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Turkey timetable

Roasting a turkey? Use this schedule as a guideline. Start checking for doneness one-half hour before recommended end times:

Net Weight (in pounds)	Unstuffed (in hours)	Stuffed (in hours)
10 to 12	3 1/2 to 4	3 3/4 to 4 1/2
12 to 14	4 to 4 1/2	4 1/2 to 5
14 to 18	4 1/2 to 5	5 to 5 1/2

Turkey is done when the meat thermometer reaches the following temperatures - 180 degrees F. deep in the thigh (juices should be clear, not reddish pink when thigh muscle is pierced deeply) and 160 degrees F. in the center of the stuffing (if turkey is stuffed). Let turkey stand 15 minutes before removing stuffing and carving to allow juices to set.

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Thankful to be alive

Flood victims who lost their possessions count their blessings

The Associated Press

PRINCEVILLE, N.C. — After losing their homes and just about everything they own to Hurricane Floyd's floodwaters, people in Princeville have plenty to be thankful for this Thanksgiving, it turns out.

"I just thank the Lord I'm alive," Delois Morgan said as she picked up a free

Thanksgiving turkey. So does everyone else.

Floyd drenched eastern North Carolina with up to 20 inches of rain Sept. 26, causing the worst flooding in the state's history. It was blamed for at least 51 deaths. But none of them happened here.

"It's a blessing how this whole place was squashed and nobody was lost," said Anna Bell Brown, 73, whose home will be

stren down and rebuilt.

Still, the lives of 2,100 founded by freed slaves after the Civil War sustained worse damage than any other community flooded by Floyd. Townspeople lost furniture, personal belongings and clothing when waters surged above rooftops and destroyed 850 of Princeville's 1,154 homes.



Esther Clark, left, and friend May Ann Stanton, of Princeville, N.C., pick up their free turkey dinner thanks to volunteers who helped the flood victims.

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HORSES ON THE HOLIDAYS



Brian Ayers steers his team of horses out of the gate for the first time in preparation for the chariot racing season, which begins in December. Ayers trains his horses at the Jerome County Fairgrounds.

Swing low, sweet chariot

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

JEROME — With a small whelp clenched between his teeth and a firm grip on the reins, Brian Ayers takes flight in what he calls a trash can on wheels.

Ayers and his family racing team are conditioning their three horses, Chaundon, Order A Jet, and Michael's Treasure, for the chariot racing season.

"Participants in this winter hobby say it's an alternative to snow sports and an outlet for their interest in horses. Teams of two horses race in a quarter mile sprint, pulling a 70-pound chariot and driver. Racers say a run in 25

seconds or less makes for a respectable race.

The season begins in December and extends through February with the world championships — that really include only western riders — in March in Ogden. It's strictly a hobby. No prize money is involved. Riders race for blankets, belt buckles, trophies, and as Ayers says, pride.

On Saturdays this time of year Ayers and his wife, Crystal, his sister, Brandee, and their par-

ents, Rim, and Lennie, train the horses at the Jerome County Fairgrounds where the local racing association holds its competitions. The weekly ritual for the experienced horses includes a quarter-mile sprint down the track. Otherwise, it involves a lot of warm-up, and often, grooming and other care for the horses.

"Everything is pretty boring, except for 25 seconds of it," said Brian Ayers, who is the team driver.

His wife, sister and parents are

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Loss hits Eagles' campus

Students feel for athletes, support team's efforts

By Rachel Denny Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Students and administrators were disappointed, but still behind the CSI volleyball team, a day after the Golden Eagles lost in their bid for a seventh consecutive national championship.

"I was hoping they'd win again," College of Southern Idaho student Katrina Judd said Wednesday. "I just wanted them to win everything."

The CSI volleyball team lost Tuesday night to Salt Lake Community College, ending the Golden Eagles' string of six consecutive junior college national championships.

CSI lost only three times this season, all three times to Salt Lake.

"It was a disappointment," CSI student Jeric Gonzalez said. "They had lost to Salt Lake prior and knew it was going to be a difficult game. It is unfortunate they couldn't be the seventh time defending champion."

When CSI's volleyball loss was announced at Tuesday night's men's basketball game, the crowd fell into silence.

"I'm real proud of how they represented CSI," CSI President Jerry Meyerhoffer said. "I know they're disappointed and I feel for their disappointment."

"They got beat by a great team, it was not a match. I'm anxious for them to get back so I can congratulate them."

The loss could take some pressure off CSI volleyball head coach Ben Stroud, Meyerhoffer said.

"Couch Stroud had a monkey on his back for six years," he said. "Maybe he can relax a little bit. But watch out for next year."

Times-News correspondent Rachel Denny can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3780.



Game results - C1

Blaine planners consider taxing lavish homes

The Associated Press

HAYLEY — In the midst of the continuing debate over affordable housing in Idaho's playground for the rich, Blaine County planners have cast an eye toward raising cash from those who build huge lavish homes up and down the Wood River Valley.

"You can call it a tax on big houses," County Commissioner Dennis Wright said. "That's essentially what it is."

But he reassured residents that

"at this point, we're just interested in exploring the concept."

City and county leaders outside Sun Valley have spent the past several years trying to solve the valley's most pressing problem — the idea that affordable housing could well mean anything under \$1 million.

Attempts to provide some housing relief for the hundreds of service employees in the resort communities, who now can afford housing only in towns up to 70 miles away, have met with some

resistance and at times prompted attempted recall campaigns.

Longtime County Planning and Zoning Commission member Tom Atkinson put a new light on the debate after returning from a trip to Aspen, Colo., to see how leaders there are tackling the problem.

Bowman said an ordinance in Aspen was being written that places a tax on home consumption in excess of a set square footage.

The so-called trophy home fee would be assessed in every 500

square-foot increment of a house in excess of the base.

And Aspen officials intend to use the revenue for affordable housing close to the city.

Wright was unsure whether that approach would work in Blaine County or whether it would even be appropriate. But considering the county's housing problems, he called it worth considering, especially with the potential side benefit of reducing highway traffic if service workers are able to find housing closer to their jobs.

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Study: Too much caffeine boosts risks of miscarriage

The Associated Press

Pregnant women can drink a couple of cups of coffee per day without raising the danger of a miscarriage, but six or more cups can double the risk, a study found.

Pregnant women generally are urged to limit their caffeine intake, though studies on this subject have been unclear. Some have found harm in a cup or two a day. Others found the higher miscarriage risk only in women who suffered morning sickness, and still others found no increased risk.

This research not only shows a risk of miscarriage from consuming large amounts of caffeine, it also provides a valuable research tool for other investigators studying caffeine consumption," said Dr. Duane Alexander, director of the

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

The study, conducted by doctors from the Institute and the University of Utah, was published in today's New England Journal of Medicine.

The researchers examined stored blood samples that were taken from thousands of pregnant women at 12 sites from 1959 through 1966. That period was about when U.S. coffee consumption peaked.

The researchers measured blood levels of paraxanthine, the primary substance produced when the liver breaks down caffeine. Paraxanthine stays in the blood at more consistent levels than caffeine, so the scientists considered it a good measure of daily caffeine consumption.

Besides coffee, tea, soft drinks and chocolate contain caffeine.

HOLIDAY TRAVEL



Margot Kniffin, left, of Boston blows her time waiting for her flight by fling the hair of her friend Lara Weiss of Berkeley, Calif., at the Denver airport. The two attend a school in Loveland, Colo. See page A2.

THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 46 Low: 34
Mostly cloudy today and tonight with rain or snow likely. Same Friday, high 43.

Treasure Valley

High: 57 Low: 42
Mostly cloudy today and tonight, breezy, with rain likely. Good chance of rain Friday, high 51.

Sawtooth Mountains/ Wood River Valley

High: 46 Low: 32
Mostly cloudy today and tonight, breezy, rain or snow likely. Same Friday, high 42.

Eastern Idaho

High: 46 Low: 38
Mostly cloudy today and tonight, breezy, rain or snow likely. Same Friday, high 43.

Northern Idaho

High: 44 Low: 30
Cloudy today and tonight, breezy, chance of showers. Mostly cloudy Friday, chance of rain or snow, high 39.

Northern Utah

High: 49 Low: 40
Cloudy today and tonight with chance of rain or snow likely. Same Friday, high 54.

Northern Nevada

High: 53 Low: 40
Mostly cloudy today and tonight, breezy, with rain likely. Good chance of rain Friday, high 51.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today

High: 52 Low: 41
Mostly cloudy, breezy. Good chance of rain. Same tonight.

Friday

High: 50 Low: 40
Partly cloudy, breezy, chance of rain.

Saturday

High: 40s Low: 20s
Mostly cloudy, chance of rain.

Sunday

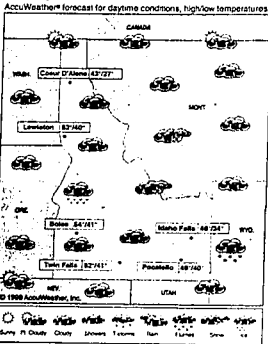
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Mostly cloudy, chance of rain.

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Mostly cloudy, chance of rain.

Idaho weather

Thursday, Nov. 25



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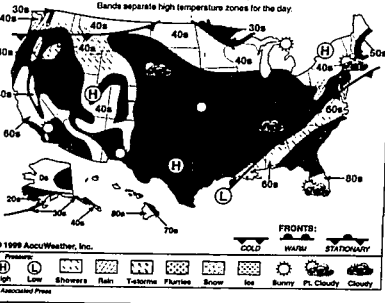
The BLM has ended its fire report for the season. Officials ask public lands users to use caution.

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 5:09 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:42 a.m.
Lunar phase: Last quarter, Nov. 26; new, Dec. 7; first quarter, Dec. 16; full, Dec. 22.

National weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Nov. 25.



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ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: It snowed in the mountain areas near McCall and Mullan Pass Wednesday afternoon and clouds were on the increase as a major Pacific storm center progresses across the state at the beginning of the Thanksgiving weekend. A winter storm is expected to travel across the east and central mountains today, prompting a winter storm watch for the mountains of central Idaho.

The western storm spread rain from northern California across western Oregon and into Washington state, where more than an inch of rain fell. The National Weather Service posted a flood warning for Washington and Oregon. Snow fell heavily at higher elevations of the Cascades, and snow also moved into in parts of Oregon, Idaho and western Montana. In the East, showers were scattered along a cold front that stretched from southern Louisiana to northern New England.

— The Associated Press

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

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Idaho

Table with columns: Max, Min, Precip, Idaho: High, Low, degrees, etc.

The Nation

Table with columns: Max, Min, Precip, Albuquerque, Anchorage, Atlanta, etc.



Morning readers in Seattle got a jolt from more than their coffee from the Seattle Post Intelligence, proclaiming the region's largest employer was leaving town.

Protesters of trade conference promote cause with fake paper

SEATTLE (AP) — Protesters protesting next week's meeting of the World Trade Organization sabotaged copies of Wednesday's Seattle Post-Intelligence by adding a four-page "wrap" with fake stories offering an anti-WTO spin.

epidemic of underproliferation" and " Monsanto patents food chain." Letters to the editor included one headlined: "Having a conscience is technical barrier to trade," reflecting protesters' concerns about the WTO's authority to override laws of its 135 member nations if they hinder trade.

"Seattle Post-Intelligence." The newspaper reported the guerrilla publishing effort to police. The P-I has not yet determined how many papers got the wrap, but a news release from "a group of media literacy activists called Wake Up!" said thousands of copies of the "special supplement" were distributed.

Travelers hit the roads, air, Thanks rails for turkey day holiday

The Associated Press
Travelers took to the rails, roads and planes by the millions Wednesday in the annual exodus to Grandma's house and a Thanksgiving feast.

through the holiday. In Detroit, airport workers handed out baskets of candy and greeted children with coloring books and face painters.

Jerome

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talking about whose horse was the fastest," said Pete Arrossa, who has raced chariots since 1972. The posting would end in a wagon race through town, he said.

starting gate but otherwise they simply hold the reins and lean forward into the cart for support, using a rear foothold to keep from falling out of the back.

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Dwight Walock, circulation director
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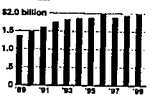
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NATION

Watching for fraud

A program for federal employees hurt at work may be vulnerable to fraud by claimants who conceal they are working while on the roll.



Program costs have increased because of a heavy long-term caseload...

...no officials are more carefully screening long-term cases, which are beginning to fail.

Source: U.S. Labor Department AP

Feds target workers' comp fraud

WASHINGTON (AP) - Albert Slugocki had collected more than \$300,000 in federal workers' compensation for a disabling back injury when investigators received an anonymous tip: He was leading adventure tours on the Amazon River.

While captain of the tour boat, Slugocki was receiving as much as \$1,888 per month in tax-free disability benefits for an injury he sustained in 1980 as a deputy U.S. marshal. To keep the checks coming, he simply filled out a form each year saying he wasn't employed.

Slugocki said in an interview that the company run out of his Fort Lauderdale, Fla., home was his wife's business and he wasn't paid. "I never made any money," he said.

But the government requires employees to report any work they do - paid or volunteer.

Slugocki was convicted in 1996 of making false statements, served a year in prison and was ordered to repay \$217,000.

Federal watchdogs say they fear many others are taking advantage of the government's \$1.9 billion workers' compensation program, which is more generous than most state programs.

About 49,000 federal workers are on long-term disability - which pays most of them three-quarters of their salaries tax-free after 45 days out of work - and nearly half have collected bene-

fits for 10 years or longer. The annual cost of long-term cases is now \$1.1 billion, compared with \$740 million in 1988. Administrators contend abuse is rare, noting that only 160 workers, out of hundreds of thousands receiving benefits, have been convicted of fraud in the last five years.

The number of disability cases has held mostly steady the past few years as the federal work force became smaller and agencies stepped up monitoring for fraud.

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Egyptian officials suggest explosion

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - The crash of EgyptAir Flight 990 was not caused by a suicidal co-pilot, as U.S. investigators have suggested, but possibly by an explosion in the plane's tail, an Egyptian transportation ministry official said Wednesday.

Isam Ahmed, head of the country's flight training program, urged Egyptian investigators to

look closely at what happened in the rear of the plane and not to let their U.S. counterparts impose the suicide scenario.

U.S. investigators discounted the theory of an explosion or mechanical difficulties early in their investigation of the Oct. 31 flight. All 217 people on board were killed when the plane plunged into the Atlantic Ocean.

Violence by women on the increase

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - There was a time when police officers handled a domestic violence call by telling angry men to take a walk and cool off. They still do, but the walk is straight to jail. And increasingly, it's the woman who takes the hike.

Police in at least 24 states now receive training in how to decide who is the "primary aggressor," a term that doesn't necessarily mean the person who struck the first blow or even caused the most damage, according to the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

"Primary" means "most significant." The definition requires officers on the scene to go down a long checklist of things to look for, including a history of violent or coercive behavior.

Backers of the "primary aggressor" law hoped it would reduce domestic violence and the number of women arrested for defending themselves.

In 1987, women were arrested in 5 percent of California's domestic violence cases; that rate had risen to 15 percent by the time the state passed its primary aggressor law in 1997.

Last year, as overall domestic violence arrests declined in California, the percentage of women arrested rose still further, to 16 percent: 9,273 arrests compared with 47,519 for men.

"Just why more women are being arrested is unclear. Social scientists and police departments are stumped. But some possibilities are that women are being more aggressive, that women are beating other women, and that male victims are increasingly likely to come forward and be believed by officers.

Another possible reason is that there are more female police officers," said Katharine Killen, director of the California District Attorney Association's Violence Against Women Project. "They don't just let a woman go the way some men cops might," she said. "Also, men are learning how to work the system better and bring charges."

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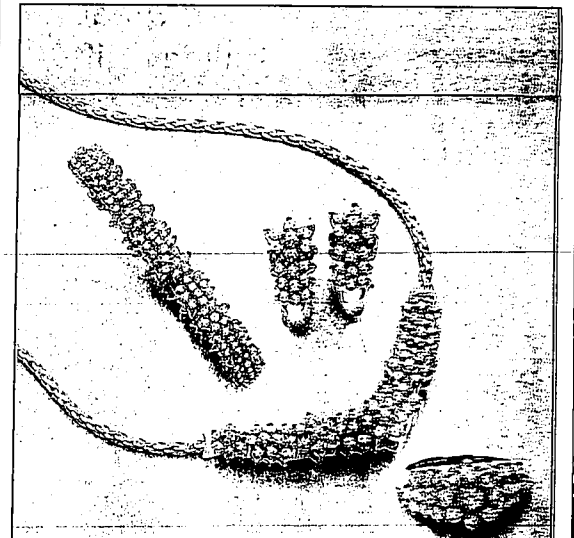
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NATION

Environment committee moves to conservative control

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Bob Smith's rise to the Environment and Public Works Committee chairmanship has raised concern among environmentalists that he may steer a sharply different course than his moderate Republican predecessor, the late John Chafee of Rhode Island.



Bob Smith

Smith took over after Chafee — a hero to environmentalists — died suddenly last month from congestive heart failure at age 77.

Overall, the conservative Smith — a New Hampshire Republican who briefly bolted a party he thinks has grown too moderate and accommodating — is more pro-business and anti-government than Chafee.

greater role in environmental matters.

Chafee was instrumental in the passage of the Clean Air Act in 1990 as well as hazardous waste laws and legislation dealing with water and coastal issues. He helped bury legislation that the House passed in 1995 that environmentalists derided as a "dirty

water bill."

"I'm not an environmental extremist, that's for darn sure," Smith told The Associated Press in a recent interview. "But I think there has to be a balance between the environment and reasonable growth and opportunity. I don't believe people should violate the pollution laws of our country."

The League of Conservation Voters has given Smith a lifetime voting rating of 36 percent, well below Chafee's score of 70 percent but higher than all other Republicans on the Environment Committee.

In many cases, Smith's pro-environment votes were for fiscal conservatism. He scored points, for instance, for backing limited assistance to small and medium livestock farms, and for voting against sugar and grazing subsidies.

Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., who was next in line for the chairmanship, had a lifetime score of 7 from the league.

"We don't put Senator Smith in that category," said Greg Weststone, director of advocacy for the Natural Resources Defense Council, a Washington-based environmental group. Still, "We're

going to be looking at this next year very cautiously."

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College takes Cliffs Notes endorsement

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The creator of Cliffs Notes, the yellow study guides that enable college students to get through literature class without actually reading the books, is donating \$250,000 to establish a professorship in English at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The gift from 82-year-old Cliff Hillegass will endow a chair in 19th-century American literature. The donation was announced this week.

Hillegass founded Cliffs Notes in 1958 while working at a bookstore at the university. With a \$4,000 loan, he started creating the guides in the basement of his Lincoln home to help students interpret Shakespeare.

Almost immediately, the guides became a hit, and the company's offerings grew to about 300 titles. The guides summarize the plots of classic books and offer literary interpretation.

IDG Books Worldwide Inc., the maker of the "Dummies" books, bought Cliffs Notes for \$14.2 million last year.

Hillegass did graduate work in physics and geology at the university in 1937-1939, graduating from Midland Lutheran College in Fremont.

After his company became a success, he received an honorary doctorate in humanities and letters from the university.

His wife, Mary, graduated from the university in 1960 with a degree in education.

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Minorities see good, bad in military attitudes

WASHINGTON (AP) - Thirty years in uniform taught retired Army Col. William A. DeShields that the military deserved its reputation as one of the most colorblind parts of American society.

But his years also showed him the armed services aren't free of racism. "When people say good things about how people in the military get along, they are right," said DeShields, Director of the Black Military History Institute of America in Baltimore.

"Minorities do seem to get opportunities that aren't always open on the outside. But that doesn't mean everything is perfect. There are still problems."

DeShields' sentiments were echoed by minorities who rose to leadership positions in the armed forces. While praising the military's sensitivity on racial issues, they expressed no surprise that a survey on racial experiences and attitudes, released this week, found that minorities in uniform remain more pessimistic than whites about their chances for advancement.

"Even though the military has

been miles ahead of the civilian population on this issue, they have identified a problem," said retired Air Force Col. Gil Coronado, who is Hispanic. He now heads Selective Service System.

The Pentagon, in the most thorough survey ever of race relations in the military, found that 75 percent of blacks and 67 percent of Hispanics said they had experienced racially offensive behavior, compared to 62 percent of whites.

Despite years of efforts to promote equal opportunity in the military, major differences remain between whites' and minorities' perceptions of how they are treated in the military, the survey found.

"It's no surprise because the military is a microcosm of society at large," said Fred Pang, the former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy.

"The military has many good programs, and people who serve rarely work as individuals so there's an emphasis on working in harmony," said Pang, who is Asian-American. "But no one can say its perfect."

Black and the U.S. military

Blacks and other minorities have close friends from other races on active duty in the military. Most have had racially offensive encounters during the 12 months preceding the survey.

Legend: White/Caucasian African-American Hispanic Asian/Pacific Islander Native American/Alaskan Native

White feel most positive about race relations. 68% of respondents who rated race relations good to a "large or very large extent" on basis of above.

White/Caucasian	68%
African-American	39%
Hispanic	53%
Asian/Pacific Islander	56%
Native American/Alaskan Native	64%

Most have experienced offensive behavior. 63% of respondents who experienced offensive encounters with other military personnel during the 12 months preceding the survey.

White/Caucasian	63%
African-American	70%
Hispanic	75%
Asian/Pacific Islander	70%
Native American/Alaskan Native	70%

Almost half feel race relations had improved. 48% of respondents who said race relations in the military were better today than five years ago.

White/Caucasian	48%
African-American	37%
Hispanic	40%
Asian/Pacific Islander	56%
Native American/Alaskan Native	39%

Whites think most likely of supervisors. 63% of respondents who felt that their supervisors made honest efforts to correct harassment.

White/Caucasian	63%
African-American	37%
Hispanic	40%
Asian/Pacific Islander	56%
Native American/Alaskan Native	39%

Source: RAND CORP. DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY

Air Force suicides plunge with prevention program

ATLANTA (AP) - Suicides in the Air Force have been cut in half in the four years since it launched a prevention program aimed at breaking down macho attitudes to seeking a therapist and talking out personal problems.

For years, suicide has been the leading cause of death among the Air Force's 350,000 personnel, behind only accidental injuries.

But the numbers have declined steadily since the Air Force started its suicide-prevention program in 1995.

Suicides dropped from 68 in 1994 to 34 last year, according to a report issued Wednesday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. So far, the 1999 number are even lower - just six suicides through August.

"Every indication is that, in 1999, we will be far below any low that we have recorded in the last 20 years," said David Litt,

who directed the program and is now a special adviser on suicide prevention to the U.S. surgeon general.

Litt said the Air Force's program could be used as a model for prevention programs aimed at civilians.

The Air Force program:

- Requires suicide-awareness training for almost all personnel.
- Encourages colleagues to talk about their personal lives and problems unrelated to work.
- Includes electronic messages, similar to e-mail, from the Air Force chief of staff telling personnel that getting professional help isn't just OK - it's a sign of personal strength.
- Allows personnel who face military trials to talk confidentially with a psychologist.

The number of Air Force suicides is tiny compared with the national total of roughly 30,000 each year.

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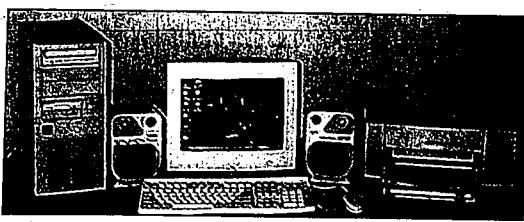
- Republican presidential candidate Steve Forbes tells rival George W. Bush to keep his "liberal supporters" in line.
- Vice President Al Gore distinguishes himself from his Democratic foe on health care and airs a special Thanksgiving Day ad.

In a sign that he may be worried about Gore's criticisms, former Sen. Bill Bradley is unrolling his own 60-second ad featuring Maureen Drummond, the same Tipper Darcy, Pa., mum who appeared in his biographical spot and credited Bradley with his effort on behalf of women in child birth.

- Gary Bauer pledges to "expand the circle of human rights" to ban abortion.
- Gore takes his first spot at Bush in ads airing this week in Iowa and New Hampshire.

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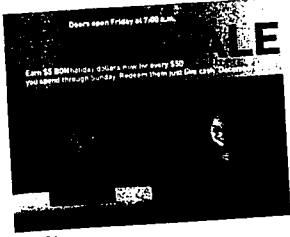
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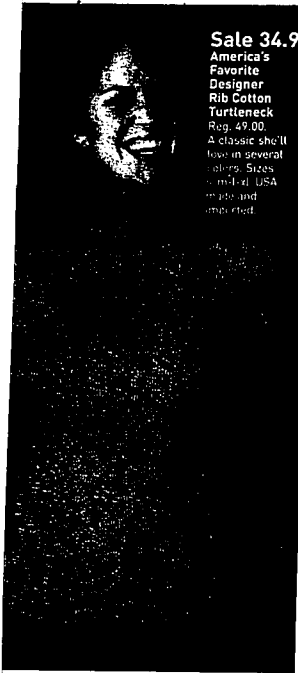
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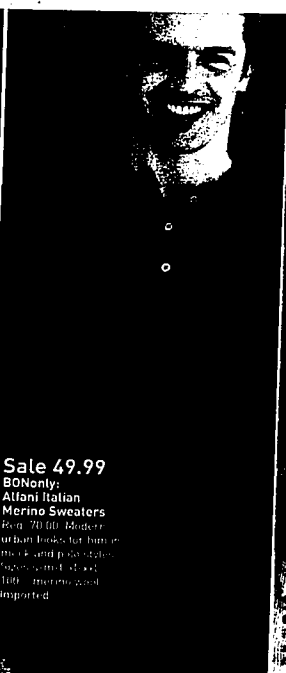
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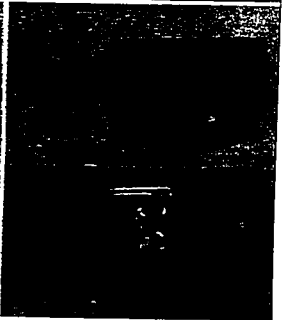
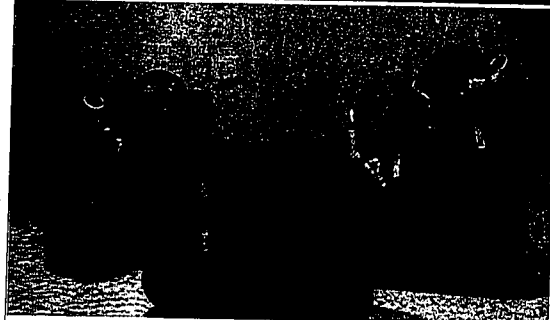
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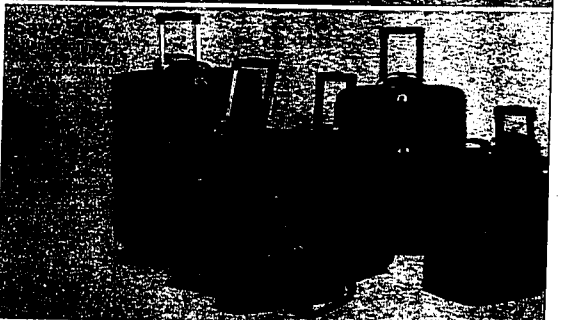
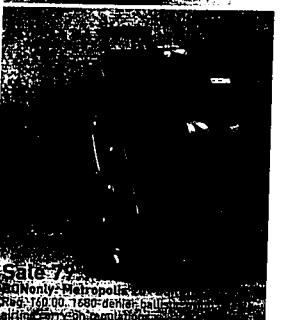
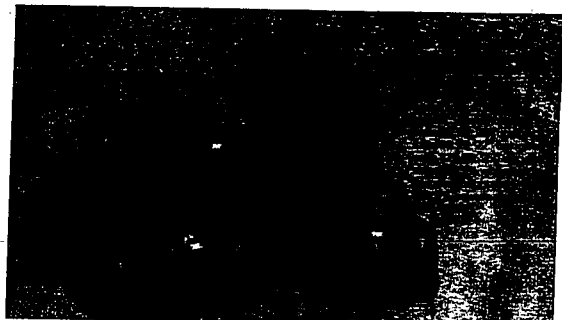
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Amy Grant celebrates with album, tour, special

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The Grammy Award-winning singer is the Andy Williams of her generation. Her Christmas-themed music and live shows are as much a part of the holiday season as fruitcake and eggnog.

"I've drawn from a wealth of Christmas at home," said Grant, who was born in Georgia and raised in Nashville. "Sitting in front of a fire, passing a guitar around, decorating the tree."

"A Christmas to Remember" is her third holiday-themed album. Her seventh Christmas tour was scheduled to begin in Tupelo, Miss., with a lavish show featuring the Nashville Symphony, Michael W. Smith and Point of Grace. The tour will travel to 20 cities. Her CBS-TV special "A Christmas to Remember" will air on Dec. 4, with guests Tony Bennett, CeCe Winans and 58 Degrees.

"My Christmas memories growing up, there were no negatives," said a soft-spoken Grant during an interview at her new Nashville home before the start of the tour. Last year, the Christmas tour bypassed Nashville. The official statement said it was time for Grant "to take a breath" after playing sold-out shows year after year. But Grant now admits there was another concern: Her marriage to musician Gary Chapman, whom she had wed some 16 years earlier, was disintegrating.

She arrived for the interview after a morning walk around her new neighborhood. A bicycle

belonging to one of her three children blocked the door into the gated home, and Grant had a workman turn down "Sunday Bloody Sunday" by U2 so she could concentrate.

Grant, 39, is even more beautiful in person than in her photographs and videos. But there is a weariness and sad reserve at the moment that belies her sunny public image. Her wholesome reputation took a hit when she left Chapman, host of "Prime Time Country," which was canceled by The Nashville Network earlier this year.

The couple divorced in June. Now Grant has acknowledged a relationship with country singer Vince Gill, a longtime friend. She said her friendship with Gill was not the reason for the breakup of her marriage. "All I know to say is, I have been a public couple once. And I don't know how that helped or exacerbated the problems that Gary and I had. What I don't want to be a public couple again."

"I'm not a couple yet, but I just think that's why I shy away from talking about it."

This isn't the first time Grant has used the Christmas season as a safe harbor. She followed up her million-selling 1982 album "Age to Age" with "A Christmas Album" the following year. After "Heart in Motion" in 1991 — her most successful album ever — she recorded "Home for Christmas."

"It was an honest choice, but safe," Grant said. "I just did not want the pressure of having to do another studio record, another

pop record. It became a pattern, if you make a pattern."

Her close identity with Christian music began when she was a teenager. She became part of a growing contemporary Christian subculture in the aftermath of the Jesus Freak movement of the 1960s. She signed her first record deal at 15, and her songs struck a chord with other young women.

She became a star when "Age to Age" became the first platinum-selling Christmas pop album and won the Grammy for best female gospel performance. Her audience grew until she was too popular for the small Christian music industry to contain. Her first Top 20 crossover hit was "Find a Way" in 1985, which won another Grammy. She scored a No. 1 pop hit in 1991 with "Baby Baby."

A request to do a benefit for the Nashville Symphony in 1993 led to her first Christmas show. The show went well and has expanded in scope ever since.

"Personally, it has been helpful to travel (during the Christmas season)," Grant said. "It was sort of convenient to be able to celebrate Christmas, not in a forced family setting. You know what I mean?"

As she sorts out her private life, the appeal of doing an annual holiday tour is fading.

Her youngest child, Sarah, is 7. "Probably all of her Christmas memories connected with me are coming out on the road and enjoying Christmas music. Do I want that to be her only memory of Christmas? I don't know. So, next year might be different," said Grant.

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Rosie leaves Kmart, cites gun-control views

DETROIT (AP) — Rosie O'Donnell is signing off as a spokeswoman for Kmart, saying it was only fair to stop pitching for the retailer in light of her strong gun-control views.

Ms. O'Donnell has appeared for five years in "For Troy, Michigan," a Kmart television commercial that sells rifles and shotguns in many of its stores. Her stint will end when her contract expires Dec. 31.

Kmart received hundreds of angry phone calls from National Rifle Association supporters after Ms. O'Donnell and actor Tom Selleck, a member of the NRA, tangled on her talk show in May.

Ms. O'Donnell's publicist, Lois Smith, said Ms. O'Donnell's decision to stop appearing in the ads allows her to maintain her gun control advocacy and help Kmart defuse some of the criticism it has received.

"It was something she'd been thinking about for a while," Ms. Smith told the Detroit Free Press. Ms. O'Donnell will keep appearing in two holiday ads, and Kmart will continue to support her charitable endeavors, said Kmart spokeswoman Mary Lorenz.

People in the news

Barrymore auction a bust

SAN FRANCISCO — A 10-day online auction of Drew Barrymore's childhood keepsakes by her mother has failed to draw even the minimum bids as it nears a close.

None of the Barrymore items listed on the San Francisco-based Cavetnet.com Web site had received bids matching the minimum asking price Tuesday — not the actress' baby clothes, offered

at \$425, and certainly not the red cowboy hat she wore in the movie "E.T. The Extraterrestrial," with a minimum price of \$45,000.

Even a copy of Ms. Barrymore's "Bad Girls" script, complete with her lipstick imprint on the cover, failed to draw the minimum bid of \$200.

Her mother, Jaid Barrymore, put the items up for auction on Nov. 15, saying she wanted to share some magic with Drew's fans.

The actress has declined to comment.

Hayek visits peacekeepers

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia — NATO peacekeepers had something to be thankful for Wednesday: kisses, pictures and autographs from Salma Hayek.

The actress made a holiday goodwill visit to peacekeepers, signing T-shirts and posing for pictures with dozens of soldiers from the United States, Germany and France.

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EDITORIAL

Ten items for which to give thanks on a thankful day

Ten blessings to count on this Thanksgiving Day:

- 1. People are working.** The latest figures show unemployment rates in most Magic Valley counties are lower than last year. The news was best in Minidoka and Cassia counties, where previously high numbers plummeted.
- 2. Streets are safer.** The FBI says the number of serious crimes reported to police fell 10 percent in the first half of 1999. Crime has been declining in America for seven and a half years. And counting.
- 3. Gunplay is rarer.** U.S. gun deaths are at the lowest level in more than 30 years, say the Centers for Disease Control. Credit tougher laws, a booming economy, good police work and gun-safety courses.
- 4. Fewer boys are bad.** Violent juvenile crime last year dropped to the lowest level in a decade, the Justice Department reports. A 30 percent drop since 1994.
- 5. More boys are excellent.** Last year, 206 Magic Valley boys made Eagle Scout. Leaders expect more in 1999.
- 6. People are generous.** The United Way of Magic Valley collected a record \$322,000 last year. This year's goal is \$400,000.
- 7. Welfare reform is working.** Earlier this year, the state of Idaho reported an 80 percent drop since 1997 in the number of families receiving cash assistance. Nationally, welfare rolls have dropped to 7.3 million, down from 12.2 million in 1996.
- 8. Twin Falls kids can swim all winter.** Thanks to local donors, the

Twin Falls city pool will open for business on Friday under its new bubble top. (In the past, this column has criticized some aspects of the fund-raising project. But the deal is done. The dome is up. Swim now, quibble later.)

9. U.S. troops aren't fighting any wars. The ones visiting Kosovo are being welcomed as much-needed keepers of the peace - a peace won by the U.S. military's strength and prowess.

10. Y2K probably will be a yawner. Dire warnings about computer havoc on 1/1/00 got the attention of government and industry. Fixes are in place. (But cross your fingers anyway.)

Americans have a great deal to be optimistic about as the millennium turns. Our economy is strong. Our freedom is secure. And, despite Hollywood, cable TV and e-porn, much of our society is rediscovering and re-embracing traditional values.

The culture of universal victimhood is waning, replaced by a renewed appreciation for individual responsibility.

Welfare reform is gradually transforming the hopeless class into a hopeful class.

Race-based entitlements are being eroded by a broadening desire for a truly level playing field.

Words such as "merit" and "character" and "honor" no longer seem old-fashioned.

On this Thanksgiving Day, let us praise God from whom all blessings flow. Let us also remember that the sweetest blessings are the ones we help to create for ourselves.



In these times of plenty, be thankful

JULIA VITULLO-MARTIN

When did Americans start calling Thanksgiving Day "Turkey Day"? I first heard the term in San Francisco in the early

1980s. While taking a class at then-exercise queen Jane Fonda's gym the day before Thanksgiving, I was annoyed by the instructor's discussion of the coming Thanksgiving Day meal.

She exhorted us to ever greater effort in anticipation of the wanton excesses "Matzo Week's" it is substituting an attractive but minor element for the whole, as if the greater celebration had no meaning.

But isn't calling Thanksgiving "Turkey Day" rather like calling Christmas "Southern Ham Day" or Passover "Matzo Week's"? It is substituting an attractive but minor element for the whole, as if the greater celebration had no meaning.

The turkey is no more crucial to the observance of Thanksgiving than the Easter Bunny is to Easter. What is crucial to Thanksgiving is the thanks.

Yet that is precisely the element often missing today.

How did we reach this point of denigrating, seemingly without thought, one of our most popular holidays? Perhaps as a country we have become too rich and ungrateful.

Thanks do not come readily to the lips of the prosperous. This is certainly a far cry from the Pilgrims, who were poor, hungry and desperate that Thanksgiving in 1621.

About half of the 102 Pilgrims who had sailed to America on the Mayflower were dead. The survivors were weak and worried, even terrified. They had watched disease take more of their colleagues, and now winter was coming.

The autumn had been harsh and the Pilgrims feared that the cruel cold was a reflection of the anger of God.

Then the weather abruptly turned balmy. In his "History of Plymouth Plantation," Gov. William Bradford wrote of the enormous gratitude to God the Pilgrims felt for sending

"sweete and gentle showers ... without either wind, or thunder or any violence."

The harvest would see them through the winter. The Pilgrims gave thanks. Ironically, they resisted the idea of establishing an annual day of Thanksgiving. In Massachusetts in particular, austere prominent citizens felt that a fast would be more appropriate than a feast.

A man named Torrey argued that an annual feast would "tend to harden the people in their carnal confidence." He did have a point, as the growing tables of America will no doubt show on this Thanksgiving.

Yet we should be able to celebrate humbly and fully, revealing to the nation's abundance, while still taking a moment before and after the feast to give thanks for our many blessings.

Let's put the thanks back in Thanksgiving Day.

Julia Vitullo-Martin is director of the Citizens Jury Project at the Vera Institute of Justice, a nonprofit organization based in New York. She wrote this commentary for Bridge News.

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LETTERS

Hotel might boost air travel

After listening to the Nov. 15 public hearing at the City Hall regarding the proposed hotel, convention center and walking paths, I had a thought which wasn't mentioned.

If this plan is allowed to come to fruition, wouldn't it possibly follow that an airline would become interested, once again, in giving us service to Boise and beyond?

That could only be a plus for travelers, businessmen and the airport. Just a thought!

ORHETTE SINCLAIR
Twin Falls

The Forest Service started it

To Forest Supervisor Flora: When citizens rebel against their government, it is the result of abusive governmental conduct. You accused the good people of Nevada of bad conduct toward you and your personnel. After my experience with the Forest Service and government agencies, it seems to me, before you threw that stone you should have examined the Forest Service's own conduct as it concerns those people you consider so hostile.

Since 1961, my family has worked to develop our placer mining claims on Jordan Creek in central Idaho. In earlier years, we didn't encounter dishonesty and abuse as we now experience it. The laws of mining were administered. Now it is administered by decree. We have spent thousands of hours of labor, tens of thousands of dollars in proving discoveries on our claims. The Forest Service

seems determined to take this property away from us because:

1. They and the Bureau of Land Management have delayed our patent for seven years.

2. They authorized an illegal trespass of our claims to install a road, pipeline, power line and monitor wells.

3. They authorized the harvest of our timber for road construction.

4. BLM and government persons testified illegally against us in Hecla's private contest of our claims.

5. They authorized construction of a tailings dam which is leaking cyanide. When we asked if there was cyanide contamination on our Jordan Creek claims they falsely told us there wasn't any.

6. Now the final insult - they are contesting our 1961 water right for our mining claims.

My family and I feel like tiny ants being stomped by five-ton elephants! The only thing that stands in the way of our being crushed by this abusive government is our faith in the judicial system.

Ms. Flora, you were critical of Nevada's elected public officials and congresswoman Helen Chenoweth-Hage from Idaho. If you think your service to the country is more responsive to the needs of the people than the services of elected officials, then I need to tell you that you should re-examine your thinking.

We are a constitutional government. In this nation, the people are the governors, and those who work for the government are the people's agents.

MARILYN MOON
Moon Mining
Burley

Why the outsider artist?

Why has the Magic Valley Arts Council has commissioned a sculpture for the Wells Fargo project? Who makes up this council? There are many capable Idaho artists who have vision as well as professional success in their medium. What steps did you take in the process of choosing an artist? How many of you in the arts council actually are working artists or have a background in art? I believe if it is an Idaho project, artists from Idaho should be chosen, especially if the grant money is government funds for Idaho.

Being able to tote paint or hand-weave a blanket does not make you an artist. An artist is an individual who has a unique vision and aesthetics toward their chosen medium. A vision of superior craftsmanship that encourages thought and emotion from the viewer.

Artists, stand up and defend yourselves as well as your vision! Your local Arts Council will be calling you very soon, so hurry up and create that new masterpiece. Who do you think is going to help pay for the materials for this sculpture project? You artists are! Your arts council will be asking you for your well-appreciated donation for a good cause to help raise money for this fine art piece for your community. Wells Fargo should pay for the materials since it has its name affixed to the project.

Magic Valley Arts Council, do your

job and represent your local artists.

When is the artist going to be respected for their creation and be paid for it? When is this community going to educate themselves about art and have an appreciation beyond the "Duck's Unlimited" prints? And those of you whose "art collection" has developed from \$1 and \$5 raffle tickets, you should return the artwork and pay full retail. At least you would have more respect for the art and its creator.

And for you artists, I encourage you to invest in fellow artists' works. Collect art yourself and be inspired by other artists' images and other mediums. I believe it to be hypocritical to encourage people to invest in your work if you are not buying works of others.

CHARLIE E. CARTER
Buhl

Don't attack with ignorance

Mr. Bartlett:
I am the 25-year-old son of two wonderful parents who have been involved in teaching and the education process for more than 25 years each. They have done an exemplary job in a profession that is under constant scrutiny by people who know nothing about it. It is not uncommon today for a teacher to have classes with 30 to 40 kids per hour, five to seven hours a day. Of these kids, it is not uncommon for up to one-third of these to be discipline problems. The teachers today try to handle this situa-

tion the best that they can but, unfortunately, their hands are tied by a system that is controlled by the same parents that, as you put it, "get in trouble if their grades are bad."

As far as homework goes, it is a part of life. The expectation level has risen for students in high schools. My younger brother is learning, but he didn't learn in college. If the teachers didn't have to spend so much time dealing with problems that were unheard of when you were in school, i.e. school violence, drugs etc., then maybe the students wouldn't have so much homework. Also, homework teaches responsibility and self-discipline, two qualities that are essential for success in college and the work force.

Mr. Bartlett, you have the audacity to write a derogatory letter about one of the most honorable professions there is. The most influential people in my life other than my parents were the wonderful teachers and coaches who taught, counseled and looked after me at Kinross High School. The example they set for me will stay with me for life. I hope that when I finish college and become an English teacher, that I can do as well with my students as my teachers did with me. Mr. Bartlett, I suggest that the next time you decide to attack and insult a profession, you make sure you know what you are talking about.

PETE ESPIL
Twin Falls

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley

OPINION

LETTERS

Jim Michien was truly great
My best friend died Nov. 17 at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, and I thought I would say a few things about him.

Jim Michien was a Twin Falls Police Officer for more than 30 years and loved his job and his town. I don't think I was ever with Jim that he didn't know everything by me. He was a friend to all he knew and met and would always help you if you needed the help. Jim was the head football coach for the Ramsey's seventh-grade football team for more than 30 years, and he just had another winning season. He loved coaching the kids, and they always came back to see Jim and tell him what they were doing. These kids all had a special love for Jim. Jim loved them as well.

I think of all the kids that Jim loved and how they are being around. Jim was an excellent police officer and felt that being with the kids and coaching them football would help them later in life. He always said the money that the most important thing was for everybody to have fun and study.

Jim was a great husband, father and friend. Jim has had a profound effect on my life, and I think him far being my friend. This is a great loss to the city of Twin Falls and to his family and friends, and any family will miss him deeply.

God bless you, Jim.
TIM AND CAROLE WILLIAMS
Twin Falls

Hotel would be spectacular

Regarding Craig Neilson's canyon rim development:
We want to add our names to all of the recent comments on Craig Neilson's proposed hotel complex. There is no question

that, overall, Twin Falls would greatly benefit from his high-rise development. Not only would the city be more visible from the freeway but it would add a spectacular entrance in addition to all of what will follow because of its essence.

Craig's vision for that property is finally coming into reality. We appreciate our experience with him in the past; we know that whatever he wanted to do would be something we could all be proud of. Even though Craig does not live here, his family roots are very deep in our community. He needs to be commended for being able to continue to follow in his father's footsteps as to be a major contributor to the city's development.

To those that have expressed a negative view, we would only say that the restrictions which have been placed on developing the canyon rim would be for the main reason to allow preview for such a development on sensitive canyon property. When we moved our family to Twin Falls, we vividly remember the controversy surrounding the regional airport location. One of the main arguments being the community would be best served if those who would be traveling by air passed through the city first. Now hindsight would indicate in favor of the regional airport being between the freeway and the canyon, which undoubtedly would have been more serviceable to Magic Valley. Let's not make the same mistake twice as to restrict the inevitable.

GORDON B. AND KERMA GRAVES
Twin Falls

It bears repeating... This is directed to Mr. Andrew Himple and others like him. I was reading the Nov. 17 edi-

tion when I came upon this gentleman's letter, "Stop manufacturing guns." I was personally appalled that another person was blaming an inanimate object for killing again. These guns you speak of don't kill people. People kill people, plain and simple. But to let you know, Mr. Himple, I do use a semi-automatic gun to do my hunting. Because I shoot left-handed, using a bolt action is very difficult because most are made for right-handed people, and the ones that aren't are very expensive. So when you say to quit making them, you attack myself and others like me who enjoy hunting with whatever rifle or pistol I want.

But, Mr. Himple, to get back to the rest of your letter, maybe you ought to look at having a few of these other simple things banned and have the public back you in getting these things to not be manufactured. How about baseball bats, tire irons, hammers, rocks, airplanes, automobiles and even the simple butter knife. These things have all killed people but no one wants them banned. I just don't understand, Mr. Himple, I think you should get my point here, but just in case, people kill people, not these other items.
DAREN L. EACKER
Kimberly

Forget fish, save farmers

Regarding the controversy over breaching the dams on the Columbia and Snake rivers to save the salmon is kind of like drinking whiskey to heal a broken leg.

When the bureaucrats and politicians prevent the Japanese from seining the ocean with 30-mile-long nets off the Alaskan coast, and they prevent terns (a predatory sea bird) from eating and eating an estimated 12 to 14

million smolts (or baby salmon) a year, plus controlling the sea lions from killing millions of them at the mouth of the Columbia River, then I think we might all believe there is a little bit of credibility to these naive, so-called leaders of our nation.

I have learned from a reliable source that presidential candidate Al Gore stated at a national convention that we are not going to need our farmers in the future because our food is going to be supplied from world trade overseas. Depending on foreign nations for our food supply makes us as vulnerable as deer when their forage becomes covered with 5 feet of snow.

To heck with the salmon, let's save our farmers first.
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Jury acquits skipper of U.S. tourists' deaths

CAIRNS, Australia — The skipper of a tourist boat who left two U.S. divers behind on Australia's Great Barrier Reef was acquitted Wednesday of manslaughter.

A jury found Geoffrey "Jack" Nairn not guilty in the deaths of Thomas Loneragan, 33, and his 28-year-old wife, Eileen, who were last seen Jan. 25, 1998, when they went diving from Nairn's boat at St. Crispin Reef, 45 miles from the northern resort town of Port Douglas.

Nairn was charged with manslaughter following an inquest's ruling that the couple, from Baton Rouge, La., perished at sea after they were left behind on a reef and not reported missing for 50 hours.

A 1998 inquest heard the Lonergans were probably eaten by sharks. Their bodies have never been found. A swim fin, a buoyancy vest, a wetsuit hood and an air tank were recovered, along with a diver's writing board bearing a plea for help.

Eileen Loneragan's parents, who flew from the United States to attend the trial, sat motionless in court as the verdict was read.

World AIDS death toll might climb to 2.6 million in 1999

About 2.6 million people worldwide will die of AIDS this year, the most of any year since the epidemic began, according to a report by the United Nations AIDS program.

The estimate means roughly one in every 20 deaths on the globe is now caused by AIDS, a disease unknown two decades ago. About 16.3 million people have already died of AIDS. In addition, about 5.6 million infections with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) will occur this year, raising the number of people currently living with the disease to about 33.6 million.

"HIV continues to spread nearly unchecked in many parts of the world," said Peter Piot, director of UNAIDS, an organization run by the United Nations, World Health Organization, World Bank and several other agencies.

The UNAIDS "epidemic update" was released Tuesday in preparation for the 12th annual World AIDS Day this Wednesday.

World in brief

head of Tudjman's medical team, Dr. Branimir Jaksic, said the president's "state of health is grave and intensive treatment is continuing." The statement gave no other details.

Tudjman, who has long been rumored to be suffering from cancer, has since failed to perform his duties, plunging the country into a political crisis.

He has wielded great power since 1991, ruling almost single-handedly and making decisions that affect all aspects of government. Therefore, his absence has largely paralyzed Croatia's political life.

After 18 die in crash, Mexico suspends airline operations

MEXICO CITY — The Mexican government announced late Tuesday that it is suspending operations of Taca, the airline whose DC-9 crashed two weeks ago, killing all 18 people on board.

Aaron Dychter, Polotiarrek, deputy transportation secretary, said at a news conference that investigators found a "series of anomalies and incidents" at the airline after the crash and decided to temporarily suspend its operations while it conducts a sweeping investigation.

That investigation will look into airline policies, maintenance, training and other areas, he said.

—Compiled from wire reports

Newspaper: Man exposed Israel's secrets to force truth

JERUSALEM (AP) — In his closed-door treason trial, a former nuclear technician told judges he exposed Israel's nuclear arms program to force the government to tell the truth and bring the bombs under supervision, according to court records released for the first time

Wednesday, 11 years after his conviction.

Mordechai Vanunu has been kept away from the public since his 1986 arrest by Israeli security forces. The partial transcript of his trial, published in the Yediot Ahrontot daily, provided the most detailed glimpse yet of the case.

The more than 1,200 pages of testimony, released by the state attorney at the request of Yediot Ahrontot, included statements by Vanunu and his Shin Bet secret service interrogators. Government censors decided what sections could be released.

Vanunu was convicted in

March 1988 and sentenced to 18 years in prison after telling what he knew about Israel's nuclear weapons to The Sunday Times newspaper, which printed its story on Oct. 6, 1986, saying that Israel had stockpiled roughly 100 nuclear weapons.

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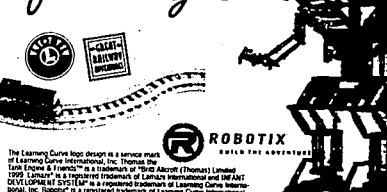


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Survivors prepare for snow in Turkish earthquake zone

ANKARA, Turkey — Relief workers scrambled Wednesday to find tents capable of withstanding the harsh winter for thousands of homeless survivors of Turkey's latest quake as snow began to fall on their ramshackle, weather-beaten camps.

Tens of thousands of people were living in makeshift wood and plastic shelters, amid strong winds and freezing temperatures in Bolu province, and officials said as many as 25,000 tents were still needed.

Politicians in Croatia weigh options as leader worsens

ZAGREB, Croatia — Croatia's parliament met Wednesday to discuss how to transfer some of ruling President Franjo Tudjman's powers, and the leader's doctors said his condition was grave.

While the ruling party rejected some opposition calls, Tudjman he declared permanently incapacitated, parliament worked on legal changes to allow the parliament speaker to take up some of his duties.

A medical report, signed by the

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In our SEARS November 25th insert, we inadvertently advertised 50% off all Christmas decorations and Christmas wrap. The ad should read 50% off all glass ornaments, wreaths, garland, tabletop figurines & gift wrap. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our customers.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Banks, some offices will reopen today

TWIN FALLS - There is a list of places that will be closed, or open today. Twin Falls City Hall will be closed. Justin Field Magic Valley Regional Airport will have flights as usual. State offices will be open regular hours. The Twin Falls Public Library will be open regular hours, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. A sampling of local banks indicated they would be open regular hours. The post office will be open, and mail will be delivered as usual. The Magic Valley Mall will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., which differs from usual hours. Most downtown merchants will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., which differs from usual hours. Trash will be picked up today.

Jerome department offers special interest courses

JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District is offering a variety of special interest courses this fall for people of all ages. "Introduction to Spreadsheets" will be offered from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Dec. 7 through Jan. 13 in the Jerome High School technology building. The 10-hour course will demonstrate spreadsheets and show students how to take the guess out of worksheets, formatting and functions in Excel. The fee for the course is \$25. "Introduction to the Internet" will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays, Dec. 6 through Jan. 10 at Jerome High School. The course will teach participants how to cruise the information highway and give them information on e-mail, news groups, discussion groups and how to download free software programs. The cost of the course is \$25. Those interested in classes may call 324-3349 or stop by the Jerome Recreation District office at 2032 S. Lincoln.

Community walking guide features variety of trees

JEROME - Jerome hosts an urban forest with a wide variety of trees from Athabasca to walnut and the Jerome Tree Committee has published a "Jerome Community Forest Walking Guide," a tour guide and map that will take walkers to numerous featuring more than 30 different species of trees. The purpose of the walking tour is to help generate the community's natural history by heightening public awareness and appreciation of Jerome's urban forest. City Administrator Jon Cecil said the brochure was funded by a \$1,700 grant from the Idaho Department of Conservation and the Idaho Community Forest Council. Jerome was listed as a Tree City U.S.A. because it had a tree ordinance in place, a tree committee, the city observes Arbor Day and the city spends at least \$2 per capita on trees per year.

Guide to recycling shows where to turn in materials

SULLY - An online guide to recycling in southern Idaho, explaining where dozens of different recyclables are accepted, has been posted on the website of Southern Idaho Solid Waste. Located at http://www.sisw.org/recycle.htm, the guide offers a menu of recyclables - from appliances to inkjet cartridges - that link to instructions on how they can be recycled locally. For materials that cannot be recycled, such as half-empty buckets of paint or cans of bug spray, SISW offers a Southern Idaho Waste Exchange, helping residents and businesses find a welcome home for unwanted materials. To post items or materials on the Southern Idaho Waste Exchange website, visit the page at http://www.sisw.org/exchange.htm or request an exchange form by e-mail from exchange@sisw.org, or by mail from SISW Exchange, Box 139, Burley, 83333.

Compiled from staff reports.

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

DIETRICH - Dietrich school officials are considering what to do next after a bond issue election failed for the second time this year. No decisions have been made about what the district will do next, said Superintendent Peter Bolt, who was disappointed with the election's outcome. That discussion likely will be held at the December School Board meeting. Dietrich turned down another request for a school construction

plan Monday, in an election that drew most of the town's registered voters to the polls. The \$1.17 million bond issue proposal earned 61 percent voter approval but failed to meet the two-thirds supermajority requirement. Of the 236 people voting in the election - or 82 percent of Dietrich's registered voters - 144 supported the proposal, and 92 said no. The plan would have paid for a new gymnasium and four elementary classrooms. The school district first put the issue before voters in May, when it failed by just four votes.

The amount of Monday's proposal was small in comparison to what larger districts request, but was all Dietrich could handle. Dietrich's plan would have raised property taxes by \$4.06 for every \$1,000 in taxable value, Bolt said. The district's \$1.17 million request would have put the district near its taxing limit, he said. And it would have been the only school bond issue or school tax levy paid in Dietrich, said Hubert Shaw, a farmer who helped draft the proposal. Idaho law allows the district to draw bond issue taxes from 5 percent

of its \$25 million tax base. He said many people told him they couldn't afford higher taxes. "I'm positive if it hadn't been for depression economies out here, it would have passed with flying colors," he said. The tax hike for Dietrich's \$117 million request would have been higher than the tax hike from a second failed bond issue this month. The neighboring Minidoka County School District pushed a \$20 million school bond issue, which failed on Nov. 2. The Minidoka bond issue would have added \$1.12 in taxes for every \$1,000 in taxable value.

The tax increase on \$50,000 worth of property in Dietrich would have been \$203 a year, compared with \$56 in Minidoka County. Dietrich's school has about 200 students compared with the nearly 4,750 students in Minidoka County. Targeting inequity among school districts is one issue in the debate over whether Idaho should change the way it pays for depreciation on school construction, leaving financing to local districts, and Idaho

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By Karen Bossick Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - George Hulbert shared a tradition with the Pilgrims Wednesday - the hard work of taking part in a Thanksgiving feast together. But he would have happily reverted to the '90s way of doing it. "What's the best? Where's the electric mixer?" the Community School student groaned, as he pounded the potatoes with his mallet. By midday Hulbert's muscle mashing session and a little more elbow grease on the part of his 253 schoolmates had panned into a Thanksgiving Dinner for the entire school.

"Sort of like the Pilgrims' Thanksgiving but not quite. They used long picnic tables and we have round card tables," said second-grader Delaney Burcks. "They probably didn't have Caesar salad, either," said sixth-grader Kevin Wade, pointing the spread before him. "I know I've never had Caesar salad at Thanksgiving before." In the past, the Community School of Sun Valley celebrated the day before Thanksgiving with soup. But the kids wanted turkey, so teachers divided students up into groups, pairing kindergartners and first-graders with sixth-graders and 12th-graders.

"We recruited a dozen Dutch ovens for apple crisp, a couple dozen pie tins for pumpkin pie and 11 turkeys. And the whole bunch started in peeling and stirring and mixing as soon as school started at 8. As an added bonus, teachers asked each child to bring two cans of food and \$2 to help buy turkeys for the community's Holiday Baskets. "We tried it for the first time last year and it was pretty wonderful," said art teacher Toni Whittington. "The younger kids learned that the big kids weren't as frightening as they thought and the older kids learned to befriend the younger ones."

Several of the seventh-graders had a slumber party so they could get up at 5 in the morning and stuff turkeys. Joel Weston stood outside in the snow, stirring green beans on a Coleman camp stove. "I had a big meal," said Jackie Goddard, who had KP duty, peeling carrots and chopping celery for the relish tray. "It's neat because we all work as a team," said Sara Alcidi. "And we get in with people we haven't met before," added Amy Stoll, as she pounded potatoes with a wooden mortar. While they waited for the pies



Community School seventh-graders Kelsey Bunce, right, and Teala Telge test their own cooking before serving mashed potatoes during the school's celebration of Thanksgiving Wednesday in Sun Valley.

to bake, students rambled through the campus trying to identify which teacher had once been Miss Rhode Island (answer: Jodi Meunier) and other answers to scavenger hunt questions. Abby Minford and Maddy Weisz got into the spirit of things by taping yellow turkey beaks made out of construction paper around their mouths and affixing a bustle of colored construction feathers to their backsides as they greeted diners at the gym door.

Inside the gym, the students were greeted with turkey centerpieces made of brown paper bags and nameplates that featured the school mascot, a cutthroat, wearing a pilgrim hat or Indian braids with a knife in its mouth.

"If you really like butter and milk these are the potatoes for you," Blake Schenely told one student as he examined a particularly runny bowl of mashed potatoes. "This is the chunky style and this is the homestyle," he said, pointing to two other bowls. The original reason for Thanksgiving didn't get lost in the messy bowls. Students from each classroom stood up and told why they were thankful. Dogs and cats and families topped the list, along with grass and flowers and hugs and smiles. Eight-year-old Scout Willis shared a particularly poignant note of thanks: "I'm thankful for most everything in my life, but most of all I'm thankful for my Mom who helped me get

through all the hard times in my life." Eleventh-grader Donald Graham's reason to be thankful was a little lighter: "I'm thankful for Baldy and that it's opening tomorrow." Math teacher Scott Runkel took a bite of cranberry sauce and happily stretched out on his chair. "This is what Thanksgiving's all about," he said. "Families get together and have a good time at Thanksgiving, and this school's like a family. This is a time to relax and have fun and celebrate as a school family before we go home to our other families."

Times-News correspondent Karen Bossick can be reached in Haley at 578-2111.

Forest Service pledges to look into employee complaints

The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. - The U.S. Forest Service is forming a team to investigate allegations of intimidation and threats against agency workers in Nevada and the Justice Department is reaffirming its commitment to prosecute such cases. The U.S. attorney for Nevada and the Forest Service's regional boss in Utah issued joint statements Tuesday pledging "vigorous investigation and enforcement of claims of threats and harassment" of Forest Service employees. "We take such claims very seriously," U.S.

Attorney Kathryn E. Landreth said in a statement from Las Vegas. "Any reported claims will be vigorously investigated and appropriate enforcement action will follow." Landreth and Jack Blackwell, regional forester in Ogden, Utah, said they were responding to allegations of threats to workers. Gloria Florin, supervisor of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest in Nevada, cited concerns about the safety of her employees among the reasons for announcing her resignation earlier this month. A Forest Service law officer complained to Florin two months ago that federal pro-

secutors in Nevada had declined to prosecute dozens of cases referred to it by the Forest Service since 1990, which he said totaled at least 21 felonies and 82 misdemeanors involving more than 100 people. "For whatever reasons, it appears the U.S. attorney's office in Las Vegas does not understand that the lack of prosecution of these cases involving permittees or public officials has continued to fuel the open and flagrant lawless disregard for federal law and regulations in Nevada," Wayne Smith wrote in the Sept. 3 memo obtained by The Associated Press. "This lack of support places federal law

enforcement officers and agents at risk as they enforce the same regulations in the field," said Smith, a supervisory special agent. "As a result, there continues to be a very real concern for employee safety in these situations." Blackwell acknowledged he had been "disappointed in some of the actions" against prosecution of alleged lawbreakers. But he said he recognizes "it is totally the call of the U.S. attorney's office and I support and respect their decisions and I look forward to further improving our relationship."

The Times-News and The Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. - Gov. Jim Geringer has reiterated his opposition to a proposed radioactive waste incinerator in eastern Idaho, calling on the federal government to handle the material without "burning it upwind of Wyoming."

The Wyoming governor said he thinks the Energy Department wants to turn the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory into a central waste disposal facility by bringing in waste from elsewhere for processing. He called that unacceptable.

The incinerator is part of a federal waste disposal facility that can be used to treat waste stored at other federal sites outside Idaho. A 1995 court-enforced agreement between Idaho and the federal government requires waste brought in from outside Idaho to be treated within six months and shipped out of Idaho within six months of treatment. That agreement, which requires the \$1.2 billion Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project to be in operation by April 2003, subjects the federal government to a court-enforced schedule for cleaning up the tons of radioactive waste stored at INEEL and removing it by 2036.

The facility would treat 65,000 cubic meters of plutonium-contaminated waste stored at the INEEL and 120,000 cubic meters of additional waste from other federal sites over about 30 years. The incinerator would burn off toxic organic material in about one-fourth of that waste. But the federal and state environmental permits issued earlier this month subject to public comment, allow the facility to treat 85,000 cubic meters of waste - about 3 million cubic feet. That's enough to cover a football field with waste more than 82 feet deep.

But a group of Jackson Hole, Wyo., residents, led by flamboyant attorney Gerry Spence, have challenged the incinerator in federal court, saying the project was not in violation of laws requiring evaluation of alternatives and environmental studies.

Geringer made clear that his beef was with the federal government and not fellow Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

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OBITUARY

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Riley Hepworth

Riley Hepworth, a long-time Filer area resident, passed away Monday, November 22, 1999, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

He was born May 21, 1939, in Malta, Idaho, to John William Hepworth and Mahalia Strong Parker. He attended schools in Malta, Dootie and Boise. He later farmed with his father near Butte and in Jeromo County. In 1930, he married Ethel Erickson, with whom he had a daughter, Parma.

Ethel died shortly after Parma's birth, On August 30, 1934. Riley married Will Campbell in Logan, Utah. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. Riley and Willa farmed north of Jerome until 1949, raising seven children. The family worked hard on the farm, raising wheat, potatoes and beans. In 1949, Riley and Willa purchased a farm north of Filer, and moved the family to their new home. Riley continued to farm until the retirement in 1975. Riley took a lot of pride in his farm and raising his family. He added on to the

small home and enjoyed building and carpentry work. Upon retirement, Riley and Willa moved to the Seattle area to be near two of their daughters. However, Riley missed the wide-open spaces of the Idaho Falls area, and Riley and Willa soon returned to Filer to enjoy their retirement. Riley was an active member of the Filer LDS Second Ward. He served as high priest group leader, Sunday school president, ward clerk and as a temple worker in the Boise temple. Riley was also a dedicated home teacher, making sure to visit his families each and every

month. Riley enjoyed being around his children and grandchildren, and also had great compassion for those that suffered and were in need.

He is survived by his wife, Willa, of Filer; three daughters, Parma (Mottin) Kendrick of Logan, Utah, Arlene (Calvin) Clark of Camano Island, Washington, and Carol (Wayne) Hoskin of Lake Stevens, Washington; three sons, Raymond (Juanita) Hepworth of Murteugh, Doe (Jeanne) Hepworth of Twin Falls and Larry Hepworth of Meridian; one brother,

and five sisters; 25 grandchildren; 59 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, ten brothers, two sisters, two sons, Ronald and Robert, three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held on Saturday, November 27, 1999, at 11 a.m. at the Filer LDS Stako Center, with Bishop Alex Sullivan officiating. Friends may call at the White Mortuary on Friday, November 26, from 5 to 8 p.m., and one hour prior to services Saturday at the Stako Center.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 6 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.

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HEYBURN



Willmetta 'Toodles' J. Mullins

Willmetta "Toodles" June Mullins, age 80, died early Tuesday morning, November 23, 1999, at the Wood River Medical Center in Sun Valley, Idaho. She battled courageously with complications from a stroke she suffered nearly four years ago.

"Toodles," as she was affectionately known by friends and family, was born to Minnie and Forrest William Knight on January 3, 1919, in Lincoln Nebraska. She was schooled in Lincoln and attended the University of Nebraska. While in Nebraska, she worked as a dental assistant and at Tabitha Home for boys. She came to Idaho in January 1947 and worked for Union Pacific Railroad at Sun Valley as a maid. There she became acquainted with Bob Mullins, whom she first met while visiting her aunt, Lydia Libart in Twin Falls, Idaho. They fell in love and were married on October 15, 1948, in Twin Falls. "Toodles and Bob" moved to the Valley Lodge unit of their home. Ketchum was built. Shortly after they moved to town, her mother, Toodles and Bob joined the Sun Valley Lodge unit of their home. Ketchum was built. Shortly after they moved to town, her mother, Toodles and Bob joined the Sun Valley Lodge unit of their home.

She had a long career in Ketchum, spending many years taking care of her in their home until Minnie's death on November 23, 1973. In 1961, she and Bob adopted a baby girl, Paula June. Toodles loved being a mom and spent countless hours nurturing her little girl into adulthood. They shared a love of reading and meeting new people. Paula was nearly grown, and Toodles look on her next role of taking care of Justin and Amy Abel while her friend Grace worked at the hospital. "Toodles loved to travel and enjoyed visiting the Oregon Coast and Europe. She also enjoyed traveling to various places across the United States. Toodles and Bob enjoyed spending time with their many friends. Whether having coffee with the gang or lunch with the ladies, playing a rousing game of pinocchlo, or on a trip with the Sawtooth Roadrunners Club, "Toodles could often be found in the center of it all, laughing and talking. One of her greatest joys was spending time with her only grandchild, Kristen. They were often found trying on makeup, playing dress-up, shopping, or just talking. They shared a love of sweet smelling lotions and potions, and collecting shoes. She loved to watch Kristen dance, and she never without photographs or stories to tell of her girl. She loved animals. Through the years, many stray cats and hungry dogs were fed on "Toodles' back porch. During the past four years her husband Bob was by her side as he gave her, proving love endures all things. "Toodles' laughter, her optimism for the future, and her kindness to others will be missed by many.

She is survived by her loving husband Bob of Ketchum; her daughter Paula, and granddaughter Kristen Garrett of Boise, Idaho; her sons, Elton Knight of Caspado, California; her two cousins, Robert Law, of Ketchum, Idaho, and Lloyd Libart of Twin Falls, Idaho, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 1, 1999, at the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood, on Warm Springs Road in Ketchum, Idaho. Interment will follow services at the Ketchum Cemetery. Friends may call at the Wood River Chapel in Halley from 10 a.m. to noon, and at the chapel from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. on the day of the service.

In lieu of flowers, friends are encouraged to make donations to the Hospice of the Wood River Falls or the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood. Arrangements are



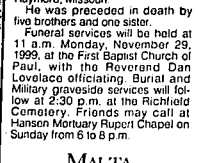
Donald D. Myers

Donald Dean Myers, 71-year-old Heyburn resident, died Tuesday, November 23, 1999, at his home in Heyburn following a courageous struggle with cancer.

Don was born September 26, 1928, in Soldier, Kansas, to Robert and Rachel Albin Myers. Don went into the service in 1953. He was promoted to sergeant, and was sent to England. Don married Irene Holz December 31, 1954, in Onaga, Kansas. They were later divorced in 1957. Don moved to Richfield, Idaho, where he farmed and ran a dairy with his brother Bob until 1963. He then worked for the Richfield School District maintaining buses, and for Popo's Automotive Service. It was during his time that he built the archway and cattle guards at the entry of the Richfield Cemetery. Don was one of the 350 members of Richfield Rod and Gun Club from 1962-1966. In 1969, Don moved to Heyburn, where he worked for the Minidoka County School District running a fleet of buses from 1969-1972. He was a volunteer firefighter for the Heyburn Fire Department. Don also worked as a diesel mechanic for the J.R. Simplot Company, in 1972, he returned to work for Gen International working a second job in the evenings at the sawmill. He left Gen International in 1974 and maintained his own road repair service for ten years. Don spent many summers above Fairholm repairing fence and spraying for the Camas County Cattlemen's Association. He loved his family, and his outdoors with them, teaching them to hunt, fish and appreciate God's creation. In 1984, Don married Donna Ekdahl in Rupert. Don had fallen in love with Shoup, Idaho, on his first visit there in 1947. When the opportunity to purchase the country store at Shoup arose, he and Donna did just that in 1947. In the spring of 1948, Don later sold the store and accepted a job as caretaker of the fine Creek Girl Scout Ranch, four miles from Shoup. He moved back to Heyburn in 1995. Don always loved the outdoors, hunting and fishing, and his best memories of the mountains were among his favorite pastimes. As an avid mechanic, Don also enjoyed collecting antique vehicles. He was a very special man to many friends and family and will be dearly missed. To him, there were no strangers.

children, and 3 great-grandchildren. Clara Zinger, Onaga, Kansas. Bill Woods, Filer, Kansas, and Agnes Hedrick and May Slanberg, both of Holton, Kansas; and his brothers, Richard (Dorothy) Myers, Severy, Kansas, and Charles (Georgia) Myers, Raymore, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, November 26, 1999, at the First Baptist Church of Paul, with the Reverend Dan Lovelock officiating. Burial and Military graveside services will follow at 2:30 p.m. at the Richfield Cemetery. Friends may call at Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel on Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m.



Reid T. Allred

Reid T. Allred, 77-year-old Malta resident, died Tuesday, November 23, 1999, at his home.

He was born August 23, 1922, at Lohi, Utah, the fourth of six children of Rudger Van Buell and Sarah Rebecca Tew Allred. Reared on the eighth ward, father died when Reid was twelve years old, leaving his mother and their family to provide for the family's needs during the depression. Reid earned his value of work early in life. Following his high school graduation, Reid attended Brigham Young University and Weber State. He learned the aircraft sheet metal trade and moved to Burbank, California, where he worked for Lockheed. In 1942, he returned to Lohi, where he was called to serve an LDS mission. He served in the Southern States Mission. Following that, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in Japan. He returned to Brigham Young University where he received a degree in Agricultural Science, and earned his teaching credentials from Utah State University. He married Alta Mae Hicken on November 22, 1950, in Salt Lake LDS Temple. They lived in Anchorage, Alaska, before moving to Malta, where he taught Vocational Agriculture and Industrial Arts in the Cassia County School District for 30 years. He was active in the Malta community, and the LDS Church, where he served as Elder, Cubmaster, President, Counselor in the Bishopric, and as High Priest Group Leader. Reid continued his education, receiving his Master's Degree from the University of Idaho. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, and building. He and his wife built their own home in Malta.

Survivors include his wife, Alta of Malta; five children, Katherine (Steve) Anderson of Timp, Arizona; Michael Reid (Marie) Allred of Thayne, Wyoming; Elizabeth (Don) Christensen of Oak City, Utah; Ernest Reid (Kathie) Allred of Manhattan Beach, California; and Mary Jane Allred of Salt Lake City, Utah; a brother, Darrell (Sian) Allred of Lohi, two sisters, Clara (Thales) Smith of Pleasant Grove, Utah, and Marie Fisher of Mapleton, Utah.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, John and Alvin.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, November 26, 1999, at the Malta LDS Chapel, with Bishop Todd Harris officiating. Burial will be held at 4:30 p.m. Friday, November 26, 1999, at the Lohi City Cemetery in Lohi. Friends may call at the Malta Church from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral on Friday.

The family suggests that memorials be given to the American Cancer Society, c/o Nanette H. Woodard, 2425 W. 25th, Burley, ID 83318, or to the IHC Hospice, 271 Overland, Burley, ID 83318. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary in Burley.

DEATH NOTICE

Jerry R. Morgan
SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. - Jerry Randall Morgan, 60, died Saturday, Nov. 13, 1999, in San Francisco, Calif., as a result of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Dec. 4, 1999, at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding, under the direction of Father Paul Wander.

SERVICES

Marvin F. Elmore, of Rupert, services at 2 p.m. Friday at the Nazarene Church in Rupert.

Rose M. Dawson, of Twin Falls, services at 2 p.m. Friday at White Memorial Chapel in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary.

Hornce M. Byers, of Rupert, memorial services from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Sean Ray Jagers, of Twin Falls, services at 2 p.m. Friday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 12-2 p.m. Friday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Anna "Ann" M. Ryan, of Twin Falls, memorial services at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Alexander "Al" G. Seltzer, of Halley, services will be at 1 p.m. Nov. 29, at the Bellevue Community Church.

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Wal-Mart suspect faces multiple charges

By Michael Journee
Times-News writer

BURLEY - An Acaquia man faces multiple charges in connection with a theft at the Burley Wal-Mart, and a charge that unfolded Tuesday afternoon in front of the store.

Terry Hamilton, 48, was being held Wednesday in Cassia County jail, on several charges originating in Minidoka County. He was charged Wednesday with aggravated battery, possession of a drug, likely methamphetamine; burglary; and failure to purchase a driver's license. Cassia County Sheriff Billy Crystal said, Hamilton was arraigned Wednesday afternoon and is being held on \$25,000 bond.

The episode began when Hamilton was pursued into the store's parking lot by Wal-Mart security because he was believed to have shoplifted something, according to a police report.



Terry Hamilton is handcuffed by a Minidoka County sheriff's deputy Tuesday afternoon. He faces multiple charges in connection with a theft at the Burley Wal-Mart and a disturbance in the store parking lot.

When the store manager, Jeff Hanssen, and the security officer - who would not give his name

because of the nature of his job - confronted Hamilton, he fled, leading Hanssen and the store

security man on a foot chase in the store parking lot.

In his attempt to escape, Hamilton dragged two Wal-Mart employees while they clung to his car, according to the police report.

He then crashed into three parked cars, the police report said.

Although shaken from the experience, Hanssen and the security officer were unhurt in the incident. Once in police custody at the scene, Hamilton began complaining of abdominal pains and appeared to lose consciousness. He was taken by ambulance to Cassia Regional Medical Center, but doctors found nothing wrong with him and he was released into deputies' custody, Crystal said.

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Police charge local man with church burglary

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Police have arrested a suspect in connection with one church burglary, and officers are attempting to tie the suspect to a string of Rupert church burglaries.

Rupert police officers charged Derward Gene Krick, 24, of Rupert, with one count of burglary, after he was arrested Tuesday night outside the Mormon church on Eighth and G streets, police Sgt. Roger Hare said.

Krick was arrested after an officer patrolling the area spotted him outside the LDS church. When the officer approached Krick, he took off running, Hare said.

Investigators are attempting to tie Krick to the other area burglaries, Hare said. Saint Nicolas Church on F Street was struck by a burglar

Tuesday night, Hare said. Other Rupert churches hit by burglars include the Assembly of God at Fourth and H streets, Trinity Lutheran Church on Eighth Street and Praise Chapel at Eighth and B streets, which was burglarized twice.

In every case the burglar was mainly interested in stealing money, Hare said, but he didn't get away with much.

"He's probably doing more damage than anything," Hare said of the burglar.

The five churches sustained nearly \$10,000 in damage from the break-ins.

The police department has increased security in the area due to the rash of recent church burglaries, Hare said.

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Rupert makes holiday transition worth celebrating

By Dex Outson
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - Rupert may have found the perfect way to go from turkey and stuffing to Christmas cheer. At least that is the belief of the Rupert Christmas Lighting Committee and the Organization of Rupert Businesses.

Following a long tradition of hosting the day-after-Thanksgiving festivities, Rupert, a designated Christmas City USA, will kick off the Christmas season and wow crowds with dazzling Christmas lights on the town square. And those being beting there is nowhere else that will offer a chill feed, buggy rides, fireworks, and good ol' Saint Nick all in the same place.

"As if it were not enough to pack into one day, ORB will also raise the curtain on the first ever Rupert Christmas Festival morning.

"This is just a good small hometown atmosphere because it is such a time of coming together for us," said Rupert

Christmas festivities

Friday at the Rupert town square:
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Fireworks display at the square. Square will begin after 7 p.m.
Entertainment at the square on the Square Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. until Christmas.

Christmas Lighting Committee Chairwoman Roberta Christensen. "It is a big deal here in Rupert but there are also a lot of people that will come from all over to see the lights."

And for some Rupert residents, ringing in the Christmas season on the square is a tradition that

goes back many years. Christiansen said her family started it nearly 45 years ago.

"My daughter has never missed one since 1955. We have an old photo of her sitting on Santa's lap as a 3-year-old little girl," Christiansen said. "This means so much to so many people."

Rupert residents Bryce and Mary Chugg said they remember going to the square on the day after Thanksgiving more than 30 years ago.

"It got to be a family tradition," Mary Chugg said. "We have been doing it since our kids were babies. Now some of them even come home just to be here for that day."

It is the atmosphere as well as the lights that draw the Chugg family to the square every day after Thanksgiving.

"I think it is walking around the square and seeing people and friends that makes it so special," Chugg said. "Our town has a neat tradition with the Christmas City and the lights."

Proceeds from the chili feed will be used to refurbish the city's decorations and purchase new Christmas decorations and ornaments. Tree festival proceeds will be split between the American Red Cross and the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council.

Working under direction of ORB, Kay Roth has worked to make the tree festival and town square entertainment a success. She said several dance and choral groups are being lined up to perform at the gazebo on the square every Saturday until Christmas.

"We are still lining some of them up but we will have cloggers and several other groups that will perform," Roth said. So take it from the Christiansens. If you are looking to start a new family tradition, pack up the kids and go down to the Rupert Square. The memories could last 45 years.

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Dietrich

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requires supermajority voter approval to pass a bond issue.

And even if Dietrich's proposal had passed, it would not have paid for the total construction plan. The district would have needed another \$180,000. It had planned to draw the money from its general fund and hold fundraisers.

Dietrich's plan targeted growth in the district, Shaw said. The struggling farming community is marketing itself as a country home for commuters. It's building new sewer and water systems. Good schools are part of the package.

Over the past 10 years, the school has grown from 150 students, reaching more than 200 in some years.

Bond issue opponents said building a new gym put too much emphasis on athletics, Shaw said. But he countered that athletics are as much a part of the country's public school experience as academics. The bond issue would have paid for regulation-size gyms and eased tight scheduling for athletic practices.

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Governor

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"We want to help our neighbors deal with a problem that they didn't create," he said, pledging to continue pressing the Energy Department to "ensure that the concerns of Wyoming citizens are heard and to assure that our Wyoming environmental integrity is maintained."

Idaho and federal environmental regulators have said the facility poses no public health or environmental threat, though they have subjected their draft operating permits to an extended public comment and hearing schedule.

Leaving the waste untreated is not an option to move the waste out under the agreement, INEEL spokesman Brad Bugge said. For PCBs and chemicals that can generate hydrogen gas the only treatment option is incineration if the waste is to be trucked to a disposal facility in New Mexico.

Air quality officials in Wyoming have said a municipal waste incinerator operating south of Jackson poses a greater health threat than the INEEL facility would, although that conclusion has been hotly disputed.

Urban renewal districts put dollars into infrastructure

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The Burley Urban Renewal District will not include a portion of Minidoka County when boundaries are redefined in December.

Urban renewal districts employ a tax increment system to put money back into a blighted area's infrastructure. A blighted area is one that has experienced severe devaluation and is unlikely to experience economic growth without financial assistance.

Taxes on the base value of that property continue to go toward various taxing entities such as cemetery, ambulance and highway districts. Within an urban renewal district are five revenue allocation areas, said Burley City Administrator Mark Mitton. When properties within those areas are improved upon taxes assessed on the improvements go back into the infrastructure of the urban renewal district and the school district. And school districts are not denied any of their already allocated funding.

By including six acres of agricultural land in North Burley,

the Burley Urban Renewal District would have allowed money to go toward improving the stretch of Idaho State Highway 27 between the Interstate and the Snake River, Mitton said.

Now, instead of urban renewal funding such projects, the city will consider other sources, such as block grants, Mitton said. Minidoka County Assessor Max Vaughn said the county objected to the district's inclusion of county agricultural land, which is exempt by statute because it is not considered blighted.

The value of the agricultural land would increase upon a change in its usage, and the county would see a huge shift in property tax dollars into urban renewal, Vaughn said. Vaughn said he doesn't object to urban renewal at all, if the appropriate property is used.

Such tax increment financing is a big incentive for industries looking to locate in an area, Mitton said. Nearly every other city with which Burley competes for industry has an urban renewal district, he said.

"[Cities that] are really aggressive to get people to come in have

one," Mitton said. "I believe if we can't offer that they won't come."

Objections that an urban renewal district would deny taxes to other taxing entities is unfounded, Mitton said. He said without such increment financing, industries would probably never look to locate in an area in the first place.

The first project the city would look to fund with increment financing is a new sewage treatment center, Mitton said. The current system is outdated and inefficient and would be unable to handle the waste produced from modern industries.

And projects such as a sewer system that are funded through the initial stages of tax increment financing benefit local business, Mitton said.

"This is basically development paying for everything," Mitton said. A new eight-million-gallons-per-day sewer system is estimated to cost \$12 million, anticipating future development in Mini-Cassia. Otherwise the city would make do with a \$6 million system to serve the area's current capacity, Mitton said.

"We want that extra capacity to attract people," he said.

Mitton said the tax rate would not be affected by increment financing.

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Officials euthanize 31 horses

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Thirty-one wild horses that tested positive for a deadly equine disease have been euthanized and their herd in eastern Utah will be quarantined for at least two months.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food announced Tuesday that of 285 wild horses rounded up last week, 31 adults in the Bonanza Herd tested positive for equine infectious anemia. The viral infection affects only horses and there is no cure.

As required by state law to prevent the spread of the disease, the 31 horses were euthanized.

The remaining 171 wild horses will be corralled for at least 60 days about 30 miles southeast of Vernal and will be tested twice more.

Sports talk replaces sisters' cooking show

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Trish Oak and Halli Stone, a sister act that transformed a genial cooking show into a saucy brand of conservative talk radio that frequently took aim at political moderates and liberals, have had their show canceled because of declining ratings and revenue.

The program, "PM Idaho with Trish and Halli," was broadcast weekday afternoons by the four Clear Channel Communications stations across southern Idaho. It was replaced this week by the sports talk program, "The Jim Rome Show."

HISTORY OF THE HOLIDAY



Dressed as an Indian and a pilgrim, Hodges Elementary School first-graders Ben Reed, left, and Alibha Lingle sing for their parents during a Thanksgiving program in their classroom Tuesday in KallsPELL, Mont.

Residents plan rally to support Boise cross

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Jaycees have enlisted an important ally in their campaign to defend the Table Rock cross from a nationally known atheist who has questioned the constitutionality of the cross.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne wrote in a letter to the Jaycees on Tuesday that he supports keeping the cross in its current location.

The letter was read at a rally at Boise State University to build support for the "Walk for the Cross" planned for Saturday with Lt. Gov. Butch Otter and Boise Mayor Brent Coles.

"Once again it appears that out-of-state interests are attempting to define Idaho and the great people who live here," Kempthorne wrote.

The Jaycees' efforts come after atheist activist Rob Sherman of Chicago threatened earlier this month to bring legal action to force the Jaycees to remove the 60-foot lighted cross.

The Jaycees erected the cross in 1956 on land owned by the state Department of Correction as a Christian symbol and a signature monument on the mesa overlooking the eastern section of Boise.

The state Land Board sold the 0.071-acre parcel of land where the cross stands to the Jaycees in 1972 for \$100 in an auction where the group made the only bid.

The American Civil Liberties Union in 1995 called for the state to revoke the state deed on the land, claiming the cross violated the state and U.S. constitutions covering religious monuments on public property.

Secretary of State Pete Conruss said at the time there was no collusion. He and the other Land Board members shot down the ACLU's attempt. The Legislature also approved a joint memorial for the cross.

Sherman said the land sale was improper because the Land Board "colluded" with the Jaycees to make sure no one else could buy the property.

The Jaycees have started a trust fund that could be used for legal expenses if Sherman follows through on his threat. They are hoping thousands of people will turn out for the walk Saturday from the Boise Train Depot to the Capitol.

Prosecutors want death penalty

REDDING, Calif. (AP) — Prosecutors say they want the death penalty for two brothers accused of killing a gay couple. Defense lawyers indicate they'll seek a plea bargain that would save their clients' lives.

Defense attorney Frank O'Connor said Tuesday that the prosecution's decision to ask for death sentences for Matthew Benjamin Williams, 31, and James Tyler Williams, 29, was no surprise.

Prosecutors had announced earlier that they had tentatively decided to seek the executions.

Asked if a plea bargain to avoid the executions was still possible, O'Connor said it was "too soon to tell."

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Warm weather keeps fowl in Canada

BOISE (AP) — Todd Fenzl at Lake Lowell can feel it in his bones. Ducks and geese from Canada will start filling Idaho skies.

It has taken a long time this fall because of mild weather, but waterfowl migrations finally are beginning. Hunters in Idaho and across the United States are awaiting the largest fall migration of ducks in 50 years, but mild and dry fall weather has kept waterfowl in Canada.

Fenzl is manager of the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge at Lake Lowell in Nampa, and the chief duck and goose watcher in

southwestern Idaho. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services annual fall forecast calls for a record 105 million ducks to fly south into from Canada.

About 5,000 ducks were counted at the Fort Boise Wildlife Management Area early this week compared with 10,000, the normal count for this time of the year. "It has been slow," said Clair Kofoed, manager of the public shooting grounds near Parma. However, he did spot some "northern," migrating south Tuesday, signaling that some birds are on the move.

About 60,000 ducks were

counted at Lake Lowell on Tuesday. That compares with 52,000 the same time last year. It may indicate the ducks are using the large lake as a refuge area. Ducks which stay on the lake do not move around much in mild weather.

Fenzl also counted 8,545 geese, compared with 5,800 the same time last year. He expects a peak in waterfowl numbers during the third week in December. The number at that time last year was 150,000 ducks. Canadian biologists report some ducks left but ended up coming back because of the mild weather.

Idaho chief justice questions mandatory minimum sentences

BLACKFOOT (AP) — As state officials continue grossing about the escalating cost of housing more and more prison inmates for longer and longer periods, Chief Justice Linda Copple Trout disputed the legislative wisdom of setting mandatory minimum sentences for a drug and other crimes.

During a stop in eastern Idaho, the state Supreme Court justice declined to agree with Blackfoot Police Chief David Moore when he complained about what he claimed were judges who manipulated mandatory minimum sentencing for repeat drunk drivers. "I'm not in favor of the

Legislature setting mandatory minimums," Trout replied. "That should be the discretion of the judge hearing the case."

More and more lawmakers have begun conceding that the mandatory minimum sentences passed during the get-tough-on-crime days of the late 1980s and early 1990s have been aggravating the state's skyrocketing inmate population that has forced construction of yet another \$50 million prison.

But none has been willing to return any of that discretion to judges where Trout believes it belongs. "There are too many variables for each case to be handled

exactly the same way," she said, although she believes the minimums were set at lengths most judges use in an average case.

Trout also said she was astounded at the hundreds of weapons authorities discovered people were carrying into the Bannock County Courthouse after the county got its weapons screening equipment up and running.

"There was everything from guns to other weapons like a modified carpet knife," she said. "You have to wonder what people are thinking bringing this stuff into the courthouse. We're not talking about a Swiss army knife here."

State uses monitors to solve grouse puzzle

BOISE (AP) — Sage grouse numbers are on the wane in the West and Idaho Department of Fish and Game biologists intend to fill in information gaps about young chicks.

"We have quite a good understanding of what makes the species tick from a habitat standpoint. We know pretty well why populations go up and down," biologist Jack Connelly said. But, "the chicks' survival is sort of the

black hole of sage grouse science."

His research has pointed to the loss of juveniles as being the big factor in sage grouse decline. Older juveniles and adult sage grouse are hardy birds, far less affected by winter loss than most other species of upland birds.

Research is starting to focus on chicks at one day old with monitoring over the next three to five

weeks. Connelly noted that the information is very tentative in the first field season but it shows a 70-75 percent loss.

The most difficult problem was finding a way to attach a micro-transmitter to a tiny, just-hatched chick. Information from the device manufacturer suggested an attachment technique did not meet the approval of a veterinarian Connelly consulted.

EPA halts sale of bear spray

DENVER (AP) — Federal regulators have ordered a Montana manufacturer to stop selling its "Bear Pause" spray, saying it may not be effective in deterring bear attacks.

The Environmental Protection Agency said it will ask distributors to pull the product from their shelves and will advise people who bought the spray not to rely on it.

"We don't want people going into bear country with a product on their hip that may not do its job if needed," said Tim Osg, who enforces pesticide regulations in the Denver-centered region.

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All things good must come to end

SHAWNEE, Kan. - Stunned
The despair hung like a heavy cloud. You could hear a pin drop on the normally jovial van ride back to the Doubttree Hotel.
The aftermath of what had just occurred kept the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team in a state of shock, as if the miraculous comeback they had just witnessed was a bad dream.

SIDELINE VIEW

Kevin Hall

"Surreal as it was, Salt Lake Community College's astounding victory over CSI - which started when the Bruins were two points away from defeat - was all too real, judging from the sobs, tears, and rousing cheers it produced immediately afterward."
Since 1993, the Golden Eagles have left the NJCAA national volleyball tournament champions, but this time, seven was an unlucky number.
"You know you're not going to win the national championship every year," said CSI head coach Ben Stroud. "But I knew it was going to take a tremendous effort by somebody to knock us off and they did."
If anything, the Bruins proved that the old sporting adage "I ain't over it, it's over," still rings true. But Salt Lake sure looked beaten early in the teams' sixth and final meeting of the season, as the energetic Golden Eagles methodically broke the Bruins down point by point in Games 1 and 2.

The benches reflected the on-court proceedings, with CSI players standing, clapping and encouraging their teammates. At the same time, doug faces, sullen looks and uncomfortable shifting ruled on the SLCC sidelines.
But then something happened. In Game 3, with their backs against the wall, the Bruins stopped thinking and started playing. Salt Lake opened with a 5-1 lead, though the champions fought back to tie it at 6-6.

With the momentum - so critical in volleyball and a key to this match - squarely on its side, CSI bolted out to an 11-6 lead when Russian Anna Popenko cocked, shot, reloaded and fired again for the point. But SLCC won't go through, evidenced by its ability to regain possession and score, drawing closer at 8-11.

With would-be title challenger Minicoy, Golden Community College watching from the front row, the teams resumed their battle - eventually getting the game to 13-19 in favor of CSI.

There, however, the momentum - and ultimately the match - shifted dramatically. SLCC retook the ball following a crushing shot by south-paw Radica Pestova, and in an eye-blink posted two points off of CSI errors.

Another Pestova kill found the corner line, 12-13 followed by a double block of All-American Fabiana de Abreu for the tie at 13.

The teams jockeyed for possession, with each side gaining a sidout. Again Pestova produced a winner, this time with a topspin service ace, and with CSI scrambling on defense, the Bruins were able to take advantage of the chaos, winning the rally exchange with a Sylva Strazinkova blast for the game.

The comeback brought the Salt Lake team to tie, and again amplified the Bruin bench while subduing the Golden Eagles. In those few minutes and in the final two games, a complete role reversal transformed the Bruins into what would ultimately undo CSI's golden streak of six national championships.

Was it fate? Luck? Or just two very good and determined teams?
On a Tuesday night, I became a believer.

Times-News sports writer Kevin Hall covered the College of Southern Idaho at this week's NJCAA National Volleyball Tournament. He may be contacted anytime, and you can leave him a message at 733-0921, Ext. 239.

Eagles place third

CSI defeats Lee in three straight

**By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer**

SHAWNEE, Kan. - It wasn't the way they wanted to go out, but the College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagles volleyball players ended their season on a winning note Wednesday, placing third in the NJCAA national volleyball tournament at the Baird Ann Olson Activity Center.

"All the sophomores wanted to at least win the last match," said setter Holly Foster, finishing her CSI career with 22 assists, a service ace and four digs. "We're still a little bit disappointed with (Tuesday night's) loss to Salt Lake Community College, but third's better than nothing."

Stephanie Martin led four Golden Eagles in double figures for kills, smashing 14 as CSI used a balanced attack on 61-of-123 hitting in handing the Lee College Lady Rebels (47-2) their second loss of the season, 15-8, 15-8, 15-7. It was typical Golden Eagle dominance. CSI's big four - Martin, Fabiana de Abreu, Anna Popenko and Roberta Robert - totaled 49 kills.

Lee middle Hellen Ekadel led the Lady Rebels with 18 kills and five errors, but her team hit .185 on the match.

"Stephanie just really took over the match," said CSI head coach Ben Stroud. "And we played really well. We blocked better than we have probably all year."

For the match, CSI outblocked Lee 95-7, and bohered Ekadel and Lee's other big gun Alesha Lincoln, who had 12 kills, most of the night.

CSI controlled the tempo in the

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College of Southern Idaho's Anna Popenko keeps the ball alive with a bump as teammate Fabiana De Abreu looks on during the Golden Eagles' third-place NJCAA tournament win Wednesday.

Tiger slams the door - again



Tiger Woods, who won the PGA Grand Slam of Golf on Wednesday, bounces the ball of his putter during a round earlier in the week.

The Associated Press
POIPIU, Hawaii - Tiger Woods won his second straight PGA Grand Slam of Golf title by defeating Davis Love III 3 and 2 Wednesday.
Woods moved in front on the 524-yard second hole with an eagle and, by the turn, had built a 5-up advantage.
The PGA winner completed the front 9 at the 6,957-yard Poipu Bay Resort in 5-under-par 31, while Love, who made into the tournament as an alternate following the death of Payne Stewart, was at 1-over 37.
Love birdied 12th and 13th holes to cut Woods' lead to 3 up, but it wasn't enough.
A day earlier, Woods had to go deep into the back 9 to defeat Paul Lawrie. Love, meanwhile, routed Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal 6 and 5.
Woods, who entered with \$7,281,626 in winnings this year, won another \$400,000. He has won 10 of his last 14 tournaments.
The third-place match ended when Lawrie conceded to Olazabal after twisting his right ankle. The British Open winner was walking from the ninth green to the 10th tee when he stumbled over some rocks. Olazabal was leading 1 up at the time.
Lawrie was taken to a hospital and the extent of his injury was not immediately known.

Holiday games launch pivotal NFL weekend

**By Dave Goldberg
The Associated Press**
Six years after Leon Lett's "Let it Be" game, Miami is back in Dallas today for Thanksgiving and what's supposed to be a matchup of two of the NFL's premier quarterbacks, Dan Marino and Troy Aikman.
It still is, but it's a little tarnished.
Aikman will probably start for Dallas after missing a game with a concussion, and Marino, out six weeks with a pinched nerve in his neck, may start for the Dolphins out of necessity. Damon Hubbard, who has started the last five games and posted a 4-1 record, has a broken nose.
"I would be hopeful that one of them would be ready to go," Jimmy Johnson says of his two QBs. "It may be we go in there and think that whoever starts may not be able to play the entire time. Everything is pretty much up in the air."
NFL picks
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Dallas' Troy Aikman attempts a pass as Philadelphia's Matt Maunu tries to tackle him during their game Dec. 10.

PREPARING FOR THE GAMES

Sun Valley planners eye status as cross-country training Mecca

**By Karen Bosstick
Times-News correspondent**
KETCHUM - The Norwegian cross-country ski team is almost certain to make Sun Valley its summer and winter Olympic training base.
If it does, other cross-country ski teams may follow, giving the area a big economic and promotional boost.
"Typically, Olympic teams want to follow the best, and the Norwegians are the best when it comes to cross-country skiing," said Jan Wilson, a member of Idaho's 2002 Winter Games Executive Committee.
Wilson spoke last week at the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce's initial Olympic planning committee. A dozen people attended the meeting, including representatives from the U.S. Forest Service, resort properties, Smith's Sport Optics, the Sun Valley Gallery

Association and the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce.
The goal: to discuss ways the area can benefit from its close proximity to the Winter Olympic Games being held in Salt Lake City during February 2002.
The committee identified several key ways Sun Valley can promote itself and benefit economically from the first Olympics to be held in the Intermountain West - the first winter Olympics staged anywhere in the West since the Games were held in Squaw Valley, Calif., in 1960.
Among some of those ideas:
• Attract Utah residents to Idaho
This includes renting property to Utah residents who have rented their homes and left the area in order to make extra money and avoid expected crowds.
It also involves targeting Utah skiers and snowboarders who may be prohibited from skiing at their own ski resorts prior to and during the Olympics with the enticement to "Avoid the Crowds" or

"Experience the Solitude of Idaho."
That may be more perception than fact, though, cautioned Liz Caldwell of Sun Valley Connections. There was cable room on Nagano, Japan, ski slopes a couple years ago, she said, because recreational skiers stayed away thinking the slopes would be too crowded.
• Launch a One School/One Nation program
Each school in Utah is adopting a nation and learning about its culture. The plan is for children to meet athletes from these nations, said Wilson, who owns Jan Wilson Gallery in Ketchum.
• Stage exhibitions and events
The International 2000 Cross-Country Race Series will be held this winter at Galano Lodge north of Ketchum, and Idaho Olympic planners hope to snag the event in 2002 as well. The 2002 event would likely attract all the Olympic Nordic racers since it would be held just prior to the Olympics, Wilson said.

Sun Valley Ice Rink could stage an exhibition of former Olympic ice skaters. Sun Valley also could host a "corporate fun games," with emphasis on Olympic events like ski jumping, or an Outward Bound-type event that could involve corporate executives and possibly a few Olympic athletes. A corporation wouldn't have to be an official Olympic sponsor to sponsor such games.
Sun Valley could also invite some 2,500 Paralympic athletes and their families to the area for a celebration following the Paralympics, which will be held March 7-24, 2002, in Salt Lake.
• Set up Olympic training sites
The Atlanta Olympic Organizing Committee helped its entire state by setting up training sites in 65 Georgia communities prior to the 1996 Olympic games. And the five-hour drive between Salt Lake and Sun Valley is not considered

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Duncan goes off, Robinson goes down Satan, Brown bedevil hapless Washington

BOSTON (AP) — Tim Duncan scored 31 points, grabbed 15 rebounds and scared the Spurs when he hit teammate David Robinson in the head as San Antonio cruised to a 121-96 win over the Boston Celtics on Wednesday night.

There was little doubt the defending NBA champions would win their third consecutive game after building a 33-20 lead after the first quarter. But near the end of the second, Duncan followed up his own miss and inadvertently hit Robinson on the top of the head.

The Spurs' stunned center crumpled to the court, first holding his head, then his right shoulder. He lay under his own basket for more than two minutes as many of his teammates surrounded him.

Robinson left for the locker room with 121 left in the half and San Antonio leading 69-53. But he returned to play the first eight minutes of the third quarter before sitting out the rest of the game and finishing with 10 points and nine rebounds in 35 minutes.

Wizards 101, 76ers 93
PHILADELPHIA — Reserve Tracy Murray scored 19 points as the Washington Wizards defeated an injury-riddled Philadelphia 76ers.

Isaac Austin added 15 points and Strickland had 10 assists for the Wizards, who came a 12-point deficit in the third quarter.



Tim Duncan's 31 points, 15 rebounds helped the Spurs win against Boston's David Robinson on Wednesday night.

Hornets 89, Celtics 73
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Eddie Jones led six Charlotte players in double figures with 16 points, and the Hornets held Washington to four third-quarter field goals in a 18-10 run, sending the Wizards to its 22nd consecutive loss on the road. Leading the way was Jones, who came in averaging an NBA-best 29.9 points and had five more against the Celtics.

Hornet 93, Hawks 91
MEMPHIS — Dan Majerle sank a 3-pointer with 1:15 left to give the Miami Heat a victory over the Atlanta Hawks.

Magic 112, Mavericks 100
ORLANDO, Fla. — Darrell Armstrong scored a career-high

NBA

33 points as the Orlando Magic beat the Dallas Mavericks. Armstrong, whose previous high was 29 points, made 12 of 20 shots, including 6-of-11 on 3-pointers. Michael Finley led Dallas with 35 points on 15-of-34 shooting.

Erick Strickland hit a 3-pointer with 41.3 seconds remaining to cut Orlando's lead to 104-100, but the Magic closed the game with the first time in five games.

Trail Blazers 89, Timberwolves 81
MINNEAPOLIS — Damon Stoudamire scored 16 points during a key third-quarter run and the Portland Trail Blazers held Kevin Garnett to 11 points.

Stoudamire and Steve Smith each finished with 18 points for Portland, which won for the seventh time in eight games.

Bucks 102, Bulls 95
MILWAUKEE — Glenn Robinson scored 22 points and Ray Allen added 18 as the Milwaukee Bucks beat the Chicago Bulls.

NHL

Hurricanes 1, Canucks 1
RALEIGH, N.C. — Sami Kapanen's team-leading 10th goal of the season helped the Carolina Hurricanes defeat the Vancouver Canucks 1-1 on Wednesday night.

Red Wings 4, Blues 2
DETROIT — Steve Yzerman had two assists as the Detroit Red Wings took sole possession of first place in the Central Division by beating the St. Louis Blues.

Rangers 6, Lightning 3
TAMPA FLA. — The New York Rangers stopped a three-game losing streak, but lost defenseman Brian Leetch to a broken right forearm in a win over the Tampa Lightning.

Fluors 6, Panthers 1
SUNRISI, Fla. — Eric Lindros scored a pair of goals and John Vanbiesbrouck beat his former team for the second time this season as Philadelphia blasted Florida.

NHL

Buffalo outshot Washington to win its third straight game. Capitals goaltender Olin Kolzig made 28 saves, while Sabres rookie goalie Martin Biron had 27 stops.

Bruins 5, Predators 2
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Dave Andreychuk scored the go-ahead goal in the second period, his 15th of the season, as the Boston Bruins continued their domination over the Nashville Predators.

Boston scored four of its goals in the second on nine shots against goaltender Mike Dunham.

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

NBA standings table showing Eastern and Western Conference rankings for various teams.

NFL standings table showing AFC and NFC divisions.

MLB standings table showing American League and National League divisions.

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Rookies everywhere: NFL coaches rely on new talent

The Associated Press

Blame it on the salary cap. Or impatient coaches. Or the skill of the newcomers.

Whatever the reasons, rookies are having as big an impact in the NFL this season as in any year of the '90s. And it's happening even without much contribution from the five quarterbacks selected in the first round of the draft.

"If those guys are the best players, they are going to play," says Dolphins coach Jimmy Johnson, who has never had a problem playing rookies. "That's the approach everyone is taking."

Of course, it's an easier approach to take when the rookies are as good as Edgerrin James, Kevin Johnson, Jevon Kearse and Champ Bailey, all big-time playmakers.

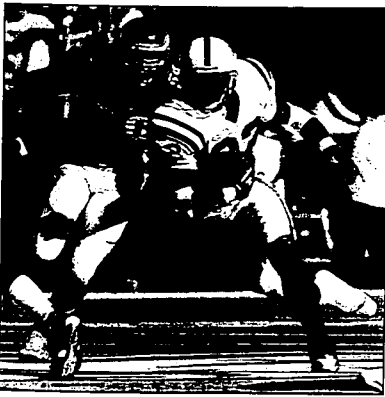
Or as solid as linemen Jon Jansen, Randy Thomas, Mike Pringley and Doug Brzezinska. Or as point-producing as kicker Kris Brown and Martin Gramatica.

No team has relied on rookies this season as much as Green Bay, which has used three first-year defensive backs in a division that features Randy Moss, Cris Carter and Curtis Conway.

"We put our faith in these three guys, and they've been everything we asked them to be," Packers coach Ray Rhodes says of Mike McKenzie, the best of the trio despite being the lowest pick (third round) behind Edwards and Fred Vinson. "They're young, but we've been counting on them a whole lot."

Many other teams have also counted on rookies to defend backs. Bailey has been a stand-out for Washington, while Fernando Bryant starts on the league's stingiest defense in Jacksonville. Cory Hall is the regular free safety for one of the league's most charitable defenses in Cincinnati.

Dayton McCutcheon starts at



Indianapolis Colts rookie running back Edgerrin James, right, rushes past Philadelphia Eagles Mike Mumpal Sunday. James ran for 152 yards in the Colts' 44-17 win.

cornerback for Cleveland and Chris McAlister does the same in Baltimore. Pierson Prioleau started twice for San Francisco, then was benched.

Bailey, who also played offense at Georgia but hasn't seen any double duty for the Redskins, has passed most of his early tests. He's been solid enough that opponents no longer throw exclusively to his side of the field, instead testing 39-year-old Darrell Green, a perennial Pro Bowler.

"I'm still trying to build up my strength," Bailey says. "I have a long way to go and I'm not at my peak now. I'm still learning and I'll get stronger, and in a couple of years, I'll be where I want to be."

Every rookie would like to be where James is: on an 8-2 team, playing on an offense with Peyton Manning and Marvin Harrison. James leads the AFC in rushing with 1,066 yards, is tops in the league with 1,420 total yards and has nine TDs.

He's far outdone Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams, for whom New Orleans traded its entire draft after Indianapolis selected James. To be fair, though, Williams has been played by injuries.

"He is such a threat in all phases of the game, running inside, running outside, short yardage, on the goal line, and now he's a big threat in the passing game," Manning says of James. "I really feel the defense

has to account for him on every single play."

Just like the offense must plan to stop Kearse, the Tennessee defensive end known as "The Freak."

Kearse, a linebacker at Florida, has 7.5 sacks. He sacked Cleveland's Tim Couch, the top pick in the draft, three times in a game and so unnerved Rams tackle Fred Miller that he was flagged for six false starts.

Coach Jeff Fisher already has compared him to a young Reggie White.

"He's still only scratched the surface," defensive coordinator Gregg Williams says. "His pride right now is outstanding. He wants to be very, very good. He's easy to motivate in that respect."

Kearse has seen a change in the way he is regarded by his coaches and opponents.

"I feel like the coaches, as each game goes by, they're gaining more and more confidence in me," Kearse says. "I'm also gaining respect from other teams' offensive tackles."

He won't play against the best of these tackles, Washington's Jensen, during the regular season. It would be a terrific contest, because Jensen, a second-rounder from Michigan, might match up well with Kearse. He has handled more experienced pass rushers, including the Giants' Michael Strahan, an All-Pro last year.

"He's made a ton of progress," offensive line coach Russ Grimm says. "There's a lot of different looks and a lot of different things he hasn't seen yet, but he's got good football habits. He's a hard worker. He studies. He's got football smarts."

Rookies who don't show football smarts or make rapid progress rarely play. Among the disappointments this season have been Cowboys DE Ebenezer Ekuban, Chiefs tackle John Tait, Giants guard Luke Petitgoat, Seahawks DE Lamar King and Buc's DT Anthony

McFarland.

And, of course, the troubled Dimitris Underwood.

But their shortcomings have been far exceeded by the achievements of this year's successes, including Patriots center Damien Woody and linebacker Andy Katzenmoyer; Rams receiver Torry Holt; and linebacker Al Wilson, running back Olandis Gary and kick returner Chris Watson, all of the Broncos.

Then there's Bears DE Russell Davis; Eagles linebacker Barry Golder; Lions linebacker Chris Clairborne; Seahawks kicker returner Charlie Rogers; Dolphins running backs Cecil Collins, J.J. Johnson and Ron Konrad; Browns linebacker Wali Rainer; Bills cornerback Antoine

Winfield; and receiver-kick returner Terrence Wilkins in Indianapolis.

None of the quarterbacks have been special. Coach was a backup for all of one game with the expansion Browns, and the experience he is getting behind center certainly will help him.

Donovan McNabb, the No. 2 overall selection, said running journeyman Doug Pederson for the Eagles for half of the season, but now starts. Akili Smith took over for Jeff Blake after Cincinnati's 0-4 start, but four games later went out with a severely sprained toe. Cade McNown got into every Bears game for which he was healthy and started three times, but he looked very raw when he played.

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Erickson signs hefty extension

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) - Dennis Erickson, who led Oregon State to its first winning season since 1970, has signed a contract extension through the 2004 season.

Erickson, 52, also will receive a huge raise - from \$300,000 a year to \$480,000, the school announced Tuesday.

Erickson signed a five-year deal in January, two weeks after being fired as coach of the Seattle Seahawks.

But after the Beavers broke their NCAA-record streak of 28 straight losing seasons with a 7-4 record, Oregon State athletic director Mitch Barnhart wanted to preempt any offers from other schools.

Barnhart and Erickson agreed to the new five-year deal earlier this week. Erickson also will earn income from radio and television apparel contracts and football camps.

The school also announced Tuesday it has extended the contract for Barnhart, now in his second year at Oregon State. A new four-year rolling contract calls for a salary of \$180,000 after his original contract called for a base salary of \$165,000.

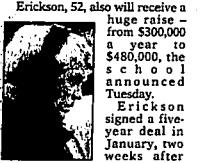
"I am very pleased that Dennis Erickson will be our coach for the next five years," said University President Paul Risser. "He has done a superb job this year."

Erickson is the first Oregon State coach to produce a winning record in his first season since Tommy Prothro in 1955. The Beavers are headed to the Oahu Bowl to play Hawaii in Honolulu on Dec. 25. Oregon State's first trip to the postseason since the 1965 Rose Bowl.

Not surprisingly, Erickson was pleased about his new contract.

"I am really excited about having the opportunity to continue working with Mitch and President Risser," Erickson said.

"They both have shown a great commitment to our football program and I am very appreciative of their efforts."



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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Downtown businesses extend Friday hours

TWIN FALLS - Downtown merchants announced several measures they hope will capture a healthy share of holiday shoppers' dollars.

On Friday, colorful gum-ball machines will replace the district's parking meters. That means shoppers will have free streetside parking with a two-hour limit through Christmas, said the Historic Downtown Business Improvement District's executive director, Randy Bombardier.

Starting this week, almost all downtown businesses will stay open until 8 p.m. on Fridays through Christmas, he said. Many will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sundays for the season.

The Roper's store on Main Avenue began its going-out-of-business sale this week.

Also beginning Friday, every \$10 spent at participating downtown merchants will earn a shopper one chance to win one of three cash-prize pots in December drawings.

Earth Search Sciences enters merger agreement

MCALL - Earth Search Sciences Inc. (OTCBB: ESDS) Wednesday announced it intends to merge with Space Technology Development Corp. of Alexandria, Va.

"This merger with Space Technology Development Corp. if we are able to satisfy all the terms and conditions related to the agreement, will add a significant new technological dimension to the leading package of services Earth Search Sciences offers its clients," said Larry Vance, founder and chairman of Earth Search of McCall.

Space Technology is a privately held company that has provided services to the U.S. government.

Earth Search provides commercial hyperspectral imaging services. The company said it delivers proprietary data to clients engaged in mineral and hydrocarbon exploration, environmental assessment and other activities that require highly accurate information from the surface of the earth.

Bank discloses use of gain helped it beat forecasts

NEW YORK - Bank of America Corp. revealed Wednesday that it used an \$89 million one-time gain to beat third-quarter earnings estimates - a move that was not disclosed to investors when the banking giant announced its results.

In a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Charlotte, N.C.-based bank with Magic Valley branches said it booked the gain from the sale of retail-banking operations in Asia and an online auto-loan unit. But the amount was not revealed when it reported earnings in October that beat Wall Street estimates by 3 cents.

Bank of America, the nation's second-largest bank, becomes the second financial institution this week to reveal its earnings in October that beat Wall Street estimates by 3 cents.

Analysts said that the disclosure of new data affecting quarterly results six weeks after the banks posted earnings will make them second-guess future numbers.

"Everyone is completely paranoid," said Marni Pont-O'Doherty, an analyst with Keefe Bruyette & Woodie. "The last thing an analyst wants is to be surprised, and you add a healthy distrust because lots of analysts were recommending their stock."

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Little is left of Old Towne warehouse

City required owner to fix it or flatten it

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A narrow, creaking skeleton of heavy wooden beams capped with a metal roof was all that remained Wednesday of an Old Towne warehouse.

Under the high roof, a few rows of small windows - many of their panes broken - still looked out on the piles of concrete rubble and wood scraps where a lumberer labored. A few ragged boards clung to the frame, a once magnificent post-and-beam structure.

The long-vacant warehouse, part of early Twin Falls' bustling commercial and industrial district, had to shuffle into oblivion because the city deemed it unsafe.

Many are working to give Old Towne new life as a center for pedestrians, specialty shopping, dining and entertainment. But no plans have been announced for the site being cleared at the corner of Second Street South and Third Avenue South, across an alley from The Salvation Army.

The city has issued no building permit for the site other than a demolition permit.

In an April storm, metal that blew off the 211 Third Ave. S. warehouse struck electrical wires, causing a power outage and about \$7,000 damage to a neighbor-

ing business, said Marianne Barker, Twin Falls' building official.

In a May 11 order, the city required the owner either to replace the building's siding and roofing or to vacate and demolish it by July 20, Barker said. The order, issued by Barker's predecessor, said the warehouse was dangerous because metal siding on its walls was loose and susceptible to blowing off, and metal roofing was absent in some places and loose in others.

"We were the bad boys behind it, in a way," said the Historic Downtown Business Improvement District's executive director, Randy Bombardier. Some Old Towne and downtown business people had complained about dangers the building posed, he said.

After the windy spring day, he said, "we knew we had a bad situation there."

so the business districts asked the city to enforce its rules about dangerous structures.

The demolition project is past its city-imposed deadline, but the building department worked with the owner to find a contractor and overcome other hurdles, Barker said. And the city prefers to leave demolition to the owner instead of tackling the task itself, she said.

It would be exciting to see something new spring up on the site, Barker said.

"It's kind of sad to see the old building go, in a way," she said, "but sometimes they're in disrepair and maybe it's time for something new."

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WESTERN BUSINESS



Richard Tait, left, fires off a quick round of 52-card-pick-up as he and business partner Whit Alexander demonstrate their board game, "Cranium," in Seattle. The new low-tech game is taking the nation by storm.

Brain teaser game goes well for former Microsoft employees

The Associated Press

SEATTLE - Seattle's computer junkies are probably the last ones you'd expect to shun Nintendo and Tetris for a board game. But a new low-tech game is taking the city - and the nation - by storm.

The inventors - two former Microsoft employees - simply knew the secret to launching their game, "Cranium" here. Go to Starbucks.

Seattle's coffee lovers have become Cranium lovers. And since the game's debut in

November 1998, Cranium has become a hot item, selling 800,000 games in the past year - mostly through Starbucks coffee houses.

"We were very willing to change the rules," said Cranium co-founder Richard Tait. "No one had ever sold a game through Starbucks before. We have now become one of their top-selling products and the only game they sell."

Cranium Inc. was named the "hottest new start-up company of the past three years" by Inc. magazine in its July edition.

From the get-go, Tait and his partner, Whit Alexander, put their Microsoft business experience to work for them by creating a content-rich product and by being flexible about who distributed the game. As it happened, Starbucks was a better option than the traditional stores like Toys R Us for the \$35 game.

"Cranium's thought-provoking content and the way it naturally brings people together creates the kind of experience Starbucks customers love," said Tait. Please see GAME, Page C8

U S West fails in bid to keep data private

Colorado PUC says documents on phone company's problems will be made public

Knight Ridder News Service

DENVER - Colorado regulators this week rejected much of a request by U S West to stamp out confidential detailed information about the phone company's problems with delayed telephone hookups and repairs around the state.

U S West had asked the Colorado Public Utilities Commission to keep the data secret at a five-day hearing next week on the company's services woes dating back to 1998. The PUC will use the hearing to decide whether to seek fines or customer refunds from the regional phone company, which also provides local phone service to the Magic Valley.

The Denver company argued that release of the information would give rivals an unfair advantage and allow them to steal customers.

But PUC spokesman Terry Bote said the PUC decided the "vast majority of the informa-

tion will be treated as public documents" at the hearing, which begins Monday.

In general, Bote said, information about delayed phone service and repairs among U S West's individual service areas across the state will be considered public information. The company serves more than 160 so-called "wire centers."

Information about individual customers will, however, remain confidential.

U S West has until Friday to decide whether to go to court to seek an order to prevent release of the data.

"We are taking a look at our legal options," said U S West spokeswoman Anna Osborn.

Colorado's top consumer watchdog hailed the PUC's decision.

"We're very pleased by the decision. We think it's a major step forward and the commission should be congratulated for

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U S West is king of the hill in DSL technology sales

By Don Knox
Knight Ridder News Service

DENVER - When it comes to high-speed Internet access, the hot new company used to be the old old company.

U-S-West-Interprise Networking group, a unit of the Denver phone giant, is the country's undisputed leader selling so-called DSL technology to Net users. It bests both its Bell siblings and a host of aggressive startups.

But the market that allowed Interprise to grow from "zero people and zero revenue" in 1992 to 1,700 employees and \$950 million today is changing dramatically.

What's Joe Zell doing to be

Twin Falls' situation

U S West, which provides local phone service to the Magic Valley, announced recently that it has budgeted money to deploy DSL in Twin Falls sometime in 2000.

But only a third of the city's more than 26,000 loops of wire will qualify for the new service. The key factor is proximity to the company's central office - as the copier who runs, not as the copier flies - so downtown is likely to have access in the initial phase.

innovative now? Zell, Interprise's president, helped his company get its early lead in DSL, the awkwardly named phone-based Internet service that competes with

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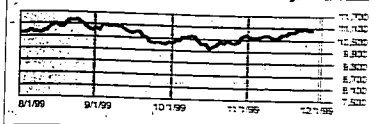
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Tech stocks drive up Nasdaq

NEW YORK (AP) - Technology stocks bounded higher Wednesday, driving the Nasdaq composite index to a new record high and lifting the broader market in a quiet session ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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The FCC is making the decision in this case available to the public. Ken Reiff, director of Colorado's Office of Consumer Counsel.

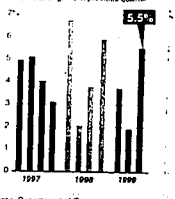
Growth may trigger another rate increase

WASHINGTON (AP) - Economic growth barreled ahead in the third quarter, propelled by brisk consumer spending, and the continuing strong growth is raising expectations that the Federal Reserve will bump up interest rates again early next year.

Reserve raised interest rates for a third time this year to slow down the economy and keep inflation under control. But Fed policy-makers signaled they may be content to leave rates alone for the rest of the year.

GDP Growth

Here is a look at the gross domestic product, which measures all goods and services produced by workers and capital located in the United States, regardless of ownership.



King

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cable modems and fixed-base wireless efforts. The company sells the service - which stands for "digital subscriber loop" - under the Magill brand name.

in other words, it's Zell's lead to let or lose. Some of the products announced Monday - including reasonably priced Net service for the TV market - will be popular so long as U.S. West can actually deliver the products it is purporting to sell.

This means that within the space of a few months, U.S. West could be a credible alternative to your local video-rental store. It also means that additional services are what will differentiate Magill from offerings from Rhythms (also based in Denver), Comcast and DSL competitor, Northprint. "They're selling pipes," he says, dismissively. When it comes to high-speed Internet access, content will be just as important, he suggests.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with multiple columns listing stock prices, changes, and market data for the New York Stock Exchange.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table showing NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ market activity, including volume, high/low, and net change.

INDEXES

Table listing various market indexes such as Dow Jones, S&P 500, and Russell 2000 with their respective values and changes.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing stocks of local interest with columns for stock name, price, and change.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Information on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the NYSE and 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are ranked by assets under management.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Large table listing NASDAQ National Market data, including stock prices, changes, and market statistics.

MARKETS

Camas RailNet moves to keep option of closing line

LEWISTON (AP) - Camas RailNet has filed a legal notice to keep the option of closing three years to close a line between Grangeville and Spalding.

"The problem is that line is so expensive to maintain and there's no one to run it that it's generated off the line to support it by itself," Paul Wyatt, Camas RailNet general manager and an owner said Tuesday.

Burlington Northern owned the 196-mile line until the spring of 1998 and also continuously filed the legal paperwork necessary to keep the closure option open.

When North American RailNet of Bedford, Texas, took ownership of Burlington Northern's Camas River Railroad in Lewiston last spring, the company said it would try to increase business on the line.

But the grain shipping season just completed was substantially smaller than the railroad expected, partially because of a reduced harvest, he said.

really hadn't been any breakouts since Pictonary and Trival Pursuit.

"We were ready for a David and Goliath challenge," Tait added. "We thought we could bring a new IQ to the board game world and shake things up a little."

"It came up with the idea while on vacation with his wife. Sitting around on a rainy day in the tony Hamptons in New York, they played Pictonary with another couple and another game.

Then they played Scrabble with the other couple, winning just as easily.

"I asked myself, 'Why isn't there a game that we can all play and shine at?' So, on the plane home I sketched out this game," Tait said.

For instance, players choosing the "Creative Cat" category might be asked which tree chocolate comes from (cacao) or whether or not Walt Disney's real name is Mortimer Dinerstein (false).

Creative types will enjoy the "Creative Cat" category in which players might be asked to draw an angel with their eyes closed or players who piece of "Star" figure included with the game.

Players who choose the "Star Performer" category may be asked to hum or whistle a tune so that another player can identify it. Or guess a teammate's impression of Ed McMahon.

The fourth category, the "Word Worm," gives players a chance to play words backwards or unscramble a word.

When Tait, 35, and Alexander, 32, left their positions as senior board executives in 1997, they had 15 years of creative software development and distribution expertise between them.

When they balked at doing a computer game, they decided to make a board game.

"We realized that while no computer game has ever made more than a half a billion dollars, several board games have," Alexander said from Cranium's Seattle headquarters. "There

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'Sleepy Hollow' awakens, rubs eyes at legend

By Mary K. Feeney
The Hartford Courant

SLEEPY HOLLOW, N.Y. — Sleepy? Not lately.

In "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," Washington Irving described this Hudson Valley village as "one of the quietest places in the whole world," a place that "breathed forth an atmosphere of dreams and fancies."

"Somehow, it's the year of Sleepy Hollow," says Burns Patterson, public relations director for Historic Hudson Valley, as the premiere of Tim Burton's film "Sleepy Hollow," revived interest in the region.

MTV is filming a special tied to the Burton film at Philipsburg Manor, a restored 17th-century estate built by a Dutch merchant. Bon Appetit magazine plans a travel piece, and USA Today was in town recently.

Every October, the village is haunted by tourists attending Haunted Hayrides and Legend Weekend, a three-day event timed to Halloween. The weekend, which this year attracted more than 5,000 visitors, features re-enactments of Irving's story and readings of the tale in the Old Dutch Church, near where Ichabod Crane clashed with his ghoulish nemesis, the Headless Horseman.

"Sleepy Hollow, a village of 5,000, draws a great deal of its identity from the story Irving wrote in 1819 as part of "The Sketchbook" under the British pen name Geoffrey Crayon. At the time, Britons had little respect for American writers, but that all changed with Irving's book.

For years, the village was known as North Tarrytown. In



Johnny Depp stars as Ichabod Crane in a scene from the Paramount Pictures film 'Sleepy Hollow.'

1996, it changed its name to Sleepy Hollow. Peter Schmidt, co-owner with Jeannie Galgano of Murray Frank's Cards and Gifts in neighboring Tarrytown, says that despite the name change and the festivities, residents can be blasé about the history all around them.

"But the majority of people, when you get them talking, you can tell the interest," he says. The history behind the legend is "all here. It's not in Ohio. This is

the real thing, where Washington Irving came up with the story. You can see in the cemetery where he got the names from."

Most people here know that Burton's film, which stars Johnny Depp as the schoolmaster Crane and Christina Ricci as his beloved Katrina Van Tassel, differs substantially from Irving's story.

"Everybody knows it's not about the Headless Horseman,"

says Sleepy Hollow Mayor Philip Zegarelli. "It bothers some of the purists who believe that the Washington Irving saga should be untouched."

For one, there's Depp, who looks nothing like the gangly, sniped-nosed "scarecrow" Irving describes. In Irving's story, the reticent Crane is

entranced by the beautiful Katrina, but so is the handsome, brushy Brom Van Brant. Crane attends a spirited party at the

home of Katrina's father, where he hears ghost stories and tales of a murderous Hessian horseman. On the way home, Van Brant masquerades as the horseman, so terrifying Crane that he vanishes from the village.

Burton depicts Crane as a New York policeman whose controversial forensic techniques banish him to the small town of Sleepy Hollow, the site of some nasty decapitation murders that take

place in a murky forest filled with ghoulish-looking trees.

Burton visited Sleepy Hollow about a dozen times before he began filming, and he studied architectural styles. But Burton needed a large interior sound stage, and there was none nearby. So he moved the production to a location outside London, where he created a haunted gothic world in which to set his story.

This mystifies a lot of people here. Sleepy Hollow has the Old Dutch Church and adjacent cemeteries, where Irving is buried along with Eleanor Van Tassel Brush, a probable model for Irving's heroine Katrina. The "Headless Horseman Bridge," dating to pre-Revolutionary times, is no longer, but its abutments are. And there's the majestic Hudson, a daily part of Irving's life for many years.

As a tour guide at Sunnyside for 8 years, Russell Hubbard is a repository of knowledge about Irving and his world and has appeared in several documentaries to talk about it. Dressed in a high-crowned hat and vintage black suit with watch chain, Hubbard is an American-history buff and said his eyes "bulged out" when he saw an ad for a job at Sunnyside, which originally was the Van Tassel family farm.

During a tour of the charming estate, situated on the widest point of the Hudson River (3 miles), Hubbard rattles off facts in the manner of a professor and often stops to deliver a quote in the character of Irving, or in the Irish-accented voice of his servant. He knows every picture on the wall and the origin of the wisterias at the entrance (seedlings from John Jacob Astor).

Commenting on the Spanish, Italian and Dutch styles Irving incorporated in his home, Hubbard says, "The whole house is Irving's autobiography in stone, as I like to call it. You might want to take down that quote."

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On the 2nd day of March, 2000, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho...

obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by SHANE D. AMERSON, an unmarried person, as grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, INC., as beneficiary, recorded November 15, 1999, as Instrument No. 19990701730, and assigned to FLEET MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., as beneficiary, recorded December 14, 1994, as Instrument No. 1994000095, Mortgage Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

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sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees authorized by the promissory note secured by the above described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, as follows:
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JULIE KATHLEEN MAY,
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The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 80-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 607 Fern Drive, Kimberly, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

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Lot 7 to Block 50 of BOWDEN TERRACE SUBDIVISION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 11 of Plats, Page 31, Records of said County.

ATTEST MY HAND and seal of said District Court this 28th day of October, 1999.
A/P/Julie Kathryn Sincir, Attorney for Plaintiff, Robert J. Fisher, Attorney for Plaintiff, Robert J. Fisher, Attorney for Plaintiff, Clerk of the Court, Sherry Dawn, Deputy Clerk.

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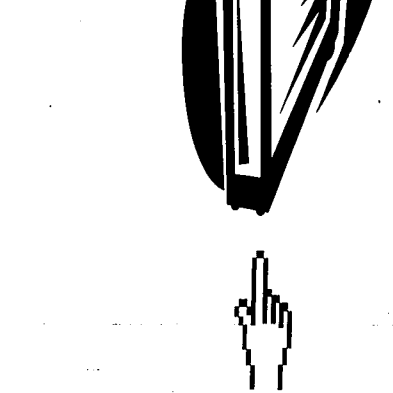
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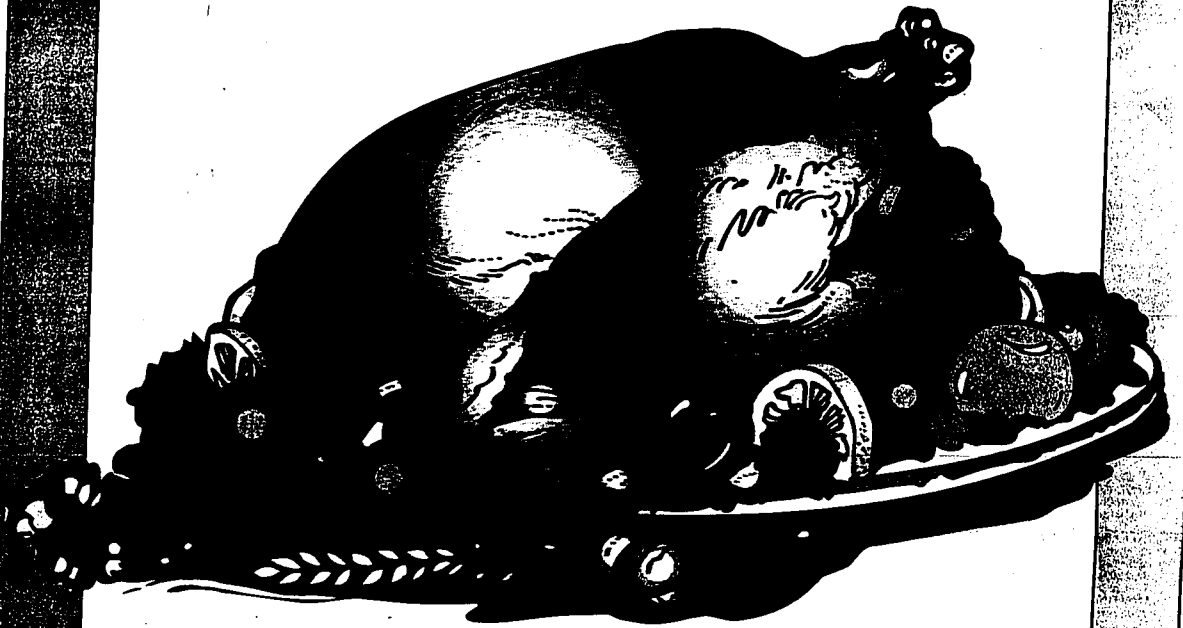
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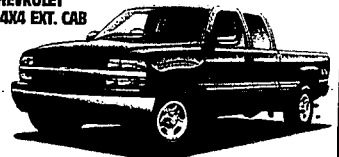
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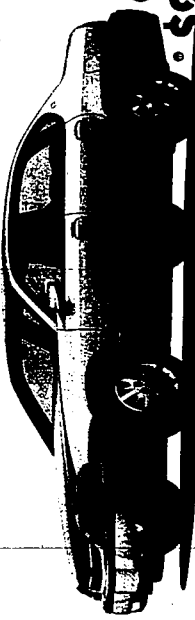
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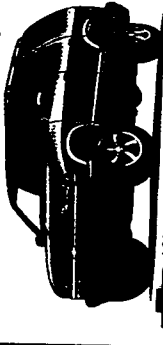
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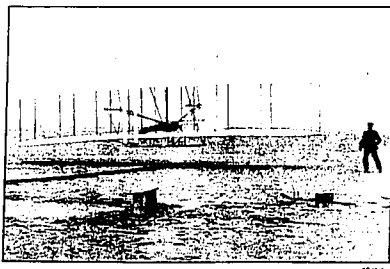
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Orville Wright is at the controls of the Wright Flyer as his brother Wilbur watches from the ground during the plane's first flight at Kitty Hawk, N.C., Dec. 17, 1903.

Dream took wing in 20th Century

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) - Wilbur and Orville would have laughed at the sight. The Boeing 747 squats on the factory floor, a fat-bellied, hump-backed behemoth weighing 400 tons.

This beast? Fly? Not a chance, the Wright brothers could have told you. In their day, both the notion of flight and the contraptions devised to achieve it were tentative things, prone to wavering, buckling and crashing.

The Wrights' historic first flight in December 1903 covered all of 120 feet. Had they launched their aircraft at the back of the Boeing 747's economy section, they wouldn't have made it to first class.

But they got far enough. What the Wright brothers began on the windy dunes of Kitty Hawk, N.C., transformed the world. The history of flight is strictly a 20th century phenomenon, an extraordinary progression of technological advances crammed into a dizzyingly short time frame.

Aircraft changed the way wars are fought. They shrank the world so that now, there's almost no place on Earth that can't be reached in less than a day from any other place. Aircraft designers have prodded developments in other spheres of technology, demanding constant advances in electronics, engines and light-weight materials. Flight paved the way for the space program and an escape from the planet.

Airplanes not only lifted people and packages, says Tom Crouch, senior curator of aeronautics at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum. They also carried our imagination aloft.

"The real impact was on our vision as a human species," Crouch says. "Before 1903, you heard, 'If God had meant for us to fly, he would have given us wings.' After 1903, people said, 'If humans can build a machine to take us into the air, what can't we do?'"

From the ancient Greeks' myth of Icarus to daVinci's sketches of helicopters, the idea of flight long taunted the human imagination, but the reality always seemed just out of reach.

"Not within a thousand years will man ever fly!" Wilbur Wright cried out in 1901, frustrated over the erratic behavior of a glider during his first flight.

He and his brother persevered, however, and their first successful day of powered, sustained and controlled flight set the pace of change for the century to come. On Dec. 17, 1903, after a first flight of 120 feet in 12 seconds, the 12-horsepower Wright Flyer made its first flight. The longest lasted nearly a minute and covered 852 feet.

The Wright brothers kept building upon their successes, joined by other inventors and air enthusiasts in America and Europe. By 1905, the Wrights had developed the first practical airplane, the Flyer 3, which in one flight stayed aloft for 33 minutes and traveled 20 miles.

In 1909, Frenchman Louis Bleriot flew across the English Channel and within two days received orders for more than 100 of his Model XI Monoplanes.

In 1911, American Cal Rodgers flew a Wright airplane across the United States in 64 days.

If such stunts were inspiring, World War I put aviation to use in deadly earnest. Airplanes were employed at first for reconnaissance, but air battles soon followed as each side tried to shoot down the enemy's observation planes.

A rapid escalation of technology followed. Flying aces duelled in the clouds over France. German bombing raids on

London, at first using Zeppelin airships and then giant biplanes with 138-foot wingspans, erased the distinction between soldier and civilian.

"It redefined the battlefield," Crouch says. "The airplane gave you the ability to project force over a distance and attack the enemy where he lived: factories, homes, cities."

After the war, barnstormers thrilled audiences across America, while adventurers kept breaking speed and distance records.

In May 1927, an airmail pilot named Charles Lindbergh made the first solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean, a distance of 5,100 miles in 33 hours. He took off in a fuel-heavy monoplane called the Spirit of St. Louis. He returned to a ticker-tape parade in New York City.

Amelia Earhart captured the world's heart and then broke it, first with her transatlantic solo flight in 1932, then with her disappearance over the Pacific on the last leg of an around-the-world flight in 1937.

If aircraft were testaments to human ingenuity, Earhart symbolized the dauntless spirit of those who flung themselves into the sky. Lines from her poem "Courage" explain what drove her and other aviation pioneers.

"Courage is the price that Life exacts for granting peace.

The soul that knows it not, knows no release.

From little things..."

Where Earhart found adventure, big business saw opportunities for profit and started to focus on how to move more people more efficiently through the air. A breakthrough in commercial aviation came in the late 1930s, when Douglas Aircraft's DC-3, with a cruising speed of 190 mph and a range of 800 miles, showed for the first time that an airplane could carry passengers and make money.

America's involvement in World War II began and ended with the airplane. In December 1941, Japanese warplanes attacked Pearl Harbor, shocking the United States out of its isolationism. Four years later, a Boeing B-29 SuperFortress called the Enola Gay dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima. In between, the United States produced nearly 300,000 military aircraft, including the first practical helicopters.

After the war, jet and rocket engines took aircraft faster, farther and higher. Test pilot Chuck Yeager became the first man to travel faster than a sound, hitting nearly 700 mph in a rocket-powered Bell X-1 during a flight in October 1947. Jet fighters proved themselves in combat during the Korean War. The Boeing 707, introduced in 1958, established jet airliners as a dominant force in passenger aviation.

In the 1960s, the X-15 rocket-propelled plane flew higher and faster than any other airplane in tests done by the Air Force and NASA. It hit a 4,000 mph and soared high enough to earn its pilots astronaut's wings.

By then, however, the greatest glory in the skies was going to the space program. As the rocket race to the moon captured the public's attention, advances in air-breathing aircraft found below stars.

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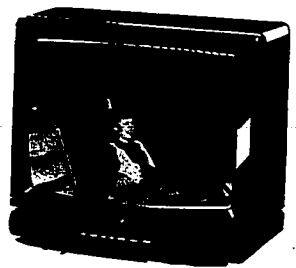
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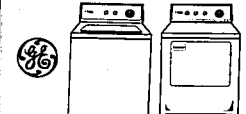
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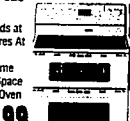
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Flight into space

Confidence conquered the 'final frontier'

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — It was a time when the word "impossible" did not exist. That's the way Gene Cernan remembers it.

Another astronaut, Walter Cunningham, recalls, "We not only believed that we could fly a new spacecraft that they shipped down here, we thought we could fly the crates they shipped them in."

They're talking about the heady days of NASA's Apollo program that put men on the moon, regarded by many as the greatest single achievement of the 20th century and one of the outstanding human endeavors of all time.

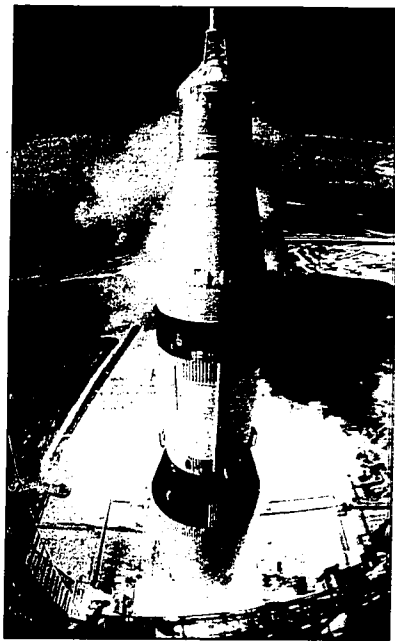
But the enthusiasm, the sense of doing the impossible, is part of the history of rocketry going back to the beginning of this century, when space exploration was no more than science fiction to all but a few true believers.

One of those visionaries was Robert Goddard, the so-called father of American rocketry who was sure rockets could operate even in the vacuum of space. As early as the 1910s, he was writing about moon rockets and ended up being ridiculed for it on the front pages of newspapers. "Madam Jules Verne," the Boston American mocked in 1920.

And yet this was not the stuff of the 19th century French science-fiction writer, but rather the work of a physicist who based his conclusions on rigorous research.

Using gasoline and liquid oxygen, Goddard launched the world's first liquid-propellant rocket in 1926 from his Aunt Effie's farm in Auburn, Mass., next to her cabbage patch. Nine years later, one of his rockets broke the sound barrier.

"How many more years I shall be able to work on the problem, I do not know; I hope as long as I



Apollo 11 astronauts Neil A. Armstrong, Michael Collins and Edwin E. Aldrin Jr. are aboard this spacecraft as it lifts off the pad at Cape Kennedy, Fla., July 17, 1969.

live," Goddard wrote in 1932 to H.G. Wells, author of "The War of the Worlds." The novel had inspired young Goddard back in 1898.

"There can be no thought of finishing, for 'aiming at the stars,'

both literally and figuratively, is a problem to occupy generations, so that no matter how much progress one makes, there is always the thrill of just beginning."

Please see SPACE, page 4.

Flight 1900-2000

The 20th century has been a turning point for mankind, from the Industrial Age to the Space Age. Here is a look at some highlights in the evolution of travel.

- 1783**: The Montgolfier brothers launch the first manned hot air balloon flight.
- 1803**: The first steam-powered airplane is built by George Cayley.
- 1809**: French aviator Louis Bertriot successfully lands at Dover, England, after flying across the English Channel.
- 1853**: The Wright brothers' first powered flight in Kitty Hawk, N.C.
- 1876**: The first motorized airplane is built by Samuel Langley.
- 1878**: The first motorized airplane is built by Otto Lilienthal.
- 1890**: The first motorized airplane is built by Alberto Santos-Dumont.
- 1891**: The first motorized airplane is built by Clément Ader.
- 1894**: The first motorized airplane is built by Gustave Latécoère.
- 1899**: The first motorized airplane is built by Octave Chanute.
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Space

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Just 42 years after Goddard's famous first-of-its-kind launch, at Christmas-time in 1958, Apollo 8's Frank Borman, Jim Lovell and Bill Anders rode a liquid-fueled rocket to the moon.

In all, 24 men flew to the moon. "Moon and back," Apollo 7's commander, Wally Schirra, likes to point out. "We did not turn a round trip from the very beginning. And 'moonandback' is one word, no hyphens. No commas."

Twelve men actually touched the lunar surface: Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, Pete Conrad, Alan Bean, Alan Shepard, Edgar Mitchell, David Scott, James Irwin, John Young, Charles Duke, Gene Cernan, Harrison "Jack" Schmitt.

"It was probably the greatest singular human endeavor, certainly in modern times, maybe in the history of all mankind," says Cernan, who on Dec. 14, 1972, was the last man to walk on the moon.

Remarkably, it took NASA only eight years to put men on the moon once President Kennedy put out the call in 1961. NASA's space station has been nearly 16 years in the making and only two empty pieces are aloft. The space shuttle fleet, grounded this summer and fall by frayed wires, is still an unreliable ferry service 18 years after its debut.

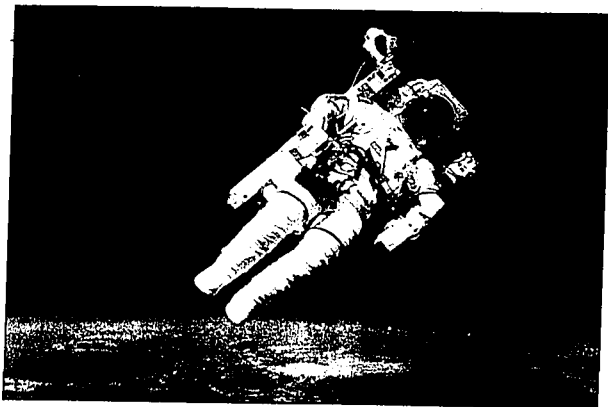
Modern space history makes Apollo all the more wondrous.

Surveys consistently put Armstrong and Aldrin's moonwalk as one of the top news events of the 20th century, while engineering gurus rank Apollo right up there with the pyramids, the Panama Canal and the Manhattan Project.

Those lucky enough to have been alive at the time remember July 20, 1969, with reverence and awe.

"I am convinced that most of us back in 1961 thought what JFK was asking us to do was literally impossible. And yet when the time came to get the job done, there were enough of us who just didn't believe it couldn't be done," Cernan says. He calls that "the spirit...the true legacy of Apollo."

In all likelihood, Armstrong and Aldrin would not have made it to the moon by the end of 1969 if it had not been for another true



Astronaut Bruce McCandless becomes a human satellite as he uses the Manned Maneuvering Unit during the February 1984 space shuttle Challenger mission. By firing small nitrogen-gas jets from his massive pack, McCandless ventured some 300 feet from the Challenger without a tether.

believer: Werner von Braun.

Von Braun's V-2 was the first rocket to pierce the 50-mile-high mark where space officially begins. He was working for the German military in World War II, and the launch took place on Oct. 3, 1942. Interested solely in the V-2's destructive capabilities, Adolf Hitler ordered thousands more.

With World War II ending and Germany losing, von Braun switched allegiances and ended up in America along with most of his team and enough parts to build 100 V-2 rockets.

The Army practiced launching the reassembled V-2s from White Sands, N.M. Then came Bumper, a two-stage rocket with a V-2 as the booster or first stage and a U.S. Army rocket, called the WAC Corporal, as the upper or second stage.

Bumper 1 soared in 1948 from White Sands, and more launches followed before the Army moved its missile operations to Florida. Military officials were drawn by the remote, jutting Cape

Canaveral and all that vacant space to the East, the way the rockets soared. (Verne chose Florida as his fictional launch site, too).

By the time - July 24, 1950 - when Bumper 8 inaugurated launches at Cape Canaveral, the Cold War was pushing rockets faster and farther. And the other side was winning.

The Soviet Union lofted Sputnik 1, the world's first artificial satellite, on Oct. 4, 1957, and in doing so opened the Space Age. Sputnik 2 soared a month later carrying the first creature into orbit, the sturdy, little dog Laika.

After an embarrassing launch failure dubbed Flopnik, the United States finally got its own satellite, Explorer 1, into orbit on Jan. 31, 1958. Later that year, NASA was formed.

The Soviets went on to beat the Americans with the first man in space, Yuri Gagarin in 1961; the first woman in space, Valentina Tereshkova in 1963; and the first spacewalker, Alexei Leonov in

1965. America had its own heroes: Alan Shepard, the first American in space, John Glenn, the first American in orbit, and the rest of the original Mercury Seven bunch, and the Gemini-turned-Apollo astronauts who won the high-stakes race to the moon.

The Soviet Union's secret N-1 super booster simply was no match for America's Saturn V and, in fact, ended up in catastrophe the few times it flew.

The Saturn V, the creation of von Braun and his German-born team, stood as tall as a 36-story building. Even now, decades later, astronauts consider it the finest machine ever built, though they could make light of the rockets built under government contracts.

"How do you think you'd feel if you knew you were on top of 2 million parts built by the lowest bidder...?" was John Glenn's version of a quip that made the rounds.

Joking aside, NASA's complex spacecraft had flaws. The combination of a pure oxygen atmos-

phere and a cumbersome hatch proved fatal for three Apollo astronauts when fire broke out during a practice countdown on Jan. 27, 1967.

Still, all went well enough that nine times, Saturn V rockets lifted men to the moon. Six times, men landed on the moon. Three additional lunar landings were scrapped.

President Nixon was through with the moon. Besides costing billions, there was no political gain in it.

But for many, Mars beckoned. Apollo 7's Cunningham was among those who took part in a 1970 study on new NASA goals and set 1984 as the target date for a possible Mars expedition.

To his everlasting dismay, the plan was rejected - too expensive.

"Today we fail not because of our inability to do anything, we fail today because of our unwillingness to tackle it in the first place. That's what we suffer from today," lamented Cunningham.

Most of the 1970s was dominated by Skylab, the first U.S. space station, and the Apollo-Soyuz mission, a fleeting merger of American astronauts and Soviet cosmonauts that generated little more than PR.

After repeated delays, the space shuttle finally made its debut in 1981.

There were bright spots to be sure: Sally Ride as the first American woman in space, Guy Bluford as the first black American in space, Bruce McCandless as the first human satellite with his jet pack. But as the missions mounted, so did public disinterest. By the time flight No. 25 came along, only one national TV network was broadcasting the launch live even though a schoolteacher was aboard Challenger.

Christa McAuliffe died that cold morning in January 1986, along with all six of her crewmates.

That powerful image of the shuttle bursting apart in the sky contributed, at least in part, to the public's disenchantment with technology, says Alex Roland, a former NASA historian who teaches at Duke University.

"Our generation, when we think of space, we think of Apollo first and then we think of Challenger," says Roland. "And I've had students tell me repeatedly that their image of space flight is Challenger, that Apollo is just history to them."

Fourteen years after Challenger, the space shuttle fleet is closing in on 100 flights. After a shaky start, the Hubble Space Telescope is fulfilling its promise and more. John Glenn has been to space and back a second time at the incredible age of 77. McAuliffe's backup, Barbara Morgan, is a full-fledged astronaut awaiting her first space assignment.

NASA has teamed up with its former rival, the Russian Space Agency, to build an international space station, a partnership bogged down by Russia's economic crisis.

As for sending astronauts to Mars, NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin predicts that will happen "in no less than 10 years and certainly no more than 20."

Apollo 11's Aldrin, who is promoting space tourism, says "I'm sure we'll be back to the moon in 66 years - only to languish for the next 30 in low-Earth orbit."

George Mueller, an aerospace executive who managed NASA's lunar-landing program, says Apollo could and should have led to lunar colonies and Mars outposts before the 20th century was out.

"But in all these years," Mueller says, "there's never been an influence of events of perceived danger, of political necessity, of public pressure for action, that made possible President Kennedy's decision to commit the nation to a lunar landing in the decade."

"Until that combination of events occurs, we can only salute the past."

Never mind that spacecraft have provided every planet but Pluto, and that Voyager 1 has traveled 7 billion miles since its launch in 1977 to make it the most distant spacecraft. Never mind that Goldin expects intelligent, autonomous robots to be blazing the trail for humans through interstellar space one day.

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Gine Larsen, center, greets her mother, Dona Larsen, and other well-wishers Tuesday at the Portland International Airport in Portland, Ore. Gine Larsen recently completed nine months of service in Bosnia.

Forgotten, but not gone: The USO continues on its mission of service

The Seattle Times

SEATAC, Wash. — As he sits in for a night at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Jesse Millstead admits he doesn't know what "USO" stands for.

But the 23-year-old Air Force enlistee knows what the airport's USO center means to him and thousands of other military men and women who pass through the busy airport each year.

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And above all, the Admiral James S. Russell USO center at Sea-Tac means nurturing volunteers to talk enlistees like Millstead through long layovers, homesickness and jitters about new assignments.

"You'll see a nervous kid — new in the service — and kind of talk to him a little," said Tim Savage, a Vietnam veteran and one of the Sea-Tac USO's 130 volunteers. "They don't have too many places left like this."

USO officials say the Sea-Tac center is one of only five left in the country that is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week for military people and families in need of a free place to eat, sleep or unwind.

For proof of its popularity with military personnel and their dependents, consider these numbers: Last year, the Sea-Tac center served 21,832 sandwiches, 47,278 cups of coffee and 757 gallons of milk to 65,268 people.

"It's like having someone invite you into their house and say, 'The food's over here, the bed's here — Help yourself to anything,'" said Millstead, who spent a recent night at the USO before an early flight to his base in Alaska.

The United Service Organizations was created in 1941 to provide recreation, comfort and a "home away from home" for American GIs. During World War II, at the height of the organization's popularity, soldiers and sailors could go to more than 3,000 centers around the world.

But funding shortfalls and reductions in the number of ser-

vicemen and servicewomen have led to numerous closings of USO centers. Today, the USO has 150 centers, 68 of them in the United States.

Many people familiar with the USO think it is a federal agency — the organization that brought Bob Hope, Marilyn Monroe and the Andrews Sisters to overseas troops during wartime, that organized dances and parties wherever soldiers were stationed to keep their spirits high.

But the USO is privately funded, relying heavily on donations to provide entertainment and comfort for troops. "And it's true that during peacetime, people aren't thinking about the troops as much," said Scott Gruber, spokesman for the USO World Headquarters in Washington, D.C. "That means they're not donating to the USO as much."

For Millstead's generation — the first in the 20th century to grow up without a lengthy U.S. war — peacetime is the norm. America has had a long time to forget about the USO.

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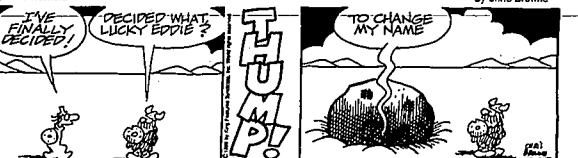
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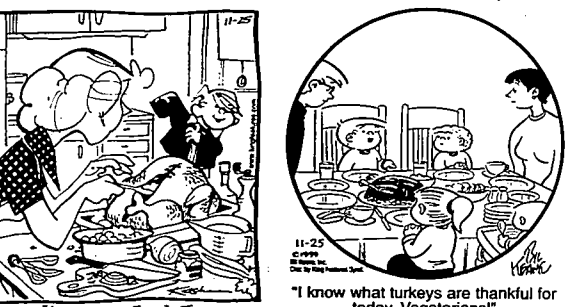


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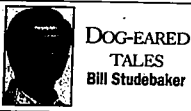
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My heart went faint as I looked up the hillside. My legs began to hurt, thighs mostly, and I could feel the muscles in my buttocks tighten, too. And my lower back was starting to go sour. It was locking up, making my left leg feel clumsy. All this, and I hadn't even taken a step up the hill.

I'm a fair weather hiker. Winter's too cold, summer's too hot. But spring and fall, they're just right. The bad thing is that I don't stay fit for hiking. Each season, I have to kick my proverbial butt and get moving. It isn't as easy as it used to be.

If you're young, go for it. But if you're a middle-aged, not so thin, SUV-driving guy like me, beware. Hiking can be your ticket to trouble. I thought about just abandoning the hike and going straight to the massage table. Lying flat, muscles moving rhythmically beneath a therapist's hands, seemed dream compared with 2,000 agonizing steps up a hill.



DOG-EARED TALES
Bill Studabaker

I forced myself to take a step. My left leg moved ahead and I rose about 6 inches. The top of the hill was infinitesimally closer. I moved my right leg and cut the hill down a little more. Another 2,000 steps and I would be at the top.

I know a 1,000-foot climb isn't much to a mountaineer, or an Iron Man, or Iron Woman. For them, 1,000 feet is just breakfast stuff.

But little goals aren't bad. For me, they are achievable. All those excuses I had at the beginning disappeared when I reached the top. Success helps.

Atop the hill, I found a rock and sat down. I wasn't tired. I wasn't exhausted. My muscles didn't ache.

I sat because the view was wonderful, far and wide. I hadn't considered how many miles I'd driven just to reach the foot of this particular hill. I could look back whence I'd come, and beyond.

It is always spectacular to see the whole valley - highway and houses and fields - patchworked in a crazy quilt of plowed loam.

But contemplating so much territory can be exhausting. That's why I sometimes bring binoculars, so I can see what's happening on the creek bottom far below.

Go figure. Why would I want to hike so I can look at places where I'm not? I thought about this as I looked over the valley, so beautiful, but so far away.

That's when a miracle happened. It wasn't a miracle that comes easily, like moving one foot above the other. It was the kind that makes the skin feel peculiar.

I was drawn back to where I was. I was sitting on top of the hill, just a modest one, that was mostly rock and a few wind-groomed plants, grass and chicken sage.

I scanned the area around me - and beheld a ring of black chips. I picked one up and recognized it as South Hills obsidian. Some folks call it ignimbrite.

The ring around me was large and the chips were several layers high. I looked some more and found a few arrowheads. These heads were flawed, "seconds" as we say now. Their manufacturer had calculated their value and tossed them on the heap.

I was surrounded by a stone-tool maker's slag heap. Maybe a man or woman had sat here, 400, or 500, or 200 years ago and looked out over the same valley I was seeing. Perhaps they thought of game that wandered among the grasses and brush of the small lot below where water nestled after rain storms.

Down in those green areas, a good living could be made.

I saw much more when I looked close around me than when I looked far away. A small hill chosen by me, now, at the end of the 20th century, had been chosen by someone else, centuries ago.

I walked back down the hill much lighter than when I'd walked up it. It wasn't because I was going down. That hurts my old bones, too. It was because I'd shared time, great medicine, with someone a lot older than me.

Bill Studabaker directs the Outdoor Adventure Program at the College of Southern Idaho.

Don't give them just anything, give them...

Gifts worth giving

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Every Christmas, year after year, it's the same old story. Outdoors enthusiasts unwrap presents from relatives who don't know much about outdoor equipment, then felts delight over ridiculous gadgets from well-intentioned but clueless relatives.

You see them before, and maybe you've even gotten a few: battery-powered socks, 19-in-1 bicycle tools, and "whitewater"

rafts that wouldn't last long in a swimming pool.

"See thanks, Aunt Zelda," you say, lying like a rug. "I've been looking all over for a combination poncho-compass-barbecue grill. It's perfect."

Then the item gets stockpiled with all the other useless gear in your basement, attic or garage.

The following, in no particular order, are quality items that won't break the bank - but will be genuinely welcomed by people who are serious about the outdoors.



A good map

If you can't be in the Idaho backcountry, at least you can be studying the Idaho backcountry with a highly detailed map. Raven Maps & Images, a Medford, Ore., cartography firm makes maps that blend precise lines with subtle shading to produce highly functional works of art.

The maps are big (the Idaho edition measures 42 inches by 65 inches) and they reveal a wealth of detail: elevation changes, rivers, lakes, mountains, towns and major roads. Laminated state maps cost \$45, while paper maps cost \$25. To order, call 800-237-0798.

If that's a little too rich for your blood, the U.S. Geological Survey makes a big Idaho map that's almost as good as a Raven map - but costs only \$8 at the Recreational Equipment Inc. store in Boise.



A good movie

Imagine swooping over Idaho's stunning landscape in a helicopter. Imagine how much it would cost. Then consider buying a 60-minute videotape titled, "Idaho: An aerial tapestry."

Produced by Idaho Public Television, the tape offers a good geography lesson for locals and out-of-staters. The Magic Valley and the canyon country of Owyhee County are prominently featured.

Many of the shots are jaw-droppers, with the camera skimming over mountain ridges, swooping into river valleys and playing tag with the wind. Though it has only been out for a few weeks, "Idaho: An aerial tapestry" (\$19.95) has already become IPT's best-selling video. Call 800-543-6868 to order.

A tune-up

Performance is an issue for everybody who takes skiing or snowboarding seriously. In most cases, the equipment doesn't wear out - but it loses its "tune."

There are two solutions: One, pay someone to tune it for you. Or, two, do it yourself.

Fortunately, tuning up the base, wax and edges of your boards doesn't take a lot of time or skill. All you need are the materials, tools and a little time. The return on a 10-minute investment of elbow grease is crisper skiing or snowboarding. Claude's Sports, 1595 Fillmore St., Twin Falls (directly behind WinCo), sells Da Kine deluxe tuning kits for \$54.94. The kit includes a punch, instructions, wax, edge stone file brush, file, P-Tex candles, wax scraper, base scraper, structuring pad, hand edger and beveller.

A downhill struggle

By Mark Twight

Twight tells the story of a desperate retreat down the steep face of Kestner's Narrows Peak. At 23,000 feet, with the summit only 1,200 feet away, Twight and three companions were hit by a storm. The wind began to howl, lightning streaked the sky and snow piled up above them.

"Twight was slowly dying - the altitude was killing him - and hypothermia worked its first magic. I watched him fighting to keep his stud from leaving his body. The avalanche were waist-deep and washed down the face constantly."

The team began to retreat, only to be hit by a big slide that dumped tons of snow on them. All four men clung to a single 1 1/2-inch sling anchored to a single ice piton that, miraculously, didn't fail. They were still alive but slowly losing their grip on control. Then a mix-up caused them to drop their only ropes.

When Robinson asked about the ropes, "We stared horrified at him, at each other, and all sank into the snow, weighed down by the realization. Twelve thousand feet up the biggest wall in the world without any ropes. I looked into the three other sets of knowing eyes and wondered which of us would survive. The team began descending. Twight was convinced he would die, but salvation came from an unlikely source.

"We discovered an old, tartared pack with Japanese characters written on it, clipped to some places at 22,000 feet. We cut it open without expectation - idle curiosity. We could not contain ourselves. First, 50 pitons spilled out, then a dozen ice screws, then chocolate bars. At the bottom, Barry (Blanchard) found two new 50-meter ropes. It was Basille Day and we'd just escaped the gallitrene."

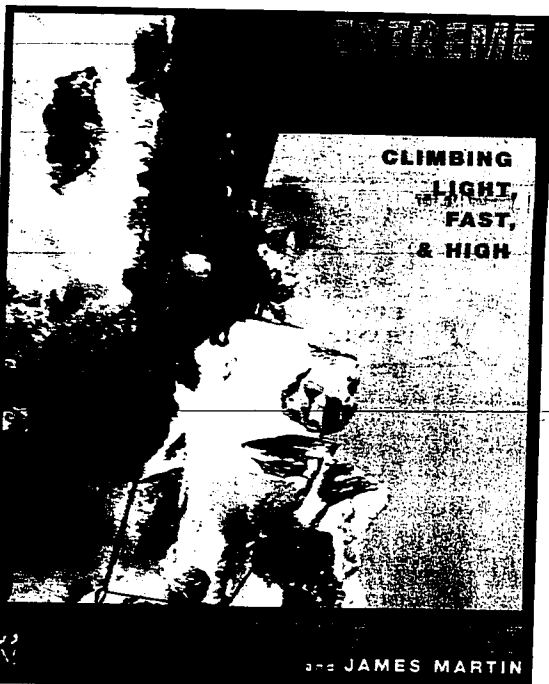
A good drink

Strenuous hiking, cross-country skiing or mountain biking will dehydrate anyone in a surprisingly short period of time. Left unchecked, dehydration can lead to headaches, cramps, sunny thinking and dumb mistakes.

The trick is to stay well-hydrated, without having to stop every few minutes to dig out a water bottle from a rucksack. That's where the K2 Hydrocyclic pack comes in.

A trim, dry little pack, it holds 76 ounces of fluid with a tube that allows the wearer to guzzle on the run. The tube has a unique "bite-valve" to prevent dribbling. The pack also has five strap-down or zippered pockets to carry tool kits, spare inner tubes, Power Bars or extra film.

The K2 Hydrocyclic pack sells for \$29.95 at Blue Lakes Cyclery, 621 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.



CLIMBING LIGHT, FAST, & HIGH

— JAMES MARTIN

A good book

"Extreme Alpinism: Climbing Light, Fast and High" by Mark Twight (with a little help from James Martin) will fascinate hikers and armchair enthusiasts alike. Twight has been one of America's boldest alpine climbers for a couple of decades, and his book is a primer for serious mountaineers.

Though it's aimed at high-end climbers,

"Extreme Alpinism" is loaded with useful tips about how to stay hydrated, strong and alert in the mountains. The book is mostly a how-to guide, but it is sprinkled with essays that underscore the deep psychological commitment needed to stay alive in a vertical world.

"Extreme Alpinism" is available from The Mountaineers, a Seattle-based publishing house, for \$27.95, plus shipping and handling. Call 800-533-4433 to order.

A good pair of underwear

Nothing can ruin an outing like being cold and miserable - and nothing can make you cold and miserable like wet cotton underwear. Wet cotton is always unpleasant, and it can kill you when the weather turns bad in the backcountry.

The first layer of clothing for outdoor fun in winter should always be synthetic underwear. It dries quickly but provides insulation when it's wet. It is the base layer, over which warmer clothes and waterproof shells can be added.

There are many patented fabrics to choose from, but Thermion - made by a company called Layers - is a good one at a fair price. 360-weight tops and bottoms are available for \$22 apiece at Adventure Outfitters, 570 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

OUTDOORS

Sequoia and Kings Canyon parks pin future on the trees

By Zeke Wigglesworth
San Jose Mercury News

SEQUIA NATIONAL PARK - In the century or so that Sequoia has been in existence, the way the National Park Service managed it - as well as other national parks across the United States - has changed drastically.

What was sound park policy in 1920 or 1940 or 1960 is now subject to review as the agency struggles to establish management plans for the new century.

At Sequoia National Park, it means stilling things over. One of the signature areas of the park since the beginning of this century has been Giant Forest, an area near the Lodgepole Ranger Station that contains some of the most spectacular giant sequoia trees in the park. Four of the world's five largest sequoias live here.

In 1899, the first commercial ventures were allowed in the park, and in 1903 a road was built to the forest.

Over the years, the redwood grove became one of the major tourist areas in the park - so popular that a small village was created, complete with a post office, lodge, cabins, restaurants and a market.

In all, about 300 structures were scattered around the grove. It was, by the standards of mid-century America, a good tourist.

But it was also, by century's end, land resource management. The village was begun to kill the grove. The constant stream of visitors, says the park service, resulted in damaged root systems, eroded soil and diverted groundwater flow.

"We suppressed fire, removing a natural process sequoias need to regenerate," the park service says in a new management plan. "We even cut down sequoias to protect cabins."

In 1980, it was recognized that something had to be done at Giant Forest before the great trees - the reason the village was there to begin with - were mortally wounded.

A major proposal was issued, calling for removal of all concession services in the forest and their relocation to another part of the park. But the many budget restraints put the changes in limbo.

In the two decades since then, the way the park service does business has changed. At some of the parks, including Sequoia/Kings Canyon and Yosemite, the government did deals with the so-called "heart-beat deals" many concession companies had.

In the case of California's Big

If you go

If you go to Sequoia and Kings Canyon national parks...

GETTING THERE: The two major highways to the parks are Highway 198, which enters from the north about 50 miles southeast of Fresno, and Highway 198 from the south, about 40 miles from Visalia. The northern route is preferred for recreation vehicles; because of the curves and grades on 198, vehicles longer than 22 feet are not allowed.

CAMPING: Most of the 44 campgrounds are first-come, first-served; a few are open year-round and the rest from about June to mid-September. At the large campgrounds at the Lodgepole Visitors Center and Dorset Creek, reservations are necessary. Call the National Park Reservation Service at (800) 365-2287 or go to its World Wide Web site, <http://www.nps.gov>. Fees range from \$8 to \$18 per site per night.

Wilderness permits: Many of the 100 miles of public lands are open from mid-June to early September. The 45-minute tours are \$12. The cave is reached by a fairly strenuous hike.

OTHER FACILITIES: Grant Grove has a gift shop and a post office with a 24-hour stamp machine. Lodgepole has a market, deli and gift shop open in the summer from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., as well as a post office and showers. In the winter, the deli service moves to the cross-country ski area at nearby Wolverton; other services close around mid-September. The parks have no ATMs or gas stations.

nearby buildings. Rates range from \$75 to \$455 depending on type of room and season. Reservations: (888) 252-5757.

The lodging facilities at Grant Grove in Kings Canyon are open all year. They include rustic cabins (communal showers, no electricity) for \$47, 50x75.50 a night; cabins with private bath for \$98 a night; and the new John Muir Lodge (opened in May), for \$127.50 a night. At Cedar Grove, near road's end in eastern Kings Canyon, there is a motel-style facility with rooms for \$79 and a counter-service meals. Stony Creek Village, in the national forest between Lodgepole and Grant Grove, also provides a motel and counter meals. Stony Creek and Cedar Grove usually close about mid-November. Reservations for Grant Grove, Stony Creek and Cedar Grove are available by calling (509) 335-5500.

Visit www.sequoiapark.com or www.kingscanyon.gov.

CRISTAL TOURS: Crystal Cave, the park's most popular attraction, is open from mid-June to early September. The 45-minute tours are \$12. The cave is reached by a fairly strenuous hike.

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Three, contracts were given to new companies. In addition, the park will operate during the summer entry fees - the funds from which are now mostly retained by the parks themselves.

In 1998, an interim management plan for Sequoia was adopted, based on the 1980 proposal. Of the 300-add buildings that existed in and around Giant Forest, all but four will be removed this summer, almost 200 have been removed, and parts of the forest itself are closed until the rehabilitation project is completed.

Among other projects, the interim plan calls for:

- Restoration of the old market for use as a museum. It is scheduled to open in May 2001.
- Major plant restoration in areas once used for cabins and other buildings. Visitors this month can see on the site of the old lodge, thousands of baby sequoias. Plans call for about 11,600 trees to be planted, 8,800 of them adults.
- Removal of parking areas from the forest. New parking

areas will be built on the edge of the grove, and a shuttle service will operate during the summer peak season.

• Removal of tons of asphalt paving and miles of roads, as well as about eight miles of aerial telephone and electrical wiring.

• Creation of a visitor area at Wuksachi Village, about six miles north of Giant Forest. The park service has already spent about \$40 million on infrastructure at the site. Plans call for a new lodge there (see story below); the John Muir Lodge was also approved for the national Grove area of Kings Canyon National Park.

New trails and interpretative exhibits in the forest, now open for day use only.

In addition to the Giant Forest, the park administration is looking at possible changes in policy for several other areas of the park.

Visitor use is under scrutiny at Mineral King, a hiker's haven (a dusty trail starts there reached by a twisty road at the south edge

This land is whose land?

By Zeke Wigglesworth
San Jose Mercury News

SEQUIA NATIONAL PARK - Whose park is this anyway? Who decides what we do here, where we go, what we see?

The operative word would seem to be "national," meaning it belongs to we, the people. And all we pay for the park's upkeep and the salaries of the rangers and other employees, and we pay a fee to enter the park. So it's ours, right?

Not really. It belongs to us the same way Congress belongs to us - sort of, but remotely and not always the way we want. The grand challenge for the National Park Service has always been determining who, exactly, are "we, the people."

Not all Americans, for example, can afford to pay \$860 plus tax for a one-night stay in a suite at Yosemite's Ahwahnee Hotel - so, should there be suites in a national park?

Not all Americans can afford to pay \$110 for a night at the Yosemite Lodge. Should there be a motel in Yosemite?

Not all Americans can afford to pay \$110 for the new lodge in Sequoia National Park. Same question.

The park service says some trails are open to mountain bikers, some are closed to mountain bikers. Should mountain bikes, horses, llamas, personal watercraft and snowmobiles be allowed in national parks? And who should decide who gets to use those trails and when?

Or, because the bulk of the population in the areas around the national parks in California is Hispanic, are park programs properly addressing ethnic needs? Are there enough ranger programs for Asians? Are camping facilities geared to the disabled or the mentally challenged? Should they be?

It has never been clear how - or if - it's even possible - to make our national park meet the needs of all Americans.

The debates can be broad - how best to protect the parks for future generations - or more

minute, or less imposing considerations.

Take, for example, the current debate going on at Sequoia/Kings Canyon national parks: Should television be allowed in lodges, hotel rooms and other public areas?

According to Michael J. Tollefson, who is the superintendent of both parks, TV sets are something that go against national park philosophy.

Television to compete with park resources and with park and concessioner interpretive programs. They drag the "cosmopolitan" aspects of the world into the park experience. A stay in the Kings Canyon lodge should not be the same as a downtown hotel or an interstate motel or other resort.

Yes, says Tom McFadden, but what do people do after the ranger programs are over at night? What do they do if they simply want to stay in their rooms for a few hours? Why can't guests watch a program or two before turning in?

McFadden is general manager of Delaware North Park Services at Sequoia, the company selected by the National Park Service to be the park concessionaire at Sequoia.

He notes that many of the visitors to the park are families with active children or senior citizens whose level of activity is limited - groups that he says would appreciate TV in their rooms.

"We've even offered to provide a channel for National Park Service programs, so helpful information right in their rooms," he said.

When Delaware North built the Wuksachi, the new lodge in Sequoia, all the rooms and the main lodge area were wired for cable. Permission to install cables was denied by Tollefson, who also denied TV service to the concessionaire at Kings Canyon, the Kings Canyon Park Services Co.

The decision about TV or no TV is not set in stone throughout the national-park system, but is left up to the superintendents of individual parks.

Riders and hikers square off over trails

DARK DIVIDE, Wash. (AP) - John Rankin pauses from huffing and puffing his way up a steep ridge trail. He points to a 3-inch-deep rut gashed into the chalky pumice soil below.

"You can see what a motorcycle does to a trail," Rankin says. "Then the rain comes along and swooshes it out, and you've got ruts."

Here in the outback, amid the stately Douglas fir and Pacific silver fir festooned with feathery moss, people who love the outdoors are coming perilously close to hating each other.

Dirt-bike riders and hikers are squaring off over Forest Service efforts to improve backcountry trails.

The hikers fear that, by making the trails easier and safer for dirt-bikers, the Forest Service will encourage more use by motorized two-wheelers. That, they say, means less enjoyment for those getting around on two legs.

Caught somewhat in the middle are mountain bikers and people like Rankin who enjoy riding horses in the backcountry. While some see the damage dirt bikers can do, others fear the hikers, represented by the Washington Trails Association, might soon try to cut out of the backcountry, too.

On this day, Rankin is hiking a trail in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in southwestern Washington along with representatives of the Forest Service, the dirt bikers, the horse riders and the hikers. They are previewing plans to construct a new trail and improve 20 more trail miles.

The plans would connect long segments of trail to make them into loops suitable for a daylong dirt-bike ride.

An earlier plan by the Forest Service to improve trails in the Dark Divide, an 85-square-mile wilderness between Mount

Adams and Mount St. Helens, was thrown out by U.S. District Court Judge Barbara Rohlfstein, who says that hikers' concerns had been ignored.

This conflict springs from the ways Washingtonians are spending leisure time in the great outdoors. While there are more hikers, a significant number of recreational users choose motorized transport - dirt bikes, all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles and personal water craft.

The National Survey of Recreation and the Environment, last conducted in 1995, estimated there are 1.6 million hikers in Washington, compared with about 704,000 off-road enthusiasts.

And as the state's population continues to expand, legions still relish the solitude of a quiet afternoon in the woods.

Dark Divide, the hikers point out, is the largest remaining piece of backcountry in Western Washington that is not sliced up

by roads and is still in contention to be designated a federal wilderness area. That designation would prevent logging and other commercial activities allowed in some other areas of the forest. It would also keep out dirt bikes.

The more dirt-bike trails are built into an unroaded area like Dark Divide, the hikers say, the harder it will be to eventually persuade Congress to designate it as wilderness.

The dirt bikers say the hikers are overreacting.

"There are some people who don't want to even think about interacting with a mechanized vehicle," said Bruce Miller, a dirt-biker and hiker from the Seattle area.

Hiking activists say dirt bikes leave huge ruts in the trails, a view confirmed by Forest Service employees. Hikers also complain about the noise and, to a lesser degree, the smell of the dirt bikes.

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OUTDOORS

Old Faithful erupts onto the Internet

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) - A new webcam that broadcasts live pictures of Old Faithful Geyser is a big hit on the Internet, accounting on some days for nearly half of the online visits recorded by all National Park Service websites combined.

"It's really been phenomenally successful," said Yellowstone web coordinator Tom Cawley. "As more and more people become aware of it, they're accessing it more and more often."

The webcam has won mentions in newspapers and magazines across the nation. The webcam is accessible through the park's "visiting online" webpage at <http://www.nps.gov/oldfaithful/index.htm>.

On the day that a short story about the webcam appeared in the New York Times last week, the webpage featuring images from the small electronic camera in a window of the Old Faithful Visitor Center logged 181,864 "accesses," more than the number of people who visit Yellowstone on even the busiest summer day.

"That's about the best day so far," Cawley said.

One "access" of the page represents one computer downloading the geyser image from the Internet one time. However, the page automatically updates the image every 30 seconds, and each image represents one more "access" of the page. So someone who keeps the page up on their computer screen for just a few minutes could add to the access count several times.

The Old Faithful webcam is by far the Park Service's most popular web site. On the same day the Yellowstone webcam page recorded 181,864 accesses, the main Park Service webpage was the second most visited Park Service site with just 15,027 accesses.



Lewis-Clark ATV Club president Sam Prehnell takes his all-terrain vehicle for a spin near the Waha area south of Lewiston earlier this month. Prehnell typically travels with an assortment of camping and hunting supplies while traversing the backcountry.

Popularity of all-terrain vehicles on the rise

LEWISTON (AP) - Sam Prehnell can load everything he needs for a weekend in the woods on his all-terrain vehicle. Tent, sleeping bag, mess kit, cooler and even a rifle during hunting season.

He, like tens of thousands of others, have turned the vehicles originally used as workhorses into a full-blown recreational pursuit.

Prehnell is president of the Lewis-Clark ATV Club in Lewiston and is dedicated to preserving riding opportunities on public land. But the group is primarily based on like-minded folks riding, recreating together and having a good time.

To him, the appeal of ATVs is simple.

"Everybody can use them," he said, and at times it seems nearly everyone does.

The versatile vehicles allow campers to venture deep into forests and leave civilization behind. The machines can be loaded with gear that bridges a gap between traditional car campers, hikers and horse riders. They go anywhere.

"It used to be if you weren't a farmer or a hunter, we didn't sell them," said Guy Johnson of Guy's Outdoors. "Now just about everybody and anybody buys them."

The four-wheeled vehicles are ideal for weekend and longer excursions. Outdoors lovers can fit everything on the rigs they need to stay out for a few days. Hunters can venture farther into the backcountry on ATVs and easily pack out a deer or elk.

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation said ATV registration has grown dramati-

cally during the last few years.

In 1995, the state sold 11,327 off-road vehicle stickers. Just three years later the numbers jumped to 21,928, a growth rate of 94 percent. During that time, ATVs have been the hottest selling item for Guy Johnson and his brother, Brad.

"It's just booming," Guy said. "We keep thinking (the market) is going to get saturated, but it keeps growing."

Five years ago the brothers sold more than 100 machines a year and thought sales had reached a peak. Now they annually sell more than 300 ATVs, more than double the amount of snowmobiles they sell.

In 1985 the first model with an automatic transmission was introduced. At the time it was laughed at as a "sissy machine," Guy said. Now most ATVs are automatic,

and models range from large machines to those built for children age 6 and up. Prices range from \$1,700 for a 50-cubic-centimeters model designed for children to \$6,600 for their biggest 500 cc machine.

The reason for the growth is simple, according to fans. They are fun, easy to ride and relatively safe.

"It's a chance for people to get out and have a little adventure," said John Erbst, president of Orofino-based Public Lands Access Year Round, an ATV group dedicated to preserving riding opportunities on national forests.

Local groups aimed at protecting access and bringing ATV riders together have formed in recent years. The Lewis-Clark ATV Club plans several family-oriented rides

each year and up to four each month during the summer. Members also volunteer time and labor to fix trails on local national forests.

Prehnell has a thick photo album that chronicles his group's many trail maintenance outings over the last few years.

"We're into saving the land and saving the animals and working with Fish and Game," Prehnell said.

This weekend, take a stand for hunting

By Ray Sasser
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS - The Thanksgiving holidays represent the peak hunting period for Texas white-tailed deer. Many hunters can dedicate a long weekend to deer hunting, and hopefully, cooler weather will prompt increased deer movement. In North Texas, the rut (deer breeding season) should be in full swing. Late November is the leading edge of the South Texas rut.

It's definitely time to take a stand for deer hunting. The best method for getting a broadside, standing shot at a mature buck is to sit patiently in a good spot until the deer walks past.

Productive deer stands run the gamut from a rock on a hill overlooking a brushy draw to hydraulic devices mounted in the bed of a pickup truck. Climb into the latter, push a button and up you go, elevator style.

In 1990, Phillip Harrison rolled into Eagle Pass with the ultimate Rubs Goldberg hunting rig. Harrison had bought an aluminum Genie light bulb changer designed to change light bulbs in high ceilings.

He bolted a tripod blind to the platform, which could be elevated by turning a crank. Harrison's nephews, Casey and Doug Harrison, nearly laughed him out of the hunting camp. The laughter ceased when they saw how well the homemade high-rise worked.

"We got to thinking about the concept and decided to build our

own version of a blind you can raise or lower," said Casey Harrison. "For mobility, we mounted our blind in the back of a hunting truck. We built it out of steel, for strength, and incorporated a 12-volt hydraulic unit to raise and lower the blind at the push of a button."

Though they built the blind for their own use, every time the Harrison brothers stopped for gas between their Fort Worth homes and their Eagle Pass hunting lease, another hunter would spot the rig and try to buy it.

In 1991, the Harrisons started a sideline business, called My-Lift Blinds, from a shop in Kennedale. Hunters eagerly pay more than \$3,500 for the deluxe My-Lift, which extends to 22 feet, eye level.

The Harrisons seldom elevate their personal blind to nose-bleed height. They find a likely spot to hide their truck behind brush and raise the blind just high enough to see well without being easily spotted by deer.

At his South Texas ranch, Jack Brittingham of Athens uses a customized Chevrolet Suburban as a rolling hunting platform. The Suburban is rigged to be driven from the top of the vehicle.

Top drive rigs are not unusual in the brush country, where being six feet off the ground vastly improves visibility. Particularly during the rut, hunters often "troll" through the brush watching for bucks chasing does.

Brittingham doesn't allow vehicle hunting on his ranch. In fact, he doesn't allow rifles on the top

of the Suburban while the car is moving. The top-drive Suburban is used as a mobile hunting blind. Once the vehicle is parked in a likely spot, the guns are brought up top. Parked downhill in the brush, the dark-colored vehicle does not make deer unduly wary.

Most tower-style deer blinds are 10 to 12 feet off the ground. The higher you go, the more dangerous the blind becomes. Most accidents occur when hunters are climbing in and out of the blind.

Down in Maverick County, Austin deer hunter Hayes Pitts often hunts from a 30-foot-high blind that he calls a pencil blind. The pencil blind is essentially a sturdy pipe sunk deeply into the ground and guy-wired into place. A four-foot diameter floor of expanded metal welded to the top becomes the hunter's perch.

Metal rails are welded onto the perch, and the rails form the frame on which a canvas cover is attached to screen a hunter in the nose-bleed section from the keen eyes of game.

Steps welded to the pipe provide a means of ascent for a hunter with nerves of steel and no fear of heights. Hunting 30 feet above the ground is a distinct advantage, though the pleasure of being so high is sometimes overpowered by the fear of descending. A spider monkey or a rock climber would be delighted with a pencil blind.

On Rancho Nuevo in Webb County, hunters climb as high 60 feet to a vantage point on a windmill platform. This is no ordinary

windmill. It's built from the remains of an oil derrick and is solid as a rock. The platform atop the windmill is about 20 feet square, surrounded by a pipe frame.

The windmill is so high that hunters don't even notice a hunter with a rasping cough. All shots are distinctly downhill.

On Jay Timmons' ranch in Brown County, Timmons left a historic house place and planted a wheat field around it. Shaded by the eaves of the old house, hunters peering out the windows are seldom noticed by deer that feed on the wheat.

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'Hogan-and-breakfast' idea starts to catch on

KINLICHEE, Ariz. (AP) — Ducking through a doorway, you step down to the hardened dirt floor of your room as you prepare to settle in for the night. The "central heat" on this crisp fall evening is a black beehive wood-burning stove in the center of the room.

There is no electricity and no running water — unless you count the one-gallon jug used to pour water into a green plastic tub on the table.

Yet, week after week, visitors travel over the deeply rutted road into this corner of the Navajo reservation and pay \$125 a night to stay here, in Christine Wallace's Navajo hogan.

"Every day we get calls from people who want to experience the culture," she says. "It was just a matter of getting people out there and then everything else, like cooking, was just what we do in our everyday life."

Wallace is one of a few Navajos who have opened their traditional family hogans to adventurous and curious outsiders, operating them as hogan-and-breakfasts.

She began the Tse Ji Gah Sinil' Hospitality (which means two white rocks in Navajo) in her parents' 30-year-old hogan in April. So far, she's done no advertising but is regularly booked a couple of nights a week. Most guests, many of whom are from Europe or Asia, find out by word-of-mouth about her place near the Navajo Nation capital, Window Rock.

The accommodations are hardly luxurious. The octagon-shaped hogan is made of rough-hewn logs bonded by cement. The roof is covered in green tar paper. The stove pipe runs out through a hole in the middle of the roof that also allows guests a small glimpse of sky.

The hogan has a pair of twin beds, but those who want a more traditional experience can pile up sheep skins and bunker down.

The restroom is an outhouse — a real outhouse. The kiosk is entirely wood. A wood-frame box perched in a tree outside stinks empty this fall day but serves as a refrigerator in the winter.

The meals at the hogan-and-breakfast include some traditional Navajo fare such as blue corn mush — Cream of Wheat-like porridge — and a flat white bread that resembles a fluffy tortilla. There's eggs and bacon for the less adventurous.

But the real attraction is the opportunity to experience traditional Navajo culture and to learn about ceremonies and traditions seldom shared with outsiders.

With Wallace translating, her parents and grandparents sit beside a campfire on this clear and starry night and talk about the role of corn in everyday life, rites of passage for young women, anything visitors are curious about.

But you have to ask. There is no formal program. Visitors occasionally use Wallace's sweat lodge for purification. Some help her mother, Mae, feed and water the small herd of sheep she keeps to stave off boredom. In the fall, visitors can gather pinon nuts, which are



Navajo Clarissa Wallace, 21, climbs rocks near her family's bed and breakfast on the Navajo Nation reservation near Kinlichee, Ariz.

roasted and eaten like a snack, from native trees.

Selena Manychildren, spokeswoman for the Navajo Tourism Development Department, says the distant locations of hogan-and-breakfasts are part of the attraction.

"Being that it's a remote place, it's attracting people who want to get away, to hear coyotes at night, see open areas," she says.

Will Tsosie, who runs his own hogan-and-breakfast near Canyon de Chelly National Monument, says visitors who stay with him and his family are not ordinary tourists.

"The people we attract are not the kind of guests you would find on one of those bus tours. We are interested in people who want to get in-depth in the culture," he says. Most guests stay at least two nights and are offered private tours for an extra fee.

Tsowie tries to cater visitors' stays to their interests. For example, one male visitor brought his son and nephew and wanted to learn about rites of passage. The group learned about the rites and made traditional Navajo

arrows, Tsosie says. "We're not selling our belief," he says. "We are enriching the knowledge they already have. ... What they become part of is our way of life."



The Wallace family recently opened their hogan as a bed and breakfast.

Getting there

Who thought Washington's scenic views were the most beautiful corner of Arizona and parts of New Mexico and Utah. Hogan operations will be able to tell you the closest major airport to these locations, but some hogan owners are willing to meet you and then guide or drive you to the location of their hogan. Note that generally only highways are paved and many of the reservation roads require four-wheel drive at least part of the year.

NOTE: The hogan-and-breakfasts range in price from \$95 to \$125 overnight for the first person, with a \$20 to \$25 fee for each additional person. Some operators, like Will Tsosie, offer customized tours. His run \$250 a day. WINDOW ROCK: The average high temperature in January in Window Rock is 43 degrees. The low is 24 degrees. In July, the temperature ranges from 54 degrees to 86 degrees. Window Rock, which is located roughly in the center of the reservation, receives an average of 2.5 feet of snow per year.

WWW.NAVAJOS: Christine Wallace can be reached at (520) 872-4260. Will Tsosie can be reached at (520) 724-3383. Large Navajo Tours books for a number of hogan-and-breakfasts across the reservation and offers its own tours at 1-888-725-9084.

The Navajo Tourism Department will provide a list of hogan-and-breakfasts if you call (520) 872-6436 or (520) 872-7272.

Washington State: Olympia is a quaint, but damp, government town

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — There is no better way to enjoy this southern gateway to Puget Sound than from a kayak under blue skies on a sunny day.

The view from the water is framed by the harbor's capitol dome, the snow-capped Olympic Mountains, cliff-top waterfront homes and the 14,000-foot volcano, Mount Rainier.

Of course, being lucky enough to get a sunny day is reason enough to celebrate in this quaint, but damp, government town.

But it's not an intimidating downpour like the storms of the South. Rather, it's a constant drizzle, a gray mist that New York Times reporter Rick Bragg once called "sissy rain."

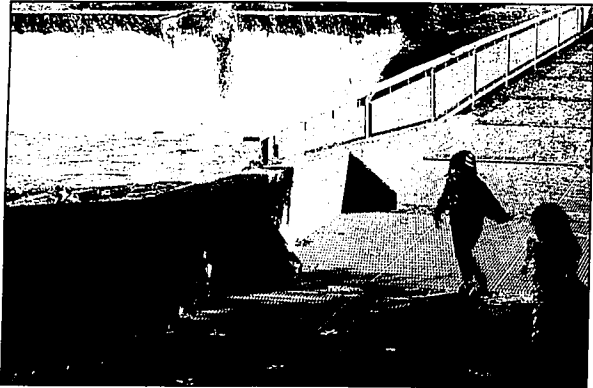
And, for some, it actually enhances the mystique of the Pacific Northwest. Dining on king salmon and sipping a Washington state chardonnay while the harbor lights make halos in the mist is a favorite pastime in these parts.

Olympia once was the largest town on Puget Sound, according to local historians.

Born in 1850, Olympia became the territorial capital three years later and boasted a newspaper, customs house, steamboat landing and mercantile community. The population warned as railroads were constructed elsewhere — with commerce following in the 1870s and 1880s — but Olympia fought off challenges from other towns and retained its title as capital in 1889 when Washington won statehood.

Olympia is not a destination vacation spot like Seattle, 65 miles to the north. But it's a welcome respite for travelers heading north to Canada, south to Oregon or west to the Pacific, and it's perfectly situated in the middle of the Northwest's greatest attractions: Mount St. Helens, Mount Rainier, Seattle, Portland, the Olympic Peninsula and the Pacific coast are all within a one- to two-hour drive.

The city's biggest attraction, literally and figuratively, is the Legislative Building, completed in 1928. Perched high on a knoll at the southern tip of Puget Sound, the brick and sandstone dome rises



Tumwater Falls and Tumwater Falls Park in Olympia, Wash., are popular among visitors. The park features hiking trails along the Deschutes River.

287 feet to the top of the cupola and is one of the tallest masonry domes in the world.

Forty-two marble steps symbolizing Washington's status as the 42nd state lead to six bronze doors memorializing the pioneer era of the territory-turned-state, including a sailing ship, a waterfall, and logging. Visitors inside are awed by the five-ton Tiffany chandelier that hangs inside the Rotunda.

The building is a magnificent centerpiece to the 30-acre capitol campus, which hosts a number of war memorials across the vast lawn.

Olympia is a sophisticated small town, with two colleges, a skilled government workforce, and a lively arts scene with a counter-culture twinge.

The annual "Procession of the Species," for example, is not your average small-town parade. Hundreds of people clad in costumes celebrating the animal kingdom march and dance

through the streets of downtown, churning and beating drums.

The city of 39,000 and growing is usually warm and dry in summer, and cool and wet the rest of the year. Olympia averages 51 inches of rain a year, which is about 15 inches more than Seattle.

Olympia, like other Northwesters, still has embraced the outdoors, rain and all. Sailboats, motor boats, Jet Skis and kayaks share the southern waters of Puget Sound, exploring inlets and coves and watching for the occasional whale and seal.

Landlubbers hike through the Capitol Forest in the Black Hills outside the city, commune with nature inside the dense forest of Priest Point Park along the sound, and watch for birds and other critters in the Nisqually basin to the north.

The city boasts a handful of great restaurants, but lacks high-end lodgings.

Favorite eats include fresh Pacific Northwest seafood at Gardner's Seafood and Pasta, Anthony's Home Port, Genoa on the Bay and The Oyster House, and fine French cuisine at La Petite Maison.

Olympia also is home to companies that satisfy two of the most sinful cravings: rich coffee and even richer desserts.

Olympia travel tips

GETTING THERE: Olympia is 100 miles E, about 65 miles south of Seattle and about 125 miles north of Portland, Ore. SeaTac International Airport, 50 miles south of Olympia between Seattle and Tacoma, is served by most major airlines. Greyhound has bus service all along the I-5 corridor between Seattle and Portland, and Amtrak has direct service on new trains between Vancouver, British Columbia, and Eugene, Ore., and long-distance service to Los Angeles and Chicago.

LOGGING: Olympia has several inns and motels, chains and locally owned, and a few bed-and-breakfasts. Coveralls, the Holiday Inn Express, and two Best Westerns are the best bets. Busy times are from January through March or April, when the Legislature is in session.

DINING: Olympia offers a number of good seafood restaurants, as well as a surprising selection of ethnic fare for a small town.

Local seafood favorites are Gardner's Seafood and Pasta, Anthony's Home Port, Genoa on the Bay, The Oyster

House and Ridge's Cafe & Grill, Ethnic Favorites include La Petite Maison, La Taqueria, Thai Garden and Samba's Restaurant.

WEATHER: There's a saying in the area that goes like this: "If you can see Mount Rainier, it's going to rain; if you can't see it, it's raining." Olympia has wet, mild winters, and warm, generally city summers. July and August are the best months to visit, when temperatures are in the 80s and there's little chance of rain. June, September and October can be nice.

Writer temperatures are mild, especially considering the city is only four hours from the Canadian border.

WWW.NAVAJOS: Call the State Capitol Visitor Information Center at (509) 586-3483. The center is located on Capitol Way at the entrance to the Capitol campus.

Another source is the Olympia/Thurston County Chamber of Commerce at (360) 357-3352. The state government's Web site, www.access.wa.gov, includes links to tourism pages. The highlight links to dog-agency the state.

Olympia's wannabest, as well as a restaurant, Zilman.

Burdorf & Bronson makes about a dozen blends of coffee, and ships to every state and eight countries, according to general manager Jean Pupple.

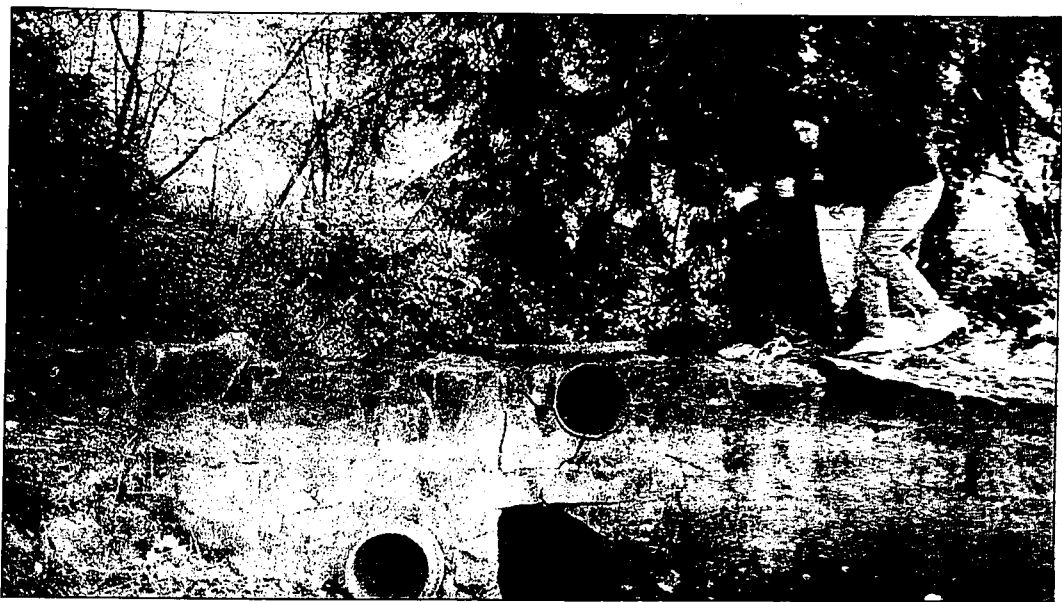
"I want to send coffee to people who appreciate it," Pupple says. "A lot of our business comes from people who move away from Olympia and then call and say, 'Hi! I can't find good coffee.'"

Burdorf & Bronson Roasters started as a tiny coffee shop in downtown Olympia in 1986, with co-owner owner Dick Burdorf making deliveries to local businesses out of the back of his Volkswagen Rabbit.

The quaint downtown store is still there for the regulars — undaunted by a Starbucks across the street — but the business has grown so much that it now operates a roaster and tasting room next to the Farmer's Market on

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Sandy Walsh walks her son Jacob, 4, across a rock bridge at her parent's home near Kettle Falls, Wash., last month, where a cougar attacked the boy two months before.

Big cat attacks

Hazard for small children renews calls for hunting with hounds

SEATTLE (AP) — They are small. They move quickly. They tend to make loud, high-pitched noises.

And young children may simply look like prey to the cougar roaming forests, brushlands and, increasingly, backyards of the West.

"The reason you're seeing children involved is that the cats are treating people as prey species," said Steve Pozzanghera of Washington's Department of Fish and Wildlife.

"Often times what you'll see is young, inexperienced cats, and when they encounter a small human, it would appear to be a good prey."

One immature cougar apparently had that thought when it mauled a 4-year-old boy outside his grandparents' north-east Washington home in August. The boy needed 200 stitches. The cougar was killed.

The attack, similar to one on a 5-year-old girl at a Washington campsite last year, has prompted renewed calls from lawmakers and now wildlife officials to allow some hunting of cougar with hounds.

But supporters of a hound-hunting ban enacted by citizen initiative in 1996 say the real problem remains human behavior, not cougar misbehavior.

"There's no doubt cougar have increased, but it's not cougar spreading into suburban areas, it's suburban areas spreading into cougar habitat. They want to ignore the fact that they're letting their kids and their cats and their dogs go into cougar areas," said Will Anderson of the Progressive Animal Welfare Society, based in the Seattle suburb of Lynnwood.

The last time anyone was killed by a cougar in Washington was 1924. But cougar populations have increased from about 1,500 in the 1980s to at least 2,500



Pat Walsh carries a .38-caliber handgun to protect his son, Jacob, and other family members. The cougar attack on Jacob in August was similar to the one on a 5-year-old girl last year at a Washington campsite.

today, Pozzanghera said. With that rise has come a rise in the number of reported cougar sightings and encounters:

- In 1996 there were 495 reported cougar sightings
 - In 1997 there were 563
 - In 1998 there were 927.
- Only nine attacks on humans

have been recorded in state history. But seven of those occurred in this decade — five on young children, Pozzanghera said.

Part of the reason for the increase may be larger cat populations and the cougar's natural territoriality, he said.

"Young cats ... are having to leave to try to establish their own territories and minimize their contact with adult males," pushing them increasingly into populated areas, he said.

He acknowledged, however, that the number of sightings reported may be affected by

media attention to the issue, and "there probably is an increased reporting phenomenon coming on."

Brook Faby, executive director of the Predator Defense League in Eugene, Ore., said that by his group's analysis of cougar-sighting records, Oregon sightings may be dramatically overreported.

Oregon has banned hound hunting for cougar since 1983, and an attempt to reopen five northeastern counties to such hunting was rejected by the Oregon Legislature in May.

California has banned cougar hunting of all types for more than 20 years.

Fish and Wildlife believes the increase in sightings is positive in Washington, and preventive rather than defensive measures are needed to control cougar populations, said Bruce Bjork, chief of the agency's enforcement program.

"One way we would help is to issue permits to hound hunters in a very focused, selective geographic area to reduce the number of cats," he said.

"We see that as a very surgical approach. We're not looking for hound hunting to reverse the initiative."

For state Sen. Pam Roach, R-Auburn, overturning the initiative has become something of a personal crusade.

"These cougar have overpopulated, and in looking for food are coming in to populated areas. We're going to lose human life," she warned. "I don't want that to be what causes the Legislature to act."

Roach is a sponsor of one of the cougar bills that will be taken up in the next Legislative session, beginning in January.

Sandy Walsh, the mother of 4-year-old attack victim Jacob,

said that as a child she played without fear outside the same house near Burtow where her son was mauled.

"I walked all over that place, and my dad did too," she said. "It was never a concern. We never even thought about it actually."

Jacob now fears the outdoors. "He wants to be held when he goes outside," Walsh said.

She said she and her husband, Pat, favor well-managed hound hunting for cougar.

"We're not anti-cougar or anti-wildlife ... but wise decisions need to be made. To let the cougars get out of hand is not a wise choice."

Bjork said hunters without hounds have not been able to take enough cougar to manage population growth.

But hound hunting affects more than cougar, said Mitch Friedman of the Northwest Escapement Alliance.

"What we're opposed to are hunting methods that are barbaric in nature and affect other wildlife," he said, adding that hounds "take off after everything."

Even if the hound-hunting ban is overturned, the citizen's initiative has been hobbed by a lack of funds from the Legislature for cougar management, Anderson of PAWS said. It may be outright crippled following passage this month of Initiative 565, which effectively removed hundreds of millions of dollars from government budgets in Washington.

"It was difficult as it was, but we were nearing agreement. Now, with this initiative, it's thrown cold water on it, and everybody will be scrambling for essential services," Anderson said.

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Pilfered forest

Visitors swipe petrified wood from national park

PETRIFIED FOREST NATIONAL PARK, Ariz. (AP) - Chuck Dorn has pretty much seen every technique there is for swiping petrified wood. Some sly, most not.

In his seven years as a ranger at Petrified Forest National Park, he's seen people hide the wood under handkerchiefs, in white Styrofoam cups, in their pants, just about anywhere it fits. So many visitors take these souvenirs illegally, one study suggested 12 tons of wood vanish from the national park every year - roughly enough to pack four full-size pickup truck beds.

"The baseball, softball-sized ones get collected up pretty quick in sites where there's a lot of visitors," Dorn said. But even the largest pieces aren't immune. Visitors sometimes walk behind hills, where "they get the confidence that they can get in there and back a piece off."

In places like the Crystal Forest, a popular visitor spot in the park, only large chunks of the tan, purplish and pink petrified wood remain. Piece by piece, visitors have taken all the smaller nuggets, leaving barren patches between the larger hunks of the 225-million-year-old fossilized wood.

David Barna, a spokesman for the National Park Service in Washington, said that nationwide, everything from Civil War pieces to American Indian artifacts are disappearing from parks.

There aren't any theft statistics, he said. "But there's a general feeling out there that it's up."

Assistant Chief Ranger Greg Caffey said Petrified Forest officials are unsure exactly how much wood is being carted out in pockets and car cup holders but they're sure it's a lot.

In the summer, park rangers find 100 pounds of wood each

month that visitors have thrown out as they approach border signs warning them their cars can be searched. In September alone, 25 pounds of rocks were mailed back by people with guilty consciences.

Most are relatively small and come back with apology notes, Dorn said, though there was one that weighed as much as 250 pounds.

But even pieces that are returned or recovered cannot go back to the park grounds. Because it's almost impossible to know what part of the park it came from, the wood can foul up scientific research if it's dropped in the wrong spot, Dorn said.

Park officials are now using the recovered wood to salt test plots, counting each piece of wood and monitoring it in hopes of determining the theft rate.

The park and theft have a long



U.S. National Park Ranger Chuck Dorn searches a car for stolen wood along the main highway inside Petrified Forest National Park in Arizona, Oct. 1. So many visitors swipe these souvenirs illegally one study suggested 12 tons of wood vanish from the national park every year - roughly enough to pack four full-size pickup truck beds.

history. Petrified Forest was established in 1906 as the nation's second national monument, in part because turn-of-the-century locals were concerned about the disappearance of fossilized wood. The wood has its origins in a volcanic eruption researchers believe knocked down trees and

washed them into low-lying areas, where they became water-logged and sunk. The volcanic ash turned to silica in the water and was absorbed into the cells of the trees, turning to quartz.

Only 10 percent of the region's wood is in the park, and pieces obtained legally from private land are readily available in shops in and around the park.

Still, that doesn't seem to stop some visitors from taking souvenirs themselves. "You see them with a styrofoam cup in their hands. They have four grandkids, so they have four pieces. They'll stop and see a pretty piece and they'll throw one in a bucket," said Dorn, laughing.

In most cases, swiping the fossilized wood seemed to be an impulsive decision, said Joe Roggenbuck, a Virginia Tech professor of natural resources recreation.

"Most people knew about the signs saying it's wrong. Most people supported the protection of all park resources. They supported preservation of the petrified wood... It's just at the moment of decision, other things overwhelm the consistency of their attitude and actions," he said.



A tourist walks among giant petrified wood logs inside the Petrified Forest National Park in Ariz., Oct. 1.

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Education hero

Woman shepherds students of all ages

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - In 1987, real estate agent Oral Lee Brown walked into a class of first-graders in a blighted neighborhood and made a promise: Stay in school and I'll see you through to college.

This fall, she made good, sending 19 students off to the colleges of their choice.

"When God is with you, no one can stop you," says Mrs. Brown, who was making about \$45,000 a year selling working-class homes when she made her promise at Brookfield Elementary.

On Nov. 18, Mrs. Brown was in Washington to pick up a John Stanford Education Hero award. It commemorates her 12 years of changing the world, one child at a time.

Mrs. Brown's journey began with a chance encounter with a little girl who asked her for a quarter.

The only had a 55 bill, so she took the girl to the corner store and offered to treat.

She knew something was wrong when the girl passed up candy for a loaf of bread and some bologna. Outside the store, as they waited together to cross the road, Mrs. Brown asked, "Why are you not in school?" The child shrugged.

"I said, 'Where's your mother? Do you go to school?' She said, 'Sometimes.'"

The light changed. "I watched her walk down to 95th Street and take a right," Mrs. Brown said. "I never saw her again."

Over the next two weeks, Mrs. Brown couldn't shake the conviction that kids in struggling east Oakland were in trouble and it was up to her to help.

A colleague warned her, "You can't change the world." The colleague was wrong.

Yolanda Peeks was floored the first time Mrs. Brown unveiled her plan.

As the then principal of Brookfield, she hadn't thought much of it when Mrs. Brown called to say she wanted to adopt a class. But when Mrs. Brown walked in with her church minister and explained she'd be shepherding a group of first-graders through college, "I almost fell through the floor," recalls Ms. Peeks, now the district's associate superintendent for curriculum.

"Who are you?" Ms. Peeks exclaimed.

Ms. Peeks lost no time finding a class for Mrs. Brown. It took

the children a little longer to catch up.

"I remember a lady coming in the class and she gave all the students Christmas gifts and I remember her saying she would be a part of our life and I didn't know what she was talking about," says Jeffrey Toney, a student in that class.

Four of the original 23 first-graders didn't make it to college, but 19 hung in. Now 18, Toney is in his first semester at private Columbia College, Chicago, courtesy of Mrs. Brown.

Getting the group of kids into college took more than good intentions.

There were monthly meetings with parents, weekly meetings with students, lunches on school playgrounds.

"Sometimes there would be more parents at the classroom meeting than there would be for PTA meetings for the whole school. It was a great way to get the parents connected to their kids' education," Ms. Peeks recalls.

"She talked a lot about college and her own dreams and aspirations and her life. I think a lot of the parents began to see then that it is their role to really keep the long-range role of education in front of their kids' faces all of the time."

"I could not keep up with the ways that she wanted to work with kids," says Ms. Peeks.

"Tutoring, donations of encyclopedias, books, interacting with them, field trips, all kinds of ways to keep them inspired and feeling positive about school."

"She started being like a second mom," says Toney. "If I needed some clothes or something, she'd give me some money to get some clothes. If I just came to her and told her I was hungry, she'd give me something to eat."

It was in 1995, when Mrs. Brown took her students to visit black colleges in Atlanta, that Toney fully grasped his good fortune.

"I was like, 'Whoa! We're on the plane going to visit these colleges. It was like total organization.'"

Now, he's planning to become a businessman. "I want to own my own business, he says, "and I want to help some kids like Mrs. Brown."

This year, the federal government recognized Mrs. Brown's accomplishment, too, with the Stanford awards that are honoring 12 citizens for outstanding contributions to education.

"Why me?" was Mrs. Brown's reaction.

Sometimes there was trouble. The children of Brookfield went to school with all the problems of their neighborhood. Most lived below the poverty line, a number were in families receiving welfare. The school had some of the lowest test scores in the district. "Crime in the community was a great deal of influence in terms of the kids," Ms. Peeks recalls. "Many of the kids saw that as a possible career option."

Leaving her feisty godmother didn't make the problems of Brookfield magically disappear.

Mrs. Brown, a graduate of the University of South Florida, found herself reemerging with a girl who was skipping class, telling her, "I didn't have to take you. I chose you. And then she started crying. 'But Mrs. Brown, you don't understand what I go through.' I told her, 'I came out of Mississippi. I picked cotton.'"

The girl went back to school.

Once, Mrs. Brown had to appear before a judge to plead the case for a student who had run afoul of the law.

The judge relented, but not before he had given Mrs. Brown a lecture. Later she took a turn at lecturing herself, telling the young of offenders, "This is an opportunity for you to make the right choices in the future."

That student is now in college.

"There's been times that I went home, put my purse down, went upstairs and got in bed and cried myself to sleep and said, 'I'm never going back,'" Mrs. Brown says. "I'd wake up the next morning and I was the first one there."

Paying for the dream wasn't easy.

Mrs. Brown, who is widowed and has two grown daughters, found \$10,000 every year to put into a trust fund.

"There was days I ate beans," she said.

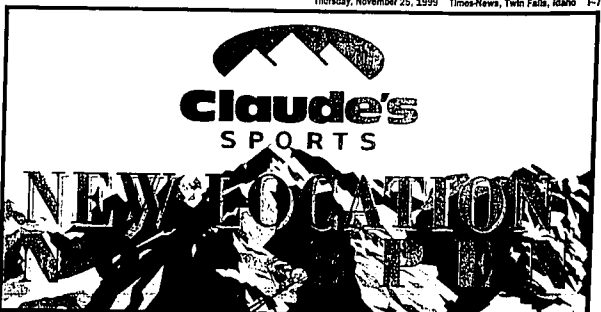
She also holds an annual fundraiser with the help of others in the community. Funds do not stand at about \$183,000. She expects to raise another \$275,000 to finish the job.

Last spring she went to eight different high school graduations.

"I cried until I didn't have no more tears," she says.

In four years, she plans to attend 10 college graduations.

"When my babies walk across that stage," she said, "then they can just lay me down and let me die."



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Not funny: Reference to college bonfire tragedy in editorial cartoon angers many

DALLAS - If a picture is worth a thousand words, a trenchant newspaper editorial cartoon lampooning the Texas A&M bonfire accident may be worth several thousand angry words.

The Arizona Republic, a daily newspaper in Phoenix, angered Texas A&M graduates and other readers with a cartoon pegged to the bonfire tragedy that claimed 12 lives and injured 27.

The pen-and-ink cartoon, drawn by Pulitzer Prize winner Steve Benson, appeared on the editorial page. It carried the headline, "Texas Bonfire Traditions," over three vertical panels. The first panel, labeled "Waco," depicted the Davidson compound in flames. The second panel, labeled "Jasper," shows three hooded Klansmen watching a burning cross. The third, labeled "A&M," showed a jumbled stack of logs.

News of the cartoon, which appeared in the newspaper last Friday and on the Republic's Web site until Monday, raged around the world on an Aggie e-mails and Texas A&M Web sites.

"It's just stunning," said Amy Glass, an Aggie alumni officer in College Station. "Not only is it bad

taste, it's just stupid."

The Republic removed the cartoon from its Web site (<http://www.azcentral.com>) Monday afternoon. Editors left in its place a note that said they had withdrawn it "out of respect for the families and friends of students who died in the bonfire accident."

"It's hard to react to," said Kristin Lill, president of the Aggie alumni group in Phoenix. "Waco was a sad affair, but that was the federal government doing that, not Texas. The Jasper thing takes the ignorance of a few and applies it to the whole state."

Other Aggie alumni in Arizona - Lill estimated their number at 500 - said they worried about the cartoon's impact on the families of those killed or injured in the bonfire accident.

"I'm appalled," said Dwayne Young, a Phoenix sales representative who graduated from A&M in 1991. "It is so disrespectful and so disrespectful to the families who lost kids. I know her (Steve Benson) will claim freedom of speech, but you've got to know when to say when."

Benson, 45, whose peers recently elected him president of the American Association of Editorial

Cartoonists, did not return telephone calls Monday. But he explained his cartoon on Saturday in an e-mailed message to some irate readers.

Benson said his cartoons are his "personal opinions" and employ "metaphor, irony, symbolism and visual shorthand to make their points."

The Republic said in its Monday Web site note that the A&M cartoon had "inappropriately linked" the tragedy to Jasper and Waco.

But Benson in his note said otherwise. The point of the cartoon, he said, is that "there are certain disturbing commonalities between the Waco, Jasper and A&M tragedies, namely: They are grounded in irrational thought and behavior, they appeal to basic primal instincts, they are wasteful of human energy and resources and they pose a threat to human life and safety."



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FEATURES



Rutherford County, N.C., Health Department Nurse Alicia Bowers paints the teeth of Corey Hardin, 3, with a protective fluoride varnish.

Appalachia is the primary target in the latest war on tooth decay

SPINDALE, N.C. (AP) - Nine-month-old Blake Hardin's face brightened in a big, toothy smile, his teeth freshly painted with protective fluoride varnish. The nurses cheered.

It was another tiny victory in a new war on tooth decay in Appalachia, one of the nation's poorest regions, using a dental technique employed in Europe for more than a quarter century. A dozen pediatric nurses watched Blake's four tiny teeth get painted with a small yellow brush during the training session at the Rutherford County Health Department.

"We see a lot of bad mouths," said registered nurse Deborah Gregg as she watched colleague

Charlene Jones work on Blake. "I just hate to see these little ones in so much pain."

In Appalachia, as many as one in every four young children still suffers from severe tooth decay. There are myriad reasons. Some rural water systems lack fluoride, many children drink unfluoridated private well water, infants sometimes use nursing bottles too long. In addition, children have poor diets and inadequate oral hygiene.

The antidote, officials hope, is "Smart Smiles," a three-year program funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission and just getting under way.

With pediatric dentists in short supply in North Carolina's mountains, program organizers decid-

ed to turn to pediatricians and their nurses. After receiving basic training in the simple procedure, they will be painting the teeth of hundreds of children under age 5 in 11 western North Carolina counties.

"(They) see the kids with the bombed-out mouths," said Robert Leddy, regional dental health supervisor with the state Department of Health and Human Services, who attended the training session.

"This gives us huge access," said James W. Bowden, the former University of North Carolina dental school dean who came up with the idea for the program. He said treatment will be offered to children brought in for medical checkups.

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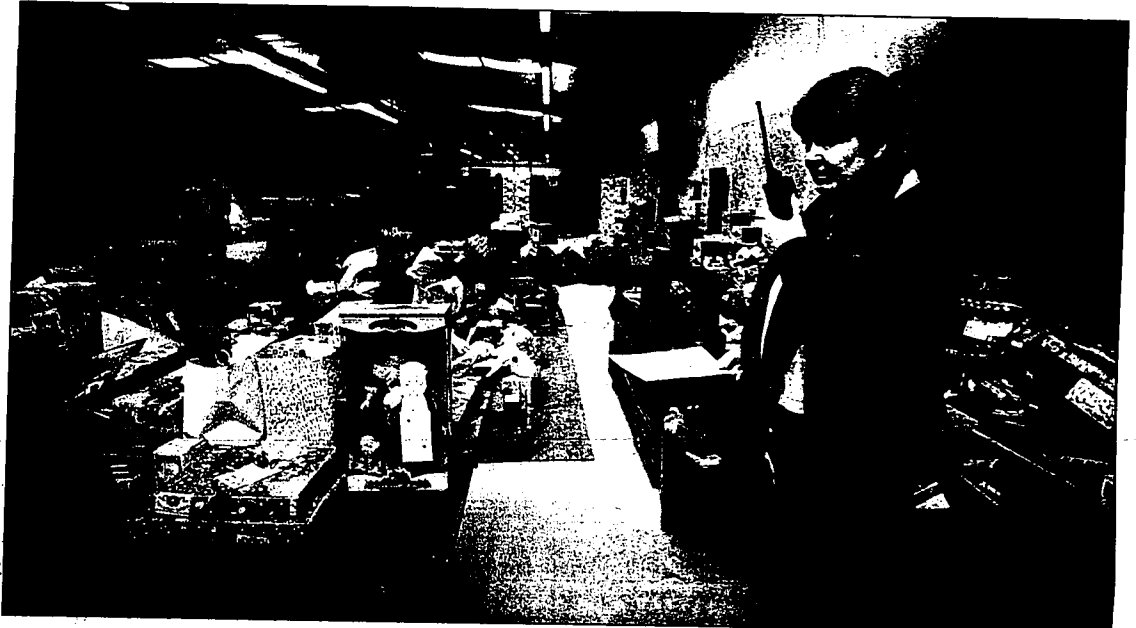
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A time for sharing



The Salvation Army is among a variety of area charity organizations working to make the holiday season a bit better for area residents in need. See story below.

Groups offers plenty of opportunity for helping the needy

Throughout Southern Idaho, businesses and community organizations are playing Santa Claus. Some of them need your help.

• **The East End Providers' annual drive for food, funds and toys is under way.** Funds may be mailed to Box 4, Kimberly, Idaho 83341 or dropped off at the Kimberly Kut and Kurl or Kimberly First Security Bank. New toys and food may be left at the Kimberly Kut and Kurl or given through schools and churches in Kimberly, Hansen and Murtaugh. Volunteers willing to help prepare baskets may call 423-4496.

• **The Salvation Army needs food, toys and cold-weather clothing for kids.** Items may be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays at 348 Fourth Ave. N. in Twin Falls. Families and businesses are also invited to call and adopt families. Call 733-8720.

• **The ninth annual Christmas in the Nighttime Sky will start at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 26 with a chili and potato feed at Kimberly Nurseries, 2862 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.** Fireworks are set for 7:30 p.m. Admission is one new, unwrapped toy per family, to benefit the KMVT Christmas for Kids program. The chili and potato feed are free, and fireworks will be choreographed with Christmas music on KEZJ-FM 95.7. Live entertainment will be provided by the Lighthouse Drama Team, and free shuttle buses will run from the K-Mart/Grocery Outlet parking lots to the nursery. For more information, call Sherry Wright at 733-2717.

• **Wendell Christmas Baskets**

Organizations seek volunteers, food, clothing, toys

needs donations of money, food, toys and clothing and also people to help prepare baskets and wrap gifts. To donate items or time or for more information, call Ethel German or Rebecca Ashmead at Wendell High School (536-2100). Food, toys and clothes (unwrapped) may be delivered to the school weekdays until Dec. 17. Monetary donations may be mailed to Wendell Christmas Baskets, P. O. Box 50, Wendell, Idaho 83355 or deposited directly at US Bank.

• **The Valley House homeless shelter needs envelopes, stationery, Christmas cards, postage stamps, disposable razors, children's books and blankets.** Bring to 507 Addison Ave. in Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-7736.

• **La Posada Ministry, 134 Second St. E. in Twin Falls, prepares Christmas baskets for needy clients.** Needs include donations for babies, teenagers and especially boys and men. Nearly new or new gift items are needed. Please call Antonia at 734-8700.

• **Hospice Visions, 1300 Kimberly Road 11 in Twin Falls** needs cash donations to help cover costs for indigent patients, office supplies or a gift certificate to a business in town, a good used computer, a new or used vacuum, new or used shelving for storerooms and offices, folding chairs, a new or used medium-sized desk, a new or used office chair, adult

diapers in all sizes and used medical equipment, such as wheelchairs, commodes, walkers, hospital beds and oxymeters. The non-profit organization is also seeking a house in the Magic Valley area to be donated. The goal is to open a Hospice home for terminally ill patients who have no one to care for them. All donations are tax-deductible. For more information, call 735-0121.

• **Core Lodge, a group home operated by the Community Organization for Rehabilitative Efforts for adults with chronic mental illness in the eight-county Magic Valley area, is in need of an electric kitchen grill and a VCR.** For more information, call 736-4600.

• **The Pregnancy Crisis Center needs cribs (new or used), maternity clothes, baby bottles, diapers (all sizes) and infant clothing (newborn to 24 months).** Contact the center at 132 Main Ave. S., Main Street Plaza, P. O. Box 2385, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. Or call 734-7472 or 420-7074.

• **The South Central Community Action Agency needs volunteers to serve as Christmas hosts for low-income families.** Host families and organizations will purchase gifts and/or dinner for the families. The organization is also collecting blankets for those in need. Bring blankets to 726 Shoshone St. W. Private donations may be sent to the agency at P. O. Box 531, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0531. For more information,

call Millie or Sally at 733-9351.

• **KMVT-TV will have toy donation barrels at numerous business locations throughout the Magic and Wood River valleys between Nov. 30 and Dec. 16** as part of its annual Christmas for Kids program. For more information, call Kandy Jenkins at 733-1100, Ext. 3032.

• **Jerome Helping Hands has merged with Project Compassion in Twin Falls to help the working poor.** The group is in need of money, toys, clothing, shoes and food or of someone to adopt a working poor family. Contact Sherry Cochran, 410 W. 500 S., Jerome, Idaho 83338. Phone: 324-3973.

• **Sunridge Care and Rehabilitation Center has submitted a list of needs for its residents.** Deliver items between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. to Dawn McCoy at the center, 640 Filer Ave. W. in Twin Falls, by Dec. 11. For more information, call 734-8645. Here's the list and the numbers to attach (F is female, M is male).

- 1 F: Socks, perfume, lotion
- 2 F: Stuffed cat, candy, socks
- 3 F: Long necklace, perfume, pink lipstick
- 4 M: T-shirt (L), socks, candy
- 5 M: Puzzle book, cards, candy
- 6 F: Diet Pepsi, clip-on earrings, lotion
- 7 F: Red lipstick, candy, yarn
- 8 F: Coffee cup with lid, hard candy, knee-high nylon
- 9 M: Pocket poker game, candy, Pepsi

- 10 M: Calendar, T-shirt (L), slippers (L)
- 11 M: After shave, Western movie, hard candy
- 12 M: Stuffed dog, socks, after shave
- 13 F: Necklace, pierced earrings, lotion
- 14 F: Puzzle books, baby doll, Snickers bars
- 15 M: Gum, candy, pocket poker game
- 16 F: Button-up-front sweater (L), lotion, hard candy
- 17 F: Calendar, necklace, lipstick
- 18 F: Socks, lotion, powder
- 19 F: Slipper socks, lotion, perfume
- 20 M: Western book, T-shirt (L), after shave
- 21 F: Lotion, perfume (flower scent), necklace
- 22 F: Stuffed animal, socks, lotion
- 23 F: Hair holders, candy, lotion
- 24 F: Lotion, socks, powder
- 25 F: Hair holder, slippy socks, lotion
- 26 M: Wildlife pictures, cards, candy
- 27 M: Socks, slippers (XL), root beer
- 28 M: Long-sleeved shirt (XL), socks, after shave
- 29 F: Slipper socks, necklace, lotion
- 30 F: Red lipstick, wild color nail polish, candy
- 31 F: Peanut butter cups, socks, clip-on earrings
- 32 F: Cat calendar, lotion, perfume
- 33 F: Necklace, pierced earrings, perfume
- 34 F: Lotion, slippy socks, powder
- 35 M: Butterfinger candy bars, socks, after shave
- 36 M: Popcorn, socks, T-shirts (XL)

MORNING BREAK

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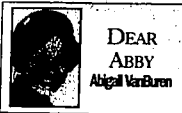
Count your blessings today and be thankful year-round

DEAR READERS: By popular demand, here is my traditional Thanksgiving column.

Today is Thanksgiving Day, so take a few minutes to reflect upon all the things for which you are thankful.

How's your health? Not so good? Well, thank God you've lived this long. A lot of people haven't.

Are you lonely? The way to have a friend is to be one. If nobody calls you, pick up the phone and call someone.



DEAR ABBY Abigail VanBuren

Are you concerned about your country's future? Hooray! Our system has been saved by such concern.

Freedom ring! Look and listen. You will still worship at the church of your choice, cast a secret ballot, and even criticize your government without fearing a knock on the head or a knock on the door at midnight.

As a final thought, I'll repeat my Thanksgiving prayer, perhaps you will want to use it at your table today.

O heavenly Father: We thank thee for food and remember the hungry.

We thank thee for health and remember the sick.

We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless.

We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service.

That thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and may God bless you and yours.

- LOVE, ABBY

An afterthought: Want an instant high? The sure cure for the holiday blues is doing something nice for someone.

Try it. And let me know the results. P.S. Special greetings to those of you in the military who write from remote corners of the world to tell me that you are using my prayer on this Thanksgiving Day.

Oh my, how we've grown

If you're 56 years old, you were born when the U.S. population was just out of adolescence.

What's new, do you miss convicts of violent crimes have in common?

A. Tarroos. History of abuse as children. Record of late bedwetting.

If you hold a frog's mouth open too long, it will suffocate.

What's little understood about liquor is you don't digest it as you do food.

Intellectually, I know America is no better than any other country, but emotionally, I know she is better than every other country.



WHAT'S WHAT L.M. Boyd

Prez' North may play Korea gig

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - North Korea has invited President Clinton's brother to perform at a pop concert in the communist country's capital.

Roger Clinton, an entertainer and bandleader, would join South Korean teen-age pop icons on stage in Pyongyang if the concert goes ahead as planned in early December.

There was no immediate word on whether Clinton would attend.

He previously has performed twice in South Korea to promote U.S.-South Korean relations.

Clinton, 43, was invited by South Korean concert promoters and a semiofficial North Korean group, the Korean Asia-Pacific Peace Committee.

Remember the needy

Idaho Showcase advertisement for Idaho Wine Pack, Idaho Baker's Dozen, and Idaho Baker's Dozen. Includes product photos, descriptions, and a purchase form.

Passion, spirituality accompany birthdays today

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Gemini (May 21-June 20): There will be plenty of volunteers for preparation of Thanksgiving dinner - but you better count on yourself.

Aries (March 21-April 19): This is a thank-you cycle indicates that throughout the year you tried new things.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Diversity, plan entertainment,

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be sure that people who never before talked to each other are relating on this day in meaningful manner.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be dealing with people accustomed to giving orders.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Aim for universal appeal, discuss Thanksgiving in other lands.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Loosen up, dinner is important but by far the most remembered will be your personality, generosity and genuine efforts.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Feature of Thanksgiving will be food, what with the Moon in Cancer.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Check details, be sure this Thanksgiving is the way you want it to be.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Jan. 19): Young persons should be permitted to talk and play - make this a Thanksgiving day they will fondly remember.

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Beauty Rest Mattresses advertisement featuring Simmons mattresses, turkey deals, and contact information for Bozzuto's Furniture.

Year-round lights spark Grinchy debate in Wyoming town

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Gene Downer has a wonderful, awful idea, depending on whom you ask: Pack away all the storefront Christmas lights in the spring and summer.

That's downright Grinchy, some say. His heart must be two sizes too small.

Others agree with Downer that the lights would look best during the spring and summer alongside artificial Christmas trees — stowed in dark basements.

The fans in this mountain village south of Grand Teton National Park started about five years ago, when Downer — a tall, friendly guy without a hint of green in his complexion — persuaded the city council to pass an ordinance banning storefront Christmas lights from April 15 to Nov. 1.

The law has never been enforced, he says, and more businesses are lighting up now than ever before.

On a clear and crisp September night, he pointed to The Roundup, a Western wear store owned with a partner, white lights along its rooflines and around its windows.

"I think it's disgusting," he said. "It's real greedy. Wyoming has such beautiful stars in the sky, why would they need that?"

Like many businesses in Jackson Hole, The Roundup caters to tourists, well-to-do seasonal residents and ranches.

Store manager William Jacquet said company headquarters ignored the year-round lights directive a few years ago to help attract business.

"Our business has increased," he said as he worked on a window display framed by lights. "But I can't really say it's the lights."

Downer — whose Teton Bookshop sets a Spartan example among the many old West-style



It looks a lot like Christmas at the Wart Hotel in Jackson Hole, Wyo., in this Nov. 18 photograph. It looked this way as early as September, when some businesses lit up.

storefronts illuminated like The Roundup — resurrected the debate before the city council this summer.

Christmas is a time of joy, brotherhood and gift-giving, he said.

"To have decorations celebrating Christmas year-round sort of dilutes the specialness of that time of year," he said.

Not to mention that Christmas is about celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, he said, and should not be cheapened.

Then there's Jackson's celebrity status as a backdrop to the classic 1953 Western film "Shane."

"Those little twinkling lights have nothing to do with the West," he said.

But for Mayor Barney Oldfield, year-round Christmas lights are

not a big deal. He doubted that as many as 1 percent of visitors notice them.

"Of all the ordinances we've

got, I'm not sure that's one we need to dispatch the chief of police and armed detectives to go and enforce," Oldfield said.

The issue probably is not even one of the most important 100 before the city council, he said.

There are sewage rates to work

out, a multimillion-dollar visitor center and museum to develop, and compressed natural gas vehicles to add to the city's fleet.

Job fair offers former offenders another chance

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Shelia Jones of Dallas turned 37 last week, and her favorite birthday present was worth \$25,000 and came wrapped. She got a job.

Jones, who was in a prison cell less than a month ago, walked out of a career fair designed for ex-offenders at the new human resources director for a time-share company, starting right away.

"This is a great birthday present," said Jones, who served six 1/2 months of a five-year sentence for drug possession. "I was interested in pursuing not just a job but a career. I had been working part time as a secretary making \$6.50 an hour. I'm on my way to call them right now and tell them I won't be in tomorrow."

Jones was the biggest success story from a recent job fair organized by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Hundreds of people — many of them on probation or parole — converged on about 50 potential employers in search of full-time work.

Dan Depinet, operations manager for Meinecke Discount Mufflers, said his company was there to offer the one thing most of the people at the job fair were really looking for — a chance to redeem themselves.

"Everybody makes mistakes," he said. "It's just that some of us get caught and some of us don't. Everybody deserves a second chance."

For people who run afoul of the law, getting an employer to offer them another opportunity is often one of the toughest ordeals they face. That's why Cornelius Moore, operations manager for

Department of Criminal Justice, said he began the job fairs four years ago.

"I was teaching GED classes down in South Dallas, and I was telling people that if they got their GED, they could get a good job," he said. "I had a lady who was over 50 years old who got her GED, but she came back to me and said nobody would hire her because she was an ex-offender."

Moore said he made some calls and eventually got the woman hired at a chain grocery store, where she is still employed as a supervisor. But he also persuaded his superiors of the need for a job fair for ex-convicts. Now the criminal justice department sponsors such events in Texas' 10 largest cities.

"I'd estimate that over 5,000 people have been hired as a result of these job fairs," he said.

Catina Berron, 26, of Irving, showed up to add her name to the list of new hires. Berron, who has been on parole since 1991 for an aggravated assault charge, said she often doesn't bother telling prospective employers about her past but was willing to do it at the job fair.

"What I did I did when I was really young, but my life has completely changed now," she said. "When you tell people that you're on parole, a lot of them don't even want to deal with you."

Joseph Coleman of Dallas said he's found employers willing to take a chance on a former offender.

"What I've found is it depends on who's sitting there doing the hiring," he said. "People are only human. Some are going to hire you, and some won't ever hire you."

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Why Elvis impersonators love turkey day

By William R. Mattox Jr.
Knight Ridder News Service

Women do it more than men. Perfect strangers do it more than close relatives. And Elvis impersonators do it more than just about anyone.

Or so at least report a team of scholars at the National Institute for Healthcare Research, who recently conducted a research review on how frequently people say, "Thank you ... thank you very much."

The NIH researchers playfully concede that their Elvis "findings" are no more verifiable than various Elvis "sightings." But they say that serious academic research on the subject of gratitude often yields some fascinating results.

For example, men are apparently less apt than women to give thanks for many of the same reasons that they are less apt than women to ask for directions. Generally, the more self-sufficient a man perceives himself to be, the slower he is to admit that he needs — or benefits from — the help of others," observes NIH's research director Michael McCullough.

And McCullough says this is particularly true in a man's interactions with other men. "Whereas women often express appreciation to their male friends and their female friends, men frequently express appreciation only to their female friends," he reports. "In male-male friendships, appreciation is expressed much less often."

The same appears to be true of interactions between male strangers. Indeed, McCullough reports that women consistently express more gratitude to strangers who hold the door for them than do men. But he says that these differences do not necessarily suggest that men are less apt to experience "authentic feelings" of gratitude. "It may just be that women adhere to more politeness routines than men," McCullough says.

Whatever the case, both men and women are more apt to acknowledge an act of kindness by a stranger than an act of kindness by a family member. According to NIH researcher Shelley Kilpatrick, this is because kin groups typically operate on an implicit understanding that "if

I scratch your back, you'll scratch mine."

Thus, when a close relative does something helpful for other family members (like, say, giving them a ride or preparing them a meal), this "dutiful" act may not be considered worthy of special thanks in the same way that it would if performed by a perfect stranger (who seemingly "owes nobody nothing").

Whatever the case, NIH's research review suggests that ungrateful people frequently reap what they sow. Or at least that those having an "attitude of gratitude" often receive great rewards.

"Thank You" on the bill for their customers receive tips that are 11 percent higher, on average, than those who do not. McCullough reports that people with high levels of gratitude tend to cope more successfully with medical problems than do others.

Of all the fascinating findings about gratitude, however, perhaps the most remarkable, surround people who have experienced — or overcome — great tragedy. For example, McCullough reports that a study on the psychological impact of Hurricane Andrew found that many people who had lost their homes "expressed profound gratitude" because they had not lost what was most important to them — their loved ones.

And in his moving story "Love Is Not Blind," Russell Criddle describes how "everything looked beautiful" to him — "even the wad of paper discarded in the gutter" — after a medical operation restored his eyesight.

"There is hardly any other quality of man that is so suited to reveal the state of his inner spiritual and moral health as his capacity to be grateful," Otto Freidreich Bollnow once observed.

And while Bollnow no doubt had in mind the kind of gratitude that the Pilgrims famously expressed (thanksgiving to God) there is still something to be said for kind expressions of gratitude between people — even those expressions frequently uttered by Elvis impersonators.

Holidays can be a stressful, hazardous time for your pet

The Gazette

Thanksgiving, Christmas, even New Year's Eve are festive times for people but can be real dangers for pets.

Dangling decorations can choke them. Christmas trees can fall on them, electrical wires can shock them and plants can poison them. Yet heeding a few commonsense suggestions and some not-so-obvious pointers are all it takes to avert pet disasters around the tree, food and guests.

Cats, for instance, love Christmas trees. They are giant, fresh-smelling scratching posts, hideaways, and climbing challenges with lots of shiny objects waiting to be batted by a paw.

Dogs, well, everyone knows what a tree represents to a dog. And there are loads of hidden, chewable treasures to be sniffed out among the gaily wrapped packages.

For both dogs and cats, tables laden with sumptuous holiday snacks are tempting, but some foods can make them sick, says Dr. Melanie Marsden, veterinarian with the Emergency Animal Clinic on North Academy Boulevard.

Chocolate is toxic to dogs and can be lethal, but the toxicity depends on how much is eaten and the size of the animal, laced eggnog can cause vomiting and diarrhea.

"Dogs in particular are like having a 2-year-old child in the house. You have to put everything up out of reach because sooner or later they will get into it. We had a dog once that had OD'd on candy canes."

Use a large, firm stand for the tree to keep it from easily tipping over.
Encircle the base in aluminum foil;

most cats hate to step on the shiny surface.

Try teaching your dog or cat not to approach the tree at all by making a loud noise or spraying them with a spray bottle full of water.

Don't put dangling, breakable ornaments too close to the bottom of the tree.

Keep tinsel out of reach because it is attractive and can be swallowed.

Unplug lights when you aren't around and make sure your pet doesn't chew on the wires. You can spray the tree and wires with a pet deterrent available in pet stores or sprinkle a little pepper.

candy or cakes under the tree. Chocolate is toxic to pets, particularly dogs.

Don't leave pets unsupervised in the dining room or kitchen when there are trays of food on tables or counters.

Never give a dog turkey bones that are brittle and could splinter and hurt its digestive system. Scraps from rich foods also may upset stomachs. Put the bones and scraps in a secure trash can that can't be knocked over and opened.

Some indoor plants are toxic to pets: Christmas rose, mistletoe, poinsettia, star of Bethlehem, Dieffenbachia, philodendron, holly leaves and berries, and ivy. Some can be fatal depending on how much is ingested.

Use a large, firm stand for the tree to keep it from easily tipping over.
Encircle the base in aluminum foil;

the dog outdoors or put the dog or cat in a closed room or garage to minimize trauma to pets and the possibility of bites or scratches.

If the pet is outside, be sure it has adequate shelter in case of bad weather. If it's in the garage, be sure it can't get into antifreeze, which is attractive smelling to pets but highly toxic.

Remember on cold winter days cats like to climb into warm car engines. Tap or bang on the hood to scare them away before starting the car.

Be sure your pet has an ID tag with your address and phone number on its collar in case it escapes the house or yard during the comings and goings of visitors.

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Saturday, December 11th
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Saturday, December 18th
Entertainment on the square at the Schow Building (west side of the square)

FEATURES



Sister Daniel presses a prayer card against the enclosure for an ornate wood and gold box containing the sacred bones of an 19th century saint recently in Darion, Ill.

Saint offers solace in an age of uncertainty

NAPERVILLE, Ill. (AP) — The Carmelite sisters here prepared for all emergencies. They brought in police patrols, lined their front walk with signs, organized crowd control. They even resorted to portable toilets.

For good reason: Earlier this week, nearly 4,000 visitors came to see a box holding the sacred bones of St. Therese of Lisieux, a 19th-century French saint affectionately known as "Little Flower."

"Her message is not about doing extraordinary works or saying a million prayers," said the Rev. Bob Colaresi, who helped organize a tour of the saint's relics in the United States. "Her message was to do the ordinary of life well. That makes sense to a lot of people."

At each stop on the four-month U.S. tour and in 13 other countries before that, thousands have turned out daily to view the ornate jacaranda wood box containing three bones of the canonized nun.

St. Therese became known worldwide for her autobiography, "Story of a Soul." The late Mother Teresa of Calcutta took her name, saying she had inspired her to serve the poor. She is known as Little Flower because she believed that each person represented a different flower in God's garden, Colaresi said.

Although she died in 1897 at the young age of 24, St. Therese's life and work have been acclaimed ever since. She was canonized in 1925, and two years ago, Pope John Paul II made her a Doctor of the Church, calling her "the saint for the next millennium."

"Her message is a giving one," said Vivien Lindley, a 65-year-old Naperville retiree. "She did small things to make people's lives better."

Many of the visitors on Sunday tenderly kissed the plastic surrounding the relics or gently rested a hand on top.

"I think we need something to believe in today," said Alice

Bauer, a 57-year-old Naperville shop owner. "I needed this... I needed to see that other people felt the same way about God and

church that I do." Some came looking for old-fashioned miracles; others sought inspiration. But most said they

came to thank a saint who has given them reason to believe.

"Life is scary, and people are looking for help," said the Rev.

James Halstead, director of the Catholic studies program at DePaul University. "In a time of uncertainty, you're more open to

the mystical and the transcendent. This is a way to be in touch with other forces of the universe."

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Invader fuels a fiery cycle

The Washington Post

ELKO, Nev. — The wildfires began in early August with almost unimaginable speed and fury.

On the night of Aug. 4, 8,275 lightning strikes were recorded in one 12-hour period in northern Nevada, and by the next day some 300,000 acres of rangeland were on fire or already burned. Within just five days, more than 1 million acres had been burned. By the end of the month, more than 1.5 million acres in Nevada had been charred.

Fire always been a natural part of the Great Basin, the massive basin and range country

between the Rockies and Sierras that includes most of Nevada, western Utah, southern Idaho and southeast Oregon and that appears to be a mosaic of fire-prone environments. Between Salt Lake City and Reno as a desert waste land. Of the major plant communities that exist here — sagebrush, salt desert shrub, and piñon-juniper — all but the salt desert shrub have been shaped by fire, relatively infrequent, low-intensity fires that characterized this region. But the massive fires in the Great Basin in the summer of 1999 were of a different character, fundamentally different from what occurred here naturally before white settlement began altering the landscape. To scientists who study and manage the land here, the fires that now occur far more frequently and burn far more of the landscape are a stark reminder of an ecological crisis affecting much of the Great Basin.

The big villain here is cheatgrass, *Bromus tectorum*, an annual bromegrass native to Eurasia. Introduced into this country around the turn of the century, cheatgrass quickly found a niche in the West, where overgrazing by cattle and sheep in the late 1800s had weakened native perennial bunchgrasses. Today, cheatgrass occupies millions of acres of land in the West, and it has fundamentally altered the normal fire timetable.

"Before we had cheatgrass, the fuel that carries fire burned in August to mid-September," said Jim Young, a research scientist at the University of Nevada campus in Reno. "Cheatgrass starts in June, and extends the fire season. It's a very fine-textured, abundant fuel."

As an early maturing annual, cheatgrass typically outcompetes perennial grasses for the sparse rains that usually come during the winter in the Great Basin. The perennial natives it displaces — the blue bunch wheat grass, great basin wild rye, bottle brush squaw, tall, Indian rice grass and Idaho fescue — "are all pretty well adapted to fire," said Bob Means, a fire ecologist with the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM), which oversees 75 million acres in the Great Basin.

In the low-precipitation areas where cheatgrass thrives, the invasion has dramatically shortened the intervals between fires and opened up the landscape for opportunistic noxious weeds such as tansy and rust stinkweed. "Cheatgrass has totally changed the fire regime, from 50- to 100-year intervals to 5- to 10-year intervals," said Means. "It burns, and each time it burns it pushes farther into the remnant native vegetation and encourages an increase in the cheatgrass monoculture."

Helen Hankins, who heads up the Elko district of the BLM, saw a half-million acres of her territory burn this summer. "The more fires you have, the more cheatgrass you have," she said. "The more cheatgrass you have, the more fires you have."

The dominance of cheatgrass, and the shortening of fire return intervals, has a cascading effect on the Great Basin ecosystem. With more vegetation burned, there are fewer roots to hold the soil, and erosion increases. Increased silt in the streams that

are this arid region's lifeblood, and less vegetative cover along riparian areas, spell trouble for the Lahontan cutthroat trout, a threatened species that is hanging on in just 10 percent of its historic range.

Because most sagebrush species take 10 to 15 years to recover after fire, the fact that fire is returning to many areas in five years or less is having a dramatic impact not just on those plant communities but on the wildlife that depends on them, from mule deer and wild horses to sage grouse, which could be listed soon under the Endangered Species Act.

"It's going to affect the birds, no question, because you've lost a lot of the sagebrush," said BLM wildlife biologist Ken Wilkinson during a recent tour of the Sadler fire, a 209,000-acre blaze south of Elko.

The surge in fires — this year's burned acreage was more than 10 times the annual average in Nevada for the past decade — also affects the human inhabitants in the Great Basin, particularly the cattle ranchers

who almost all must rely on federal grazing land. Because the BLM insists that burned range be rested for two years, cowmen have to find alternatives, either renting private land or getting government permission to use federal grazing allotments that have been previously designated for no-use. "A lot of people don't have many options," said Tom Warren, a range conservationist with the BLM in Elko.

"We've been touched by fires for as long as I can remember," said rancher Rita Sitzer, who runs a herd of cattle about 40 miles south of Carlin, Nev. "But now it seems like it's burning on an annual basis."

Sitzer, like many ranchers, believes the answer is for the federal government to allow more intensive grazing so the fuel load is reduced. But to many federal land managers and range scientists, more intensive grazing would just put more stress on remnant native grass populations, the very communities that need to be nurtured back to health.

The BLM is proposing an ambitious recovery plan that would likely cost tens of millions of dollars over the next decade. Priorities would include restoring areas that have lost perennial grasses and protecting those that have not been invaded by annual grasses and noxious weeds.

Treatments could include planning fuel breaks with species more resistant to fire than cheatgrass, using controlled fire, mechanical thinning of shrubs, and herbicides.

Ironically, says the University of Nevada's Young, the battle must begin by introducing other grasses from Asia that can compete with cheatgrass, such as crested wheatgrass and forage kochia. "We have never found native perennial grasses that can compete with cheatgrass," said Young. "The only way to combat it is to introduce grasses from Asia. You have to biologically suppress the cheatgrass with those perennial grasses and then build the native community back up from there."

On page 12 features the PlayStation game NBA Street Out 2000. This item will not be available due to the manufacturer's delay in shipping.

We regret any inconvenience these errors may have caused.

Colorado brewer harnesses wind power

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — When Fort Collins-based New Belgium Brewery went looking for wind power 16 months ago, there wasn't enough out there to buy.

But the 8-year-old, 90-employee company — which has about \$20 million in annual revenue from sales of Fat Tire Ale and other beers — didn't give up. New Belgium was revamping its brewing operation, looking for ways to reduce waste and minimize its impact on the environment.

Using clean, renewable electricity would be a big part of any plan the company adopted. So owner Jeff Lebesch approached the city of Fort Collins, which had launched a fledgling wind program.

Once Fort Collins Utilities officials knew of New Belgium's plans, they pushed to expand the small program. Eighteen months later, New Belgium is buying 100 percent of its electricity through the city's wind program. The brewery is the largest corporate buyer of wind power in the state, according to the Land and Water Fund of the Rockies, which tracks wind power purchases.

New Belgium also can lay claim to being the first wind-powered brewery in the United States, according to Lebesch.

Although Colorado has received national attention for a 29-turbine wind program run by Public Service Company of



New Belgium Brewery workers move empty kegs around at the Fort Collins, Colo., brewery. The brewery is the largest corporate buyer of wind power in the state.

Colorado, New Belgium and several other large Colorado buyers are getting electricity from the smaller, seven-turbine program offered through Fort Collins and its electric generator, the Platte River Power Authority.

Platte River is a municipal wholesale power cooperative owned by the cities of Fort Collins, Loveland, Longmont and Estes Park.

Fort Collins began exploring

wind power in the mid-1990s. After surveying community members to gauge their support, Fort Collins and Platte River bought their first wind turbines, installed in Medicine Bow, Wyo. The site now has seven turbines and serves more than 3,000 businesses and homes.

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Fort Collins began exploring

than a dozen small electric cooperatives are able to buy wind power and sell it to their customers. The city of Fort Collins is buying nearly 5 percent of its electricity through Platte River's wind program.

Platte River has had to turn away some large utilities because it decided to focus sales efforts on municipal power companies and smaller utilities. "We decided to keep it focused on small, community-based users," said John Blewett, Platte River's district manager of energy services.

Wind energy advocates credit cooperatives such as New Belgium with getting a strong corporate market and cities such as Fort Collins with getting the way for businesses to incorporate clean power into their budgets.

"Fort Collins makes it very easy for businesses to sign up," said Rick Meyer, who runs a statewide wind power marketing program for the Land and Water Fund. More than 250 businesses in Colorado now power at least a portion of their operations with wind energy. About a dozen are buying all of their electricity through the wind program.

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Resort changes face and fortunes of Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — On a crisp November morning 10 years ago, Steve Wynn walked the grounds of his new Mirage hotel-casino and promised it would be "a wonderment the world will flock to see."

Even Wynn, who counts Walt Disney among his heroes, couldn't have imagined how his bold \$630 million venture would change the face, fortunes and future of Las Vegas.

The hotel, which marked its 10th anniversary Monday, is seen as the genesis for the "new" Las Vegas — a multimillion-dollar explosion of megaresorts and a doubling of visitor volume, hotel rooms and gambling revenues.

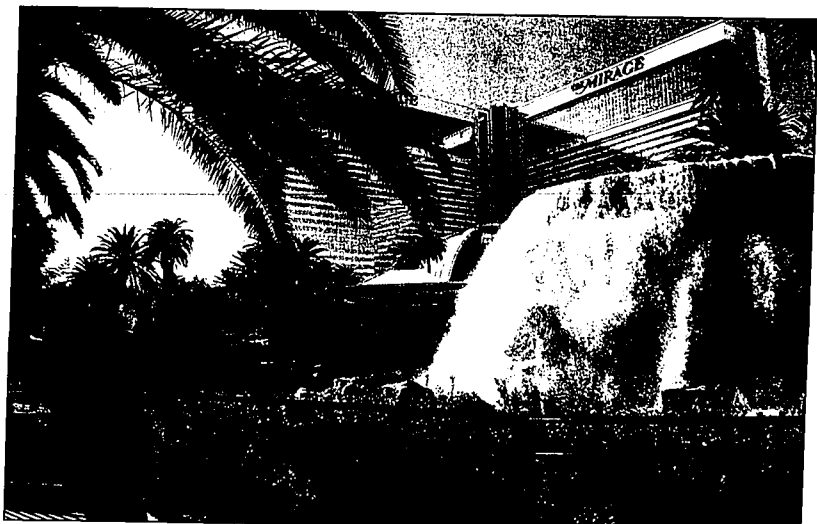
"It caused Las Vegas to go in the right direction, to provide a deeper, richer experience for the visitor," Wynn, chairman of Mirage Resorts Inc., said Monday. Jason Ader, a casino analyst for Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. in New York, said the Mirage was "one of the key engines responsible for the wave of growth Las Vegas has experienced the past 10 years."

"The Mirage has created the reason for people all over the world to come to Las Vegas," Ader said.

When the 3,044-room, 29-story hotel opened Nov. 22, 1989, skeptics predicted it would not be able to generate the \$1 million a day needed to meet its debt service and operating costs.

Wynn made light of the skepticism on opening day, noting the \$1 million daily net and boasting "Anything above that we get to keep."

The critics were proven wrong. The first year the resort generat-



Visitor Paul Bertrand records for posterity the fountain outside the Mirage Hotel on Monday, the 10th anniversary of the 'new' Las Vegas.

ed revenues of \$720.5 million, averaging nearly \$2 million daily. Wynn predicted at the time the

success of the Mirage would prove Las Vegas and its casinos were a safe bet for Wall Street

and the investment community. The city's early casinos were built with mob money, later

through the scandal-plagued Teamsters Pension Fund. "In the end, that was the most

important thing," Wynn said Monday. "The Mirage spent \$630 million and no one had spent over \$100 million up to that point. The Mirage would show that Las Vegas was a safe place to invest that kind of money. No one had invested on that scale before."

Ader said Wynn surprised Wall Street by exceeding the \$1 million a day.

"They figured he would never get the \$1 million a day in revenue needed to make the economic model work," Ader said. "Sure enough, he did it. Nobody ever doubted Steve Wynn again."

As for the impact on Las Vegas, the visitor volume has jumped from 18.1 million in 1989 to a projected 32.3 million this year. Those visitors are expected to pump \$24.6 billion into the Las Vegas economy in 1999, more than double the \$11.9 billion in 1989.

Mirage Resorts Inc. has developed two other megaresorts here, Treasure Island and Flamingo, and is a partner in another, Monte Carlo. It also owns the Golden Nugget hotel-casinos in Las Vegas and Laughlin, Nev., and the Beau Rivage in Biloxi, Miss.

Other megaresorts that followed Mirage here include the Excalibur, MGM Grand, Luxor, New York-New York, Rio, Stratosphere, Mandalay Bay, Venetian and Paris.

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Photo courtesy of Charity Anywhere Foundation

Janet and Karlie Short of Twin Falls display some nativity sets from their large collection. Their sets will be featured at the Charity Anywhere Foundation's third annual display of nativity sets from all over the world this weekend at the National Guard Army in Twin Falls.

Charity Anywhere displays nativity sets from the world

TWIN FALLS - Nativity sets from all over the world will be the stars of the Charity Anywhere Foundation's third annual Celebration of the Nativity display. The event will be held from 6-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, and from 12-6 p.m. Nov. 28, at the National Guard Army on the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls. The event features nativity sets from all over the world, and there is no charge to attend. The public also is encouraged to submit nativity scenes for display. Among the sets featured from the collection of Janet and Karlie Short of Twin

Falls are: an 11-piece set from Ireland with traditional details; a 13-piece set from Laos, which shows the stable like a Laotian home on stilts with the baby Jesus in a hammock and animals traditional for that culture; a cloth set from Kenya with a zebra and giraffe; the animals near the nativity; and an eight-piece set of clay from Ecuador. Charity Anywhere says it will also be taking volunteers to Mexico to do construction work for the poor, leaving Dec. 26. Volunteers will return to Magic Valley on Jan. 2. The public is invited to participate. Cost is \$250 per person. For more information, call Gordon Carter at 734-8041.

POETRY IN MOTION



B.J. Bryant/The Times-News

Vezaban cowboy poet Lois "Giggles" Melcham maintains her composure while reciting one of her humorous poems at the recent Burley Livestock Commission Nov. 14 for the Cowboy Poets of Idaho gathering. The event was free to the public during the afternoon showing and amateurs were encouraged to take a turn at the mic. Performances included jokes, short stories, poems and even political commentary from some of the 20 poets from the Northwest. The event was sponsored by the Cache Peak Country Horsemen.

Donated first aid kits are a help to youth coaches

On behalf of the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department, I wish to thank the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for recently providing first aid kits for our Twin Falls Parks and Recreation youth coaches. These kits were recently distributed to our girls' basketball coaches, and we found the kits to be a valuable tool in providing better and more immediate care for minor injuries to our youth sport participants at both games and practices.

A special thanks to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center emergency medical technicians who participated in the selection of first-aid supplies and packaging of the materials in the handy tote bag for our coaches. Great job! I'm sure we don't say this enough, but thank you for all you do at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to help ensure the safety and care of our sport participants. Your efforts and support are greatly appreciated.

MARK BRUNELLE
Recreation Supervisor
Parks and Recreation
Twin Falls

Jackpot casino provides food and entertainment for event

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center Foundation would like to thank the community for supporting the 17th Annual Foundation Benefit at Cactus Pecos. A special thanks to Cactus Pecos for providing the meal and the entertainment.

MARK BRUNELLE
Recreation Supervisor
Parks and Recreation
Twin Falls

Caring store employees put in volunteer time at Salvation Army

On the United Way of Magic Valley's Day of Caring, some of the employees from the Target Store in Twin Falls arrived at The Salvation Army. They went to work on improving the appearance of our building and did some painting.

We did not ask for their help. They went here because they cared.

Thank you, Target team.
MAJ. ANN PATTERSON
The Salvation Army
Twin Falls

Optimists make Halloween at mall 'safe and sweet'

I would like to thank everyone who helped make the Twin Falls Optimist Club's "Safe & Sweet" Halloween at the Magic Valley Mall a success again this year.

Foremost, the most help as always was Shellen Gilliland and the mall staff. They put up most effort in as the Optimists do to keep every safe running safe and smooth.

The people that bring our safe information: Smoky Bear and Friends, Twin Falls Fire and Police departments, Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department, vol-

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unteers, Red Cross, Safe Kids Coalition, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center ambulance, railroad safety guys, Julie Walker and her Intermountain Martial Arts and Skateland.

Biggest thanks goes to the many that brought canned food for the soup kitchen. You did great! See you all again next year.

DONNA BOHRN
Chairman, Optimist Club
Twin Falls

Media coverage adds to harvest festivities success

Valley Christian Church extends heartfelt thanks and appreciation to The Times-News, Sooper Ads, South Idaho Press, North Side News, Buhl Herald, KTII, KCR, KXFT-TV, KART, KEZJ, FMKLDX, KSAW-TV, KTFF, KMV-TV and TCI Cablevision for their public service announcement time and space; the Twin Falls, Kimberly, Buhl and Pines Senior Citizens centers, the churches of the Magic Valley, and all businesses who displayed our posters for all your help in making the harvest festivities successful.

Thank you to each and every one who attended our harvest dinner and country store; also to those who purchased tickets on the "doubtless success" quilted by ladies of Valley Christian Church. The quilt was won by Cathy Rice, and Becky Elam and Cathy Rice got the pillow.

Appreciate all who worked and helped in any way on all the functions of the day. What great work team!

WILLIE WILDER
Publicity Chairman
Twin Falls

Annual turkey dinner is a tasty success thanks to support

Just want to thank the community again for a very successful 68th Annual Turkey Dinner. We appreciate you all for making this such a success.

BONNIE PETER
Administrative Assistant
Crossroads United Methodist Church
Congregation
Kimberly

Trips to Kasota Korn Maze help pay for school field trips

I would like to thank the community for the great support it gave to us with our Kasota Korn Maze. We played some fun games, which included various businesses that were willing to help us out with prizes. We would like to thank them for their generosity.

Football team: Tim Curry's Car Care Center, Plaza Hut, Jaker's Steakhouse, Treasure Cove, On Cue, The Book Store, Mr. Gas & Wash and Zippers.

Thank you to the Buzo radio station. You were fun to work with and you did a great job for us.

Thank you to the community and schools for your support and the field trips. See you next year!

VICKIE AND BILLIE VANDEVER
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Adoption council appreciates support of MECCA group

The Magic Valley Adoption Council would like to acknowledge and thank the sponsor, Messengers to End Crimes Against Children and Abuse, and the many volunteers and donors that participated in the November Fun Fest on Nov. 6 at Spanbauer's Barn.

Thank you to MECCA, John and Marlene Hunter, Critchfield's Photography, Lee Family Belgians, Parties to Rent, YES Team, Imagination Station, Everybody's Business, Costco, Fredrickson's, Magic Valley Business

Systems, Team America, Domino's, Walmart, Mac's, Gem State Welders, Pomerelle Photography, Kurt's Hullmark, Operation Storybook, Mel Bonal's, Randy Landi, Wood Designs, Patty and Don Murr, Allie Vargas, Tara Casperson, Twin Falls High School National Honor Society, John and Denise Martin, David and Lorinda Tolman, North West Adoption Exchange and the staff of the Department of Health and Welfare.

LYNN BRAD
Twin Falls

Boy Scouts appreciate publicity of their food drive activity

In recent weeks, the Cassia and Minidoka Scout districts of the Snake River Council have had several events to make place, Randy Landi Nov. 6, we conducted the annual Boy Scouts of America Scouting for Food Drive. On Oct. 29, the Minidoka District held its annual district awards dinner, and on Nov. 12, Cassia held its dinner.

I would like to thank The Times-News for its coverage before and after each of these events. The willingness of the media to run public service announcements before an event and then follow up stories after is most gratifying. Your staff was most helpful with all the stories or photos that were turned in.

Again, thank you for your generosity, and we look forward to a continued good working relationship that enables us to move the Boy Scout program ahead to the youth of the Mini-Cassia area.

BOB ALVERSON
Senior District Executive
Boy Scouts of America
Burley

Local bank employees paint Salvation Army building

On a recent Saturday, some employees of Bank of America on Shoshone Street and their families came to The Salvation Army. They arrived pretty early in the day, and they came dressed in work clothes because these folks were giving up part of their weekend to do some painting.

They worked most of the day painting and touching up the outside of our building in specific areas. We did not ask for their help in these - these folks called and asked if there was a project that needed some physical labor to get done. We said, "Yes!" and the result is that our building is painted.

Thank you, Bank of America employees and families.

MAJ. EDDIE PATTERSON
The Salvation Army
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Boys and Girls Club teens send cards to living center

To the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley Teen Program.

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WILLA CARRAWAY
Program Director
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Job's Daughters announces gift wrapping fund-raiser

TWIN FALLS - The Job's Daughters annual gift wrapping fund-raiser will be held from Friday to Dec. 24 in the food court in the Magic Valley Mall. Proceeds will assist Job's Daughter's with operating expenses and a percentage goes to charities locally, statewide and worldwide.

Hours for the gift-wrapping fund-raiser will be posted on the booth at the Magic Valley Mall.

Lynwood Shopping Center presents holiday events

TWIN FALLS - The Lynwood Shopping Center will present the Lynwood Express mini-train starting noon Saturday at the Lynwood Shopping Center in Twin Falls.

The train will be rolling from 12-4 p.m. Saturdays until Dec. 18, and Santa Claus will be there from 12-4 p.m. to have pictures taken with children and he will telling Christmas stories each hour.

The Coca Cola Wagon will be on selling food items and free train tickets will be available at all Lynwood business locations.

A winter wonderland scene with animated elves will also be on display, and participants may vote for their favorite Christmas tree from Dec. 5-24. Winners will be announced on Dec. 31.

Elementary school students will decorate trees at the shopping center, and the trees will be on display in the center court of Lynwood merchant stores. Grand prize is a \$100 gift certificate at the Homestead, and third prize is a Lynwood Shopping Center gift certificate.

For more information, call Jeanne Wilson at 734-4393.

'Charlie Brown' musical stages in Dietrich

DIETRICH - Dietrich School will present the Broadway musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" at 7 p.m. Monday and Dec. 1. on the Dietrich Little

School stage.

The production will feature comic scenes and songs featuring Peanut, Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, Linus; Sally, Peppermint Patty, Schroeder, Pig Pen, Frieda and the Little Red Hired Girl.

Alan Anderson stars as Charlie Brown, with other cast members including Shenea Bingham, Joe Edwards, Carrie Heister, Hoskisson, Mandie Miller, Alicia Shaw, Bryon Southwick, Jacob Simpson and Cody Telford.

Twin Falls resident celebrates 80th birthday

TWIN FALLS - Greta Madron, of Twin Falls, will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the Bethel Temple Church at 3200 Ninth Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Great Blauvelt was born Nov. 29, 1909, in Geneva, Neb. She married Rodney Madron on Oct. 3, 1933, and has been a resident of the Magic Valley since 1935. She worked for JC Penneys for 18 years, and 12 years for Sears.

Madron has been a member of Bethel Temple Church for 65 years.

Madron has a son, Duane (Juno) Madron, of Dummer, W. Va.; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Family and friends are hosting the open house and request no gift.

Scout receives Eagle honor at ceremony in Albion

ALBION - Deric Russell Bell will receive his Eagle Scout award during a 7:30 p.m. Friday court of honor at the Albion LDS Church on South Main.

Bell has completed 24 merit badges toward becoming an Eagle Scout. He spent 79 hours cleaning up a tree that blew down in the Albion Park and repairing broken playground

equipment. After cutting up the tree, he distributed the wood to nearby valley residents.

Bell is a member of Troop 26 sponsored by the City of Albion and led by Lee Jolley.

Bell, 16, is junior at Declo High

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FEATURES

Native American influence runs deep in U.S. kitchens

By Carol J.G. Ward
Knight Ridder News Service

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Elsie Taylor Goins remembers when her family's Thanksgiving menu depended upon her grandfather's success at hunting. Goins, a Cherokee Tribal Council member, said the day started with a breakfast of fried rabbit, hot grits and hot buttered biscuits and fry-breads.

"After a hunting trip, my grandfather would always return home with a wild turkey, pheasant or partridge for the main course of our Thanksgiving dinner," she said. In the Native American custom, her grandfather Alexander "Doc" Allen (1869-1935), a Cherokee Indian, found sustenance where it was available.

Often what was available for Native Americans included corn, wild geese and herbs, squash, berries, nuts and game. Because Native Americans made their ancestral homes

all across the United States, their culinary influence runs deep in America's kitchens.

On Thanksgiving Day, traditional dishes might include turkey with cornbread dressing, cranberry sauce, succotash, corn, sweet potato casserole, stewed tomatoes, squash and pecan pie. Many of these dishes are rooted in Native American cuisine.

This November during Native American Heritage Month, Goins and her son Will Goins, CEO of the Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquois and United Tribes of South Carolina, want to remind people of that connection. The legends behind Native American cuisine are as varied as the tribes, but to many tribes, corn was the essence of life. Since corn sustained them for thousands of years when there was little else to eat, it is viewed as a sacred source of nourishment. Both Elsie Goins and Claire Wilson, a Catawba, recall all sorts of dishes made with fresh and dried corn, such as *doe* Mordeella McKinley of Wilmabago and Lakota heritage.

"We would grow and dry our own corn. Dried corn was eaten throughout the year," McKinley said. She said the family recipes that Elsie Goins has collected over the years include corn cakes made with fresh or ground corn, fried corn, cornbread, corn soup made with beans and hominy and corn pudding. Instead of flour dumplings, Wilson's family made chicken with cornmeal dumplings. People of the tribe are rich because of the grain," she said.

"But it was what we had." Not only corn, but tomatoes, beans and squash were used by Native Americans. Other traditional foods like wild greens, sweet potato pie, game such as bear meat and rabbit, bean bread, pickled beans and chestnut bread still can be found on some Native American dinner tables.

"Hominy, too, is a Native American contribution to the Southern palate. Because some varieties of corn have thick hulls that make grinding the dried cobs difficult, Indian cooks learned to soak the corn in a solution of water and wood ashes to remove the hulls, according to "Indian Givers" by Jack Weatherford. Native Americans called the hulled corn hominy. It was eaten as it was or dried and ground to make hominy grits, which became popular as a crisp. The Southern Poyotan, Cherokee and other tribes also were known for their soups and stews. McKinley remembers eating rich stews growing up in her native South Dakota. "We ate a lot of soups made with meats, so it was difficult for me to get used to vegetable soups. But we would make a vegetable soup with wild turkeys that grow in the hills of South Dakota," she said. Many times those soups would be made with meats and vegetables that had been dried during harvest time so they would last throughout the year. "We dried all our food: meat, cherries, turkeys. That was just how you preserved things," McKinley said.

Elsie Goins said her family would dry the harvest from the summer vegetable garden. Everything was dried, even cabbage. Fruit and nuts also were vital to Native American cuisine. Wilson, who spent her early years in Pennsylvania, said her family had pear trees, so they made peach cobbler instead of peach cobbler. Blackberry cobbler also were a favorite with her family. For Goins, the family favorite was persimmon cake, made from her grandmother's recipe.

Like vegetables and meat, fruit also was dried for later use. McKinley's family used dried cherries or cherry juice to make a fruit mush called *wojipi*, similar to a pudding, and *chumpa* (cherry patties). Many of these food traditions have been passed down from generation to generation. "It's the foods, customs and traditions you've done all your life the way your mother and grandmother did them," Elsie Goins said. Nevertheless, things have changed quite a bit, she said. Some game such as the possum or raccoon that her grandparents might have eaten is too wild for most people today, and many of the wild herbs her grandfather harvested and used for seasoning might be too bitter. Still, Goins tries to carry on her family traditions and pass them along to younger members of her family.

Today, those traditions might not be passed on in the family kitchen but through the telephone wires.

"Usually it's in the form of a phone call," Will Goins said. "A family member will call and ask, 'How do you make this?'" said Will Goins. His mother also has been collecting Native American recipes for about 30 years, some of which have been in her family for more than 200 years.

She hopes to publish these recipes to preserve them for the next generation.

Cranberry growers feel bogged down

GRAYLAND, Wash. (AP) — As the last cranberry harvest of the 20th century winds down, farmers are facing a sea change in the industry and an uncertain future.

Ocean Spray, the growers' collective that has been king of the bog for nearly 70 years, is now hanging on to a shrinking market share. And because of a few years of bumper crops resulting in a glut of berries in the market, growers are now faced with prices that are less than the berries cost to produce.

There are about 130 cranberry farmers in Washington state, according to Kim Fatten, the cranberry agent at Washington State University's Extension Office in Long Beach. Ninety of them are in the Grayland area.

The usual output of the Grayland area bogs is around 103,000 barrels, with an aggregate value of \$3 million to \$6 million. While the numbers won't be tallied for some weeks yet, Fatten estimates the 1999 crop at 75,000 to 85,000 barrels, with a value of \$3 million or less.

"Until the fruit is actually sold, you don't really know what you'll be getting for it," Fatten says. But "it's a disaster. Farmers are having to get other jobs or get out of the business and do something else just to keep up their debt service."

"There are many farmers here that are in trouble," says Merri Erickson, president of the Washington Cranberry Alliance. She runs a 20-acre bog south of Grayland.

"It's a matter of an oversupply of cranberries and low prices we are receiving. What happened in the last three years is that we've had bumper crops. The price has been quite good, so this entire growing season, and other growers to decide to plant cranberries."

Erickson adds that the farmers who are in the biggest trouble now are those who entered the business in the last five or six years, when prices peaked.

Other growers, however, say the problem is much more widespread. "It's going to weed out everybody if they don't do something about it real fast," says Niles Porter, 57, of Grayland. A 14-year Ocean Spray member, he has eight acres of cranberry bogs and says, "Ocean Spray told us all along that Ocean Spray growers would be protected from any downturns that were created in prices, and we'd be all right. The independents would be the ones that would suffer."

Cranberry growers are paid by the 100-pound barrel. A barrel of berries costs about \$35 to produce.

"Here we are, we've dropped from a high of \$62 a barrel down to \$22 in six months," says Porter. "Chances are that now we're not even going to get \$32. For the 1999 crop I bet it's not even near \$30 and probably not even \$20. There's a lot of rumors floating around. Meanwhile, independents are getting \$35 a barrel."

Washington growers joined the Ocean Spray collective in 1940. Today, independent growers are few and far between on the Pacific Coast.

Ocean Spray's major competitor in the cranberry market is Northland Corporation, with headquarters in Wisconsin.



John Linn divines cranberries in the Erickson Farm warehouse in Grayland, Wash., last October. A berry glut and aggressive competition have added up to low prices and big problems for cranberry farmers on the Washington state coast. As the last cranberry harvest of the 20th century winds down, farmers are facing a sea of change in the industry and an uncertain future.

Formerly the largest single cranberry producer in the Ocean Spray collective, with bogs in Wisconsin and Massachusetts, Northland split off from Ocean Spray in 1993 and began marketing its own fruit and juices.

Northland's share of the cranberry beverage market has grown to 15 percent in just six years, and they're not the only new players. Others have found niche markets to exploit, like Cranberry Hill Farms of Massachusetts, a growers' collective that features all organically grown cranberries and is currently developing its own beverage and sauce lines.

The primary wedge in Northland's assault on Ocean Spray's domination of the market has been a line of all-fruit juice products. Ocean Spray's trademark cranberry juice cocktail — its reputation forged with aggressive brand advertising over the past two decades — is heavily laden with corn syrup and other types of sugary sweeten-

ers that are no longer in vogue. Some growers say that Ocean Spray's response to challenges like the one posed by Northfield's all-juice products has been inept at best, and that the collective's board of directors has been unable to adapt to the new and changing market.

"There is one big gut," suggests Porter. "Ocean Spray needs to merge with another company and go public on the stock market, and then they'd be all right. But there's some old stick-in-the-mud (in the collective) who think that this is the farm, and they're going to hand it down to their kids."

"But they're already done and they just don't know it yet. There'll be a lot of bankruptcies quickly if something isn't done."

"Ocean Spray's CEO is trying to tell us that the downturn is only going to last three years," the Grayland farmer continues. "But most people say it's going to be more like 10 before it gets back to where it was."

But Ocean Spray's chairman of the board, Donald Hutton, a Grayland cranberry farmer, suggests that the growers who are calling for a merger or public offering of stock are really talking about giving away control of the company.

"Some of the growers who are suggesting a merger are really talking about a sale," Hutton says. "They're talking about selling the beverage business. A true merger would involve merging production and manufacturing and merging the board of directors. What most of the growers are talking about is taking a one-time financial gain and not having any future control over the beverage business."

"They also suggest that maybe a Coke or a Pepsi would pay us a lot of money for our brand names and product lines, and a lot of money for our cranberries, too. I think the shareholders of those companies would have something to say about that, though."

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Anxious about the holiday party? Just fake it - with style

The Baltimore Sun

When it comes to holiday entertaining, there are two types of people: the ones who make scrumptious dinners from scratch and serve them on impeccably set tables in clean houses... and the rest of us.

We are the fakers. We buy gourmet take-out and arrange it on our own china. We put candy in a bowl and call it a centerpiece. We are overwhelmed, underskilled, sometimes just plain clueless.

Put we still like a good time. And we wouldn't mind throwing a party to celebrate it. **T h a n k s g a v e** **W a n z a a** **X**mas or New Year's without falling to pieces.

What we need are shortcuts. So we asked party pros for their best tips and tricks on how to bluff your way through holiday entertaining.

The cheater's first step to feeding your guests: Ply them with drinks and snacks.

Keep the bar stocked and cold beer in the fridge and don't forget the "vibe," advises Julie Salter, a party planning event management company in Baltimore. "You'll make a lot of people happy."

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Wine and hors d'oeuvres, "Just give them something," stresses Lisa Honick, chef at Gourmet Again in Pikesville, Md. Toasted or spiced nuts, cheese and olives are festive and easy. Even easier: Put a couple of minced garlic cloves in a small bowl, pour in some good quality olive oil, and have your guests tear off chunks of bread and dip away.

Your guests will be so happy they won't even notice you've slipped out to the nearest gourmet take-out counter to pick up dinner.

Don't even think about feeling guilty. "Today so many things are pre-cooked and pre-made and pre-laid out for you on little platters you can really go into a grocery store and get everything for everyone," Salter says.

Most grocery stores sell rotisserie chicken, some sell sushi. Many will even arrange their prepared foods on your own platters.

Upon returning home to feed your guests - who, by the way, have run out of bread and are dipping frozen french fries in olive oil - be prepared to reply

when they compliment your cooking. Or rather, your smart shopping for gourmet-to-go food.

"It's a compliment when people pass off our food as their own," says Jo Alexander, spokeswoman for Eddie's gourmet deli of Roland Park, Md. "Their secret is safe with us."

And if your guests ask for actual recipes, it's not necessary to confess, says etiquette expert Peggy Post.

"It's really up to you," says Post, the author of Emily Post's Entertaining (HarperCollins; 232 pp; \$20). "You certainly don't have to lie. Smile and say, 'Thank you. I'm glad you like it.' You don't have to elaborate any more if you don't want to."

Eleven months out of the year, it's fine, acceptable even, to live in a house with no decorations on the front door or over the fireplace, a house where the only decorating theme is "dusty clutter."

Then December arrives and you're expected to turn your messy abode into a pristine holiday wonderland filled with gingerbread houses, twinkling lights and fanciful displays. Yikes.

Just like the food, you can fake it.

First, the cleaning. Or rather, the not cleaning. "A house doesn't require major cleaning every time you invite people over," says Salter. "There are a lot of things you can get away with."

Only straighten the rooms guests will see and close the doors to other, messier rooms.

Move furniture over. Kool-Aid carpet stains, toss pillows over. Grease smudges on the couch, do a quick swipe at the bathrooms guests will be using.

Fresh flowers on the table cover a tablecloth that's not as new as you'd like. Tossing a roll of cookie dough in the oven fills the house with that sweet smell of baking.

Most important, after your guests arrive, stop cleaning, says Post.

"If your house isn't clean, don't worry about it," she says. "It bothers the host and hostess much more than it bothers the guest. In fact it makes guests uncomfortable to watch their hosts scurrying around trying to pick things up."

Now the decorations. Greens cut from your yard can be used in displays all over the house.

Spray them with Wilpro - available at garden centers for about \$5 - and they'll last all season long.

A bowl of Granny Smith apples in a silver bowl can be a simple, elegant centerpiece. Or, make a slit in a shiny red apple and use it as a place-card holder.

Instead of putting candles in candleholders, fill buckets or bowls with candles and shove in lots of tall taper dandles. "You can light up a whole fireplace that way," says Leslie Haskins, owner of an eclectic housewares store in Hampden, Md.

Tiffany Zappulla, owner of TAZ Designs Inc., an interior design and decorative painting company in Baltimore, suggests using gold spray paint to liven candleholders and ornaments that are scratched and chipped. Put a taper candle in a low candleholder in a glass or crystal bowl and fill the bowl with wrapped candies.

Some other ideas: Old mirrors, decorated with holly and laid on the table, can be used as party trays. Tie napkins on each end with ribbons to look like English Christmas crackers.

Zappulla recommends coming up with new ways to use what you have.

Last year, she decorated her niece's Christmas tree in Beanie Babies. "Most people have a gazillion of those," she says. "No time for any of that? Then do this: Open a bag of holiday candy. Open it. Pour in bowl. Set on table."

"Something as simple as a colorful bowl of candy can help give a room a party feeling," Salter says.

There is nothing more odious than complaining about slaving in the kitchen while your guests stand idly by. Avoid this situation altogether by making your friends work for their supper.

"Making dinner can be part of the party," Salter says. In addition to asking people to bring courses, you can ask them to help chop vegetables for stew or cook their own meal if you serve fondue.

This help-with-the-party tactic works especially well when entertaining children, who tend to be both energetic and gullible. In addition, people tend to be more

complimentary and forgiving of those who are still in grade school.

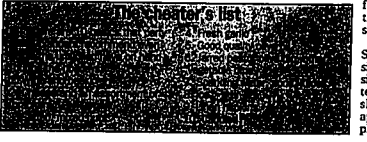
Before guests arrive, have children make and display their holiday decorations on the front door or mantle. If your own spray-painted, lasagna-noodle sculpture of a snowman looks less than professional, fib and tell everyone little Billy made it. In no time, you'll be taking orders for more.

And finally, when the party's over and everyone has gone, leaving behind crumpled cocktail napkins, half-finished drinks and no leftovers, repeat these words: Never again. Never again. Never again.

And know that come next year, you'll be here, same time, same place, same need to fake it.



You don't have to be Martha Stewart to put on an enchanting holiday party or get-together. Just follow a few guidelines and fake it - in an entertaining manner.



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Disease might not claim the holly

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Demand is down and production costs are up, but Northwest holly growers have still found a silver lining as Christmas approaches. Dry weather has kept a disease, foliar phytophthora, at bay. "We've had more dry periods than we've had in the last four or five years," Oregon State University Extension agent Richard Regan said. "The weather pattern has allowed the growers more of a window of opportunity to make their chemical applications if they so desire."

Over 90 percent of the nation's English holly, the kind with the shiny green leaves and red berries, is grown in Oregon and Washington. Most of the shipping for the wholesale market on the

East Coast is over by Thanksgiving. "The indication is that the disease won't be a problem," Regan said. "But we won't know for sure for another month or two."

As a result, the crop has rebounded from last year's reduced harvest to help offset softening demand over the years. "It's not what it used to be," said Larry Teufel, who owns Teufel Holly Farms near Portland. "We're shipping probably 50 percent less than we were 10 years ago."

He said other greenery on the market is cheaper to produce.

Stuart Olson, who has 24 acres of holly near Salem, said increased labor and packing costs have driven prices up by as much as 5 percent this year.

Transportation also is a problem. Like Christmas tree growers, those in the holly industry are having a hard time finding trucks to take their crop to market.

"Trucking deals have been a hassle for us this year," said Olson said. "That's our biggest fear. It doesn't do any good to package the product if you can't get it out of here. Last year I had a pager on me 24 hours a day."

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New crop of holiday decorations eases work, saves time

By Michele Ingrasia
Newsday

There are Christmas gifts to buy, cards to sign, stockings to stuff, dinners to plan. Does anyone have time to deck the halls? "You wouldn't think so," says "Everyone wants their Christmas lights to be fast, beautiful and have a huge impact," says Lawrence DeVittorio, a light buyer for Fortunoff's Department Store. It's not so easy.

But it's getting there. As the number of time-crunched Americans has soared, so has the pressure for holiday decorations that don't take days — or weeks — to install. The result is a winter wonderland of new Christmas time-savers, from pre-cut trees to easy-to-hang icicle lights that glow day and night, to mesh light webs that let you drape the tree in twinklers, rather than having to wrap one branch at a time.

"This is a very important issue these days. People aren't decorating more, but they look at how easy can I get it, how fast can it go up. They're looking for the least toll and trouble," says

Harrow's vice president Ken Ehrlich. "Time-savers just seem to be taking up a bigger and bigger part of the market."

Outdoor icicle lights led the way, offering up a dazzling cascading-light effect that requires no more effort to hang than a strand of ordinary bulbs. Even after two years on the market, retailers say, the icicle craze is not about to melt away. To the contrary, it's only getting bigger.

Indeed, Ehrlich says, last year he initially ordered 40,000 sets and wound up selling 100,000, despite a nationwide light shortage. "That was my job last year — to find icicle lights anywhere and get them shipped to us."

Not surprisingly, several of this year's newest looks are second-generation icicle lights, including icicles with colored bulbs and icicles with motion effects, says Marvin Press, president of Miami International Corp., a New York company that manufactures and distributes Christmas lights for such

mega-brands as Sylvania. From Hammacher Schlemmer there are the new "Day and night" icicles, 8 1/2-inch slashes of plastic that are glitter-coated so that they glow in the sunlight, not just when they're plugged in at night. For those intent on

permits decorators to hang the positioners just once (you simply snap out the light cords when the holidays are over), and Fortunoff's stay-straight clip, used to keep lights from bending in the wind.

But, clearly, the trend is toward ready-made light forms that do all — or most — of the work for you. Among the hottest looks: the 7-foot outdoor "spiral tree," which comes in a flat box and can be put together in minutes. To assemble, pull up the prelit coil and attach it to a metal pole; to store, collapse it back into a 3-inch-high coil.

Like the Christmas tree, all sorts of familiar forms have taken on new guises this year. At Smith & Hawken, traditional garden fountains and gazebos are being marketed with add-on lights to do winter and summer duty. Harrow's has expanded its menagerie of wire sculptures to include motorized reindeer whose heads bob up and down and shake from side to side. And for those intent on creating their

own Christmas messages, Hammacher sells individual lighted letters that let you spell out your own greetings.

The biggest dose of Christmas cheer comes on the tree-lighting front. For instance, light webs, require virtually no effort to install — just fit a mesh light blanket over the tree. The webs, which are designed to prevent tangling and crushed bulbs, come big enough for a 6 1/2-foot tree (168 lights) or a 7 1/2-foot tree (224 lights). And though the original versions were filled with mini-lights, this year's models have gone retro — with the large, classic lights and old-fashioned bubble lamps.

Another newcomer to the light wars is the fiber-optic tree. It's not with traditional lights, but with a color wheel that rotates at the base of the tree. "It's magical," says DeVittorio, "because the color emanates from the inside out. It just glows."

And for the truly decorating-averse, the best news may be the prelit indoor tree, which is meant to be as simple to put together as any piece of knock-down furniture. In short, open the box, unfold the branches and plug it in. And, unlike the first generation of prelit trees, these don't require an entire garage for off-season storage.

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doing Christmas the old-fashioned way, Hammacher also offers up rope lights designed to bend on a tighter curve for working into hard-to-handle spots, such as window corners. To up the wattage, the ropes feature 12 lights per foot, instead of the standard two per foot, allowing more dazzle without having to overlap strand after strand.

And to keep it all straight, there's Hammacher's snap-on hanger, a roof-line bracket that

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Designer: Nice table can improve any meal

Kathleen Purvis
Knight Rider News Service

You've figured out your menu, and chosen the recipes, bought the food, cooked the whole thing. After all that, are you just going to toss your holiday meal down on the table? Let's hope not. Unless you want to spend a lot of time scrubbing tabletops, you're going to have to give some thought to what goes under the food: The dishes.

Ann Morhammer, creator of Annieglass, has given a lot of thought to it. Her dinnerware designs grace the tables of the rich and famous, like Oprah Winfrey, Barbara Seaman, Robin Williams and Glenn Esletian. And her designs, like her brightly flowered plates and placemats, have graced the pupes of magazines like Gourmet and Bon Appetit. We talked with Morhammer about the ins and outs of table design.

Q. What's on your table right now?

A. At the moment, I've been looking dinner parties using twig placemats and twig placemats and the (Annieglass) slower placemats.

Q. When you're designing a table, where do you start? With the tablecloth, the centerpiece, the centerpiece? Or do you start earlier, with the food?

A. Since I'm a dinnerware designer, I start with the plates and everything goes from there. But it varies. If I have a great theme or a beautiful service can do, I'll start with that.

Q. Is there a "fashion statement" in tableware this year? What's in and out?

A. See, I don't follow the trends in the tableware business. I don't think there's a more traditional business than dinnerware. And I'm speaking of fine china. Mix and match was a big big three years ago (but we've been doing that from the beginning). Certainly, you're seeing a lot in casual. The big trend is platinum.

Most china patterns that are new have platinum (minimally). People for a long time have liked mixing and matching the glassware with china. Personalizing their table is important — not going for the 25-piece bundled set like their mothers did. Or making choices equally with the bride and groom, mix the bride and her mother. I think that's a generational thing. That generation makes more choices that way.

Nobody's buying anything (no last) 20 years. They're buying new sets, or casual in the home china, the very expensive, yes, those are bought for long use.

They may pick the bone china charger, and then they'll layer it with one of our plates and another company's salad plate. You see a lot of that. And they want things that will go in the dishwasher.

Q. What about decorating tables for New Year's?

A. I'm doing a table for a local museum to auction. We have a platinum star, so I'm going to use that as the salad plate, the top plate. Then I'm going to do the amethyst (dinner plate) under it and our platinum charger and stemware with a platinum tint. I love to take fabric and weave different fabrics together, like scarves. (On that table, she'll combine cranberry velvet and a subtle burnished silver fabric.) I'm going to twist the two down the table and tuck in beaded votives. Then add a long platinum baguette tray and float candles and white flowers in that.

For the holidays, it's got to be rich like that. Deep color mixed with white or platinum, like a dark emerald green or chocolate brown or aubergine. ... Everybody expects red plaid or Christmas tree things. That has a way of not being sumptuous. It doesn't say special enough. It's the millennium — pull out all the stops.

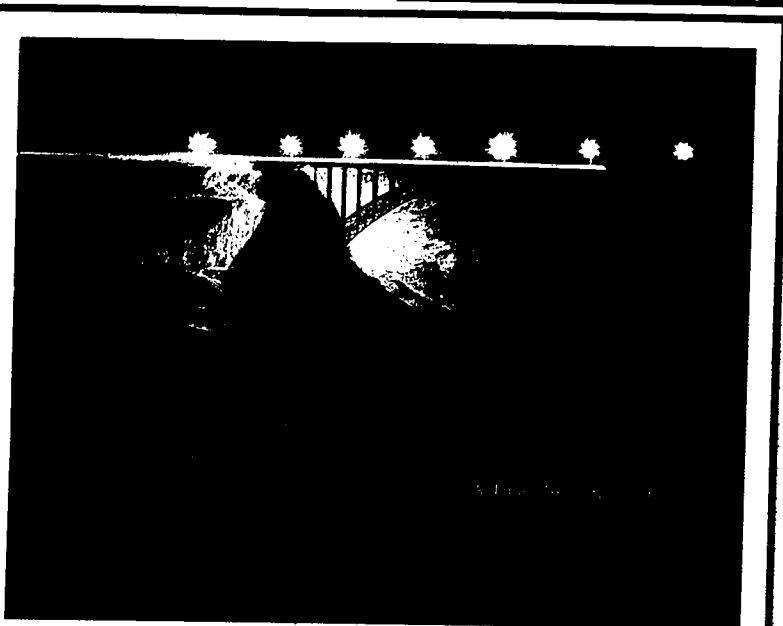
Q. We've seen centerpieces made of gilded olives. What's the most unusual centerpiece you've ever seen?

A. Goldfish. In a big bowl, one of our big bowls (that looks like a canoe). The emerald green with these orange little fish — that stops traffic. I've even put them in the glasses, the wine glasses. I used a pattern that has a goldfish on it. So they've got their white wine glass, their red wine glass and the water glass with the fish in it. It's a wonderful ice breaker.

Q. What doesn't work?

A. I think trying to use things that served you at another time and looking for a different reaction. For instance, the stuff with Christmas trees that we want to all of a sudden bring into the year 2000. We're going to have to work a little harder to make that work. That doesn't mean get rid of your Christmas tree fabric, but twist it with something else, or layer it with sheer fabric, something that updates it, gives it new life. People who have all those Christmas tree fabrics or Santa or whatever could do something great by covering it with very sheer curtains, almost like a curtain sheer. That would be beautiful.

Delight is the main thing. I want my guests to be delighted when they sit down. I want them to ooh and aah.



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Washington still fosters wine biz

WAPATO, Wash. (AP) — It's not uncommon to call this the "golden age of wine" in Washington state, a time when the grapes, the weather and the market all have come together as if touched by Midas himself.

Three years ago, there were 89 wineries in the state. Today there are 140, and Washington Wine Commission director Steve Burns likes to say a new one opens every 13 days.

Most of the growth has been among small wineries producing premium wine.

"It's a great product for the Washington economy. It's a product people can enjoy and make a living off of," he says.

Mike Sauer does both at his Red Willow Vineyards, just outside of Wapato, with a stunning view of the Yakima Valley and snow-capped Mount Adams.

Rose bushes accent rows of vines, labeled with a planting date and exotic grape names such as sangiovese and syrah. A spare, traditional steeple chapel graces the highest point in the vineyard — a place for Sauer to cross his blessings.

"We've been in a golden age of wines since 1994," says Sauer, "and the millennium is ending up as one of the best."

Sauer planted his first wine grapes in 1973. He likes to experiment on his 130 acres — part of a larger farm totaling about 2,000 acres — and works with respected winemaker David Lake of Columbia Winery in Woodinville to bring innovative and interesting wines to market.

Sauer is also considered the pioneer of syrah in these parts, a red wine grape with a vivid flavor that's become increasingly popular around the world like merlot and cabernet.

Sauer says each vintage is special, and when he opens a bottle of wine, he's reliving the flood of memories of that particular year.

"There's a personality to each vintage," he says.

Sauer and Lake evoke the small, intimate European art of winemaking along with a down-to-earth approach to this creative challenge.

So does Kay Simon. She and her husband, Clay Mackey, run the Chinook Winery out of an old Prosser cherry orchard. With the winemaking equipment in the barn and a tasting room in the cozy farmhouse, they represent the future of Washington winery, Burns says.

"They saw this as a land of opportunity," he says.

Simon and Mackey both worked in big commercial winemaking before they opened Chinook in 1988. It can be hectic, especially at crush each fall.

A lot of people have romantic and leisurely visions of estate-style winemaking, but of course, it could be if one hires someone else to make the wine, Simon says.

"If you have the money to hire a winemaker, you've already made your fortune doing something else."

Chinook makes about 3,000 cases each year, says Sauer. Simon and Mackey also market and sell their own wines, with regular business trips to restaurants and shops west of the Cascades.

Washington is a \$300 million-a-year business in Washington state, and wine grapes have just broken into the top 10 agricultural commodities.

An estimated 25,000 acres are planted in wine grapes, a figure that nearly has doubled in a

decade as many other Washington agricultural commodities, particularly apples, have struggled against economic setbacks.

In addition to the availability of land and the varied-but-just-right growing conditions, Washington state remains a place where starting a winery is still economically feasible, especially compared with pricey startup costs in California.

"Here you can come in and buy some property, open a winery and do it reasonably affordably," Burns says.

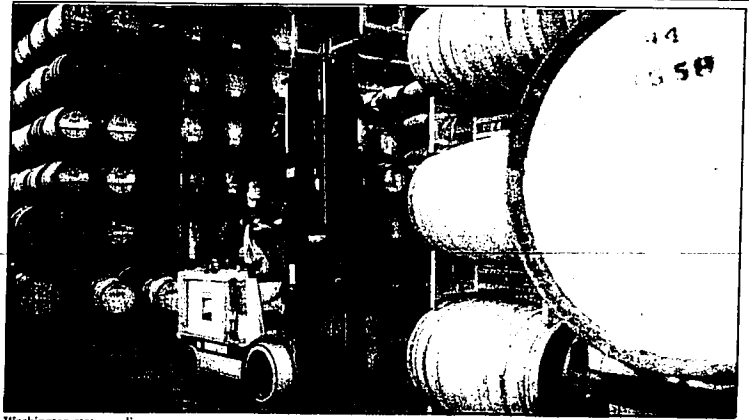
"You can't make wine in Napa for what you can make it in Prosser," Simon says. "In a way, we're a new frontier."

Customers are attracted to the intimacy of the region's small wineries.

"It's also happening with vegetables and cheese and everything. With gastronomy today, it's the micro-producer. People are paying extra for that personal touch. People like to know where the stuff is coming from, to touch the person making it," Burns says.

As the industry matures here, it is taking steps to secure a market niche as a producer of premium wines. One nationally noted step was the establishment of a wine quality commission, which will set standards for the state's wines.

Burns says a wine bottle is really a little ambassador from



Washington state, ending up on tables around the world, with information about where it was made.

Sauer, for example, has designed for a special red blend called Peninsula — a removable, two-sided label that features panoramic photographs, a philosophical statement and wine data secured to the bottle with a twist of twine and wood.

"Look at the image behind Washington wine," Sauer says. "Washington is a state of contrast, the Columbia River, the snow-capped mountains. The idea behind the wine is beautiful and it's pristine, and it's still relatively undiscovered."



Above, warehouse manager Steve Boylan stacks wine-filled oak barrels to be aged at Hogan Cellars winery in Prosser, Wash., last October. Left, Kay Simon, owner and winemaker at Chinook Winery in Prosser, looks inside a stainless steel tank full of fermenting wine. Three years ago there were 89 wineries in the state; today there are 140.

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Kankakee rises to own defense

By Monica Eng
Chicago Tribune

KANKAKEE, Ill. — The Convention and Visitors Bureau urges you to "Choose Kankakee County," and that's just what the new "Places Rated Almanac" did. Its latest edition chose the city and its surroundings as the worst metropolitan area to live in the United States and Canada.

In the aftermath of this announcement, the county has gotten a lot of unwanted publicity in USA Today, on "Good Morning America" and as the butt of a David Letterman Top 10 List.

Few people in Kankakee, about 60 miles south of Chicago, will deny that joblessness and crime are problems in the community. Still, being rated dead last took some residents by surprise, and local newspapers rose up in defense of the area.

Having obtained a copy of Places Rated Almanac (sixth edition) through IDC Publishing, we took a trip to Kankakee on Saturday to talk to a few residents and see for ourselves how the county matched up to its ratings in print.

Although the Kankakee metropolitan area didn't place last in any one of the book's nine livability categories, consistently low ratings cumulatively did it in. The county, which has its own symphony orchestra, ranked especially low in the arts (34th out of 354), but it turns out the book overlooked a few things.

11:30 a.m. Riverview residential district. In this historic district where big old houses have back yard views of the sparkling Kankakee River, folks are out raking leaves and enjoying the 70-degree weather. Gov. George Ryan's big brick house is located here, but its only occupants seem to be two concrete geese who guard the front porch.

Noon, German Club Craft Fair. Inside the field house at Bird Park, dozens of people are milling around craft tables and gobbling German specialties, including a rich custard and almond cake called bienenstich, or bee sting. Outside, local artist Marc Wauk, 43, sits at a picnic table eating a brat, a John Deere cap shielding his eyes.

Wauk says he was disappointed

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1. Salt Lake City, Utah
 2. Washington, D.C.
 3. Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, Wash.
 4. Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, Fla.
 5. Denver, Colo.
 6. Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, N.C.
 7. Toronto, Ontario
 8. Houston, Texas
 9. Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.
 10. Phoenix-Mesa, Ariz.

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with the recent rating but agrees with its implication that Kankakee needs to invest more in the arts. Still, he disputes the book's contention that the area has no art galleries. "I don't know what they used to determine their numbers," says Wauk. "But there are a few places like Chapel River Gallery in Momence where they do show local artists, although they're not open every day."

Others argue that art is shown regularly at Olivet Nazarene University, Riverview Gallery in Bourbonnais and the Kankakee County Historical Society Museum, which features the nation's largest collection of sculptures by George Grey Barnard, who grew up in Kankakee.

1 p.m., Kankakee County Historical Society Museum. This small but elegant museum, one of several in the area, seems to argue against the cultural wasteland portrayed in the book. Museum director Anne Chandler says she wishes the book's author — David Savagene, who claims to have visited Kankakee twice — had spent more time.

"If he did come here, he certainly didn't get around very much," Chandler says. "The arts aren't portrayed large like Chicago, but they are very good. They show that you don't have to have size to get quality."

2 p.m., Nightingale Lounge. Electric blues curbs out of the jukebox as a group of men drink beer and watch college football. Filers advertise an upcoming performance by Vance Kelly and the Backstreet Blues Band in the adjoining room.

"I moved here because Kankakee used to be one of the best cities we had for jobs," says Bennie Betts, 81. "But then came that utility tax and all the facto-

ries started leaving. We need more business and employment here."

2:45 p.m., Paramount movie theater. Families are trickling in to catch the \$3.50 matinee. Bob and Gena Olson pull up on a motorcycle.

"It wouldn't live anywhere else," says Gena, 44, of Momence. "We can take a nice scenic drive up here on the motorcycle and drive up to the front of the theater, and I love this beautiful old (movie house). What's nice about living here is that we are just far enough from Chicago that we can go and do what we want there, but don't always have to deal with the crowds."

4:30 p.m., Cocina Macias Mexican restaurant. Marina Macias, 11, advises customers on what's good at her parents' restaurant and offers to translate the concert posters that advertise local Latin music concerts. Still, she says, there's not much in the way of entertainment for kids.

"We moved here like a year ago, and compared to Chicago there is not much to do," she says.

5 p.m., Mezzaluna Ristorante. Sparkling Christmas lights make the elegant entry feel cozy as it fills up with nattily dressed locals who will spend the evening sipping wine and dining on escargot, porobello mushrooms, pasta and seafood. Mezzaluna and the county's four other "fine dining" establishments were missed by the book's AAA-aided statistics, which credited the area with only one noteworthy casual restaurant.

Savagene admits in an interview that statistics don't always tell the whole story. "If Kankakee is our worst metropolitan area," he concludes, "we must be in really good shape."



Jacqueline Bengfort, 5, sprays her brother, Joshua, 9, with a handful of snow outside their Farmington, N.M., home Monday afternoon. Warm fall temperatures and a lack of precipitation in the Four Corners gave way to temperatures in the 20s and nearly two inches of snow early this week.

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Famed S.F. cabaret prepares to close

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — In its 1950s heyday, Finocchio's guest list was a who's who of A-list stars: Bob Hope, Lucille Ball, Milton Berle, Lana Turner, Jack Benny, Bette Davis.

After 63 years of the finest in drag queen cabaret, rent hikes are forcing the club "where the most beautiful women are men" to close its doors.

"The curtain will fall on the last show Saturday night despite the club's landmark status and lines wrapping around the block."

"We all feel bad," says club owner Eve Finocchio. "It's like losing a friend."

Although Finocchio is still popular, it has lost the exotic appeal it cultivated since opening in 1936 in the city's red-light district of sex shows and strip joints along the edge of the Italian North Beach section.

Drag queens are showing up everywhere from talk shows to Hollywood films. (In 1995, action star Wesley Snipes donned gloves, double-thick hose and attitude to co-star with Patrick Swayze and John Leguizamo in the film "To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar.")

When Joe Finocchio opened the club, it was illegal for performers to enter and exit the building in costume. He was forced to ward off police who repeatedly threatened his business. He was used to it. He had worked in his father's San Francisco speakeasy during Prohibition.

But Finocchio's has never been about shock value, his widow says.

"We like to feel we have more class than drag queens. In fact, I hate that expression," she said. "I prefer male actresses."

Emcee Brian Keith says the club, with its PG-rated strip teases, lip-synched songs and magic acts, is bona fide theater "in the tradition of La Cage Aux Folles and the cabarets of Paris and Berlin. It's that simple."

But Finocchio's means as much to San Francisco as Coit Tower and the Transamerica Pyramid, says Keith, dressed in a long white dress dripping with sequins, feather boas and wings of every color waiting for his costume changes.

Whether it's high art or menaging falsetto, what's certain is



Holetta Tymes prepares for a performance earlier this month at Finocchio's cabaret club in San Francisco.

that the show is full of humor. Keith warns up the crowd with self-deprecating jokes: "Ladies and gentlemen, as you can see I'm not the real thing but I'm a sure thing."

A striptease artist, introduced as "the prettiest she that's a he that you'll ever see," leaves much to the imagination and doesn't push the mainstream audience to discomfort. "The show is not about being gay. It's not about sex," says Keith. "It's about fun — forgetting your troubles for an hour."

During its heyday, Finocchio's had show seven nights a week. Now it's down to three shows each on Friday and Saturday nights.

"People would rather stay home and rent a movie," Mrs. Finocchio says.

She said she decided to close after her landlord raised the rent from \$4,000 to \$6,000 on the 8,000 square foot space, and asked her to pay the taxes and handle any plumbing repairs on the building built in 1883.

For Keith, the closing of Finocchio's is proof that San Francisco is becoming gentrified.

A few years ago, the Condo Club shut down its strip show famous for performer Carol Doda and reopened as a sports bar.

"You see neighborhoods all over with things like the Gap moving in," Keith says. "San Francisco is being torn apart. It's not the little town that happened to be a city anymore."

Over the years, Finocchio's has made a few "stars" of its own, including Don McLean, also known as Lori Shannon, who played Archie Bunker's drag queen friend on "All in the Family." Another was Lucien Phelps, a straight, married man with children who starred as Sophie Tucker for 27 years.

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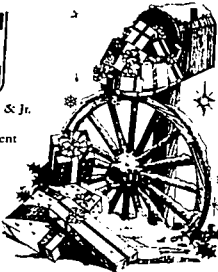
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A gassy bird? Talk-Line recalls funniest turkey talk



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Home economists have heard it all

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• What a gas!

A confused man called the Talk-Line to confirm a family turkey preparation tip that had been passed down from generation to generation - cut a slit in the turkey to rid the bird of gases. The Talk-Line staffer reassured the woman this process was unnecessary, as turkeys have no "gases" to get rid of and such a procedure would only dry out the bird. Relieved, the caller thanked the staffer for clarifying the family myth, stating it had been literally "blown" out of proportion!

• Giving thanks

While attending a prayer service at her local church, a young woman was distracted with anxiety over the upcoming Thanksgiving meal preparations. Upon exiting the chapel, she was startled to see the Butterball's Talk-Line number on the lobby bulletin board. When the woman returned home, she immediately called the Talk-Line for advice on preparing a last-minute dinner. After the Talk-Line staffer suggested purchasing a Butterball Fully Cooked Turkey for a no-fuss feast, the woman thanked Butterball for answering her prayers.

• Bundle of joy

A flustered father called the Talk-Line a few hours after his wife had given birth to their first child. He was concerned that their Thanksgiving turkey had been thawing in the fridge for too long while he was at the hospital assisting his wife. When the Talk-Line staffer asked the man how much it weighed, he replied, "The turkey or the baby?" After determining the turkey's weight and sharing the staff's assurance the proud pop that he would be able to deliver a safe and delicious belated Thanksgiving dinner when mom and the new addition returned home.

• Closet cooker

A New Jersey auto mechanic called the Talk-Line to inquire whether or not it was necessary to baste his frozen Butterball Turkey. After the home economist advised it was not necessary, as frozen Butterball turkeys are already deep-basted, she offered to send him free Butterball recipes. At first the mechanic was interested, then reluctantly declined the offer, citing that should any of his co-workers find out, he might lose his "meat" in charge. After all, what would his garage buddies think if they discovered he knew more about Butterball than brakes?

• Timeless treasures

After discovering a turkey from 1969 in his dad's freezer, an

Alabama man called the Talk-Line to inquire if the 30-year-old bird was safe to eat. Although the fabled fowl was safe to eat, the Talk-Line staffer suggested the meat might be less than optimum and recommended purchasing a new turkey for the Thanksgiving feast.

• Bird blunders?

Speaking very softly, an Ohio woman called the Talk-Line for advice on preparing a frozen Butterball Turkey breast. When asked to speak up, the woman

confessed she was hiding from her husband who was angry with her for buying a breast instead of a whole turkey. Apparently, he was concerned the breast meat would be dry and was looking forward to enjoying leftovers after the Thanksgiving dinner. The Talk-Line staffer recommended she cook the breast at 325 degrees to an internal temperature of 170 degrees F. To ensure moist, juicy meat and suggested she purchase an additional breast for her husband's leftovers.

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These conversation starters are real turkeys

By Eric Adler
Knight Ridder News Service

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Like Uncle Leo. Think anyone's going to bring up his new hair plugs? Nooo way. "Lookin' good, Uncle Leo!"

Or how 'bout Aunt Wanda and her yucky yams. Anyone want to tell her they taste like sod and

bacon fat. "Mmmm, mmm, Aunt Wanda. No, no. I'm saving mine for later!"

Forget about it. "One thing you don't ask, you don't ever bring up any ex-wives, and you don't talk about Uncle Lumber's clubhouse. You'll be spending the rest of Thanksgiving eating with the cat," said Kansas City comic D.C. Young.

Just imagine how much crowd you'd be eating if you really talked turkey and said...

• Jim, don't you think your new girlfriend looks just like your old one?

• Whoa, Sadie! No dieting today, huh?

• Anyone mind if I remove my

tongue stud?

• Hey, Ken. Wasn't this the day you said you were coming out of the closet?

• It's not like yours is a real job, is it Al?

• Mom, what's that thing we're not supposed to tell Aunt Clara?

• So, Charlie, how's that patriotenry suit comin'?

• Mom, you know that guy you thought I wasn't seeing? Well, I kinda got some news.

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No dressing? no problem Just check out these emergency tips

By Deborah S. Hartz
Knight Ridder News Service

With all the holiday hurry, chances are you forgot to purchase some important ingredient. Or maybe something didn't turn out as planned. Here are 10 ways to help you out of these holiday jams:

1. **Cranberry sorry:** Forgot the cranberry sauce or jelly? Instead, put out a small bowl of orange marmalade as a nice accompaniment to the turkey. Or for a special treat, if you did remember the canned cranberry sauce (not jelly), stir in a little orange marmalade or orange zest.

2. **Ops, the garnish!** Maybe you forgot to buy a garnish for the vegetables or didn't even think of getting one. Well, dried bread crumbs mixed with melted butter and garlic or parmesan cheese can be tossed with green beans or sprinkled over broccoli or cauliflower florets. Toasted nuts (chopped pecans or walnuts, pine nuts, slivered almonds) are a good topping, too. For a nice presentation of cauliflower, try trimming the leaves and stems from a head and steaming it whole. Serve on a platter or in a bowl topped with the bread crumbs or nuts. It looks quite elegant. Or just top with a sprinkling of fresh-grated nutmeg. You'll be glad you did.

3. **Oh those kids!** There it sits on the counter, that beautiful pecan pie you made last night so it would be ready for today's feast. But what's that? Someone has removed (and nibbled) a few of the nuts from the top. Well, dessert is not ruined. Just add a layer of whipped cream or whipped topping before you bring the pie to the table. No one will ever know.

Now this is something we don't like to mention, but let's say you drop the pie - pumpkin, pecan, whatever. Don't give up on dessert. Instead, scoop it into individual bowls, top with whipped cream and serve like a cobbler. Guests might guess your secret but if you don't tell, they won't know for sure. And the dessert will taste as good as ever.

4. **Where's the salad dressing?** Oh no, you forgot the salad dressing. Well, it's very easy to make your own vinaigrette from items you probably have on hand. For a very acid vinaigrette use one part oil and one part vinegar. For a medium-acid vinaigrette, use 4 parts vinegar to 6 parts oil. For a mellow vinaigrette, use 1 part vinegar to 3 parts oil. You can use the vinegar of choice - red wine, white wine, tarragon, cider, even champagne. Or try substituting citrus juice for part of the vinegar.

5. **And you can use the oil of choice but try to make at least part of the oil nutty extra-virgin olive oil.** For a very acid vinaigrette use one part oil (Azechuan), your favorite fresh or dried herb, a little garlic (onions, shallots or gingerroot will do well, too), and maybe a little Dijon mustard. It's better than store-bought.

6. **It's stuffing!** Your family loves sausage stuffing but with all the pre-holiday rush, you forgot the sausage. Or, maybe there's a vegetarian invited for

dinner and stuffing baked outside the turkey is one of the things you know that veggie lover can eat. Instead of using sausage, chop and saute some portobello mushrooms in butter. Then add them to the stuffing. They have the look and texture of meat and make a nice addition to the dressing.

If you didn't buy enough stuffing mix (you know, those bags and boxes of bread cubes), you can always make your own by cutting bread into cubes and slowly toasting them in the oven to dry them out. Then add your favorite dried herbs - sage is a perennial favorite.

7. **Mash 'em:** You thought you had plenty of milk to make the mashed potatoes but when you opened the carton, it was sour. Now what? Well, you probably have canned chicken broth or homemade turkey stock that you will use to make gravy. Add some of that to the potatoes. It's a low-fat way to make that mash.

8. **Gravy Woes:** Even the most experienced cook can end up with lumpy gravy. It's not the end of the world. Merely put the gravy through a strainer, and *goodbye lumps!*

9. **No Sweets:** Your family loves sweet potatoes - candied or mashed - but you didn't buy any. But, you do have a bag of carrots in the crisper drawer. You can boil and then saute them in butter with brown sugar or mash them as you would sweet potatoes. Use organic carrots to be sure you get the sweetest ones available. Add a sprinkle of dried ginger or cinnamon, perhaps. Or add a drained can of crushed pineapple for a tropical taste.

10. **No time appetizers:** You planned all sorts of individual nibbles as a fancy appetizer, but you are running out of time. The turkey isn't even in the oven yet. Don't despair. Instead, dress up some simple items you probably have in your pantry. For example, try marinating olives. Lightly crush the Spanish green olives with pits from a 13-ounce jar. Combine them with 8 pitted and lightly crushed cloves garlic and 1/4 cup fruit extra-virgin olive oil. Cover and refrigerate; the longer the better. Or toast some nuts such as pecan or walnut halves to serve as nibbles. Carrot and celery sticks are good even without dip. And if you have a bottle of bubbly on hand to celebrate the evening, guests won't even notice your lack of elegant starters.

11. **Space travel:** As often happens with condo or apartment owners, the oven cavity is too small to hold the whole bird. What's more, your roasting pan is too small, too.

So make that big bird smaller. Just cut off the wings and legs from the breast and cook them separately. The turkey will actually turn out better because white meat takes less time to cook (it needs to reach an internal temperature of 165 degrees) than dark meat (which must reach an internal temperature of 175 to 180 degrees). So, you can start the legs first. Just be sure to carve the rest of the turkey and put the meat on a platter in the kitchen. No one will be the wiser.

HOLIDAY MOVIES

New York Daily News

It's not Christmas and it's not summer, but Thanksgiving is shaping up to be a key period for the film industry. This year, the films opening are hoping to lock in business before the killer holiday flicks crowd in.

"Thanksgiving is the event that kicks off the holiday season, and it has become Hollywood's biggest single holiday of the year," says the Hollywood Reporter's Martin Grose. "Christmas through New Year's is bigger, but Thanksgiving is enormously important, and Hollywood has found there is plenty of gravy at the box office."

Turkey Day is no throwaway because many people have a four-day weekend, which provides plenty of opportunity for families to see a flick. Last year, Disney's animated family-friendly "A Bug's Life" broke the Thanksgiving weekend record, raking in \$46.5 million in the Wednesday-through-Sunday period. So it comes as no surprise that Disney chose this weekend to release "Toy Story 2," which originally was headed for video. Counter-programmers hope to cash in, too, with "End of Days" going after the action crowd.

And because the period right after Thanksgiving slows down a little bit - people are occupied with shopping and office parties - some smaller distributors see the four-day weekend as a good time to open their product on a limited basis, then slowly roll it out across the country.

"Between Thanksgiving and Christmas there are a lot of things that occupy people's minds, and you find that the movies are a second choice," says Steve Flynn, head of marketing at USA Films, which is opening the Civil War drama "Ride With the Devil" in a limited number of markets. "So planning (opening a movie gradually) and keeping it tight, you're giving an opportunity for the film to grow and stay in the theaters. You can stay onscreen longer during that time period." Here's the Gobble Day lineup:



Jericho Cane (Arnold Schwarzenegger) and his partner Chicago (Kevin Pollak), right, are drawn into a heart-stopping game of cat and mouse. Cane and Chicago must battle a supernatural force of fear, which is embodied in The Man (Gabriel Byrne).

"Toy Story 2" - The sequel to the wildly successful 1995 film was supposed to go straight to video. When the finished product was delivered, Disney had second thoughts. Advance buzz is that it might be as good as, if not better than, the original. With Tom Hanks and Tim Allen returning in the key voice roles, "Toy Story 2" smells like a winner.

"End of Days" - The Devil arrives in New York, and the only guy who can stop him is ex-cop Arnold Schwarzenegger. Thanks to a creepy trailer and millennial paranoia, Schwarzenegger's first film in two years has all the makings of a blockbuster.

"Flawless" - Robert De Niro stars as a retired security guard whose post-stroke therapy involves singing lessons given by the drag queen next door. Philip Seymour Hoffman ("Happiness," "Boogie Nights") plays the

singing teacher, and word is that he's great. But if anyone's guess what audience this comedy-drama is intended for.

"Turnbucklewoods" - Tony winner (for "A Doll's House") Janet McTeer stars as a flashy Southern belle on the run with her daughter from an abusive relationship. The English actress' thoroughly convincing performance already has insiders talking Oscar nomination.

"Ride With the Devil" - Director Ang Lee's ("The Ice Storm") latest is a big-budget Civil War flick about guerrilla fighting on the Kansas-Missouri border starring Tobey Maguire, Skeet Ulrich and Jewel. Critics are divided on its mix of lyricism and mayhem, but actor Jeffrey Wright, playing a former slave who's fighting for the South, looks like a front-runner for a Best Supporting Actor Oscar nomination.

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Some thoughts to keep in mind this Thanksgiving

According to "The Holiday Handbook," by Carol Barlow and Elizabeth James, Thanksgiving Day was always the fourth Thursday in November. In fact, it used to be the last Thursday in November. But in 1939, with the country coming out of the Depression, President Franklin D. Roosevelt changed Thanksgiving Day to the fourth Thursday in November so there would be a longer shopping season before Christmas.

The first Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a celebration that commemorates the harvest feast in 1621 of the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians. It became a national holiday by proclamation of Abraham Lincoln in 1863.

Seeking peace and the freedom to practice the Separatist religion, 102 pilgrims under Captain Miles Standish sailed from England on the Mayflower on Sept. 17, 1620. When the pilgrims landed on the New England coast on Dec. 21, 1620, they found an abandoned Wampanoag village. The Indians had called the village Patuxet; the pilgrims renamed it Plymouth, Mass.

That first severe winter, more than half of the pilgrims died, and the food supply they had brought with them was rapidly dwindling.

In the middle of March 1621, an Abnaki Indian named Samoset entered Plymouth and welcomed the Englishmen. Samoset introduced the pilgrims to Squanto, the chief interpreter and negotiator for Massachusetts, the leader of the Wampanoags. Massachusetts soon came to visit the pilgrims and made a peace treaty which he kept faithfully to his death more than 40 years later.

Squanto remained with the pilgrims to teach them the Indian ways of hunting and fishing, how to grow corn and gather edible wild plants. As a result of Squanto's help, food was plentiful enough that their first year to invite the Wampanoags to a feast of thanksgiving.

Squanto remained with the pilgrims about mid-October 1621. Massachusetts and his tribe arrived at Plymouth for the first Thanksgiving feast. The Indians are credited with contributing five deer for the feast. Other foods included wild turkey, duck, cornbread, goose, sucot, lobster, oel, berries, clams and chowder, scallops, squash, wild plums and maple sugar.

—U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs from Knight Rider News Service

First proclamation after Plymouth

Governor Bradford of Massachusetts made this first Thanksgiving Proclamation three years after the Pilgrims settled at Plymouth:

"Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, good peas, beans, squashes and garden vegetables, and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as He has protected us from the rage of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience,

Now I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and ye little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and

12 in the daytime, on Thursday, November 29th, of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty three and the third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Pilgrim Rock, there to render thanks to our pastor and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings."

—William Bradford, Ye Governor of Ye Colony

President Lincoln's proclamation

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown.

But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.

Intimate with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to God that He will do us His behests us, then to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness."

—Proclamation for a National Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer April 30, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln

George Washington's proclamation

"Whereas, It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor;

Whereas, Both the houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness;"

Now, therefore, I do recommend ... next, to be devoted by the people of these great States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be, that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country."

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"What moistens the lip, what brightens the eye; What calls back the past, like the rich pumpkin pie!"
— John Greenleaf Whittier

The humble pumpkin's influence reaches far beyond the traditional Thanksgiving pie. Its literary presence spans the Brothers Grimm and Thoreau.

In ancient China the gourd was revered as an emblem of success and health. And Native Americans used pumpkin seeds as peace offerings. Who knew the pumpkin possessed such a rich and varied past?

But before we give away all of the interesting tidbits at Libby's Web site (check out the origin of the term "pumpkin head"), we'll

tionally used in his church during the Thanksgiving season and could be used as a dinner prayer:

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say this. Those he redeemed from the hand of the foe. Those he gathered from lands from east to west, from north to south. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love, his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. (Psalm 107:1-3, 8-9)

Pastor Jim Frisbie of the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls shared this typical Thanksgiving prayer:

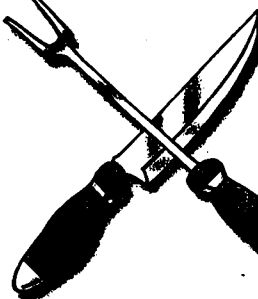
"Most gracious God, you crown the year with your goodness. We praise you that you have ever fulfilled your promise that, while earth remains, seed time and harvest shall not cease. We bless you for the order and constancy of nature, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea, and for the providence that year by year supplies our need. We thank you for your gifts, gracious God, and for gathering us happily in the fruits of the earth. And with our thanksgiving for these blessings, accept our praise, oh God, for the eternal riches of your grace in Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you, oh father, and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor and worship, forever and ever. Amen."

From Pastor Paul C. Reeves of the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls:

"Great God we thank you for this land so fair and free, for its worthy aims and charities. We are grateful for people who have come to our shores, with customs and accents to enrich our lives. You have led us in the past, forgiven evil, and will lead us in time to come. Give us a voice to praise your goodness in this land, an eye to see and a heart to help those in need and a will to serve you, now and always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

From Father Brian Thom, rector of Ascension Episcopal Church in Twin Falls:

"Let us give thanks to God our Father for all His gifts so freely bestowed upon us. For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea, we thank you, Lord. For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ, we thank you, Lord. For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends, we thank you, Lord. For minds to think, and hearts



switch gears. In our humble opinion, you can't go wrong with a site that offers eight versions of the standard pumpkin pie, though we may not heed the advice to stir the orange mush into mashed potatoes, maple syrup or even (shudder!) smoothies.

—The Washington Post

Thanksgiving prayers for the table

Today families will be offering prayers of thanksgiving to God for the food they are about to eat and blessings received throughout the year.

At some of these gatherings, the grace will be formal; at others, spontaneous.

Pastor Jim Evans of the Heritage Alliance Church in Twin Falls said families in his congregation might use something they have found in a devotional reading or some other resource, but nothing formal.

At Evans, Thanksgiving table, family members and guests each talk about what it is that they appreciate about each other.

"Our church is not very liturgical," he said. "We teach people to be thankful — but they're on their own how they do it."

Dr. Brnd Hobbs, Twin Falls Idaho Stuka president for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, said there are no set Thanksgiving prayers in his church.

"Everyone offers the prayer of their heart for the occasion," he said. "And obviously on Thanksgiving, they offer a prayer of gratitude, but no set prayer is used."

Pastor Jerry Kester of the First Church of the Nazarene in Twin Falls said, with his own family, he would say a spontaneous prayer thanking God for his goodness, for each member of his family and for specific things that happened during the year.

But he said Psalm 107 is tradi-



to love, and hands to serve, we thank you, Lord. For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play, we thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient and suffering and faithful in adversity, we thank you, Lord.

For all valliant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice, we thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; to Him be praised and glory with you, oh father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

From Jenn Thompson, pastoral associate of St. Edwards, Catholic Church:

"I thank you for all your gifts, gracious God, and for gathering us gratefully to remember all the ways you bless us.

And if we do not remember them all, let it be because your kindnesses are more than they can be counted, and not because we are not thankful.

When we are tempted to take for granted your gifts to us, lift our eyes to see, our hearts and minds to understand, and our

voices to tell the ways you have sustained our family and our friends, the ways you have provided for us and have showed us the breadth and depth of your caring.

Strengthen our gratitude. Help us to never forget our companions in life, close at hand or away from us. Make us generous in responding to their needs.

For all your goodness to us, for your care of your whole creation, for being God and making us one with your people throughout the world, we thank you now and always.

We make our thanksgiving prayer through Christ, our Lord, Amen."

Pastor Larry Vedder of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls said, at the Lutheran Thanksgiving table there might be a long prayer about the blessings the family has received and the privilege of living in this nation, where the country takes a day out to give thanks. This would conclude with the following:

"And now we join our voices together in the Common Table Prayer: Come Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen."

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Give thanks for quick, easy leftover turkey dishes

"You want to enjoy every morsel of the moist, tender turkey you prepare for your Thanksgiving dinner," says Betty Morton, senior home economist and manager of the Reynolds Kitchens. "So, we've created some leftover turkey recipes you will delight in days after the feast."

Adds Pat Schweitzer, "You can prepare these quick and easy foil packet meals the day after Thanksgiving and store them in the refrigerator for a no-hassle dinner that night. Or store the packets in the freezer for up to four weeks for easy everyday meals. Simply label the foil packets using a permanent marker. Write directly on the foil and be sure to include the date you store them to ensure the packets are eaten within four weeks for freshness."

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Leave the peas out of your picky eater's packet and add more onion to another to satisfy every palate."

Stored properly, cooked turkey keeps in the freezer for three to four months and in the refrigerator for three to four days.

"Leftover turkey should be removed from the bones within two hours of cooking," Schweitzer says. "Wrap the turkey tightly in Reynolds Wrap Heavy Duty Aluminum Foil and refrigerate or freeze the leftovers for Quick and Easy Packet cooking later."

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4 sheets (12-by-18 inches each) Reynolds Wrap Everyday Heavy Duty Aluminum Foil
2 cups chopped cooked fresh mushrooms
1 1/2 cups thinly sliced turkey
1 jar (12 ounces) Alfredo sauce
1 jar (12 ounces) Alfredo sauce
1 1/2 cups cooked green peas and carrots (10 ounces) frozen peas and carrots, thawed

1/2 cup grated garlic herb Parmesan cheese
1/3 cup milk
Hot cooked spaghetti

1 cup cheese and garlic croutons, crumbled (optional)

Preheat oven to 450 F. Combine turkey, Alfredo sauce, mushrooms, peas and carrots. Center one-fourth of turkey mixture on each sheet of foil. Bring up foil sides. Double fold top and ends to seal packet, leaving room for heat circulation inside. Repeat to make four packets. Bake 15 to 18 minutes on a cookie sheet in preheated 450 F. oven 25 to 30 minutes.

Packets can be frozen up to four weeks. Bake frozen packets on a cookie sheet in preheated 450 F. oven 25 to 30 minutes.

CHEESY TURKEY AND BROCCOLI PACKETS
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1 can (10 3/4 ounces) cream of chicken and broccoli soup
1 1/2 cups sliced fresh mushrooms or 1 jar (12 ounces) sliced mushrooms, drained
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese



At left, use leftover turkey to prepare delicious Cheesy Turkey and Broccoli Packets. Right, the savory sauce and delicate vegetables in Turkey Tetrazzini Packets will make this meal a family favorite.



1/2 cup light sour cream
1/4 cup water
1 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
1/2 teaspoon pepper
2 cups chopped cooked turkey
4 cups cooked broccoli florets
4 cups sliced mushrooms
Preheat oven to 450 F. Combine soup, mushrooms, cheese, sour cream, water, basil and pepper. Center 1/2 cup turkey on each sheet of foil. Top with broccoli. Spoon one-fourth of soup mixture over top. Bring up foil sides.

Double fold top and ends to seal packet, leaving room for heat circulation inside. Repeat to make four packets. Bake 10 to 15 on a cookie sheet in oven. Stir before serving. Spoon over rice. Top with chopped cilantro, chutney and coconut, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

Packets can be frozen up to four weeks. Bake frozen packets on a cookie sheet in preheated 450 F. oven 25 to 30 minutes.

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4 sheets (12-by-18 inches each) Reynolds Wrap Everyday Heavy Duty Aluminum Foil
2 cans (14 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes
2 cups chopped cooked turkey
1 cup (8 ounces) plain minfat yogurt

1 cup seedless raisins
1/2 cup chopped green onions
2 cloves garlic, chopped
2 teaspoons sugar
2 teaspoons curry powder
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
4 cups cooked rice

Chopped fresh cilantro, mango chutney, shredded coconut (optional)

Preheat oven to 450 F. Combine tomatoes, turkey, yogurt, raisins, onions, garlic, sugar, curry powder, cinnamon, salt and red pepper flakes. Center one-fourth of turkey mixture on each sheet of Reynolds Wrap Everyday Heavy Duty Aluminum Foil. Bring up foil sides.

Double fold top and ends to seal packet, leaving room for heat circulation inside. Repeat to make four packets. Bake 10 to 15 on a cookie sheet in oven. Stir before serving. Spoon over rice. Top with chopped cilantro, chutney and coconut, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

Packets can be frozen up to four weeks. Bake frozen packets on a cookie sheet in preheated 450 F. oven 25 to 30 minutes.

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THANKSGIVING DINNER REVISITED

4 sheets (12-by-18 inches each) Reynolds Wrap Everyday Heavy Duty Aluminum Foil
2 cups prepared stuffing
2 cups prepared mashed potatoes
12 to 16 slices cooked turkey (1 pound)

1 jar (12 ounces) turkey gravy
1/2 teaspoon dried sage or thyme
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 cup dried cranberries

Preheat oven to 450 F. Center 1/2 cup stuffing and 1/2 cup potatoes on each sheet of foil. Top with 1/4 of the sliced turkey. Combine gravy, sage and pepper; spoon over turkey. Sprinkle with

cranberries. Bring up foil sides. Double fold top and ends to seal packet, leaving room for heat circulation inside. Repeat to make four packets. Bake 15 to 18 minutes on a cookie sheet in oven. Makes 4 servings.

Packets can be frozen up to four weeks. Bake frozen packets on a cookie sheet in preheated 450 F. oven 35 to 40 minutes.

TURKEY POT PIE

Reynolds Wrap Everyday Heavy Duty Aluminum Foil
2 cups chopped, cooked turkey or chicken
1 jar (12 ounces) turkey or chicken gravy
1 package (10 ounces) frozen peas and carrots or mixed vegetables
1/2 teaspoon dried sage
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1 refrigerated pie crust

Line a 9-inch pie plate with foil; set aside. Combine turkey, gravy, vegetables, sage and pepper; spoon into foil-lined pie plate. Cover with a sheet of foil. Fold edges of bottom and top foil

sheets together to make a packet; freeze. When frozen solid, remove pie plate and return packet to freezer.

Preheat oven to 400 F. To bake, return frozen foil packet to original pie plate and remove top sheet of foil from pot pie. Place pie crust over frozen filling. Fold

up excess pie crust to form edge of pie crust, cut slits in top of crust to vent steam.

Bake 55 to 60 minutes or until crust is golden brown and filling is hot. If pie crust starts to over brown, fold foil border over edge of pie crust.

Makes 6 servings.

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THANKSGIVING SURVIVAL GUIDE

If you're asking now how to thaw, time to order out

From first-timers to seasoned pros, cooks of all levels may experience anxiety over preparing the holiday turkey dinner. Fortunately, the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line is available to smooth Americans' ruffled feathers by providing expert, one-on-one turkey-related advice.

Here are the 10 most commonly asked questions from 1998.

1. What's the best way to thaw a turkey? (13,276 questions)

Refrigerator thawing is recommended. However, if short on time, submerge the turkey in cold water. Thawing the turkey at room temperature allows bacterial growth and is not recommended.

• Refrigerator thawing:
- Thaw breast-side up in its unopened wrapper on a tray in the refrigerator.
- Allow at least one day of thawing for every 4 pounds of turkey.

• Cold water thawing:
- Place breast down in its unopened wrapper in cold water to cover.
- Change the water every 30 minutes to keep surface cold.
- Estimate minimum thawing time to be 30 minutes per pound for whole turkey.

2. How do you recommend handling a turkey so it's safe to eat (12,929 questions)

Follow these food safety guidelines. Refer to specific agencies for additional directions.

• Thaw frozen turkey in the refrigerator or cold water.
• Keep thawed or fresh turkey in a refrigerator.
• Prevent uncooked juices from dripping onto other foods in the refrigerator by placing packaged turkey on a tray.

• Thawed turkey may be kept in a refrigerator up to four days before cooking.

• Roast fresh turkey as soon as possible, but no later than the "use by" date on the package.
• Place raw poultry on non-porous surfaces; these are easy to clean. It is recommended that two cutting boards are used: one strictly to cut raw meats and the other for ready-to-eat foods, such as breads, fruits and vegetables. If using cutting boards, be sure it is used for raw meats only. Cutting boards should be washed thoroughly in hot, soapy water before and after each use and allowed to air dry or cleaned dry with fresh paper towels.

• Use paper towels, not cloth, to pat dry turkey and wipe up juices.
• Combine stuffing ingredients and stuff turkey just before roasting, not the night before.
• Wash hands, work surfaces and utensils touched by raw poultry and its juices with hot, soapy water.

• Use cooking methods that allow turkey to reach an internal temperature of 140 degrees F. in less than four hours. Avoid using low-roasting temperatures or partial-cooking methods.
• Use a meat thermometer to determine turkey's doneness.
• Store turkey, stuffing, gravy, broth and other left-over cooked foods in refrigerator within two hours after cooking.

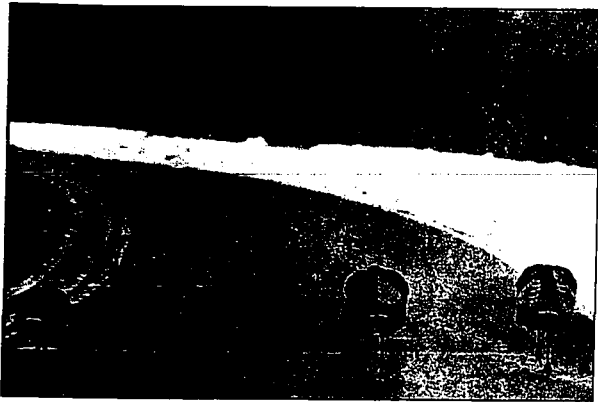
3. What's the best way to roast a turkey? (11,735 questions)

The Butterball roasting method will consistently create a juicy, tender, golden brown, picture-perfect turkey.

• Place thawed or fresh turkey, breast up, on a flat rack in a shallow pan, 2 to 2 1/2 inches deep.
• If unstuffed, insert oven-safe meat thermometer into the thickest part of the thigh. If stuffed, place the tip of the meat thermometer inside the stuffed cavity of the turkey.

• Brush or rub skin with oil to prevent drying of the skin and to enhance the golden color.
• Place in a preheated 325 degree F. oven.

• When the skin is a light gold color and the turkey is about two-thirds done, shield the breast



A quartet of wild turkeys make their way down a road in Starved Rock State Park near Ulica, Ill. They've made a remarkable comeback in the area - despite the traditional food of Thanksgiving.

loosely with a tent of lightweight foil to prevent overcooking of the breast.

• Use this roasting schedule as a guideline; start checking for doneness one-half hour before recommended end time:

Net Weight (in pounds)	Unstuffed (in hours)	Stuffed (in hours)
10 to 12	3 to 3 1/2	3 3/4 to 4 1/2
12 to 14	3 1/2 to 4	4 to 5
14 to 16	4 to 4 1/2	5 to 5 1/2
16 to 20	4 1/2 to 5	5 1/2 to 6 1/4

• Turkey is done when the meat thermometer reaches the following temperatures:
- 150 degrees F. deep in the thigh; also, juices should be clear, not reddish pink when thigh muscle is pierced deeply.
- 160 degrees F. in the center of the stuffing, if turkey is stuffed.

4. Where does the meat thermometer go? (10,278 questions)

• If stuffed, the tip of the meat thermometer should be placed inside the stuffed cavity of the turkey. If unstuffed, the tip of the meat thermometer should be placed in the thigh muscle just above and beyond the lesser part of the thigh bone, but not touching the bone, and pointing toward the body.

• If using an oven-safe meat thermometer, insert the thermometer before placing the turkey in the oven and leave it while the turkey is roasting. Turn the thermometer so it can be read while the turkey is in the oven.
• If using an instant-read meat thermometer, do not leave the thermometer in the turkey during roasting.

5. How can leftover turkey be stored safely? (8,287 questions)

Within two hours after cooking, remove stuffing from turkey and carve meat off bones, then store in refrigerator or freezer.

• Refrigerator Storage:
- Wrap turkey slices and stuffing separately and use within three days.
• Freezer Storage:
- Wrap in heavy foil, freezer wrap or place in freezer container or bags. For optimum flavor, use stuffing within one month and turkey within two months.

6. How do you know when the turkey is done? (6,096 questions)

Turkey is done when the meat thermometer reaches the following temperatures:
• 180 degrees F. deep in the thigh; also, juices should be clear, not reddish pink when thigh muscle is pierced deeply.
• 160 degrees F. in the center of the stuffing, if turkey is stuffed.

7. What do you need to do to a turkey just before roasting? (5,069 questions)

• Remove original plastic wrapper from thawed or fresh turkey.
• Remove the neck and giblets from the body and neck cavities.
• Drain juices and blot turkey dry with paper towels.

• Stuff the turkey (optional) just before roasting; ingredients may be prepared earlier, but keep moist and dry ingredients separate and combine just before stuffing.

• Return legs to neck position, if unstuffed for cleaning or stuffing.
• Insert oven-safe meat thermometer into the deepest part of the thigh.
• Brush with oil to prevent drying of the skin.

• Follow roasting directions that come with every Butterball Turkey.

8. What's the proper way to stuff a turkey? (5,405 questions)

Generations of Americans have been enjoying turkeys - stuffed and unstuffed. Whether you choose to stuff your turkey or cook stuffing in a casserole dish is a matter of personal preference. As with any preparation involving raw food ingredients, it's important to carefully follow proper food safety and handling procedures to ensure a safe turkey every time. For consumers who choose to stuff their turkey, we recommend the following four guidelines.

• Prepare stuffing just before placing in turkey. Use only cooked ingredients in stuffing - suite vegetables, use only cooked meats and seafood (ysters), and use pasteurized egg products instead of raw eggs. Place prepared stuffing in turkey just before roasting. Do not stuff the turkey the night before roasting.

• Stuff both neck and body cavities of completely thawed turkey, allowing 1/2 to 3/4 cup of stuffing

per pound of turkey. Do not pack stuffing tightly in turkey.
• Return legs to original tucked position, if untucked for cleaning or stuffing.

• Always use a meat thermometer. The turkey is done when the thigh temperature reaches 180 degrees F. on a meat thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the thigh next to body, not touching bone. Move the meat thermometer to the center of stuffing; temperature should be 160 degrees F. When the stuffed turkey is done, remove turkey from oven and let turkey with stuffing stand 15 minutes. This stand time allows the stuffing temperature to reach 165 degrees F. for an added measure of safety.

• When the turkey is cooked on an outdoor grill, water smoker or by fast-cook methods where the turkey typically gets done faster than the stuffing, it is recommended that the turkey not be stuffed.

• If you have additional questions, call the experts at the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line at 1-800-323-4848. Specially trained home economists will be ready and waiting to take America's calls.

Survival on the net

9. Should I buy a fresh or frozen turkey? (4,971 questions)

Selecting a fresh or frozen turkey is your choice.

• Fresh turkeys need no thawing and are ready to cook.
• Frozen turkeys can be purchased weeks in advance but require several days of thawing time before roasting.
• Fresh, non-basted Butterball Turkeys are all-natural.

• The breast meat of frozen Butterball Turkeys has been deep-basted for juiciness and additional flavor.

10. Is it necessary to baste a turkey? (3,391 questions)

No.

• Basting the skin during the roasting process is not necessary. Pouring juices over the turkey's skin while it roasts will not make the meat juicier.

Better Homes and Gardens has a Thanksgiving Survival Guide on line. It includes a menu planner, cookie and candy recipes, a roasting guide, a cooking encyclopedia, a holiday discussion group, holiday article archives, a holiday cooking school and a guide to setting a beautiful table. You can access it at www.bhg.com/food.

The liquid penetrates only about one-eighth to one-fourth of an inch beneath the skin and most of the juice will run off into the pan.

Opening the oven door periodically to baste a turkey can interrupt roasting and may possibly lengthen the roasting time.

• Before roasting, lightly coat the turkey's skin with oil, shortening or vegetable cooking spray to prevent the skin from drying.

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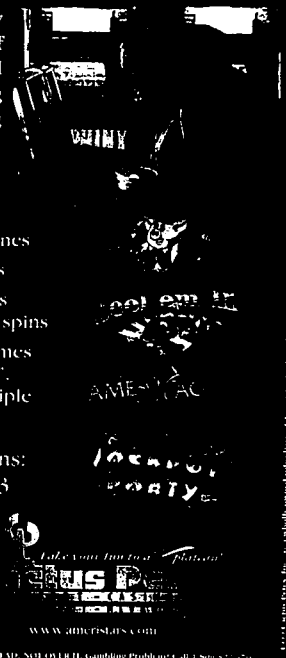
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THANKSGIVING SURVIVAL GUIDE

Aikman will return to lead Cowboys against Miami

Knight Ridder News Service

IRVING, Calif. - The head games have begun.

Quarterback Troy Aikman, convinced the effects of successive concussions have subsided, said he would return Thursday when the Cowboys host the Miami Dolphins.

Jimmy Johnson, set to coach his first game in Texas Stadium since leaving the franchise as a Super Bowl champion, conceded the afternoon will spark special feelings. But Johnson went out of his way to say that he and owner Jerry Jones have buried the hatchet, and not in each other's backs.

Johnson said the relationship between the two now is extremely positive and that the primary reason he left Dallas was because he wanted to live in South Florida.

Chan Gailey, meanwhile, was left to assess the Cowboys' mental state and quell the criticism and uncertainty that resulted from another first-half lead gone bad.

Monday was a hectic day at Valley Ranch as the Cowboys tried to put aside a 1-3 loss to Arizona and the focus on the Dolphins. John Johnson-Jones breakup is sure to draw even

more attention as the kickoff nears. But on this day, it was Aikman who found himself in the glare of the mini-cams.

"I feel confident that everything is in order, and I'm ready to play," Aikman said.

The Cowboys quarterback hasn't played since a loss to Minnesota on Nov. 8, when he suffered his second concussion in a span of eight days. After 17 days and consultations with specialists on the East and West Coasts, he's ready to return.

Aikman said he hasn't experienced any symptoms from his last concussion in more than a week. He showed no ill effects from working out over the last few days, which is a key barometer the doctors use to help determine his status.

Aikman said he has peace of mind because both specialists came to independent conclusions that the number of concussions he has suffered - nine by his count - is no cause for alarm.

"Hockey is the worst sport for this, and they have seen guys over a 10- or 11-year career like mine have 30 to 40 concussions," Aikman said. "In comparison, mine are minimal."

The headaches facing the Cowboys these days are not.

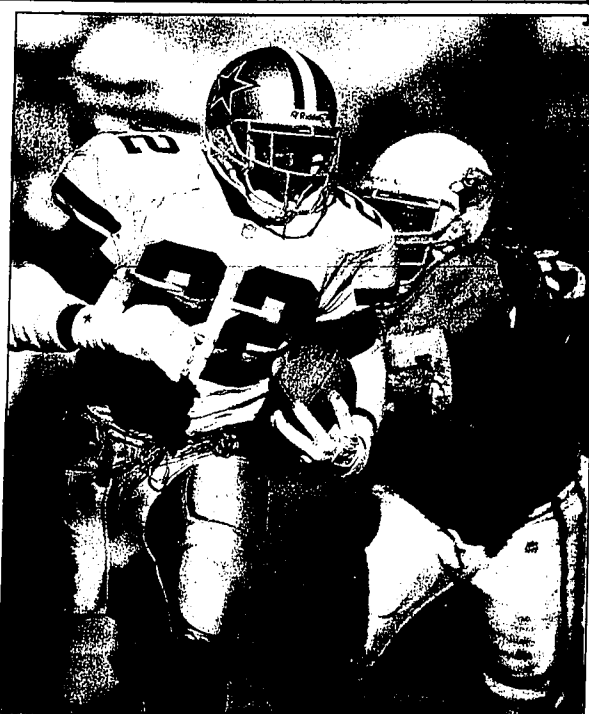
Aikman returns to a team that has lost five of its last seven games and is in danger of sliding out of the playoff race.

"This is an extremely desperate time," defensive tackle Chad Hennings said. "We're in dire straits right now."

Gailey and his players talked in the same, uncertain tones about the playoffs after a loss to the Cardinals left them at 5-5. He admits he was surprised the team played as poorly as it did after its victory over Green Bay and is open about his concerns. "Sure, I'm worried," Gailey said. "It's my job to worry, to try to control the things we can control. We are capable. We just haven't done it."

The way the Cowboys have lost - consistently folding after jumping to early leads - is what concerns this team most. Gailey says he believes it wears on the nerves and increases the level of frustration.

What Gailey and the players must guard against in the days leading up to Thursday's game is developing a defeatist attitude. "You hope that doesn't become a mindset. I think it's a natural tendency to let some of that creep in. You have to fight it all that much harder to keep it from happening."



Dallas running back Emmitt Smith gains yards against Arizona's Ronald McKinnon Sunday in Tempe.

Marino practices, but still iffy for Thursday game

Dallas Cowboys
Huard's nose was broken late in the third quarter when he was sacked by Willie McGinest.

Huard completed 18 of 30 passes for 311 yards and two touchdowns in the Dolphins' 24-17 victory. He was replaced by former Patriots quarterback

Scott Zolak.
Marino, who has missed the last five games because of a pinched nerve in his neck, practiced Monday and split repetitions with Huard. Johnson said he did not expect to decide on a starter until just before Thursday's game against Dallas.

Thanksgiving TV highlights

8 a.m. PARADES - look for the Macy's parade in New York on NBC, and a parade of parades on CBS. For several hours there's no good reason for a moment to go by without a giant balloon, a celebrity waving or a marching band.

Noon "IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE" - "No man is a failure who has friends," according to angel-in-training Clarence, and he's right. The classic 1946 film stars James Stewart, Donna Reed and Lionel Barrymore. Director Frank Capra's cut is shown in black and white. (NBC)

7 p.m. "SHANIA TWAIN: COME ON OVER" - Twain's musical evening was taped before a live audience at Dallas' Texas Stadium. (CBS)

8 p.m. "SECRET OF GIVING" - Ah, it's Thanksgiving, and time to begin the parade of Christmas-themed programming. Reba McEntire stars in this new telemovie about a young widow who receives assistance from a mysterious horseman (Thomas Ian Griffith). (CBS)

Cable

6 a.m. TURKEY DAY MARATHON - Cinemax observes the holiday by offering a "day-long tribute to the schlockiest flicks of all time." We have "Valley of the Dolls" (1967), "Police Academy VII: Mission to Moscow" (1994). You get the idea. (Cinemax)

7 p.m. "SONG OF HIWATHA" - When a fur trader and a priest travel to meet Chief Hiawatha of the Ojibwa nation, they spend time with Hiawatha's grandmother learning about the chief's remarkable life. Based on Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem, the movie stars Graham Green, "Lite"foot, Irene Bedard, Michael Rooker, David Strathairn and Shelia Tousey. (Showtime)

7 p.m. "THE HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING: HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS" - Perspective is everything: While many consider Thanksgiving a holiday to feast with friends, some Native Americans think of today as a day of mourning. (History Channel)

Catch a parade

The Washington Post

On Thursday morning, let the kids go wide-eyed watching fanciful floats, marching bands and gigantic balloons in the annual holiday parades.

Katie Couric, Matt Lauer and Al Roker host NBC's coverage of the 73rd Macy's parade, with three new helium balloons and a cast of three Broadway musicals.

Sharon Lawrence and Alfred Molina host CBS' All-American Thanksgiving Parade, beginning with Doug E. Doug in Times Square, Jo De Messina and Michael Park at Nashville's Opryland Aqua Parade, Clarence Gilyard and Karri Turner in Detroit, and Shemar Moore and Miss Universe Mpule Kwealagobe in Honolulu.

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'American Hollow' details Appalachian family's spirit, hardships

By Lynn Elber
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — In the yard of her Appalachian home, Iree Bowling's hand-made quilts hang from a clothesline like the finest artwork casually pinned to a wall.

Intricately made, they are as much proof of her dedication to tradition as her talent. That dedication has served the 68-year-old as the matriarch of an extended family living in a narrow, isolated valley in eastern Kentucky.

Family members are so forthright about their circumstances — poverty, illness and domestic abuse among them — that the film avoids the sentimentality or false quaintness that could have enveloped it.

Filmmaker Rory Kennedy, an award-winning filmmaker and activist whose documentary includes the impact of revamped welfare laws on this rural family, recently gives credit to the Bowlings.

"I was introduced to a number of families by a social worker," she said in an interview from New York. "The last family I met after driving about two hours up these winding roads was the Bowlings. I was immediately struck by them and their sense of community, and a way of life that I really didn't know existed."

Kennedy and her film crew made repeated visits over the course of a year. She introduces us to Iree Bowling, good-humored and kind despite a harsh illness that has robbed her of her hearing, and a son who lives nearby, and the family's helplessness when one of the Bowlings sons is wrongfully accused of trespassing.

A lack of the comforts most Americans expect creates scenes that seem clipped from another era. A child is bathed in a metal tub, laundry is fed through a wringer washing machine, and an outdoor house takes the place of an indoor toilet.



Iree and Bass Bowling are among the family members whose life is chronicled in a film beginning Monday on HBO.

There are carefree moments as well, including family picnics where the food and music are plentiful, and tender ones, such as Iree feeding her mother or passing on the art of quilting to one of her brood.

But "American Hollow" is more than a family portrait. It sees honor in the Bowlings' struggle to make it on govern-

Who, what, when, where

An intimate, unsparring look at the hardships and joys of the Bowling family is offered in "American Hollow," a documentary from filmmaker Rory Kennedy that debuts at 8 and 9 p.m. Monday on HBO. It runs throughout December.

ment assistance, homegrown crops and what little money they can earn. And it shows the real possibility that this hard but treasured life may end.

Major changes in the welfare laws regarding work requirements and time limits inspired Kennedy's project. (A companion book, "American Hollow," features photographs by Steve Lichten and interviews by her husband, Mark Bailey.) "There has been a lot of attention on people in cities but very little on the impact it was going to have on Appalachia," she said. "Twenty-two percent of people who live in poverty in the country come from rural communities, and they certainly weren't getting a fifth of the attention."

Kennedy's father, the late Robert F. Kennedy, highlighted the region's poverty with a 1967 visit as a then-U.S. senator. (The filmmaker was cousin to John F. Kennedy Jr., whose fatal plane crash occurred as she flew to her Massachusetts wedding last July.)

There has been change in Appalachia, which extends from rural New York to northern Mississippi and encompasses 13 states and 22 million people. The number of economically distressed counties has been halved since 1950, to 108, according to the federal Appalachian Regional Commission. "The region is no longer overwhelmed in poverty," said commission spokesman Mike Kiernan.

Even the struggling Bowlings "have come a long way, and that has to do with government intervention," agrees Kennedy.

"But with the limitations of five years on welfare, they will be forced to leave for jobs elsewhere," she said. "What that's going to do is destroy the family, destroy the culture and destroy the tradition. That to me is a real loss."

Sports highlights

BASKETBALL

- THURSDAY**
9:00 a.m. (ESP2) College Basketball Providence vs. Michigan State. Puerto Rico Shootout first round, from San Juan, (Live) 2002/20.
- FRIDAY**
8:00 p.m. (ESPN2) College Basketball Detroit Pistons at Indiana Pacers. (Live) 4905/59.
- SATURDAY**
10:00 a.m. (ESPN2) College Basketball Kansas vs. Georgia. Great Alaska Shootout first round, from Anchorage, (Live) 5519/44.

BOXING

- THURSDAY**
8:00 p.m. (ESP2) Boxing Sunday Night Fights from Miami, (TV) 922/74.

FOOTBALL

- THURSDAY**
6:00 p.m. (ESPN) College Football Mississippi at Detroit Lions, (Live) 570/2.
- 1:00 a.m. (ESPN) College Football Utah State at Georgia, (TV) 9431/71.

GOLF

- THURSDAY**
11:00 a.m. (ESPN2) Golf Senior Mates PJ Challenge, First-Round Matches. From Orlando, Puerto Rico, (Taped) 1612/12.
- 1:00 p.m. (ESPN2) 1997 Sun's Game, Back Nine, (Taped) 2013/00.
- 2:00 p.m. (ESPN2) Golf Sun Microsystems Par-3 Company, (Taped) 1001/05.
- 3:00 p.m. (ESPN2) Golf 1998 Sun's Game, Par-3, (Taped) 6712/25.

HOCKEY

- THURSDAY**
6:30 p.m. (ESPN2) NHL Hockey New Jersey Devils at Phoenix Coyotes, (Live) 5501/07.
- 1:30 a.m. (ESPN2) NHL Hockey New Jersey Devils at Phoenix Coyotes, (TV) 8535/88.

NFL FOOTBALL

- THURSDAY**
10:30 a.m. (ESPN2) NFL Football Chicago Bears at Detroit Lions, (Live) 570/2.
- 2:00 p.m. (ESPN2) NFL Football Miami Dolphins at Dallas Cowboys, (Live) (TV) 9174/41.

TENNIS

- THURSDAY**
6:00 a.m. (ESPN2) Tennis ATP Tour World Championship, Early Rounds, from Hannover, Germany, (Live) 9905/10.
- 1:00 p.m. (ESPN2) Tennis ATP Tour World Championship, Early Rounds, from Hannover, Germany, (8am-5d Taped) 8093/63.

WATER SPORTS

- THURSDAY**
4:00 p.m. (ESPN2) Water Sports Pacific Championship, from Sydney, Australia, (Taped) 9359/00.

Seinfeld alum signs TV deal

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former "Seinfeld" star Jason Alexander is again the master of his domain.

The actor, who made George Costanza a household word has signed an exclusive two-year deal with 20th Century Fox studios that's expected to put Alexander back in a prime time series by 2001.

It's a pact that gives Alexander creative control over the series. The deal also includes an arrangement between Fox's film division and Alexander's AngelArk production company.

Alexander said he decided to do another series mainly because he's raising two young children and the schedule is easier than theater or one-hour drama work. He also wanted a hiatus first so viewers would be able to accept him as another character.

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KIDP	Animals 30/254	Wildlife 35/283	The People Place 47/87	Mister Rogers 30/254	Then, That's 30/254	Reading Rate 30/254	Benny & Bob 30/254	Kevin Crows 45/5	Wild About 30/254	Zoom (TV) 11/358	Zoom (TV) 11/358	Zoom (TV) 11/358	Zoom (TV) 11/358
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