grandchildren.

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other outside support, he traveled on foot in search of food, clothing, medical supplies and money. He worked for one day, then, he walked nearly 12,000 miles seeking help to meet the demands of war orphans.

For one of his travels, a hotel manager and a cook from the town for the night. Freedom fighters had placed a bomb in the hotel. The explosion was deafening. The running ran from the building. A Communist officer said him hurried and decided Yemone was the bomber. The young man was arrested, dragged across rocky ground, beaten and ordered shot.

The gun misfired. The second command to shoot resulted in the gun jamming. The third shot was also unsuccessful.

A Communist officer picked up Mariam's bleeding and bruised body and held him to his chest, yelling, "This can't be the man who killed the bomb. He is a man of God! If you kill this man, you must also kill me."

A guard helped the young Christian escape over a wall. Many of the workmen on the farm. Many times when provisions were low and there seemed to be no hope, he fasted and prayed for help for his children.

"Usually by the third day, Yemone would become very weak, but always help would arrive in one form or another," Bob Holloway said. "Yemone truly lives by faith and puts his faith into action."

Eventually, Mariam obtained a 99-year lease on 70 acres of river bottom land near the town of Yemone. She has a 100-acre farm. He also received funding to build dormitories for the 208 children under his care. The buildings were constructed most

ly with the labor of the orphans and a few volunteers. A kitchen facility and a four-room school camp. Then, three ongoing containers were set for storage and offices, along with two tractors, a deep well for drinking water, plus a pump and sprinkler equipment to irrigate approximately 30 acres of orchard and gardens.

There are still needs. There are no desks or windows in the school. The teachers have the only textbooks. The orphans need a dining room and many more beds. Each bunk bed sleeps four children, and many sleep on the floor. Blankets are scarce, and laundry is washed by hand in cold water. Medical supplies are few. Children receive two meals per day and occasionally there is only enough food for one meal a day.

The orphanage farm at Wukro needs an organization or group of organizations to sponsor activities. Holloway said, "The facility which houses 115 orphans."

Holloway said, "We were able to bring \$2,000 in donations from the United States for a shower and toilet facility, and the building was nearly completed before we left."

He added, "The discipline and love (at the orphanages) should be a role model for the entire world. It is truly unbelievable. In the three weeks I spent there, I never saw a child, tear or other sign of distress."

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in, in addition to attending school." In 1996, Mariam opened a day care school in the town of Yemone for children ages 3 to 6. There are 105 children at the school.

The Holloways and several relatives have helped with the farm. The farm is used for poultry on the orphanage farms. This is the type of work Bob Holloway does as an overseas volunteer. Barbara Holloway and sister-in-law Virginia Holloway (tested the eyes of 333 children, Bob Holloway's brother, Steve, flew to Ethiopia with a tractor tire and repaired farm equipment.

Mariam and his accountant/assistant Michael G. Mariam are currently responsible for 333 orphans, 45 full-time teachers, 300 students, and the farm managers, clerical staff, guards and funders. Yemone Mariam secures funding and meets with government and agency people. He is also overseeing the orphans' religious training.

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and problems, his entire presence radiates the love of God and is a living example of what God can accomplish through one truly dedicated individual."

## Scholars tackle the 'historical Paul'

By Richard N. Ostling  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — You may have heard about the "Jesus Seminar." This group of several dozen Bible professors spent years taking ballots on all the sayings and incidents from the life of Jesus as recorded in the New Testament Gospels, in order to proclaim which were fact and which were fiction.

Since the group worked from liberal to radical assumptions, it was no surprise that its verdicts were strongly negative.

The seminar, operated by a little think tank in Santa Rosa, Calif., has been hailed by some as the cutting edge of scholarly courage, but more often derided as the ultimate in modern agnosticism.

Invaginated by all the publicity, the seminar has lately moved on from its search for the "historical Jesus" to figure out what it

think we know far more about the "historical Paul."

The Jesus Seminar strikes many scholars as too radical to add, and it will be Paul, not Jesus. "We know a whole lot about Christianity's first great missionary from the New Testament's book of Acts and from Paul's own epistles."

Temps are rarely that simple, however, in the more recent of historical scholarship.

Many medieval-age professors at universities and the more advanced theological seminaries question whether Paul actually wrote the letters of the epistles attributed to him, and many agree that they trust Acts to be more propagandist than a solid work of history.

One origin story says Paul was an early Christian who converted to Christianity. Along with the traditional New Testament scholarship, many of the epistles have been

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apocryphal or complete. Anyone who accepts Christian essentialism after death who sees a spirit world, the idea is that, if you have not heard of Christ's gospel, you will exist in a "spirit world." If you accept the gospel, then, you will still be in a "spirit world." Because you're dead, you're not in a "spirit world" anymore. It's a bit of a conundrum.

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plunging too.

In 1996, Jerome Murphy-O'Connor proposed "Paul: A Critical Edition" (Oxford University Press) that last year, three new editions appeared: "Paul Between Antioch and Damascus" by Martin Hengel and Annette Marie Schwemer (Westminster Press); "Paul: The Man and the Apostle" by popular writer A. N. Wilson (Morton); and "What Saint Paul Really Said" (Edinburgh) by N. T. Wright, a vigorous critique of the Skepticism of Wilson, his fellow Brit.

The latest conservative Protestant entry is "The Paul Quest: The Renewed Search for Paul of Tarsus" (New York: Valley Forge Press) by Ben Witherington III of Kentucky's Asbury Theological Seminary. He contends it's quite plausible that Paul wrote the distinctive letters by penning them in a Greek city, probably with the help of a secretary.

The Rev. Gerald Trigg, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Colliado Springs, echoes Witherington's emphasis. "Biblical inerrancy, but behavior is the indicator of the true belief," Trigg said. "If hell is separation from God, which I believe is the correct view, then heaven begins now and death will not end it. If that be true, then the most important thing in the world is to make the most of the opportunity now."



Students at Swan Meadow School in Gortner, Md., use computers in their free time.

## Ancient aqueducts, roads contributed to rise of Christianity

By Stan Greenman  
Chicago Tribune

Not long after the crucifixion of Jesus, the first Christians got into a shouting match over the nature of their faith. They lived in Jerusalem, the center of the Jewish world, and one faction insisted that to be a follower of Christ still meant keeping kosher. Just another parents' feud. Others were not so concerned that believing in Jesus meant them from the religious traditions of their ancestors.

Emancipated that they couldn't get their point across at home, members of the latter group decided to quite literally take their side of the argument on the road. Led by St. Paul, they traveled from city to city throughout the provinces of the Roman Empire, preaching their understanding of Jesus' life and mission. Along the way, those Apostles created the Christianity we know today: a faith rooted in the Old Testament but with its own set of beliefs and practices.

*Those roads that St. Paul and his associates traveled to spread the faith were unprecedented marvels of engineering.*

real sense, the first technological driven religion.

Don't feel bad if you don't realize the extent of the Romans' accomplishments or their role in the Christmas story. Schoolbooks are more likely to record the deeds of kings and queens than the achievements of surveyors and road builders. And in this present age of cyberspace marvels, it is hard to remember that not so long ago the ability to build a decent highway or provide a clean-and-reliable water supply marked the cutting edge of technology.

Indeed, the Romans themselves were resigned to being history's Rodney Dangerfield, unappreciated for setting the material stage upon which other mortals would perform. A near contemporary of Jesus, Sextus Julius Frontinus was a book-reading water commissioner. It is filled with formulas for calculating the proper diameter of distribution pipes and a helpful hint for preventing deposits from building up in the aqueducts, those huge constructions that gave the Romans potable water. Yet poor Frontinus was painfully aware that later generations would be tempted to lay aside his "Aqueducts of Rome" in favor of travel narratives from exotic Egypt or the playful works of the Greeks, Frontinus writes.

"With such an array of indispensable structures carrying so many waters, compare, if you will, the idle Pyramids or the use-less, though famous, works of the Greeks," Frontinus writes. Still, the Romans did take a quiet pride in having discovered a secret of ancient unknown to their predecessors. Before their empires were built with the sword, which usually gave them a short half-life. As soon as horsemen and foot soldiers had passed on, the newly conquered would be quick to revolt. The Romans realized that commerce is a more dependable guide of empire. So wherever their legions went, they laid down roads. In all, 53,538 miles of main highway stretching from North Africa to Germany.

They weren't, of course, the first to build a road, the concept being self-evident. But the Romans do seem to have been early to realize that the real trick is to build one that will last.

## Times-News will publish early

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We are observing early deadlines for the New Year's Eve issue. Information and photos to be published in the religion section.

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# Parting with tradition

## Public school serves need of Amish, Mennonite communities

By Mary Maushart  
The Baltimore Sun



Students at Swan Meadow School in Gortner, Md., got onto their buses to go home. Only two buses are needed to transport the 61 students.

GORTNER, Md. — In a tiny schoolhouse in a Garrett County meadow, the past, present and future converge.

Amish and Mennonite children have attended Swan Meadow School, a public elementary and middle school, for more than 100 years. For the first time, the school's graduates returned to the simple brick building in the fall to pursue high school diplomas — a departure from their traditions.

Every Tuesday evening, 16 students — age 13 and older — come to Swan Meadow, in the rolling hills south of Oakland, to study for state General Educational Development (GED) diplomas.

Though secondary education has long been considered unnecessary by New Order Amish dairy farmers, the desire, and need, for schooling beyond eighth grade is beginning to take root. There's even talk in this traditional community of the need to find jobs off the farms and learn about such things as computers.

"I wanted more education," says Karen Peachey, a shy 13-year-old who finished eighth grade last spring. Karen likes staying home, helping milk her family's 47 cows and taking care of her five younger siblings. But she has come to believe further education "would be useful if you would want to have a job sometime."

The deeply private Amish have had an uneasy relationship with

public schooling. The right for them to leave school after eighth grade was hard won. Before a 1972 Supreme Court decision protected that practice, they were often prosecuted for not keeping their children in school until age 16.

The new GED program is not the first thing to set Swan Meadow apart. "It's not normal, not normal at all, for Amish and conservative Mennonites to go to public school," says Paul Yoder, an alumnus of the school, the father of three Swan Meadow pupils and president of its parent-teacher group.

Most Amish communities around the country establish their own schools with Amish teachers, who teach both reli-

gious and secular subjects. But Swan Meadow is a public school, run by Garrett County largely for Amish or Mennonite children.

The Amish in Garrett belong to a relatively liberal sect. They have electricity and telephones, and they farm with tractors. The Mennonites, closely connected to the Amish, tend to be even less restricted in their practices.

Linda Fleming, Swan Meadow's principal for seven years, is not Amish, nor is anyone on her teaching staff, but they have the blessing of the community.

As a public school, Swan Meadow follows the Garrett County curriculum and makes few, if any, concessions academically to its pupils. However, some adaptations have been made, such as the skirts-only policy for

female teachers. "We choose not to wear pants," says Liz Gilberth, one of two full-time teachers. "It's important to them, and it doesn't really matter to us."

Amish settlers built the first Swan Meadow School in the 1880s. In the 1930s, using their labor and county funds, the community members built a larger school. During the past two summers, the community and the county teamed up again to replace aging portable classrooms with permanent ones and add a library and computer lab.

That kind of community participation is typical at the school, with 100 percent of families showing up for parent-teacher conferences and nearly as many for Parent-Teacher Organization meetings. Swan Meadow is the envy of many Maryland educators. Discipline problems are rare.

Swan Meadow's enrollment this year is 61 — 35 Amish or Mennonite — divided among eight grades in three classrooms.

Most of the children arrive by school bus. They dress simply, boys sporting suspenders, girls in loose-fitting dresses and dresses while "coverings" over their hair, which is pulled up into buns.

Each morning, the children begin with "opening," a 15-minute unit of Bible for nonreligious, inspirational reading or reflection. The pupils take part in the opening and a moment of silence before lunch in a classroom multipurpose room that serves as cafeteria, gym, music room and wood-working shop.

## Nuns keep Romanian tradition of beaded eggs alive

Knight Rider News Service

RIVES JUNCTION, Mich. — The beaded eggs made by the nuns about four hours to complete; the beads are affixed to plastic eggs dipped in beeswax.

Mother Irene Obreja has no E-mail, no swing dances on Saturday night, and no TV or radio blasting presidential impeachment news. Instead, she has peace and silence.

"All you here have so many things in the stores, and you can all afford to buy," she says shyly, concentrating on the meticulous task of pressing shiny red and green beads onto a beeswax egg, inventing a flowered pattern as she goes. "But here you are always rushing, no time to enjoy, or stop to smell the flowers."

The immigrant from northern Romania, 28, has an uncluttered life at the only traditional Romanian Orthodox monastery in the United States. Nestled on 50 acres of farmland in Rives Junction north of Jackson, Mich., the Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery is home to nine nuns and two priests.

They no maintain strict Romanian culture, religious life and language. There is no vow of silence and the nuns have some free time, but they shut most

modern distractions like radio, TV and computers in order to focus on the two most important tasks in their lives — work and prayer.

They also preserve traditional craft-making skills like creating the intricate beaded eggs, which take four hours each to make. In Romanian Orthodox, nuns are

called "Mother," use no last names and live in monasteries. "We live in an orthodox way," says Mother Gabriella Ursache, who helped found the monastery in 1987.

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YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND... I'M NOT COMPLAINING... I UNDERSTAND.

I SIMPLY LEARNED THAT WE SHOULDN'T ALWAYS EXPECT TO GET EVERYTHING WE ASK FOR...

THAT'S CALLED "PREACHING TO THE CONVERTED!"

**By Scott Adams**

WE MUST MAINTAIN A SENSE OF URGENCY. SPEED IS THE KEY. WE MUST BE FASTER THAN THE COMPETITION.

DOES THAT MEAN YOU'LL SIGN THE STUFF THAT'S BEEN ON YOUR DESK FOR A MONTH?

LOGICAL QUESTIONS DON'T MIX WITH MOTIVATIONAL MESSAGES.

**By Johnny Hart**

WHAT LITTLE JACK HORNER FOUND IN HIS CHRISTMAS PIE

**By Jim Davis**

I KNOW THAT SWEATER MIGHT MAKE FOR A COOL PRESENT, BUT IT DOESN'T FIT TOO WELL.

BUT IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS

THAT'S WHAT SCARES ME

**By Chance Browne**

WELL, CHRISTMAS IS OVER, AND I'M SO TIRED.

YOU STAY IN BED, BUT WATCH THE KIDS.

WHAT'S MOMMY DOING?

SHE'S BREAKING IN THE TREVY NIGHTSCHAN I GAVE HER.

**By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart**

DO YOU ATTRIBUTE THE OUTRAGED PRESS AS THE BIGGEST REASON FOR A NEW AWARENESS OF THE BIBLE?

THAT AND SOME RECORD HIGH NUMBERS ON THE RICHTER SCALE

**By Chris Browne**

HELP! I'VE GAINED TWO POUNDS OVER THE HOLIDAYS!!

THIS NEVER HAPPENED TO ME BEFORE.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

AS THE SAYING GOES...

"DON'T ASK US!"

**By Mort Walker**

SHE SAID MAKE MEATBALLS.

CAN'T YOU FOLLOW ORDERS?

WHY DID COOKIE KICK YOU OUT?

SOMETHING ABOUT MEATBALLS

NOT WALKER

**By Bob Thaves**

HAIR RESTORATION CLINIC

WHAT WE DO, SIR, IS STIMULATE YOUR FOLLICLES.

**By Art Sansom & Chip**

JUST WHEN I START TO GET THE HANG OF IT...

I FIND OUT MY COMPUTER IS OBSOLETE!

**For Better or For Worse**

SCOTT... HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE BERRY CITY WHEN IT WAS WINTER?

LET'S GET THE ATLAS!

HERE'S THE ATLAS. IT'S ON THE BERRY CITY LIBRARY AND I GOT IT!

COOL! GOSH... WHY IS THIS BOOK CALLED AN ATLAS?

BECAUSE WHEN YOU GO TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, YOU CAN FIND THE ATLAS THE EASY WAY!

**By Dean Young & Stan Cohen**

DO YOU HAVE A LITTLE EXTRA KETCHUP TO SQUIRT ON MY BURGER?

SURE, DAD.

KETCHUP IS SOMETHING WE ALWAYS HAVE PLENTY OF HERE AT THE BURGER BUN!

**By Glenn Cook**

WELL, DAD, YOU MADE MOM VERY HAPPY BY SHAVING OFF YOUR BEARD!

I KNOW.

I'M A LITTLE SAD, THOUGH. I REALLY LIKED IT.

REALLY? WELL, THEN, I HAVE A LITTLE SURPRISE FOR YOU...

OH, WHY? THIS IS EITHER YOUR BEARD, OR SOMETHING THE CAT COULD GET UP.

OH, THAT'S GOOD. I LOVE IT.

**Dennis the Menace** **By Hank Ketcham** **The Family Circus** **By EB Payne**

"BOY, DAD! SANTA REALLY HAS ME PEGGED!"

"It drank up all its water pump!"

**on the fringe**

**Liberty Meadows** **By Fran Cole**

SLAM!

THAT'S YOU TRUMAN?

YES, HE IS.

YES, HE IS.

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT.

YES, HE IS.

YES, HE IS.

**Zits** **By Jim Borgman & Lew Spector**

DID SOME GUY CALLED MIKE CALL YOU HERE?

YOU WERE OUT.

AT LEAST I THINK IT WAS A GUY.

PATCH GIRLS: YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO CALL HIM BACK RIGHT AWAY!

IT'S URGENT!

769-663-SOMETHING-SOMETHING.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT IS.

THAT'S THE NUMBER OF THE GUY YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO CALL!

**Larry** **By King Elton**

THANK YOU FOR MY NEW COMPUTER, HONEY.

BUT IT'S NOT JUST MY COMPUTER. I WANT THE WHOLE FAMILY TO USE IT AND ENJOY IT. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WILL BRING US TOGETHER.

HEY! BUT THAT'S DOWD!

**Strange Brew** **By John Deering** **Non Sequiter** **By Wee**

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## BUNDLED UP AND READY TO GO



Above, the South Idaho Muzzleloaders bundled up to get ready for a ride on their entry in the Bull Light Parade. Right, Santa's Helper Richard Floyd wishes Bull Mayor Barbara Gletzen a Merry Christmas at festivities before the Bull event.



CHRIS PETERSON/Times-News

## SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center assists families and individuals in transition. Currently, the Center needs gloves and hats, coats in good condition, bicycles that are ready to ride, clothes in good condition, for all sizes, twin beds or double beds, and kitchen table and chair sets. If you can be of any assistance, please call Shannon at 736-2166.

Volunteers 55 and older are needed to work with children. The "America Reads Program" needs your help. Volunteers will be working with kindergarten through third-grade students. All we ask is for a minimum of four hours per week. We need volunteers in Twin Falls, Lincoln, Jerome's Home Elementary, Jerome's Poppelwell Elementary and Hagerman schools. Let's come together, work as a team and help our children increase their reading abilities.

For more information, call Mindy 736-2122, Ext. 325.

The Office on Aging is looking for people who need volunteers to help watch loved ones while they run errands or take a break. Volunteers are ready and willing to sit with family members.

For more information, call Barbara Urie at the Office on Aging 736-2122.

The "Dial-A-Break" Respite Program is in need of volunteers who will sit with 24-hour clients in their homes and be a safety net. This gives the caregivers a chance to take a break with the peace of mind that their loved-one will be

watched. Volunteers are needed in all eight counties of the Magic Valley. For more information or to volunteer, please call Judy Tippin at the Office on Aging 736-2122, Ext. 312.

Volunteer drivers are needed in the Magic Valley area for the Seniors Assisted Seniors transportation program. The program offers transportation to people 60 years of age and older. If you are available to assist with this program, call Judy Tippin at the Office on Aging 736-2122, Ext. 312.

The Magic Valley Staffing Services—Respite Division is in need of volunteers for a variety of jobs. The hospice program is to clients and family members who are experiencing a life limiting illness. Volunteers are needed to support of the patient under caregiver, clerical assistance, and assistance with fund-raising activities.

Volunteers are needed in all locations of the Magic Valley. Hospice and OSHA training are offered once a month for new volunteers. Volunteers are also needed in the newly started Jr. Hospice Volunteer program.

If you can be of assistance, or for more information, call Susan Harris at 734-0600 or (800) 363-0602.

The American Association of Retired Persons is in need of volunteers for the Tax Assistance Program. The program provides free tax assistance to seniors and those with middle and low

incomes. This year's program will begin Part 1 and continue through the end of the season.

Volunteers will be trained in basic tax preparation. The week-long training is held in January and covers both federal and Idaho income tax programs. Volunteers with computer experience are encouraged to apply to help those who want to file their returns electronically.

For more information or to become a volunteer, call Rev. James at 238-528-6421 or Judy at the Office on Aging at 736-2122, Ext. 312.

Some men and daughter need help and messes. For more information call 736-2122.

Some men with child could use the mortgage refinancing of the best annual returns to prepare meals with.

Another family is looking for an artificial Christmas tree and decorations.

If you can help, contact Cindy at 734-0600 or Oregon Trail at 733-9460.

This public service column is intended to reach needs in the community of the Magic Valley. For more information, please call Judy Tippin, director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at 736-2122, Ext. 312. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored service at the College of Southern Idaho. To have your request appear in this column, please submit it before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for the next publication. Please call to verify the request.

## HONOR ROLL

### Gooding center names those with high grades

**GOODING** - The second-block-grades at the Gooding Accelerated Learning Center have been announced. Students who earned high grades include the following:

All A's: Jeannette Barnes, Cindy Ferreira, Kay Hansen, Carly Jon Novis, Jill Perkins, Megan Rumpke.

All B's: Mandy Jones. A's and B's: Kellie Bronson, Alisha Escamilla, Garrett Hall, Devin Loder.

### Jerome Middle School lists honor roll students

**JEROME** - Jerome Middle School has released its first-semester honor roll. Lister below are students who earned high grades.

**EIGHTH GRADE**  
All A's: Candice Abercrombie, Maria Aguilar, Stephanie Allison, Kristina Bingham, Amy Fiala, David Ford, Michelle Gardner, Katy Gray, Christie Green, Charlie Harding, Paul Hendrickson, Gaby Hernandez, Jessica Hackenberry, Nikki Holton, Chris Horgan, Lora Jessup, Sarah McClure,

Stephanie McEntarffer, Becky McKay, Priscilla Miller, Kenzie Peterson, Bonnie Pickett, Katie Rexroat, Jennifer Shupp, Sarah Stadlerman, Katie Thibault, Hannah Woodell.

A's and B's: Holly Abbiss, Mistim Allen, Avi Belman, Jessica Bench, Lisa Bernsen, Cynthia Bingham, Tyler Burnham, Jesse Bynum, Callie Callen, Jamie Carnes, Matt Chapin, Hillarie Chatterton, Ian Christensen, Adriana De Dios, David Dudley, Matt Ganguet, Amanda Harmon, Paola Hernandez, Ashley Jackson, Melissa Jones, Wynn Jones, Michael Krueger, Kristin Ledbetter, Ryan Lee, Rachel Long, Susana Lopez, Sarah Lott, Chris McKay, Jackie Messersmith, Brydon Mikestell, Tyler Mortensen, Jenny Moss, Sabrina Nejechleba, Heather Newby, Jaime Palmer, Craig Paulin, Becky Pettigall, Jennifer Pond, Jessica Quinley, Alfonso Ramirez, Dirk Reisma, Kelli Rios, Amanda Schmah, Gina Sedana, Chad Seibold, Chris Sorrell, Adam Sparro, Jordi Stallings, Jason Stabler, Brent Stokes, Gretchen Storrer, Tyler Thiessen, Jill Thomas, Kim Traugher, Debbie Wagstaff, Renee Will, Ashlie Wise, Koelle Woodbury, Shayla Zama.

### SEVENTH GRADE

All A's: Rebecca Abern, Janel Bartels, John Capps, Chad Clark, Kristi Craner, Kayla Earle, Carl Emerson, Eliza Hope, Kara Leininger, Ben Marshall, Meagan Marshall, Afrin Martens, Malory Messery, Jed Seamons, Vanessa West, Jay Newman.  
A's and B's: Tonya Anderson, Richard Atkin, Nicole Andrade, Jacqueline Baker, Ashley Barnes, Jeremy Becker, Ashley Blevins, Emily Bronowski, Jessica Burch, Luis Capilla, Sara Cozart, Stephanie Cook, Tara Darris, Cassandra Dean, Stephanie Dixon, Kurt Eichler, Brad Erverson, Mike Greer, Sarah Hall, Brett Hamilton, Marisela Hernandez, Michael Hillier, Iody Holton, Lisa Jansen, Josh Kimball, Krista Kuhn, Caitlyn Lancaster, Sara Ledbetter, Zachary Lloyd, Tyler Luna, Marcos Madrigal, Ryan Mandic, Erin Marcoe, Katie Mary, Caitlin McGuire, Stuart Mitchell, Dennis Mosley, Nicole Nuse, Stephanie Palumbo, Debra Paulos, Chase Peterson, Cozra Piper, Sarah Pollock, Afion Potter, Lucy Souer, Tiffany Scott, Charlie Sorrell, Ashley Spencer, Robert Stephens, Cache Taylor, Holly Teuscher, Jose Trelles, Cali Vargas, Pauline Warner, Jeffrey Weymont, Amy White.

## FUN AFTER HOURS



The spirit of Christmas was enjoyed by all attending the Kimberly Chamber of Commerce Christmas After Hours event hosted at the Kimberly office of First Security Bank. Participants enjoyed food, punch, beer, wine and prizes.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### PBS program will feature TF native in opera at Met

**TWIN FALLS** - Joyce Guver, formerly of Twin Falls, will be singing the role of Cinderella in the "Live From the Met" production of La Cenerentola at 7 p.m. Monday on PBS.

La Cenerentola is Cinderella in Italian by Gioachino Rossini, and Florida is the elder stepister of Cinderella.

Guver is a leading soprano with the New York Metropolitan



Joyce Guver "The Magic Flute". She graduated from Twin Falls.

Opera Co. She recently sang the leading role of Susanna in Mozart's Marriage of Figaro and will sing the role of Fanny in Mozart's Don Giovanni in January.

High School in 1971 and has appeared as a guest soloist with the Magic Valley Symphony three times.

PBS are on TCI Cable Channel 4 in Twin Falls, Kimberly, Hamden, Jerome, Gooding, Weidell and Ellet. Channel 4 in Buhl and Shoshone, Channel 10 in Burley, Rupert, Paul, Heyburn, Stuckman and Sun Valley. Channel 11 through Project Mutual and Channel 12 through Latah/Wireless Cable and with assistance in the Magic Valley.

## CHRISTMAS CHEER



Senior Citizens in Kimberly enjoyed an open house Christmas party. Entertainment was provided by 15-year-old Shawn Dean and his mother Leah Deas of Kimberly. As everyone enjoyed good food, Santa made sure that those present received candy canes and good cheer.

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# CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD



## Holiday celebrations outshine turmoil

**BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP)** — The world awoke to Christmas Friday with an outpouring of prayers for an end to conflict, mixing faith and politics in far-flung ceremonies.

In Jerusalem, the air was filled with the pealing of church bells, and pilgrims from all over the world flocked to Christmas morning services in the walled Old City.

The Latin patriarch in Bethlehem, Michel Sabbah, famed in Rome over an altar and a Christmas Eve service in the town where Jesus was born with prayers in Arabic, English and Latin.

He delivered a sharply political sermon, alluding to Israel as the "oppressor" of Palestinians and praying for the release of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails. Sabbah also prayed for the "peace of Iraq," days after the U.S.-British airstrikes against that country.

Christmas Day brought hopes of peace in Congo, where the government at eased a war-related curfew, and in the Philippines, where communist rebels announced a cease-fire. Protestants in Indonesia gathered to worship in a church gutted by fire in a riot by Muslims.

At the Vatican, Pope John Paul II offered a prayer against violence in St. Peter's Square and read holiday greetings in 58 languages.

In Jakarta, the Indonesian capital, Christian leaders appealed for racial and religious harmony following recent attacks by Muslim mobs on Christian churches. Rising social and religious tensions has rocked a nation struggling through its worst economic crisis in three decades.

The Taman Sari Protestant church in Jakarta was among more than a dozen that were burned or ransacked on Nov. 22 after religious and ethnic tensions triggered rioting that killed 14 people.

In Pakistan, another predominantly Muslim country, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif used Christmas as an opportunity to assure Christians in his country that their rights would be "reserved, protected and promoted."

The reassurance comes as Christians and other minorities in Pakistan have expressed fears that attempts by Sharif's government to impose Islamic law will curtail their rights.

Meanwhile, the head of the

Cyprus Orthodox Church criticized the Christian world for tolerating the 25-year Turkish occupation of the northern third of Cyprus.

"Our churches in the occupied towns and villages are silent, desecrated and profaned by the Turkish invader," Archbishop Chrysostomos said in a message read in all churches in the southern part of the island during the Christmas Day Mass.

Cyprus has been divided into a Greek Cypriot south and a Turkish-occupied north since 1974 when Turkey invaded after a short-lived coup by supporters of union with Greece.

In Africa, people rejoiced in Kinshasa, Congo, after the government lifted a 5-month-old dusk-to-dawn curfew for Christmas. Cabinet Director Abdoulaye Yerodia said.

Military authorities imposed the curfew in August, when a rebel army approached the outskirts of Congo's capital and threatened to topple President Laurent Kabila's government.

As soon as darkness fell in Bethlehem, the snap and sparkle of firecrackers filled Manger Square. Bethlehem was handed from Israeli to Palestinian rule just before Christmas 1995, and the fireworks were a celebration of independence.

Heather Taylor, a 25-year-old teacher from Winstboro, Texas, said she didn't mind the firecrackers: "I'm here to be near to the place of the person I love, the Savior. Love."

Later in the evening, Midnight Mass was held in the Church of St. Katherine, next to the fourth-century Church of the Nativity that was built on the traditional birthplace of Jesus.

The threat of violence darkened the holiday in Turkey. Istanbul's largest Roman Catholic Church called off a Christmas Eve midnight Mass, citing security concerns due to strong anti-Italian sentiment over Italy's refusal to extradite a Kurdish rebel sought by the Turks.

And troubles intruded on holiday celebrations in Central America, with refugees of Hurricane Mitch finding Christmas spirit hard to come by. "What's Christmas?" asked Gregorio Sanchez, who lives with his wife and five children in a dirt-floor shelter of plastic in Posoltega, Nicaragua, alongside hundreds of other refugees.



Top, a Catholic nun reflects during the Christmas midnight Mass in St. Catherine's Franciscan Church Christmas Day in Bethlehem. The church was crowded to capacity for the annual mass that takes place just yards from the traditional place where Jesus Christ was born in the adjacent 'grotto' in the Church of the Nativity, one of the world's oldest churches.

Above, the brave few drove into the cold sea at Barcelona Port Friday during the annual Christmas Day swim.

Right, Palestinians are bathed in colored spotlights as they watch a choir singing Christmas carols in Manger Square outside the Church of the Nativity in the West Bank town of Bethlehem on Christmas Eve. According to Christian belief, Jesus was born on the spot where the church is built.



Kristle Lendin, 5, of Oxnard, Calif., takes a bite out of a turkey drumstick Thursday at the Ventura County Rescue Mission's annual pre-Christmas dinner in Oxnard. About 150 meals were served to the poor, needy and homeless of the area.



Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, General Dennis J. Reiser, left, shares a cup of coffee and the Christmas mood Friday with U.S. soldiers at the U.N. Observation Post U52 on the border with Yugoslavia, 35 miles north from Skopje.



Iraqi Roman Catholic children surround Santa Claus late Thursday after his arrival at a Catholic church in downtown Baghdad. Iraq's 500,000-member Christian community is struggling to celebrate Christmas in a country devastated by eight years of U.N. sanctions.

WEST

# Without a trace

## 2 men accused of going on a murderous rampage have disappeared



Wayne McVean Robert Mason Alan Pilon

**FOUR CORNERS (AP)** — Sunbathed in southern Utah comes to the end blissfully with a lonely, bright silence these days, a serenity helping the scene last summer when this country swarmed with one of the noisiest and largest numbers in recent southwestern history.

Two of those men accused of going on a murderous rampage that left one police officer dead and three others wounded have since vanished into the thick stands of salt cedar and cottonwoods along the San Juan River at one of the most scenic corners of the intersecting canyons.

No one — not 500 lawmen and soldiers, not a host of helicopters and high-tech equipment, not a group of the best New Jersey trackers — could find the desperadoes in the wilds of the Four Corners desert.

Nor has the guarantee of a reward worth more than a quarter of a million dollars — just for finding them — elicited a response.

And after insisting all summer long that the outlaws — reputed to be survivalists — were still in the area, some lawmen today are guardedly admitting that there's a possibility the men are dead.

It has been seven months since the late May day when the two men, along with a companion who died early on by his own hand, fired an unprovoked barrage of bullets at Cortez police officer Dale Claxton. Claxton was gunned down before he could unstrap his seat belt to confirm the men about the stolen water truck they were driving. He and his patrol car were riddled with 29 bullets from an automatic rifle.

Since then, a numbing number of supposed suspect sightings haven't gained out, leaving officers frustrated. Searches have checked out dust on the back roads, laughter in the dark, fingerprints leading nowhere, flashlights in the night and a hundred or so dunes, all to no avail.

Alan "Moose" Pilon, 31, of Durango, Colo., and Jason McVean, 27, of Durango, Colo., are wanted by the FBI on charges of carjacking and "unlawful flight to avoid prosecution for the murder of a police officer." Robert Mason, 26, also of Durango, is the third suspect in the shooting of Claxton, was found dead in Utah five days after the attack on Claxton.

Pilon and McVean have eluded capture since the May 29 shooting, despite massive manhunt attempts fringing on Cross Canyon and the Elevenmile Indian ruins west of Cortez, the rugged and inhospitable country along the Utah border, the picturesque Chaco, Colo., area north of Cortez near the Dolores River, and a stretch of the San Juan River between Bluff and Montezuma Creek, Utah.

"I still think they're out there, in that canyon or in an area where they feel safe," Cortez Police Chief Ray Lane said in a recent interview. "Either then, or they're dead."

Sheriff Mike Lacy of San Juan County, Utah, doesn't agree. "I think they were in the Four Corners area for the first few days, but I don't think they're there now," he said. "I'd say at the 30th, they either got away or they're dead. I lean to the theory that they are gone, and I think somebody helped them."

Lance and Butler, who handle up the police force on the sprawling Navajo Nation, thinks the fugitives escaped down the San Juan River.

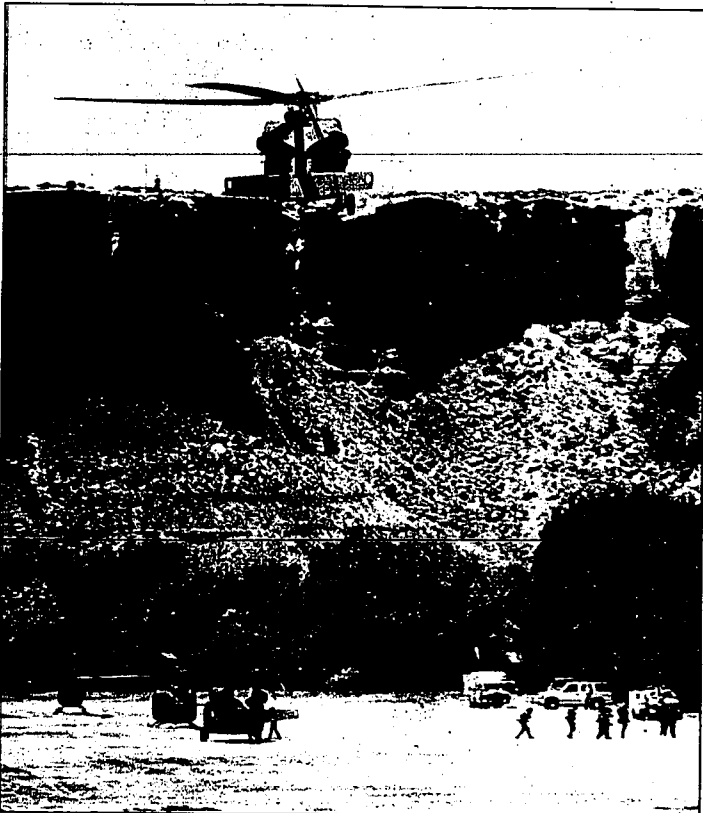
"At one point we thought they had gone down the river all the way to Page (Ariz)," he said. "That's still gonna be high on our list of possibilities. That's not to say they didn't accidentally walk off the edge of a cliff or stick a gun in their mouth."

As yet, there is no possibility of a suicide — it's exactly what Mason did as police officers closed in on him after an altercation in which he shot a San Juan County Deputy near Bluff on June 4.

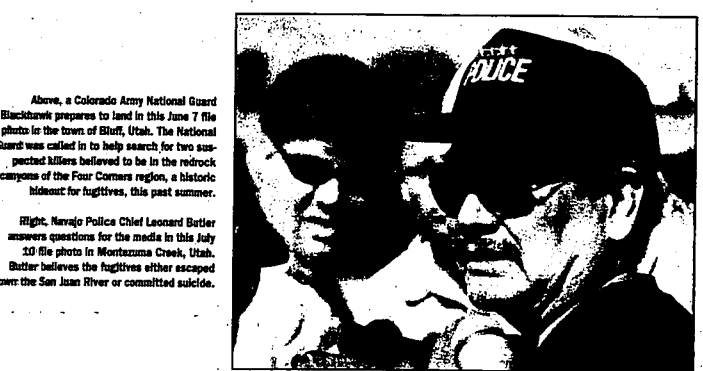
Officers say they are certain that Mason was one of the three men involved in Claxton's shooting. Mason had somehow gotten to the Bluff area, where he fired a rifle shot at a social worker who was driving a river-truck east lunch. The social worker was not hit.

Deputy Kelly Bradford responded to the disturbance and was shot in the shoulder and back. He survived, but Mason retreated to a hollowed-out section of the riverbank, where he shot himself and died. His body was surrounded by pipe bombs.

When they found Mason, the lawmen assumed they had at least cornered the



Above, a Colorado Army National Guard Blackhawk prepares to land in this June 7 file photo in the town of Bluff, Utah. The National Guard was called in to help search for two suspected killers believed to be in the redneck canyons of the Four Corners region, a historic hideout for fugitives, this past summer.



Right, Navajo Police Chief Leonard Butler answers questions for the media in this July 10 file photo in Montezuma Creek, Utah. Butler believes the fugitives either escaped down the San Juan River or committed suicide.

other two men and they converged on the area. The next day, searchers realized they had been following their own track.

Pilon and McVean had once again vanished — if indeed they were ever there.

As two of the three principal lawmen in the summer-long search in the vast and

Butler, too, was stymied. He sent seven Navajo police teams, including some expert trackers, into the area. He spoke for himself and the others when he said recently, "In the last few months, we haven't seen hide nor hair of them."

The FBI sent at least a dozen agents from Denver and Salt Lake City to the region, and Colorado called out a contingent of the National Guard and helicopters. SWAT teams, dog teams, infrared and night vision specialists, and radio dispatchers swooped in. They found nothing.

"Signs, but no cigar," said one of the hundreds of searchers on the scene last summer.

In Dove Creek, Pilon's hometown, neighbors and acquaintances were shocked to hear he was a suspect. Early on, his mother, Beverly, who owns a local beauty parlor, publicly asked her son to surrender. He did not.

Fewer than half a dozen people have come face-to-face with the fugitives in the six months that they have been at large. They include two sheriff's deputies, a sheriff's detective and a 9-1-1 girl.

The girl, who lives in Aneth, a small settlement on the Navajo Nation, told searchers she had seen the two men. The sighting brought hundreds of search personnel and news people to the little town of Montezuma Creek. It seemed the best lead the searchers had gotten since finding Mason dead earlier in the month.

In her first conversation with the news media, the young girl with black hair cut in a page boy and a voice that's bashfully subdued, recently told the Albuquerque Journal she saw two men the later identified as Pilon and McVean less than 50 yards away from her uncle's home in Montezuma Creek on the afternoon of June 28.

Her mother allowed this conversation only if the family's name wouldn't be disclosed.

On the day of the sighting, the girl had been visiting a cousin in Montezuma Creek. In a walk-through re-enactment, she showed how she had come out the front door and was standing on the stoop when she saw two men trying to break into a metal storage shed — not a water truck as sometimes reported — across the parking lot.

"The shorter man was limping," she said. "They were wearing dark clothes and her mother for help with the next word — 'camouflage.'"

Pilon has been said to limp from an old motorcycle accident. "I called my cousin, and she went down the steps toward the men," the girl said. "Then they saw us and they ran into the bushes by the river."

Coincidentally, said the mother, her brother-in-law was driving into town at about the same time and, as he crossed a bridge over the San Juan, he saw two men jump in the river and swim across.

The girl later identified the man as McVean from police mug shots. But frustrated lawmen never picked up the trail. Once more, the fugitives had seemingly disappeared.

Lane clings to the belief that the fugitives are still in the area. He's hoping that the reward or the weather will flush them out.

"It's a lot of money — \$200,400 — and I guess you find out who your friends are when that much money is involved," he said. "It can get pretty cold out there in the winter, and they'll need to be finding shelter. Of course, they could be holed up in a cave."

Lane continued to be mystified by one of the most puzzling elements of the case: Why did the men steal a water truck in southwestern Colorado and drive it to Cortez?

One theory is that they intended to rob the Ute Mountain Indian casino, south of Cortez, by ramming the truck through a wall. Another theory is that the target has been identified — it is that they intended to turn the truck into a bomb like the one that exploded in Oklahoma City.

Unless Pilon and McVean are captured alive, the answer might never be known.

# Las Vegas expects around 350,000 people to welcome 1999

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — Some 250,000 revelers are expected to join the Las Vegas Strip New Year's Eve in what authorities see as a draw rehearsal for an unprecedented crowd expected to welcome in the new millennium.

"We see this year as just a practice session for the crowd we expect on welcome in the year 2000," Nevada Highway Patrol spokesman Sean Bluff said Thursday. "Next year's turnout will likely double the figure, to 500,000 or 700,000."

Bluff said the six-day Strip will shut down most of the evening to accommodate the annual black party that drew an estimated 250,000 people last year.

The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority is estimating 250,000 attendees weekend, start-

ing a \$115 million economic impact, exclusive of gambling. Tens of thousands of the area's 1.4 million residents are expected to join in the giant party.

Many of the city's top resorts are already sold out, although rooms are still available around the city.

Parties at various resorts will feature Tony Bennett, Neil Diamond, Harry Connick Jr., The Beach Boys, Andrea Bocelli, Whitney Houston, Harry Belafonte, Olivia Newton-John, Billy Ray Cyrus, Siegfried and Roy, Marilyn Manson, Jim Nabors, David Cassidy, Rodney Dangerfield, Bobby Rydell, Darryl Hall and John Oates.

The partying won't come cheap, but will be a bargain compared to early rates posted for those planning to ring in 2000 in this gambling capital.

Bennett will be in the main showroom at Caesars Palace. Tickets are \$125, and include champagne. Connick and The Beach Boys will be performing at private parties for Caesars casino customers.

Caesars is sold out, with most of the 2,456 rooms going to the coveted high-rollers.

"We didn't sell much to the public because historically, New Year's is an invitation-only holiday," said Phil Cooper, vice president of public relations and advertising for Caesars.

Cooper said Caesars will be offering a limited number of rooms for the millennium celebration, starting at \$2,000 a night for a four-night minimum, with rates up to \$3,500 per night.

The Flamingo will be making its final appearance in the stage show

usually quiet Four Corners region, Lane and Lacy remain reticent about the investigation's details.

Neither man was prepared for a crime of this magnitude, the subsequent onslaught of media attention and the continuing failure to find the fugitives.

EFX on New Year's Eve, with ticket prices \$97 and \$76.50. Dangerfield will be featured in the Mirage. "Desire" will be in Houston will entertain VIP guests in a private party at the Rio Suite Hotel and Casino. The private party will also debut a new show featuring the Rio's "Nasquerade Show in the Sky" according to spokeswoman Tyn Squires.

The new Bellagio Hotel's sold out, will entertain a private party for invited guests. "Desire" will perform at a public concert Saturday, which is sold out.

The Mirage is also sold out of rooms, and will feature Siegfried and Roy in their showroom.

Bally's Las Vegas, also sold out of rooms, will feature Belafonte at \$110 per person and Dayne at \$93.

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# Utah couple builds state's 1st school for autistic children

May raise debate on publicly-funded special education

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Autism Society of America's web site gets to the point in the third paragraph of its explanation of the neurological disorder:

Autism ... knows no racial, ethnic or social boundaries. Family income, lifestyle and educational levels do not affect the chance of autism's occurrence.

That same caution is often uttered by parents and teachers of the estimated 3,200 children and adults in Utah afflicted with autism.

But recently, the warning that autism is no respecter of persons has taken a positive spin in Utah. In an awkward way, many autism advocates are grateful that David and Susan Spafford know heartache and desperation parents experience when they learn there is no known cause or cure for their child's often bizarre and sometimes destructive behavior.

"Some people have said, 'God, blessed you with a child that has autism,'" said David, who graciously accepts such confused remarks as well-meaning expressions of thanks.

They came from parents, teachers and advocates who never dreamed someone who has the money to privately tutor their child would stay and largely bankroll the state's first private elementary school for autistic children.

There are more than two dozen such institutions around the country, but experts say the schools don't rely solely on private funding. And while backers of the idea characterize the Spaffords' generosity as a

Godsend, others wonder if it could heat up the ongoing debate surrounding publicly-funded special education.

"My, he's got a big job," said Ruth Sullivan, a former president of the Autism Society of America who now oversees programs for autistic adults in West Virginia. "Their hearts and souls will be tied to this morning, noon and night."

When the Spaffords' second child, Leo, was about three years old, the family was living what appeared a charmed life. The computer company David and some high school buddies helped start Megabest Corp. — had been acquired for a sum that allowed him to essentially retire. He was 34 years old.

At the same time, he and Susan noticed something different about Leo. At first they thought they had "an Einstein" on their hands as he exhibited an incredible memory — reciting verbatim story books, movies and old movies he was hearing.

"We have to be careful about what we say in front of him because he will repeat it," said Susan.

But Joey was also distinct. He wasn't cuddly and liked to be alone. He would play with toys like an infant and sometimes blurting statements as if he was in his overworld.

He wasn't banging his head against the wall, flapping his hands or engaging in behavior associated with more severe cases of autism. But the Spaffords and their relatives sensed something wasn't right and they had Joey tested.

The diagnosis came back as autism — a term they had heard about, but had no idea of its ramifications.

"I'd known about autism was in movie 'Rainman,'" said David, referring to Dustin Hoffman's 1988 Oscar-winning performance as an autistic savant.



At a new school for autistic students, kindergarten teacher Yanya McCune (center) spreads some glue on Popcicle sticks for Korbin Hill, as Jarom Holloway, right, works on a project. Dan, 25, is Salt Lake City. In the background, Shelby Francis helps out. An estimated 3,200 children and adults in Utah are afflicted with autism.

Before long, the Spaffords were among a small subgroup of parents frustrated by the uncertain answers they get from the experts. They respond by immersing themselves in the literature and latest research and become articulate advocates for their cause.

Sullivan said what's happening in Utah fits the pattern of other states with more developed programs for autistic children. The movement in Utah took shape in the late 1970s when a small group of parents scrounged up the money to lease an abandoned school and petitioned the Legislature for funding to operate a pre-school whose first class numbered 24 students.

The private school will be named after Carmen B. Hughes, who spearheaded the early funding campaign after a misguided doctor told her she was to blame for her son's autism.

Thirty-five pre-K students now attend the Children's Behavioral Therapy Unit, which operated by Valley Mental Health. The agency also independently operates similar operations in Utah and Weber counties and in two local school districts.

But according to some parents, two sources of pre-school year's enough. They first began sending their children to a nearby public school that doesn't offer CBT's intensive therapy tailored for autism.

And until the Spaffords came along, building their own school wasn't an option.

"They've given a gift to so many families. People don't realize that," said Ruth Giesler, autism coordinator at CBTU.

The kindergarten actually got underway this year, when the Spaffords helped Valley Mental Health lease a trailer and put it behind CBTU's building to house 12 children, a teacher and five assistants.

By 2000, Spafford hopes to have a permanent building that will eventually have the staff to serve kids from kindergarten through kindergarten.

To cover the costs, tuition is estimated at \$26,000 a year per child. But the Spaffords are combining income from their \$10 million foundation with \$2 million from the Valley Foundation to help subsidize tuition for parents who can't afford it. And they seek entry the task of having to turn people away to keep the student-teacher ratio low.

The Valley Foundation, which raises money for Valley Mental Health programs, is also charged with finding \$2.5 million for the 40,000-square-foot building. Negotiations are underway for a site adjacent to the CBTU school.

"It's not an unreasonable reaction because if my kid had autism I would be doing the same thing."

Rob O'Neill, associate professor of special education at the University of Utah, said of the movement to create a private school.

But he and other educators are

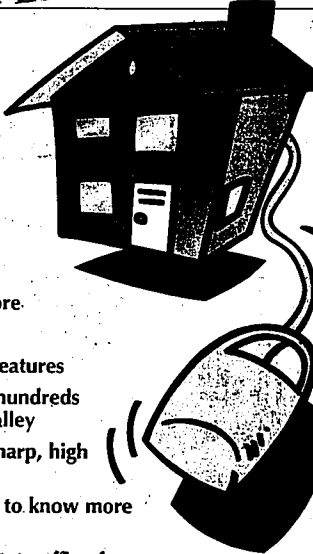
reluctant to endorse the idea until they know more details about how it would be staffed, operated and coordinated with the public system.

"It touches on a whole variety of critical issues being debated around the country," O'Neill said. Among those issues are the quality between public and private education and the dispute over intensive and sometimes individual therapy versus a more social setting in a larger public school.

And then there is the legal quagmire that private and specialized programs have created across the country. In some states, courts have forced school districts to pay the tuition of private programs if the public system isn't doing the job.

But she said every child is different and their school is for those, like Joey, whose parents and teachers have determined they aren't ready for that step.

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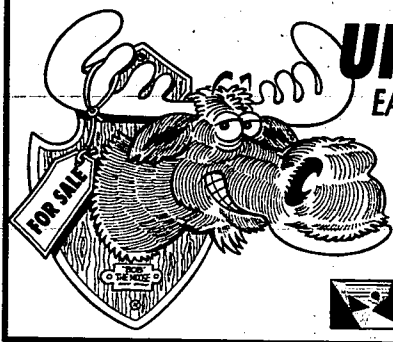
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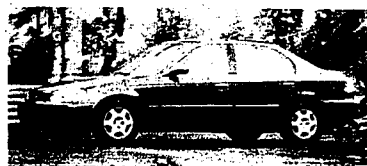
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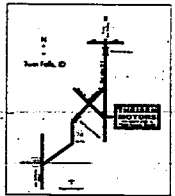
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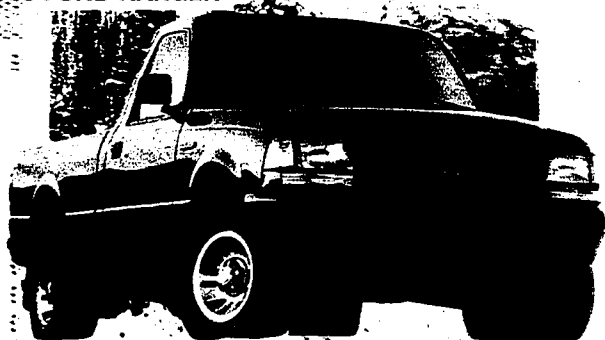
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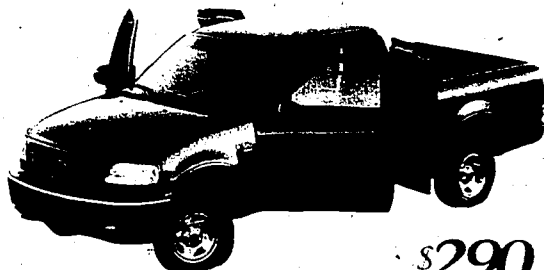
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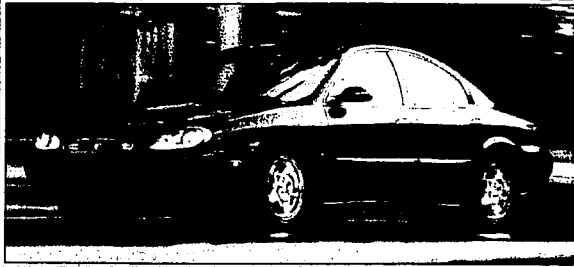
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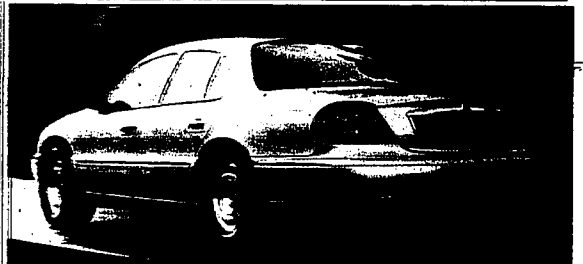
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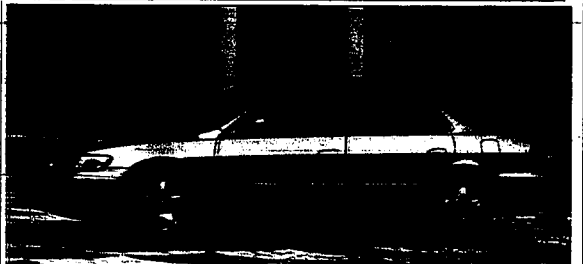
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