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A 'Box' of holiday cheer

Lobbying, creative thinking, legal maneuvers bring special Christmas present to Magic Valley

By N.S. Nakkandev
Times-News writer

Buhl - A federal judge issued an injunction on the same day in 1989 that a federal permit allowed bulldozers to roll into Box Canyon.

The injunction - the result of a 1989 lawsuit by local residents - halted the construction of a hatchery that would have nearly devastated the lower end of the scenic mile-long canyon.

And earlier this week, the state of Idaho and The Nature Conservancy closed a \$5 million deal to buy the mile-long canyon from the family of the late Earl Hardy, the Boise businessman who had owned the canyon for 30 years.

"This is a victory of the little people," said Randall Morgan of Buhl, one of the local residents who fought the development of Box Canyon.

A financing plan involving

the state, the conservancy and Idaho Power Co. put together the \$5 million-price tag that secured the canyon as the state's newest park.

Gov. Phil Batt and The Nature Conservancy negotiated the deal, but the efforts of local residents made possible the preservation of the canyon, which contains the 11th-largest spring in the nation and one of the last free-flowing springs.

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Box Canyon contains the 11th-largest single-source spring in the country, and it is now protected as a state park.

'TIS THE SEASON



Pilgrims begin pouring into St. Peter's Square Friday evening in Rome to observe Christmas and listen to Pope John Paul II's opening of the Vatican's millennium celebrations. This view shows St. Peter's Basilica and a life-size Nativity scene. For a related story, please see page A5.

TF seniors help one another

Program assists those living at home

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - If it wasn't for the Senior Companion Program at the Area IV Office on Aging, people like Theima Nanz would not be able to continue living in their homes.

And if it wasn't for the program, volunteers like Mary Eaton and Grace Crawford would not have anything to do.



Theima Nanz, left, receives help from senior companion Mary Eaton to read her mail and pay her bills.

"I don't know what would happen to me (without the program)," Nanz said. "People have to go into assisted living - that's probably where I'd be. I wouldn't be able to stay in my home."

Home is where seniors want to be, but if they have falling eyes.

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Officials probe terror suspect's training ties

WASHINGTON - An Algerian man arrested for allegedly trying to bring bomb-making materials into Washington state may have received terrorist training in Afghanistan or Pakistan, federal authorities said Friday.

U.S. investigators learned about some of the man's earlier activities from information supplied by Canada. Details initially indicated the Afghanistan training, and authorities subsequently learned that he also may have been trained in neighboring Pakistan.

But while there are strong indications that the Algerian, Ahmed Ressaan, had some connection to

Hijackers capture Indian airliner

Their demands remain unclear

The Associated Press

UMM NAHAD, United Arab Emirates - Unidentified hijackers seized an Indian Airlines jet with 189 people aboard on Friday, forcing the aircraft to repeatedly land and take off on a terrifying journey snaking across South Asia and into the Middle East.

The hijackers' goals remained unclear.

The plane, which was originally headed from Nepal to India, landed in India and again in Pakistan before eventually landing at a military base in the United Arab Emirates on Friday night, more than nine hours after it was taken over.

Information Minister Abdullah bin Zayed said the Emirates would allow the plane to refuel and would provide whatever humanitarian assistance was required, including food and medical help.

"We are not interested in allowing them to stay for a long time," he said from the federal capital of Abu Dhabi.

The plane landed at the Al Minhad military base, about 18 miles southeast of the city of Dubai, according to a director at the Dubai airport, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

At least three ambulances, three empty police buses and a coroner's van were seen entering the remote desert base. Army and police officers kept the news media outside the base.

Indian Airlines spokesman Rajeev Sharma told The Associated Press that the hijackers have asked for two ladders, apparently intending to release the women and children on board.

The hijackers told the pilot they had killed four people on board and wounded five more, Indian officials said.

There was no independent confirmation of the hijackers' claims, and the officials said the pilot did not report hearing gunshots.

CHRISTMAS WITHOUT DANIEL

Colombine family that lost son, brother waits for adopted daughter

The Associated Press

LITTLETON, Colo. - For the first Christmas since their son, Daniel, was killed at Columbine High School, Tom and Linda Mouser are giving themselves, and a child without a family, a very special gift.

In part to help them heal, in part to give them another person to love, the Mousers are adopting a baby girl from China.

"Other people need to heal, too," said Mouser, whose unadorned Christmas tree added little cheer to the somber air in his home. "It still seems so unreal to me - like a bad

dream. How do you get over this? I really don't know," Mouser said. "You can say Daniel has gone to a better place. I want him here."

The Mousers also have a 14-year-old daughter, Christie. The adoption idea grew out of talks the couple had as they strolled through Clement Park, where a makeshift shrine honors the 12 students and teacher who were killed in the April 20 attack, the worst school shooting in U.S. history.

Mouser said they talked with friends who had children later in life, before making the final decision to adopt. He is 46, and Linda is 47. Mrs.

Mouser gave up her paralegal career years ago to take care of Daniel and Christie, which should make it easier.

They got the answers to a lot of their questions from a nonprofit group that specializes in Chinese adoptions, and then began the arduous screening process. Their new daughter is scheduled to arrive sometime next year.

"We really have sympathy for those girls," Mouser said, explaining that the potential adoptees are sometimes abandoned in a society where families are limited to one child and boys are preferred.



Linda and Tom Mouser, and their daughter, Christie, are spending their first Christmas without Daniel, who was killed this past April.

THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 34 Low: 7
Fog early today then hazy and sunny. Clear tonight. Fog early Sunday, hazy, sunny, high 33.

Treasure Valley

High: 41 Low: 23
Fog early today then hazy and sunny. Clear tonight. Fog early Sunday, hazy, sunny, high 42.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 33 Low: 6
Fog early today then hazy and sunny. Clear tonight. Fog early Sunday, hazy, sunny, high 33.

Eastern Idaho

High: 36 Low: 11
Fog early today then hazy and sunny. Clear tonight. Fog early Sunday, hazy, sunny, high 37.

Northern Idaho

High: 35 Low: 20
Fog early today then mostly cloudy. Cloudy tonight. Mostly cloudy Sunday, high 36.

Northern Utah

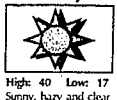
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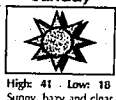
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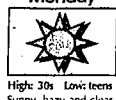
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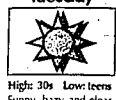
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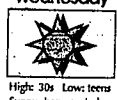
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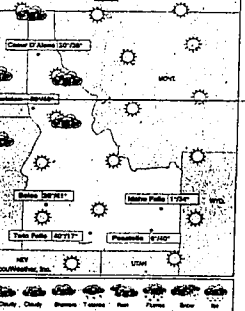
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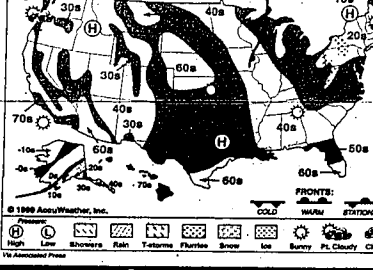
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, low/high temperatures



National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Saturday, Dec. 25.

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls		Precipitation
Yesterday	n/a	Month in Twin Falls
1st year	40.5	Yearly to date:
Normal	40.21	Normal mo. to date:
		Water year to date:
		Normal year to date:

Highs/Lows		Comfort factors
Idaho and nation	High and lows	None
Available		Non-humidity: n/a
		Non-humidity: n/a
		Full and mild courses:
		The reporting station has
		been moved to:
		Ashtu & Alley of
		Idaho returns in March.

To our readers: Due to Christmas deadlines, the temperatures were not available Friday.

Farmer's Almanac takes predictions seriously

The Washington Post

The Old Farmer's Almanac has about an 80 percent accuracy rate on predicting the weather. The special millennium edition of the National Weather Service's 85 percent to 90 percent track record. So maybe you should pay attention when the special millennium edition of the 207-year-old plain-folk's prognosticator (still printed with a handy hole for hanging in the outdoors) ventures further afield to forecast colors-to-be in the warmer months: not just blue, orange, purple and...inspired by a sushi condiment...wasabi green. The almanac, a fixture on the publishing scene since George Washington's second term (and not to be confused with that 1817 upstart, The Farmers' Almanac), is known as a source for planting charts, household hints, yearlong weather forecasts and nuggets of crackpot barrel wisdom. Its credentials for sporting home trends are less clear, but here goes: sofas dressed in menswear pinstripes, pistons from wrecked race cars as collectibles and the comeback of the butter to manage busy households.

Toddler pushes mall Santa over the edge

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A shopping mall Santa Claus had a meltdown after refusing to cuddle a bawling toddler, calling the mother evil and ripping off his beard and costume in front of startled children. Kellee Formatoro, 33, said she told the Santa her 19-month-old son, Brian, would stop crying if he put his arm around the child. According to her, Santa said, "I will not imbrison your child." "When I went to pick up the baby, he said, 'Was it worth it? Was it worth it for you to torture your child for a picture? You must be an evil person,'" Ms. Formatoro said Thursday.

Probe

Continued from A1. terrorists groups, he has not been linked to a terrorist network believed headed by Osama bin Laden, who is in Afghanistan, a senior U.S. official told The Associated Press. In another development Friday, the State Department said it is "seriously concerned about the safety and security of American citizens throughout Pakistan." Meanwhile, packages from Frankfurt, Germany, being sent to addresses in the United States as well as Britain are undergoing additional security checks in the wake of a mail bomb warning issued Thursday by the FBI. Klaus Ludwig, a spokesman for the federal police at Frankfurt's airport, said Friday.

Canyon

Continued from A1. along the Snake River. Public involvement was a key ingredient in protecting the canyon, said state Sen. Laird Noh, R-Idaho, who was credited with inspiring in 1996 the idea of the state buying the canyon for a state park. Idaho Power had acquired Box Canyon and other similar springs along the Snake River in the late 1920s as potential hydropower sites. Eventually, however, the company decided to divest itself of the properties. Guy Bonnaville, state director for The Nature Conservancy, said Idaho Power had offered to sell Box Canyon in the 1960s. But at the time, the organization was too small. Idaho Power also offered the scenic canyon to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, but the agency could not justify a rumored \$70,000 price tag. "Idaho Power did not need any new hatchery sites." But that was before the commercial trout industry caught on in the Magic Valley. From the time he bought the canyon from Idaho Power in 1969, Hardy had sought to develop a small hydroelectric project and divert water to the trout hatchery in the mouth of nearby Blind Canyon. In 1971, he applied for a permit to divert 350 cubic feet per second of water in the upper canyon. He also held permits to divert water in the lower portion of the canyon. But his efforts were thwarted by a dispute over water rights in the creek until special interest legislation, passed in 1982, allowed the state to negotiate a settlement with Hardy. In exchange for allowing Hardy to develop the lower end of the canyon, the state would get control of the upper third. The legislation passed because lawmakers "felt Earl's threat was

probably real, that he would sacrifice the upper canyon," Noh said. Hardy had said that if he was not allowed to develop the hydro project and build a diversion in the lower two-thirds of the canyon, he would be forced to develop his water permit in the pristine upper third of the canyon.

The battle

With a right of way from the Bureau of Land Management and a construction permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, it looked like Hardy's plans would go ahead. Then local residents filed a lawsuit in August 1988. The suit charged that the federal agencies, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the BLM, should have completed an environmental impact statement on the project. In November, a federal judge issued an injunction halting the construction. And the following month, the Corps of Engineers cited Hardy for illegally filling wetlands. The BLM, should have later corrected. But the project was halted. "We stopped Hardy with an injunction on the day the Corps issued an injunction halting the move dozers into Box Canyon," said Morgan, who lives across the Snake River from the canyon. The foundations for the hatchery were already built in the mouth of Blind Canyon, and the survey stakes were in the ground. Morgan said. Employees of federal and state agencies at the risk of their jobs, provided information that pointed to government violations, information that was key to the lawsuit. A core group of six local residents, represented by Boise attorney Jeff Feraday, agreed to pay the bills if they had the money. Bills that came to more than \$140,000. But Hardy had given up. In 1990, he applied for a federal discharge permit to build and operate a trout hatchery near the mouth of the canyon. Watch, siphoned from neighboring Box Canyon would flow through the hatchery and empty into the Snake River.

The EPA forwarded the application to the state Division of Environmental Quality's water quality bureau to ensure the project would meet state water standards. In 1992, the state denied the permit application, saying, "The applicant has failed to demonstrate that the construction and operation of the proposed facility will not violate the Idaho water quality standards."

Preservation

About the time Hardy bought Box Canyon, the commercial trout industry began to blossom in the Magic Valley. Hatchery developers bought up and altered most available springs along the Snake River. By the early 1980s, there were 150 hatcheries and 100 springs left. And that set off alarms for Noh and other legislators. "But ultimately, it was the strong local effort that halted the development, and it was continuing local support for protecting the canyon that helped the recent negotiations between Bait and the Hardy family." Hardy gave up his development plans and agreed to sell the canyon to the state for less than two months before his death earlier this year. Hardy had been asking for \$20 million for Box Canyon, but agreed to sell for \$5 million. "The former opponents laid aside their grievances and supported the negotiations, said Noh. "They found a common ground in the poison-ivy colored canyon, found it a wonderful place. It's one of the prettiest streams in southern Idaho," said Bob Bell, former regional fisheries manager for Idaho Department of Fish and Game. "I've become a fan," he said. "It's a state park for a state park."

Seniors

Continued from A1. sight or are unable to drive it can be difficult to take care of the everyday necessities of life. The Senior Companion Program strives to help the elderly with their needs and gives people over 60 10 extra minutes. "The whole mission (of the Office on Aging) is to facilitate independent living," said Senior Companion Program Director Maggi Seipel. "It's to let them stay at home where they want to be. (The senior companions) are not housekeepers or yard laborers. They come to facilitate the real essential needs the client has." The program began 25 years ago as the Domestic Service Act and eventually evolved into the Senior Companion Program. The volunteers must be over 60. They're paid \$2.55 an hour and may work up to 1.5 hours a year. The extra income does not impact their Social Security, Medicare or other programs for the elderly. "Since the volunteers are low

income to begin with, the program gives them about \$200 extra per month to help cover prescriptions and food costs. "It gives them the extra bit of money to cover prescriptions," Seipel said. "This program is a way we can give them back their independence. The idea is to stabilize their income so that they're going to have that money coming in every month." Not only does the program help seniors remain independent, it also helps the volunteers. "I wasn't working otherwise and I wanted something to do and could use the extra money because the Social Security money wasn't much at all," Crawford said. "It helps keep me independent. (the extra money) covers car insurance and gas. You can't put a price on independence." "I'm with all the benefits of the program, not many people are aware of it." "Nobody knows about the program to start with," Seipel said. "It amazes me how many people

depend on this program." Currently the program has 34 senior companions spread over eight counties and a waiting list of people who need help. "If we doubled the number of companions we would still have a waiting list because we're so spread out," Seipel said. In addition to other benefits, the most important thing for the volunteers to realize is the \$200 monthly stipend does not affect their benefits, Seipel said. "It gives them their life back," she said. "They have the ability to nurture and mentor. There's a strong link that develops. I imagine it's as close to family as they have." "It's one of the most gratifying things to be able to help other people," Crawford added. "It's getting me out of my apartment. I'm making myself feel useful. Everybody needs to feel needed."

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WILD CARD: AGE OR CLOTHES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, NUMBERS
FAST 5
2 5 17 27 32

NATION



Against the earth's backdrop, Astronaut Steven Smith travels down the side of Discovery's cargo bay Friday with the Hubble Space Telescope.

Christmas Eve walk in space will help Hubble 'eyes' see properly

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Two astronauts ventured out on a Christmas Eve walk in space Friday to finish fixing the Hubble Space Telescope by installing a new radio transmitter, and digital recorder.

Smarter than ever after two earlier spacewalks this week, the \$3 billion telescope will be cut loose from space shuttle Discovery on Christmas Day and resume its survey of the heavens two weeks later.

Steven Smith and John Grunsfeld floated out into the shuttle cargo bay Friday afternoon for the second time this week. It was the third and final spacewalk of the mission, and the last opportunity for NASA to work on Hubble until 2001.

"Ah, John, another beautiful day outside," Smith called out. "Smarter than ever after two earlier spacewalks this week, the \$3 billion telescope will be cut loose from space shuttle Discovery on Christmas Day and resume its survey of the heavens two weeks later."

They quickly hooked up an electronic component to the pointing system, then turned to the bigger task of replacing Hubble's broken radio transmitter. The instrument mysteriously stopped working last year, and NASA had to rely on a backup transmitter to relay all science data.

NASA never expected these radio transmitters to break, and so the connectors were not made to be handled with bulky space-walking gloves. Engineers redesigned the replacement unit

and also devised a special tool to remove and install all the small connectors.

Hubble's old reel-to-reel recorder, on the other hand, was meant to be replaced. The new solid state recorder has no reels, no tapes and no moving parts, and can hold 10 times as much data.

Despite the serious business going on 370 miles up, Christmas was in the air inside Mission Control. Stockings and Santa caps decorated computer consoles. Santa Claus himself even paid a visit, tossing candy to all the flight controllers.

Besides installing the two instruments, Smith and Grunsfeld planned to hang steel shields around the base of the 9-year-old telescope to guard against the sun's damaging rays. During the last service call in 1997, astronauts reported that Hubble's thermal insulation was cracked and peeling on the side facing the sun.

The tailoring repairs should help maintain a constant room temperature inside the telescope as the observatory passes from day into night and back again with each orbit of Earth — which brings about temperature swings of 300 degrees — said Hubble program manager John Campbell.

During their outing on Wednesday, Smith and Grunsfeld installed six new gyroscopes and, in doing so, restored the telescope's ability to aim steadily at stars, galaxies and other celestial objects. They also added voltage regulators to Hubble's six batteries to prevent overheating.

On Thursday, Michael Foale and Claude Nicollier put in a new guidance sensor and replaced the telescope's old-fashioned computer with a newer, faster model.

"We have a brainier Hubble Space Telescope than we have ever had before," declared David Leckrone, a senior Hubble scientist. Everything distilled on those first two spacewalks has tested well. As a result, NASA was confident that when Hubble's eye opens and begins scrutinizing the universe again — hopefully, by the second week of January — everything will work just fine.

NASA had to put off covering the upper portion of the telescope with wallpaper-like strips of sun-resistant material.

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Official fears gas hogging will touch off fuel shortage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Motorists nervous about the potential for Jan. 1 shortages shouldn't stockpile gas or they could cause the very shortages they fear, Energy Secretary Bill Richardson says.

Richardson and Stephen Hayes of the AAA said the gasoline industry was generally prepared for any Y2K computer problems, and cautioned Americans against panicking and purchasing large amounts of fuel in the next week.

"If you have half a tank, you're good. There's no need to hoard gasoline," Richardson said Thursday. "Storing it in your house is not a good idea, way more dangerous than any millennium bug."

So far, gasoline consumption is roughly where it was last year at this time, but prices have risen to their highest level in nearly two years, as reserves are down millions of barrels.

Speaking from a local gas station, Richardson tried to reassure consumers.

"We can't say nothing will happen, but we are ready for any contingency," he said. "We believe very strongly that the industry is ready for Y2K."

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Youths don't buy Y2K hype

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Y2K. Whatever.

That sums up the results of a Y2K survey of 1,449 children that found 72 percent think adults are overreacting to the Year 2000 computer glitch.

Muri Croft, a 12-year-old at Club Heights Elementary school, pointed to stockpiling of food as an example of adults going over the top.

"They spend thousands of dollars on this food that they're never going to use," Croft said.

Still, most of the 8- to 18-year-olds surveyed by Junior Achievement, a national business education organization, agree that the Y2K bug may bring some problems.

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NATION

Canadian, U.S. border vulnerable to terrorists

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — The 3,957-mile line between the United States and Canada is considered the world's longest undefended border. That means it often allows easy passage for smugglers — and raises the possibility that terrorists can slip through, too.

Authorities say recent arrests in Washington state and Vermont show that terrorists can set their sights on the United States after first finding a haven in Canada.

In the first case, an Algerian man is charged with bringing bomb-making materials into the United States. In the second, authorities have detained two people, an Algerian with a false passport and a Canadian woman accused of having ties to Algerian extremist groups.

Other illicit activity is common. The stretch of the border in upstate New York and New England is a hotbed of smuggling in both directions. People, drugs and cash are the primary south-bound cargo, while liquor and cigarettes are the northbound contraband of choice.

Border Patrol spokesman Ed Duda said aliens from more than 190 countries have been caught trying to illegally enter the United States. Officials realize that many illegal immigrants still get across — but they have no idea how many.

"We catch as many as we can,"

Duda said. "There is no iron curtain up here and there are no land mines."

There are checkpoints on roads between the United States and Canada, but there is no fence along the border. In many locations people can walk through fields or take boats across rivers or lakes. The Border Patrol has remote sensors in some locations, but their staffing levels make it impossible for them to cover the length of the border.

New law enforcement officials in the United States and Canada fear the trust that allows the border to go largely unpatrolled has made the United States vulnerable to terrorist attacks.

"You can't blow up anything in the United States if you can't get in here," said Phillip Stern, an international private investigator and security consultant in New York.

American law enforcement agencies are working with their counterparts in Canada and Europe to learn more about the background of Ahmed Ressam, 32, the man arrested in Washington after bomb components were found in the trunk of his car. He is believed to have ties to Osama bin Laden, the Saudi exile accused of directing the bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa last year.

Federal prosecutors in Vermont have linked Canadian Lucia Garofalo to the Algerian

Islamic League. The organization was founded by Mourad Dhina, an Algerian whom prosecutors describe as an arms merchant who sends weapons to terrorist organizations. Dhina, a physicist, denies the connection. Ms. Garofalo, 35, and Bouabide Chamechi, 20, were arrested Sunday night at Beecher Falls, Vt., when they tried to enter the United States by car.

The Washington and Vermont cases have not been linked. Still, in response, the Border Patrol and Customs Service have put extra agents to work along both the Canadian and Mexican borders.

"It's a reality check for everyone, not just speaking as a Border Patrol agent but as a civilian," said Bob Tripi, deputy chief patrol agent in Houlton, Maine. His agents are busy patrolling Maine's 616 miles of border. Besides working bus ter-

minals, they're using all-terrain vehicles, and sometimes snow-mobles, to patrol remote areas.

While the Border Patrol looks for people trying to sneak across, the Immigration and Naturalization Service deals with people who try to enter the United States through checkpoints.

The INS agent in charge in Vermont, Noel Induni, said most people turned away from checkpoints are convicted criminals. He said roughly 300 people a month are denied entry.

"While it's a relatively large number of people, it's a small percentage of the total because we have several million who cross every year," he said.

Aide Carol Jenifer, INS district director in Detroit, "Given the volume of work we have, I think we do a pretty good job. I think we could do much better if we had all the resources."

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Terrorists share common bond in hatred for U.S.

Los Angeles Times

MONTREAL — The arrests this week of several Montreal-based Algerians suspected of terrorism are spotlighting a tiny, loose-knit group in Canada that authorities say is part of an international constellation of Islamic terrorists, whose main bond is a common hatred for the United States.

But the group has little in common with the rest of the 20 million strong Algerian population here, many of whom fled to Canada precisely to escape their country's political turmoil and are dismayed to find the terrorists' tactics reaching into their new lives here.

"We already been touched by terrorists," said a man from Oran, Algeria, who called himself only Rachid, pointing to a scar that dropped like a tear down his face. "I came here to escape that." Ahmed Ressam, the man charged with transporting explosive materials across the U.S. border, has been linked by French authorities to Algeria's Armed Islamic Group. Known by its French acronym, GIA, it is a militant faction intent on overthrowing the Algerian government and

creating an Islamic state.

The group is responsible for some of the most brutal massacres in a civil war that has claimed 100,000 lives since 1992, as well as sponsoring violence in other countries such as France that back the Algerian government.

While the GIA's previous foreign attacks focused on France, a recent communique printed in Algeria's main newspapers indicates that the group may soon target the United States. A statement reportedly from the group's leader, Antar Zouabri, claimed responsibility for the bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania — and warned that there were more to come.

"We tell all the enemies of God in France, in the United States and elsewhere — that the explosions that took place in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam and everywhere else prove that we execute our threats, and don't think that it's (Osama) bin Laden or someone else who is behind it, but it is the Armed Islamic Group who will poison you and who will make you taste the worst suffering as that which happened in France before."

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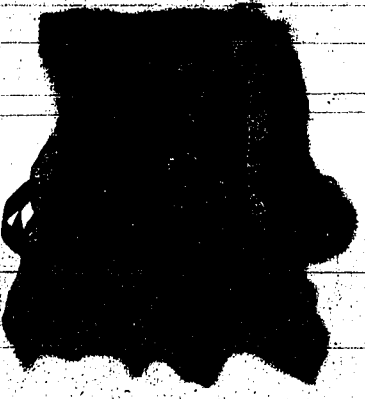
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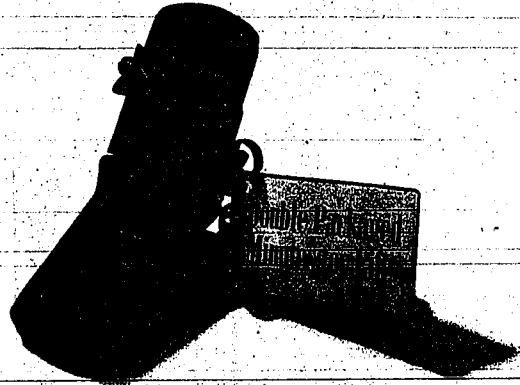
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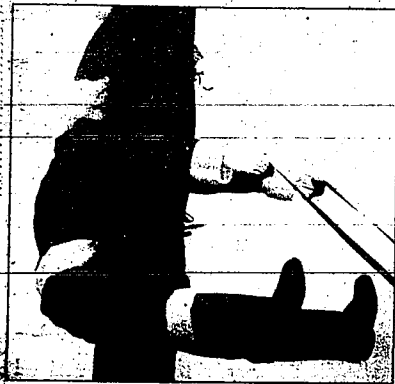
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Flood can't stop telethon obligation

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Leasa Holmes and her family lost everything in the floods caused by Hurricane Floyd — their home, their possessions, their children's toys.

But in the months they spent struggling to put their life together, Ms. Holmes could not stop thinking about someone even worse off and the promise, she made to help.

So when she finally scraped together the \$20 she pledged to the Muscular Dystrophy Association two weeks before their Sept. 17 evacuation, she apologized for taking nearly three months to send it in.

"A pledge is a promise, and I made a promise, specifically for helping a child get a wheelchair," Ms. Holmes, an executive secretary at Wayne Community College, said this week. "I wanted them to get the help."

Ms. Holmes had never given to the Jerry Lewis telethon before, but announcers caught her ear when they said the money donated during a certain time period would help a sick child get a wheelchair.

Ms. Holmes, her husband, Chris, and their three children are still living with her brother outside Goldsboro, N.C., but she never thought about holding back the \$20. They got one month's emergency rent from the government, but her brother won't let them pay rent.

"He wants us to save our money because, essentially, we're going to have to start all over," she said. The family hopes to be back in a home of their own early next year.

Ms. Holmes hasn't told her 8-year-old twins or 10-year-old son that all their possessions were swept away with their Goldsboro home.

"But as they ask for a specific thing, like a stuffed toy, I say, 'No, sweetheart, that's gone, but we'll get an even better one.'"

Her letter and the apology caused a stir at MDA headquarters, said association spokesman Jim Brown.

Y2K worries give some students a longer break

The Associated Press

Grammar schools, high schools and universities alike usually end their winter breaks on the first Monday of the new year. But this year, worry over potential effects of the Y2K bug led some schools to extend their vacations for a few days past Monday, Jan. 9 — just in case.

Children in Washington started school early this year, on Aug. 30, to make up for days they'll lose because the district delayed the start of school to Jan. 5. Public schools in Dayton, Ohio, are extending winter vacation a full week, to Jan. 10.

"We just want to make sure everything is operational," said

Carole Johnson, spokeswoman for the Dayton district, which has 24,000 students.

A survey by the U.S. Department of Education released in October found that more than a third of schools at all levels were unprepared for any problems that might arise if computers misread 2000 as 1900. Most were expected to be ready for the date change when it comes, however.

Among the school systems that consider themselves ready is the nation's second-largest, the Los Angeles Unified School District, with more than 700,000 students. It will reopen Jan. 3 — a target set by school officials in March 1998.

Naomi Alexis Schmidt
February 26, 1999
Courtney & Jim Schmidt

The Times-News will publish its Baby Photo Album on Sunday, January 23. All babies and children 10 or under are eligible. To place your baby or grandbaby's picture in this special section please submit the permission form below and child's photograph by January 19 to The Times-News, Classified Department, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, or The Times-News, 325-1/2 E. 5th North, Burley, ID 83118. The cost is \$5 for one child (please no more than 1 child's picture). Payment must accompany your order. If you would like your photograph returned, please include a self-addressed envelope with your order, or indicate your desire to pickup your photograph at The Times-News Classified Department. Wall-size photos are preferred; keep a laminated copy of Photo Album at no added charge.

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Controversial diplomat John Paton Davies dies

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — John Paton Davies Jr., a Foreign Service officer whose candid appraisal faying American support for Communist over Nationalist forces in China in the 1940s made him one of the most prominent people purged from the State Department in the Red-hunting 1950s, died Wednesday of multiple organ failure at his home in Asheville, N.C. He was 91.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Patricia Grady Davies, of Asheville, N.C.; six daughters and a son.

As the Cold War began, with accusations rampant about "who lost China" to Mao Zedong's Communists in 1949, Davies was among many State Department figures, including John Stewart Service, John Carter Vincent and Oliver Edmund Clubb, to undergo loyalty hearings.

None of the nine security probes against him for perjury and other charges between 1948 and 1954 gave credence to the accusation of Davies's disloyalty. But after blistering criticism from Sens. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., and Patrick A. McCarran, D-Nev., Secretary of State John Foster Dulles asked Davies to resign. Davies would not leave, believing that to do so would validate the accusations, and Dulles fired him for questionable "judgment, discretion and reliability."

Questions first had been raised about Davies's conduct because his State Department reports advised a more nuanced approach to Communism in China than was politically palatable. In Washington, the pre-eminent perception of Communism was as a monolith.

Predicting Communist victories over Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist Army, Davies believed communication with Mao was necessary to prevent a coalition Soviet and Chinese dominance. Communication, he believed, would preclude the

two nations working against American interests in that region and throughout the world.

As political adviser on the staff of Gen. Joseph W. "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell during World War II, Davies believed Chiang and many of his supporters were corrupt and without the larger support of the country. When Davies proposed talks with Mao, who he believed was more organized and disciplined, his suggestion conflicted with the vehemently anti-Communist perspectives of the U.S. ambassador to China, Gen. Patrick J. Hurley, and other powerful political figures in Washington.

Officials urge Ohio sailors to prepare

The Washington Post

When family members in Ohio had not heard from Richard and Debbie Stewart and their two children after several weeks at sea aboard their 65-foot ketch, the Jolly Joyce, they called the Coast Guard, which launched a massive air and sea search across a slice of the Atlantic Ocean, the size of Wyoming.

That was in late August, and, two days after the seven-day, \$400,000 search was suspended without finding them, the Stewarts called. They were surrounded 15 miles off Ocean City, Md., their sails shredded from a storm, unable to steer their boat because of a hydraulic leak, short

of food and water. The Coast Guard towed them in.

Late Sunday, the Stewarts again found themselves at the end of a Coast Guard towline after struggling in 14-foot seas off Cape Fear, N.C. This time a \$39,000 rescue operation, including a C-130 search plane and two patrol boats, brought them and the Jolly Joyce safely ashore. The couple received a tongue-lashing from Coast Guard officials, who in a letter advised them to outfit the boat with new safety gear and have the engines repaired.

"The letter comes across to me as suggesting we're inexperienced and that's our problem," Stewart, 50, told WECT-TV in Wilmington, N.C. "I'd put our

crew up against anybody."

Stewart's crew consists of himself, his wife, Debbie, 47, and their son Chad, 16, and daughter Mitsha, 12. The Stewarts are from Ludlow Falls, Ohio, near Dayton, where in 1990 Richard retired as general counsel from Allied Paper.

He told a reporter in September, after the first time he was stranded at sea, that his only experience on the water before buying the Jolly Joyce 18 months ago was a vacation on a Carnival Cruise.

In a news release that reported the cost of the rescue, the Coast Guard said the family should purchase survival suits, a radio beacon that could activate in an emergency and a long-range, simple-dichard radar for the vessel.



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HJ Johns
December, 1999

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WORLD

Bethlehem under tight security

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) - Warnings of violence brought thousands of police officers to Bethlehem Friday but didn't stop the Christmas celebrations, with bagpipers playing and visitors pouring in to mark the holiday in the town where Jesus was born.

Fear of violence did not stop the grand entrance of Patriarch Michel Sabbah, the top Roman Catholic clergyman in the region, who drove through the city dressed in pink robes and flanked by policemen on horses.

Sabbah was to celebrate a midnight Mass later today in the Church of the Nativity, built over the grotto that is Jesus' traditional birthplace.

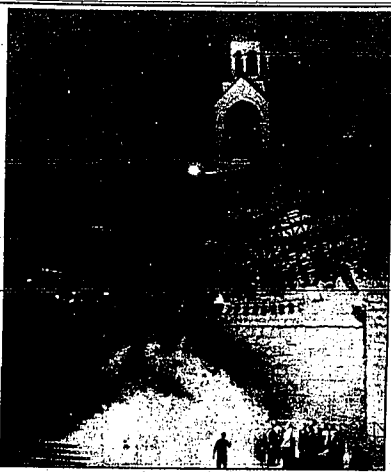
At a newly renovated Manger Square in front of the church, rows of Palestinian police received final instructions from their commanders and spread throughout in the area.

Bethlehem police commander Col. Yousef Hdeib said about 3,000 officers had been deployed in the city - up from the usual contingent of several hundred. Officials say more than 50,000 pilgrims and tourists are expected on Christmas Day, and 2.3 million visitors are expected during 2000, more than twice the average of recent years.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was greeting foreign leaders who came to Bethlehem for the Christmas celebrations, including the prime ministers of Spain and Italy.

"Peace will emerge from the land of peace in Palestine," Arafat told reporters outside his office, behind what used to be the Israeli military government's headquarters before Israel withdrew from the West Bank town just before Christmas in 1995.

Since then, Christmas Eve has been a combination of religious festivities and celebration of Bethlehem's independence from Israeli occupation.



A chorus sings in Manger Square in front of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem Friday.



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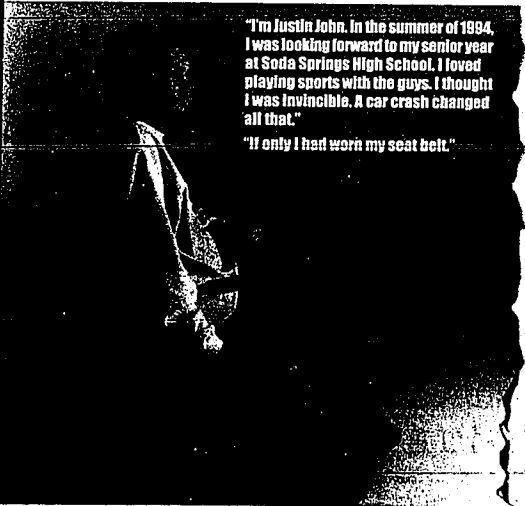
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St. Luke

As is our Christmas custom, we proudly present a message that is both seasonal and eternal: St. Luke's nativity story.
Merry Christmas to all,
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It came to pass...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Luke 2:1-20

Gallery



Share your vision

We're preparing our "2K Keepsake Edition" for Jan. 1, 2000, and we want you to help make it memorable. You're invited to write in with your forecasts, your hopes or your New Year's resolutions. Here are the rules:

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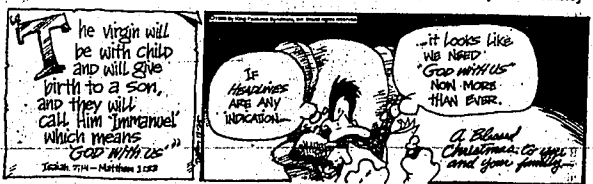
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WORLD

Venezuela clings on to hope

PUNTA DE MULATOS, Venezuela (AP) — Desperate Venezuelans drew hope from the arrival of American water purification plants, the promise of millions of dollars in aid from Washington and Madrid and an appeal by the United Nations for even more help.

But their situation remained bleak a week after mudslides and flooding smothered much of Venezuela's Caribbean coast, where thousands were killed and the survivors now face a harrowing struggle for survival this Christmas.

"They're in very bad shape. This has been a tremendous disaster," said Ruben Herrera, a doctor sent from Cuba who treated patients Thursday in the town of Punta de Mulatos. He said many people were coming down with respiratory sicknesses because of the foul dust that filled the air.

As they searched for food and water Friday, survivors also pleaded with officials for toys so they could give their children some semblance of Christmas. In Venezuela, the Baby Jesus and Santa Claus both bring presents.

"The Baby Jesus will bring us something," Jesus Miguel Yanez, 10, said hopefully. "It doesn't matter what."

But many others gave up, too depressed from the misery that has overcome this Caribbean coastline. Hundreds lined up near the airport for buses to the capital.

"For Vargas state, there is no Christmas," said Vladimir Malave, 16. "The only thing we want now is to leave."

There was progress in the relief effort, as a U.S. military plane arrived Thursday with two machines that can purify 3,100 gallons of water per hour from the sea and contaminated rivers. France said it would build five water purification stations and send another 30 tons of supplies.



A boy jumps over the hood of a car jammed in mud in the coastal town of La Gatera, Venezuela. Thousands were killed in the flood, and survivors now face a harrowing struggle for survival this Christmas.

Want to help

There are several ways to help Venezuelans suffering from American Red Cross. International Services can offer contributions through their national and local offices. Donations may be sent to Venezuela S.A., P.O. Box 32743, Washington, D.C. 20013. The local Red Cross office can be reached at 733-6484. The Venezuelan Consulate in San Francisco is accepting donations at 455 Market St., Suite 220, San Francisco, Calif. 94105. Items needed include medicine, bandages, baby food, water and canned foods.

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Soldiers thwart escape plan

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — While Russian planes and artillery hammered eastern border positions trying to flush out Chechen guerrillas, the Russian military said Friday it had prevented some rebels from escaping south into neighboring Georgia.

Russian forces continued moving south into Chechnya's mountainous region, battling rebels along the breakaway province's borders. They repulsed three attempts by militants to break through from southern Chechnya into Georgia, while jets and helicopter gunships attacked three rebel bases in the southern mountains, the military command said.

Russian paratroopers sealed a key rebel supply route in the Argun Gorge. In southern Chechnya, leading to Georgia, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

The Russian military, reporting no casualties of its own, said several dozen rebels had been killed.

The toll could not be confirmed, and both sides tend to exaggerate the other's casualties while playing down their own.

Russian aircraft and artillery also pummeled rebel emplacements near five eastern villages, along Chechnya's border with the Russian region of Dagestan.

In all, Russian aircraft flew 71 combat missions over the past 24 hours and destroyed two anti-aircraft guns, eight fortified bunkers, three communications stations and 11 vehicles, the Interfax news agency reported today.

The military commander of Grozny, Isa Munayev, said a Russian helicopter had been shot down overnight in the Shatoi region of southern Chechnya, Interfax reported. The Defense Ministry could not confirm the report.

Meanwhile, the ministry denied a report that a top Russian commander had been captured in connection with an alleged massacre of Chechen civilians.

NTV television, citing the official Military News Agency, said Maj. Gen. Vladimir Shamanov, the chief of the Russian military in western Chechnya, had been relieved of his command.

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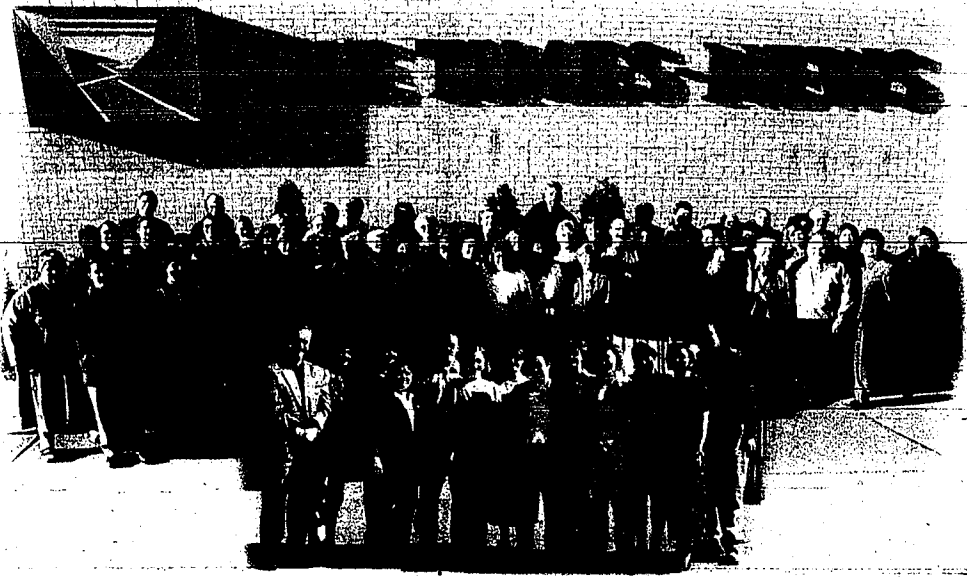
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“Everybody’s a hero. Everybody’s an individual. It’s never about the team. The Pro Bowl is ridiculous. Who cares about the Pro Bowl?”

—Kansas City Chiefs coach
Ginther Cunningham

IN BRIEF

Student gives up kidney, earns award

INDIANAPOLIS — John E. Berry Jr., the Massachusetts college student who gave up his football career to donate a kidney to his ailing brother, is being honored with the NCAA-Award of Valor.

As a junior at Williams College, Berry was an all-New England Small College Athletic Conference performer who returned his first two interceptions of the year for touchdowns. He helped lead the Ephs to an 8-0 record.

He dropped out of the football program when he learned he was donor match for his brother DeAngelo, a husband and father of three who was diagnosed with renal failure at the age of 26.

Berry will receive the award during a ceremony Jan. 9 in San Diego.

Underdog beats champ at Russian skating event

MOSCOW — World silver medalist Yevgeny Plushchenko landed a quadruple and seven triples Friday to win his second consecutive Russian Figure Skating Championship over world champion Alexei Yagudin.

Plushchenko, 17, unleashed a quadruple-triple-double, the only skater in the world to do such a combination. “I landed it first in Japan during practice preparations for the triple-triple. I liked it and I decided to keep it,” Plushchenko said.

He received straight 5.9s for presentation and had six technical 5.5s.

Woman who stripped, kissed Tiger fined

ARROTHA, Scotland — A woman who stripped to her underwear and raced onto the 18th green to kiss and hug Tiger Woods five months ago in the British Open has been fined \$400.

Yvonne Robb, 21, was fined \$160 for the dash July 15, and \$240 more for assisting a man two weeks later who sold photographs of the her adventure to a British newspaper.

Robb, wearing only a black bra and matching panties, startled Woods as he was standing waiting to putt in the Open in Carnoustie.

“She was dared by one of her friends to run on to the 18th green,” Billy Warden, representing Robb, told the Arrothra Herald. “She was determined to be the better of her, she ran. I understand the player smiled and said, ‘Thank you.’”

Defenseman Coffey gets 1,500th career point

KANATA, Ontario — Carolina’s Paul Coffey became the first NHL defenseman to record 1,500 career points when he assisted on Sam Kapanen’s second-period goal against Ottawa on Thursday night.

With Carolina on a 4-on-3 power play, Kapanen one-timed a pass by Coffey from the right point over goalie Ray Bugnitz’s shoulder to give the Hurricanes a 3-2 lead over the Senators.

Coffey has 1,112 career assists, second to Wayne Gretzky’s 1,963.

Compiled from staff and wire reports.

How the Saints stole Christmas

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Jake Delhomme did something no other New Orleans quarterback has been able to do this season by rallying the Saints to victory.

Then the defense did something it hasn't been able to do by preserving a 31-24 upset over the Dallas Cowboys on Friday.

Delhomme, playing in his first NFL game, passed for two touchdowns and ran for one while completing 16-of-27 for 278 yards. Keith Mitchell and Mark Fields teamed up for an interception in the end zone that clinched victory for the Saints (3-12).

New Orleans, which beat the Cowboys 22-3 last season, led 10 of their 12 losses this season, but failed to hold on as the offense was unable to score points. The most productive outing previously was a 2-4 victory over San Francisco. Against Baltimore last week, New Orleans scored only eight points and made just eight first downs.

Delhomme, who played in the NFL Europe the last two springs but had never been suited up since the Saints resigned him four weeks ago, showed poise and a strong arm.

Delhomme's first NFL pass was tipped at the line of scrimmage and intercepted and he also lost a fumble when blindsided in the end zone.

The Cowboys (7-8) seemed to have the upper hand early in the third quarter. Troy Aikman hit Jason Tucker with a 20-yard touchdown pass on Dallas' first possession for a 14-10 lead and Eddie Murray's field goal stretched the lead to 17-10.

Delhomme found Eddie Kennison with a 31-yard scoring pass that tied it at 17-17. Dallas came back quickly on David LaFleur's 3-yard reception to retake the lead 24-17.

The Saints didn't crumble. Delhomme tied the game on a 5-yard quarterback draw in the fourth quarter and Fred Weary put the Saints up 31-24 when he grabbed Emmitt Smith's fumble and returned it 58 yards for a touchdown.

New Orleans, victimized by long passes this year, held on this time as Mitchell batted Aikman's pass in the end zone into Fields' hands with less than a minute left.

Aikman was 23-of-39 for 246 yards and two touchdowns, with two interceptions.

Delhomme's inexperience didn't seem to hurt him. His first pass was picked off by Darren Woodson, but Delhomme came back on the next series to take the Saints 66 yards, setting up a 32-yard field goal that gave New Orleans a 3-0 lead.

On the next possession, Delhomme scrambled free to hit Keith Poole with an 8-yard touchdown pass for a 10-0 lead after one quarter.



New Orleans saints linebacker Keith Mitchell (59) deflects a pass away from Dallas Cowboys tight end David LaFleur (89) during the fourth quarter in New Orleans' Friday night game. Mitchell deflected the ball to teammate Mark Fields (55) who intercepted the pass, sealing the Saints' victory.

Smith ran for a yard in the second quarter to make it 10-7 at halftime. Smith finished with 110 yards on 23 carries.

The Cowboys had 11 penalties, including a holding call that nullified what would have been a 97-yard kickoff return by Tucker in the first quarter.

The Saints have not sold out a game in the 70,000-seat Superdome this year, and only 47,835 tickets sold for the Christmas Eve game. Actual attendance was at least 10,000 lower than that but the small crowd had a good time and stayed to the end.

Players expected to be in a bowl, not in the Blue-Gray

The Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Kurt Murphy spent the last two days tied to it at 17. The year before that, he was at the Rose Bowl.

So excuse the Ohio State center if he doesn't expect to spend the holidays in Alabama.

The same goes for Brad Williams of Notre Dame and Ryan Roques of UCLA.

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Williams, a defensive lineman from Notre Dame, had a harder time accepting his fate. A year ago, he was at the Gator Bowl, but a 5-7 season — Notre Dame’s first losing one since 1986 — prevented a return trip.

A 6-6 record kept Ohio State out of a bowl game for the first time in 11 years. That left Murphy and Buckeye defensive



lineman James Cotton looking for something to do over Christmas for the first time in five years.

Both jumped at invitations to play for the Blue, and the chance to compete for an entire week in front of NFL scouts and representatives from the Arena Football League.

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Perseverance pays off for Demon Deacons

Associated Press

HONOLULU — Twenty-three fifth-year seniors at Wake Forest will be making their first postseason appearance today, Christmas Day, in the Aloha Bowl against Arizona State.

When they arrived at the school's campus in Winston-Salem, N.C., in 1995, the Demon Deacons went 1-10. Instead of getting discouraged or transferring, the freshmen pledged loyalty to coach Jim Caldwell.

“A lot of people take the easy way out and go to big-name schools,” defensive back Dalawn Parrish said. “We chose to come here to make a difference when we were freshmen, and we told coach Caldwell we wouldn't abandon ship.”

Their perseverance is being rewarded, as Wake Forest rebounded from a 3-8 season in 1998 to go 6-5 this year, beating Georgia Tech in the final game of the regular season to secure its first bowl berth



since 1992.

“When you look at all the things we went through and what we accomplished, it was worth it,” Parrish said.

The Demon Deacons will play an Arizona State team that had to beat rival Arizona in its final game to get the bowl bid, overcoming early season losses to New Mexico State

and California.

“We earned it. We did it the hard way,” Sun Devils coach Bruce Snyder said, recalling victories over Wake Forest, Southern California and Arizona. “This team has gone through a lot of struggle.”

Nicklaus reveals green jacket story

Golf's coveted prize eluded him for 35 years

The Associated Press

NORTH PALM BEACH, Fla. — Tiger Woods goes to sleep wearing his green jacket after a record-smashing performance made him the youngest Masters champion ever.

From Tommy Aaron to Fuzzy Zoeller, only a select group of players have owned one — not just any green jacket, but the most coveted prize in golf that comes with winning the most exclusive major championship.

“Until two years ago, Jack Nicklaus was the last list.”

How could that be?

No one has written more history at historic Augusta National than Nicklaus, a six-time winner who has become as synonymous

with the Masters as the green jacket itself. He was even honored with a monument in 1998, the 40th anniversary of his first appearance.

Oddly, it was at that ceremony when Nicklaus first wore an Augusta National green jacket he could finally call his own.

“Everybody talks about the green jacket,” Nicklaus said. “I never owned one until 1998.”

Nicklaus says he has told the story many times. He wasn't about to repeat it until he saw the attentive faces of a small group of reporters huddled around him on the patio of his south Florida home this week.

What followed was one of the most fascinating stories to come forth regarding the hallowed

grounds of Augusta National.

Nicklaus was a chubby 23-year-old when he won his first Masters in 1963. Augusta tradition allows for the previous year's winner — the Arnold Palmer, in this case — to drape the green jacket on the shoulders of the new champion.

Club officials kept several jackets handy for the presentation, and they brought out a size 46 long for Nicklaus.

“They thought I was so big,” Nicklaus said. “It was like an overcoat. It just hung on me.”

The jacket was only for show. Defending champions have their own coat hanging for them upon their return. For whatever reason, a green jacket with a “Nicklaus” name tag etched into inside wasn't in his locker in 1964.

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1963 Masters champion Arnold Palmer helps Masters winner Jack Nicklaus with the traditional green jacket in this April 7, 1963 photo at the Augusta National golf club. No one has written more history at historic Augusta National than Nicklaus.

SPORTS

Running Ricky zeroes in on 1,000 quiet yards

Knight Rider News Service

PHILADELPHIA - Ricky Williams is having punctuality problems in New Orleans. The Saints' rookie running back, who has been sidelined for four weeks with turf toe, missed the team bus to the stadium last week in Baltimore and was late for a practice earlier this week.

Williams gained 61 yards against the Cowboys Friday and needs 123 more to become Carolina next week to become the club's first 1,000-yard runner in 10 years.

Saints coach Mike Ditka said he feels Williams needs to get himself in much better shape next season if he wants to be durable enough to make a run at all of his contract incentives.

"As far as a football player is concerned, I think he's going to be fine," Ditka said. "I think he has to do a couple of things in the offense. One is get in the most rigid, outstanding, hardest conditioning program he can get into. He has to make his body malleable, hard, and he's got to make his mind the same way if he's going to reach the goals he wants to reach."

Williams did most of his interviews with reporters this season with his helmet on. Now, he's not talking to the media at all.

"I defend Ricky in this sense," Ditka said. "He's been tremendously hurt by the fact that he hasn't been able to play. Not the fact that he's injured. I think he's two different people. One when he's playing healthy and playing football. And the other time when he isn't. And I think he gets very depressed about it."

Around the league

Redskins coach Norv Turner just might tell meddling boy owner Danny Snyder to take his job and shove it. Turner said Snyder said he'd probably get rid of Turner if the 'Skins didn't make the playoffs. Turner might leave anyway. He would have negotiated a buyout of the remaining two years on his deal, but it's unlikely Snyder would give him a hard time about leaving.

Bengals coach Bruce Coslet isn't in the clear yet. But if his team doesn't stink against



New Orleans Saint running back Ricky Williams (34) is brought down by Dallas Cowboys defenders George Teague (31), Dexter Coakley (52) and Pappi Zeller (93) during the first half in New Orleans Friday.

Baltimore and Jacksonville the next two weeks, he'll probably be retained. Defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau, though, probably is history. The Bengals are on pace to give up 476 points this season, fourth-highest total in league history.

Colts rookie Edgerrin James reached the 1,000-yard rushing mark Sunday, which enabled him to max out every one of the first-year incentives in his contract. He got a \$9.5 million signing bonus and a \$30,000 reporting bonus and a base salary of \$175,000. He also earned \$4.75

million in performance-based incentives, including an extra mil for hitting 1,000 yards. That raised his total earnings for '99 to \$14.75 million.

Butler, one of the game's good guys, has other things on his mind right now besides his 9.5 team's playoff hunt. His wife, Alice, and her father were hit by a van that ran a stop-sign last week. Both are in serious, but stable condition. Butler, who didn't make the trip to Arizona last Sunday for the Bills' win over the Cardinals, was given a

game ball by the players and coaches.

Saints owner Tom Benson vehemently denied a television report he will fire Mike Ditka. Benson said he won't decide anything until after the season. Getting rid of Ditka would be costly. His contract runs through 2002 at \$2 million per.

Chicago Bears wide receiver Marcus Robinson, who had 11 catches for 170 yards against the Lions Sunday, will be a restricted free agent after the season. Regardless of where he plays, he will make considerably more

next year than the \$270,000 Benson says he earned this season. Wouldn't look bad in an Eagles uniform. His size (he's 6-3) and leaping ability would be a nice fit with Donovan McNabb's gun.

Broncos' bad boy Bill Romanowski already has been benched by the league five times this season for a total of \$42,200. The latest was for a helmet-to-helmet shot on Jacksonville running back Fred Taylor two weeks ago in a Monday night game.

This and that

For the first time in the 50 years of the Pro Bowl, no Pittsburgh Steeler was voted to the team. Five former Steelers made it defensive backs Carmel Lake and Rod Woodson, linebackers Chad Brown and Hardy Nickerson and offensive tackle Leon Searcy.

In just his second NFL season, Colts quarterback Peyton Manning already has accomplished a couple of things his dad Archie, never did in a winning season and a playoff bid. Said Archie: "When they won their ninth game three weeks ago, I told Peyton, 'Son, you're in uncharted waters now. I can't help you anymore. I don't know about winning seasons and playoffs.'"

Chargers linebacker Junior Seau wasn't selected to the Pro Bowl after eight consecutive invitations. He's more than a little depressed. "Right now," he said, "it's shocking, to tell you the truth. To sit here and tell you I expected something like this, at a prime time of my career, would be new. I'm in a different situation than I was in for eight years and it is something I will never get used to and am not going to accept."

The Dallas Cowboys had been involved in 81 straight road sell-outs. But that streak has ended. There were still 19,500 tickets available for Friday's game at the New Orleans Superdome between the godfathers Saints and the Cowboys. Santa 1, Jerry Jones.

The Bears' Pro Bowl drought is over. Return man Glyn Milburn made the club's first Pro Bowl since 1993.

Packers defensive coordinator Emmitt Thomas sent extra rushers 51.5 percent of the time in Monday's 24-20 loss to the Vikings. In the team's first meet-

ing, Thomas blitzed just 8.8 percent of the time.

One of the biggest injustices in this year's Pro Bowl balloting was the omission of Cardinals defensive end Simon Rice. Rice is second in the NFC in sacks with 14.7. He's also tied for the league lead in forced fumbles with six and did a solid job against the run. Yet the Giants' Michael Strahan, who has just 5.5 sacks, makes it as a starter.

Cardinals wide receiver Frank Sanders caught an NFC-high 69 passes last season, but just three were for touchdowns. This year, he has 63 catches and zero TDs. Only 12 players in history have caught 60 or more passes in a season without scoring a touchdown. Two of them were Eagles, Keith Byars in '89 (68 receptions) and Wilbert Montgomery in '94 (60).

By the numbers

This is the third time in franchise history the Colts have gone from worst to first. They did it in 1974-75 and 1986-87. The worst-to-first record is four by the Cincinnati Bengals.

Rams quarterback Kurt Warner has eight 300-yard passing games this season. The NFL record is nine - Dan Marino (1984) and Warren Moon (1990).

Seawawks coach Mike Holmgren has lost four games in succession for the first time in his head-coaching career.

If the Titans want to be the first team in franchise history that they've gone through a season unbeaten at home.

Wikings defensive end Chris Delemos needs a half sack to become only the fourth player in history to notch 150 sacks, joining Reggie White, Bruce Smith and Kevin Greene.

With two games left, the 5-9 Steelers could lose 11 games for only the second time in 30 years. Then there's the Bengals, who have lost 11 or more six times in this decade.

The Bears became only the second team in history to have three quarterbacks throw for 1,000 yards in franchise history. Rookie Cade McNown did it Sunday with his 301-yard performance against Detroit. He has 1,000 yards with Drew Brees, 1,379 and Jim Miller with Tom DeLongis did it in '93 with Marino, Steve Deberg and Scott Mitchell.

Carruth defense could cost \$1 million

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - Rae Carruth, accused with a death-penalty trial, likely will run up legal bills in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, and perhaps nearly \$1 million, a lawyer says.

But Carruth's mother said her son doesn't have much money to defend himself against first-degree murder charges in the killing of Cherita Carter. The Charlotte Observer reported Friday.

"It's very expensive," Theodor Carruth said. "I'm not prepared for it." It is hard to say exactly how much the former Carolina Panthers receiver's defense would cost. Since most North Carolina death-penalty cases involve indigent defendants. The

court appoints two attorneys for such defendants.

These lawyers are typically paid \$50,000 to \$70,000, Chapel Hill lawyer Bill Messingale, a former prosecutor, said.

Carruth, who is being held without bond in Mecklenburg Jail Central, has fired Charlotte defense attorneys George Laughlin and Harold Bender, The Times-Triune said.

Laughlin and Bender have been paid, Laughlin said. The lawyers' fees in high-profile murder cases don't include the costs of jury consultants and forensic experts, which could also run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, Cheshire said.

Cheshire said costs rise in high-profile cases because prosecutors and police spare no expense in finding witnesses and experts and in conducting forensics tests. If the defendant hopes to win, he'll have to match the prosecution's costs.

"I don't mean to make it sound tacky," Cheshire said. "Does it matter how much money you have to spend? Sure it does. All money does in criminal cases is level the playing field with the government."

Adams, 24, was shot four times while driving in Charlotte Nov. 16, and died last week at Carolinas Medical Center. She was 30 weeks pregnant, and doctors delivered the baby by emergency C-section.

Adams' relatives, who are seeking custody of the baby, have won a temporary court order freezing Carruth's assets. Carruth, who is believed to be the father, has indicated he wants to support the baby. Chancellor Lee Adams, but he needs money for his criminal defense.

Jacket

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Not to worry, Nicklaus borrowed one from Augusta member Thomas Dewey, the former New York governor or the famous headline, "Dewey defeats Truman."

Nicklaus won again in 1965 and 1966. Still no jacket. He continued to wear Dewey's coat for the Champions Dinner on Wednesday before the tournament, not wanting to make a fuss. "They never said anything," Nicklaus said. "And I wasn't going to say anything."

Dewey's jacket finally wore out about the time Nicklaus won his record-setting fourth Masters in 1972. This time, he took matters into his own hands. Since Nicklaus had an endorsement deal with sportswear maker Polo, he asked the Cincinnati-based-clothing to make him a green jacket.

rial or the right color," he said. No one noticed.

That jacket lasted a short time and Nicklaus was back to borrowing a jacket at every year from Augusta National member Stephen, not letting on about the oversight. Eleven years later, the 46-year-old Nicklaus won the Masters again, but still had not one green jacket to show for any of his six titles.

Nicklaus enjoyed the story and shared it among friends. But he never told anyone from Augusta National until 1997 when he dropped it to then-chairman Jackson Stephens, a pokerified oilman from Arkansas rarely ruffled by anything.

"I told him, 'I've won this tournament six times and I've never been given a green jacket,'" Nicklaus said. "I don't own a green jacket." Ridiculous, replied Stephens,

who ordered him to the pro shop to be measured for a green jacket immediately.

Nicklaus declined. "I said, 'Jack, it's such a great story, I don't want to ruin it,'" he said.

Alas, not even the great Nicklaus has the final word at Augusta.

When he returned in 1998, he found a note in his locker from Stephens, who had scheduled an appointment with the tailor for Nicklaus. Nicklaus gave in and was measured for a regular size. His first green jacket, 35 years late.

OTTIS AT THE MOVIES

'Any Given Sunday' entertains former pro

NEW YORK (AP) - Early on in Oliver Stone's "Any Given Sunday," a football player shows up on the screen to talk a little trash.

One small problem, said Otis Anderson, MVP of the 1991 Super Bowl. "His eyeball is all wrong." Look at how it's smeared.

Details, details, details. The Stone movie prides itself on being an inside look at professional football, and for Anderson, it worked at most levels, but missed at a few others.

"If you're looking for entertainment, I understand," he said after watching the Manhattan premiere of the film. "You go with the flow. You got entertainment. The hitting was realistic and so was the wearing. The speed of the game wasn't. It was slow."

Stone's effort had a genuine look about it, especially in the locker room and on the sidelines. There is a shower scene when some playful members of the fictional Miami Sharks release a small, extremely hairy alligator. The real New York Giants had their share of fun, according to Anderson, but the shower was off-limits to replicates.

"I do remember when Ray Handley was coach and Erik Howard brought in his rowdier," Anderson said. "He did it twice, then the owner found out and it didn't happen anymore." Missing from the film, Anderson said, was the camaraderie that develops on successful teams. It was replaced by a sidelines punchout between teammates, and a coach, played by Al Pacino, who plays favorites. "I never played for a coach like that," Anderson said. "It went beyond coach-player relationships. You never cross the line. You know how far to go. Coaches are quick not to show favoritism because it would separate the

team and cause friction."

Anderson was asked if Pacino seemed a little out of character for the role. He laughed.

"That's because you're used to seeing him in all those gangster movies," he said. Then there was the matter of the team owner, played by Cameron Diaz, bursting into the locker room in midline of a crucial game to demand that the change quarterbacks. Anderson smirked at that and the idea of a young hotshot QB asking the owner for a date.

"The hitting was realistic and so was the swearing."

"The speed of the game wasn't. It was too slow."

-Otis Anderson, MVP of 1991 Super Bowl

"I don't think so," he said. Then he thought about it for a moment.

"Kid, at today, an owner that young, that good looking, I guess it could happen," he said.

"What couldn't happen, he said, was team doctors manipulating medical records to keep injured players on the field.

"No way," Anderson said. "They don't fool with that. That's a major lawsuit, endangering a player for life after football. Doctors don't hide stuff. I don't care how important the game is."

Sometimes, Hollywood's latest excursion into the world of pro football goes a little over the top with garish uniforms and logos. Sometimes, though, it's right on target. Like a player pushing an official, a moment right out of last Sunday's game. And a double reverse, run flawlessly. "That was a good play," Anderson said. "I saw the Giants run it two weeks before I saw the

movie."

Anderson was especially impressed with the use of ex-coach Lawrence Taylor, top cast as a sometimes out-of-control linebacker.

Lawrence was playing Lawrence. Anderson said. "That's the way Lawrence has always been. He played with reckless abandon. There was no concern about what role. The pain, the collisions. That's Lawrence all the way."

Near the end of the film, Taylor asks for an extra shot of cortisone to get him through a crucial game.

"That's real," Anderson said. "It's different than Novocaine. Cortisone is an anti-inflammatory. Novocaine masks the pain. They made sure he asked for the right thing."

"I'm glad they didn't show players using drugs."

Anderson, now director of player relations for Steiner Sports, a New York-based marketing and public relations company, watched the new Stone film with some detached amusement, much the way he watches games. He liked the cameo of Dick Butkus and Johnny Unitas as coaches and Barry Switzer as a broadcaster.

Jim Brown, one of the greatest offensive players in NFL history, played a defensive coach. That was no problem for Anderson. "He played offense like he wason defense," he said.

Janie Williams, an ex-NFL offensive line star with the 49ers with the San Francisco 49ers, served as a consultant for the film.

Anderson, who played with Williams in St. Louis, thrived on dynamic between the film's veteran quarterback and his young replacement mirrored what his own relationship with the 49ers' and Joe Montana and Steve Young.

"So, was the film realistic?" "It was very entertaining. I think they did a good job. It offered a bird's-eye view of what it's really like."

With departures, Astros reinvent Countdown to Ruth on deck

HOUSTON (AP) — First Carl Everett departed. Now Mike Hampton.

"After winning three straight NL Central titles but losing in the first round of the playoffs all three times, the Houston Astros will have a new look.

"You hate to see players leave, but we have to continue to work to get the team younger," Astros owner Drayton McLane said Thursday after Houston traded Hampton and Derek Bell to the New York Mets for outfielder Roger Cedeno, rookie pitcher Octavio Dotel and minor league left-hander Kyle Kessell.

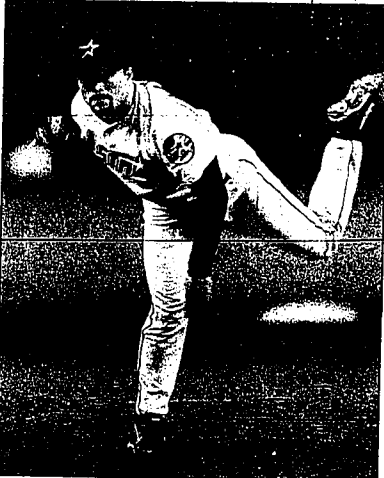
"Everett made \$2.5 million last season and is eligible for salary arbitration. Hampton (\$5.75 million) and Bell (\$5 million) are going into the final years of their contracts and are eligible for free agency following next season.

"After Hampton went 2.4 with a 2.90 ERA, Houston wanted to sign him to an extension, but Hampton refused, saying he wanted to test the market.

"We have great respect for what Mike Hampton has done in this organization," Astros president Tal Smith. "It doesn't get us anywhere to quarrel with his decision. It's his right and by the same token it is incumbent on the organization to react and do what is best."

Hampton, who received telephone calls from many Astros after the trade was announced, was asked if the Astros could do anything more to convince him to sign an extension.

"Probably sign Chuck Finley, Keith Irwin and a list of guys," Hampton said. "We really felt it was time to evaluate the situation and not make too many decisions too quickly."



Houston Astros pitcher Mike Hampton fires a pitch ball to the Philadelphia Phillies' Alex Ariza during a late summer game in Houston.

Everett, one of the Astros' most productive players last season and also is eligible for free agency next fall, was traded to the Boston Red Sox on Dec. 15 for minor league shortstop Adam Everett.

Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker expects the speedy Cedeno to take over center field from Carl Everett, Richard Hidalgo, coming off surgery, will move to right field to replace Bell.

NEW YORK (AP) — Sometime this weekend, maybe the tonight, maybe Sunday, ESPN's Athletics of the Century countdown will go to Babe Ruth.

And included in the opening of the profile will be newly discovered archival film of the 1932 called shot home run.

Ruth is in the final four of the countdown with Muhammad Ali, Jim Brown and Michael Jordan. Profiles of the No. 4 and No. 3 athletes will be shown on ESPN tonight, with No. 2 and No. 1 scheduled for Sunday afternoon on ABC.

When the project began, ESPN asked on its web site for any archival film that viewers might have of the likely candidates.

And that was how Mark Shapiro, coordinating producer of the series, fell into this treasure trove of film — Ruth's called shot homer in the 1932 World Series.

"For a year, we've tried to uncover everything we can and then, right at the end, to get a call like this with never-before-seen footage, it's the perfect culmination of the series," Shapiro said.

The new film was shot by a man named Harold Warp, who was not a passionate baseball fan and attended just one game in his life — Game 3 of the 1932 World Series. He shot home movies of the event and they became part of a collection shown at the annual family reunion.

It was no big deal for the family, a curiosity more than anything else, until Warp's great nephew, James Jacobs, came across it. "I thought that it was pretty neat, Ruth and Lou Gehrig at Wrigley Field," he said.



Babe Ruth watches another of his home run hits fly into the right field park deck at Yankee Stadium during his 60th season in 1927.

Jacobs did some research and learned that Ruth played just two games at Wrigley. After consulting the Hall of Fame and the Society for American Baseball Research, it turned out that the long lost footage was of the called shot.

Shapiro sent a courier for the film and did his own authentication. "It's eerie," he said. "It's unbelievable. It's the first film on record of Ruth hitting the ball out of the park. Everybody in the park is in suits and hats."

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

NBA Standings

Team	W	L	OT	GB
Atlanta	17	10	0	0
Chicago	17	10	0	0
Phoenix	16	10	0	0
San Antonio	16	10	0	0
Portland	15	11	0	0
Los Angeles	15	11	0	0
Utah	15	11	0	0
Memphis	15	11	0	0
San Diego	15	11	0	0
Denver	15	11	0	0
Seattle	15	11	0	0
Minnesota	15	11	0	0
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Top 25 NCAA Men

Rank	Team	W	L
1	Duke	22	1
2	North Carolina	21	2
3	Arizona	20	3
4	Michigan State	19	4
5	Wisconsin	18	5
6	Illinois	17	6
7	Stanford	16	7
8	Georgia Tech	15	8
9	Ohio State	14	9
10	Arizona State	13	10
11	Indiana	12	11
12	Michigan	11	12
13	Virginia Tech	10	13
14	Wake Forest	9	14
15	Northwestern	8	15
16	Georgia	7	16
17	Florida	6	17
18	South Carolina	5	18
19	Alabama	4	19
20	Mississippi State	3	20
21	Arkansas	2	21
22	LSU	1	22
23	Missouri	0	23
24	Alabama	0	24
25	Arkansas	0	25

FOOTBALL

NFL Standings

Team	W	L	T	OT	GB
Atlanta	10	5	1	0	0
Baltimore	10	5	1	0	0
Buffalo	10	5	1	0	0
Carolina	10	5	1	0	0
Cincinnati	10	5	1	0	0
Cleveland	10	5	1	0	0
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Denver	10	5	1	0	0
Detroit	10	5	1	0	0
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SPORTS

COLLEGE BOWL COUNTDOWN

Bowl season hits high gear

Three set for today, and Sugar Bowl surprise may wait

The Associated Press

Bowl season swings into high gear this today as college football fans begin the long wait for the game that really counts...

The remaining 20 games prior to the Sugar Bowl feature several compelling matchups, from Oregon State vs. Hawaii in today's Oahu Bowl...

Most of this season's stars will be showcased, too, including Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne, who leads Wisconsin against Stanford in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1...

Today, the most unlikely matchup of all has Oregon State (7-4), in its first bowl game since 1965, playing Hawaii (8-4), which went 0-12 last season...

Hawaii is led by quarterback Dan Robinson (3,853 yards and 27 TDs); Oregon State features running back Ken Simonton (1,329 yards, 17 TDs)...

Marshall (12-0), led by Pennington (3,515 yards, 34 TDs), averages to complete a perfect season against BYU on Dec. 27...

It should be offense glory when Miami and Georgia Tech hook up on Jan. 1. Hamilton, the Heisman runner-up, threw for 3,060 yards and 29 TDs...

Texas and Arkansas meet for the first time since 1991. The former Southwest Conference rivals have played 75 times, with the Longhorns leading 54-19...

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Motor City Bowl (Monday) No. 11 Marshall (minus 2.5) vs. BYU Herb QB Pennington vs. Cougars QB Feterik...

Alamo Bowl (Dec. 28) No. 18 Texas A&M (plus 6) vs. No. 13 Penn State Lions hope to give longtime assistant Jerry Sandusky a winning sendoff...

Music City Bowl (Dec. 29) Kentucky (minus 3) vs. Syracuse Each team lost five times during the season - why bother?...

Holiday Bowl (Dec. 29) No. 7 Kansas State (minus 11.5) vs. Washington Could this be another crash landing for the Wildcats?...

Humanitarian Bowl (Dec. 30) No. 7 Kansas State (plus 4) vs. Louisville Cards QB Chris Redman tries to impress NFL scouts in his final game...

Micron Bowl (Dec. 30) Virginia (minus 2.5) vs. Illinois Cavs RB Thomas Jones vs. Illini QB Kurt Kitner...

Peach Bowl (Dec. 30) No. 15 Mississippi State (plus 2.5) vs. Clemson Tigers can score, Bulldogs can't...

Insight.com Bowl (Dec. 31) No. 25 Boston College (plus 8) vs. Colorado Buffs coming off OT loss to Huskers; BC off a loss to Holikes...

Sun Bowl (Dec. 31) Oregon (plus 2.5) vs. No. 12 Minnesota Golden Gophers underrated all season...

Liberty Bowl (Dec. 31) Colorado State (plus 4) vs. No. 16 Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles out to avenge last year's collapse in Humanitarian Bowl...

Independence Bowl (Dec. 31) Mississippi (plus 4) vs. Oklahoma Sooners back in bowl business for first time in five years...

Outback Bowl (Jan. 1) No. 21 Georgia (plus 5) vs. No. 19 Purdue Preview of 2000 Heisman contenders - Purdue's Brees vs. Dawgs Quincy Carter...

Cotton Bowl (Jan. 1) No. 14 Texas (minus 7.5) vs. No. 24 Arkansas Just like old times... TEXAS, 35-24

Gator Bowl (Jan. 1) No. 17 Georgia Tech (plus 4.5) vs. No. 23 Miami 1,000 yards and 100 points? MIAMI, 48-14

Citrus Bowl (Jan. 1) No. 10 Florida (minus 1) vs. No. 9 Michigan State Nice-guy approach works for coach Spurrier's Gators... FLORIDA, 28-24

Rose Bowl (Jan. 1) No. 22 Stanford (plus 11.5) vs. No. 4 Wisconsin Dayne looking for second straight Rose MVP award... WISCONSIN, 38-31

Orange Bowl (Jan. 1) No. 3 Michigan (plus 1.5) vs. No. 5 Alabama Wolverines capable of slowing down Bama's Alexander... MICHIGAN, 27-24

Fiesta Bowl (Jan. 2) No. 3 Nebraska (minus 4) vs. No. 6 Tennessee Watch the Huskers' defense shut down Vols' offense... NEBRASKA, 24-17

Sugar Bowl (Jan. 4) No. 1 Florida State (minus 5.5) vs. No. 2 Virginia Tech Tech's whizzed Vick hasn't let anyone down yet... VIRGINIA TECH, 31-30

Last week: 4-1 (straight up); 3-2 (vs. points). Season: 172-55 (straight up); 118-108 (vs. points).

Stanford's Willingham sets a rosy precedent

LOS ANGELES (AP) - When Tyrone Willingham sends his Stanford team out against Wisconsin on New Year's Day, he will be following the lead of some of college football's most famed coaches...

Willingham will pace the same sidelines of the famous old stadium where Knute Rockne guided Notre Dame to a 27-0 victory over Pop Warner and Stanford 75 years ago...

But never in the storied history of the Rose Bowl, which has been played 85 times since 1902, has there been a black head coach on the sidelines. That will change next Saturday when Willingham comes onto the Rose Bowl field...

Willingham understands the importance of the Rose Bowl first. "I think it does carry some significance," he said. "I don't know whether it is as important to me as I think it may be to some others. My first responsibility is toward my team. I don't think my team cares what color I am as long as I can go out and provide them the leadership and the direction they need."

He then noted the date that the Rose Bowl is getting its first black coach, the first day of the new century, almost 100 years after the first Rose Bowl game. "My question is, 'Why not sooner?'" Willingham said.



Stanford head coach Tyrone Willingham takes his team through the paces Thursday at Santa Monica City College in Santa Monica, Calif. He guided No. 22 Stanford (8-3, 7-1 Pac-10) to the conference title this year and the Cardinal will be appearing in the school's first Rose Bowl since 1972.

Wisconsin (9-2, 7-1 Big Ten) is ranked fourth. Asked if his players might take heart from his accomplishments and want to be like him, Willingham shook his head...

"I hope that no kid looks at me and says he wants to be like coach Willingham," he said. "I hope a kid looks at me and says I want to be better than coach Willingham, that means something to me. Being the same is not what it's all about."

"I hope my son wants to be even better than his dad because that's the way my dad taught me."

He heeded the advice well, overcoming hurdles to achieve his goals. Willingham, whose father was a real estate salesman and mother was an elementary school teacher, was a 5-foot-6, 140-pound quarterback when he graduated from high school, not the stuff of college recruiters' dreams.

But, determined to play in college, he sent letters to schools, and received replies from two, Toledo and Michigan State. He walked on at Michigan State, went on to earn three varsity letters as a quarterback, and his teammates voted him the most inspirational player his senior season. He also lettered three years in baseball.

He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, then held several other jobs as an assistant including with head coach Dennis Greer at Stanford from 1969-91, then again on Green's Minnesota Vikings staff from 1992-94 before returning to Stanford as head coach.

Willingham credits his parents as being his greatest role models, and also said Green had a very positive influence on him.

Cougars face unbeaten Marshall hoping to end year on high note

TROY, Mich. (AP) - Well, yes, this is a bowl trip for Brigham Young University. Technically, that is correct. The Cougars will meet undefeated Marshall in the Motor City Bowl.

So, this trip to the Midwest is a lot more for BYU quarterback Kevin Feterik. This is about redemption. "This is a great opportunity for us to finish the season on a positive note," Feterik said shortly after the team arrived Thursday. "We'd all like to get back on track."

Especially the senior from Los Alamitos, Calif. Feterik knew when he selected BYU that it might be a pressure cooker. Fans have become a bit spoiled by past BYU quarterbacks like Ty Detmer, Jim McMahon and Steve Young.

When the Cougars ended the regular season with losses to Wyoming and Utah, some of the fans held Feterik responsible. "I think a lot of it's on my shoulders," Feterik said. "It's been that way all season. Some of our running backs have been dinged up. That put a lot on my



BYU coach LaVell Edwards talks with team members during practice Thursday in Pontiac, Mich.

But most of the squad is healthy again. As a result, coach LaVell Edwards was itching to get his players off the airplane and onto the practice field. "Ankles taped and ready for practice by 3:15 p.m.," Edwards barked as the players trooped into the team hotel. "Get your room, get taped, and get back down here." The Cougars (8-3) will face No. 11 Marshall (12-0) on Monday at the Pontiac Silverdome, the same stadium used by the Detroit Lions. "Playing in a pro stadium is neat," Feterik said. "We played in San Diego, and that was interesting, too." Still, it's easy to understand why Edwards is all business on this trip. Last season, he was unloading his players in yet another strange



town, getting them ready for another second-tier bowl game against another undefeated team that hardly anybody knew anything about. On that occasion, the Cougars took a 41-27 whipping at the hands of Tulane. "I learned something from that game," Edwards said. Actually, he learned something afterward. While breaking down the film of that Liberty Bowl defeat, Edwards liked the Tulane shotgun formation so much he incorporated it into the BYU offense this year.

What did that get him? "It got me to another bowl game," Edwards said with a knowing grin. The Cougars, like the Marshall team, will spend the weekend practicing and taking in the sights around Detroit. "I think teams like us will do some charity work, appearing at a children's hospital."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Man involved in crash dies of natural causes

TWIN FALLS - The husband of a Rupert woman who died after a collision with an Idaho State Police car in February has died.

Dale F. Hobbs, 83, of Rupert died Tuesday at the Midvale Memorial Hospital-Extended-Care Facility. His death was not the result of the accident.

Hobbs' wife, Lily, 75, died last February after the van she was driving was struck by an ISP police car, driven by ISP officer Steven Rodriguez.

Hobbs' attorney, E. Lee Schlender, said Hobbs' death was not a result of complications suffered in the February accident.

"He was in pretty poor health," Schlender said on Friday.

Rodriguez, a rookie trooper at the time of the accident, was responding to a call when he collided with the Hobbses' vehicle.

Hobbs, who was in the passenger seat at the time of the accident, was taken to Midvale Memorial Hospital.

Rodriguez was sentenced to two years' probation and 100 hours community service. Rodriguez has since resigned from the ISP and moved to California with his family.

The family of Dale and Lily Hobbs filed a tort claim against state's Department of Law Enforcement earlier this year after the accident.

Schlender said the settlement fell within the \$500,000 state cap on claims filed against the state or a state employee.

Three-car accident in Burley results in injury

BURLEY - A three-car injury accident occurred at the intersection of Main and Hilland streets in Burley Friday morning.

Blaine County sheriff's deputies blocked off Hilland Street while investigating.

Details on the accident were unavailable at press time.

Area businesses, stores plan to reopen on Sunday

TWIN FALLS - Most offices and businesses will be closed today but many will reopen on Sunday.

Grocery stores will be open on Sunday. The Magic Valley Mall will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Here is a listing of some of the other stores that will be open on Sunday:

- Shopko is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Target is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Fred Meyer is open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Sun Valley symposium looks at life in the West

KETCHUM - The Western Issues Symposium is a free lecture series at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts that examines the West - past, present and future.

"Here is a list of upcoming lectures:

• Feb. 10: Vicki Ruiz, chair of Chicano Studies at Arizona State University, will discuss "The Welcoming Committee," a look at settlers' ever-increasing anxiety over Native American, Mexican, European and Asian newcomers.

Her lecture is titled "From Out of the Shadows: Mexican Women in 20th Century America."

March 2: Richard White, professor of history at Stanford University and author of "It's Your Misfortune and None of My Own: A New Western History," will examine how westerners have shaped their own relationship with the land. Cur'll focus in particular on how contemporary Westerners struggle to reconcile a resource-dependent past with the need to have less impact on the land in the future.

April 13: Patricia Nelson Limerick, professor of history at the University of Colorado and author of "The City of the Conquest: The Unbroken Past of the American West," will discuss what Westerners have inherited from their past, and the inheritance left for future generations.

All lectures are free and will be held at 7 p.m. in the Sun Valley Center for the Arts, 131 Front St., E. The Idaho Humanities Council and Pioneer Mountain Foundation have underwritten the series.

For more information, call 726-5442.

Compiled from staff reports

Family has mixed emotions after sentencing

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The family of Halley Williams, the 2-year-old girl shaken to death by Jesse Thrusch, had mixed feelings after hearing the man who killed the toddler could serve as little as six months behind bars.

"We're disappointed, of course," said Pauline Anderson, Halley's great-grandmother. "That's my whole life's pain to pay."

But she added, "If he can prevent it from happening again, we'll be satisfied."

District Judge Daniel Meehl sentenced Thrusch to a five- to 15-year prison term, but the former Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy might serve as little as six months in the county jail.

Under Meehl's sentence, Thrusch will have to spend 100 days in jail. At the end of that time Meehl will consider a psychological evaluation and a report by Thrusch explaining how he can prevent future baby-shaking deaths by speaking to people about his case.

If Meehl likes what he hears, Thrusch would be placed on probation. If Meehl doesn't like what he hears, Thrusch would spend at least five years in prison.

Angela Williams, Halley's mother and Thrusch's former fiancé, said the sentencing was like a roller coaster - first hearing the prison sentence and then hearing he might only serve six months.

Halley died at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise two days after Thrusch violently shook her and threw her on the bed of his Filer home. Thrusch first

told police that Halley fell off the bed, but he later told Twin Falls police detectives that he had shaken the toddler because she was fussy.

After the hearing Thrusch shook hands and smiled with some of his former colleagues. He doesn't have to report to jail until Monday, so he'll get to spend Christmas as a free man.

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MAGIC VALLEY MEMORIES



Born in a log cabin in 1935, Norma Davis has lived most of her life in Twin Falls.

Woman reflects on 64 years

Local resident born in 1930s says some things will never change

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Weekly bath days was always a battle in the Davis household.

After the round tub was carried in and filled with hot water, it was up to the seven children to decide who got in the water before it turned cold.

That was part of Norma Davis' life as a young girl growing up in the Magic Valley, watching the end of the Great Depression and the beginning of World War II.

From the lobby of her present home, Bridgeview Estates, Davis recalled her years growing up in Twin Falls, the city where she has lived for most of her 64 years.

Davis was born May 7, 1935, in a log cabin near Salmon. Soon after she was born, her family moved south to Twin Falls, where her father found work selling hay bales.

That same year President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act and the Parker Brothers introduced the game Monopoly. That was also the year Idaho repealed state-wide prohibition.

A year later Sun Valley opened and in the 1936 Olympics Jesse Owens won four gold medals in track and field as Adolf Hitler watched.

Unlike many older citizens who brag about walking two miles to school through 10-foot snow drifts, Davis simply admits taking the bus from her home on Elizabeth Boulevard to Bickel Elementary School, the same building where some of today's school-children are taught.

Davis later attended Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School, which sat where the Twin Falls County jail now does, and Twin Falls High School.

When she was about 10 years old, Davis and her family moved to a farm outside of town where they had a garden and grew potatoes, she said.

As a child she played with the bottle, ring around the rosey and London Bridge is falling down.

and like many young girls of today, Davis had dolls and often played house.

"We didn't have TV then," Davis said, so she and her family would spend their evenings gathered around the table playing bingo, Old Maid and other card games.

The Davises didn't have a washing machine, either, so they used a tub and a washboard to scrub clothes clean before hanging them on the clothesline to dry.

A lot has changed since Davis was a child, but her two brothers and four sisters were like today's children in some respects.

"We used to fight a lot," she said.

"Some things will always stay the same."

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Children of the Century
In a 10-part series, Magic Valley residents grow up.

Today, Norma Davis, 1930s
Nepco/The 1840s

of World War II
From the lobby of her present

Where to celebrate

Here are two groups providing Christmas Day dinners for the community.

- Helping Hands Mission, 1250 Miller Ave., Burley, 2 to 5 p.m. Free.
- Calvary Baptist Church, 615 W. 27th St., Burley, noon to 2 p.m. Free.

much that is self-indulgent, so volunteering for Christmas Day service felt like a good thing to do. And her husband, a post office employee, can't help but take note of all the people who come through who are obviously in need.

"Christ gave his life (for us). To give an afternoon back is nothing - even if it is Christmas

Volunteers offer holiday cheer to those who need it

Day, we want to give Him our whole life. This is one way we can do that," Montoya said.

Sixteen-year-old Justin Boyd of Rupert was invited to serve at the Helping Hands Mission in Burley by Judy Thornton, who runs the mission with her husband Cody. Boyd will catch up with his own family later.

While serving up Christmas dinner today, Boyd looks forward to "just talking to people about how their lives have gone," at a time that brings out the loneliest feelings in lonely people.

"Cause when I think, 'I don't get much worse than this,' I think, 'There's always food in the fridge,'" Boyd said, "and things aren't so bad."

Cody Thornton said the volunteers should cheer to those who need it. Please see VOLUNTEERS, Page C3

TF public officials prepare for new year

By John T. Hudry
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - As the new year approaches, the three newly elected City Council members are busy getting ready for their new jobs and as they do, the three current council members are vying for a soon-to-be vacant mayor's seat.

Council members Elaine Steele and Lance Clow have also put their names in the hat for mayor.

The candidate who receives the most votes from the council will become the city's new mayor.

The mayor acts as head of the council and as the council's representative in the community.

Clow has sought the mayor's seat before, having unsuccessfully run against Kleinkopf in 1996.

Talkington served as the city's mayor from 1982-83 and has been a long-time councilman.

Talkington, though having served as mayor before, said it is important for him to be the next mayor.

"Since it may be my last time on the council, I think this is probably the most optimal time for me to be mayor," Talkington said.

Talkington will be facing some stiff competition from Steele and Clow, however, who agree they too have the experience and knowledge to be mayor.

Steele was elected as the council in 1997. She beat out Jeff Gooding for the seat.

Steele will be joined on the council by two other women this coming year, Brenda Thompson and Gloria Galan who were elected to the council this year.

Tripp Craig will also be sworn into office Jan. 3. Howard Allen, the city's vice mayor, also runs for office. He was unopposed in the election.

If elected mayor, Steele would become the first woman mayor.

Please see PREPARE, Page C3

BURLEY - For Mini-Cassia residents facing a lonely holiday, some doors are open.

Four families are responsible for preparing the food to feed somewhere between 60 and 120 people at the Calvary Baptist Church.

Dore Gill's family of five has been charged with potato mashing duties for the entire lot. Gravy too.

Gill was given a hefty number of potatoes, and she says can spare the time to peel them.

Kathryn Montoya said she feels as if her family does so



Cody and Judy Thornton, managers of Helping Hands mission, prepare gallettes' desserts while Kelly Cobia carries a turkey. The mission is serving Christmas dinner today.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Park sees bright prospects for ending perils of old mine shafts

JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) — Chris Holbeck balances unsteadily at the edge of the abandoned mine shaft, a gaping, ominous hole known only as Mine No. 63, and gently tosses in a rock.

"Listen to what happens," says the park biologist, framed by a fiercely blue desert sky. "You don't hear it hit bottom. It just keeps falling and falling into the inky blackness."

Like some modern-day prospector outfitted with computer printouts and satellite technology, Holbeck is shedding light on a singular legacy of California's mining past: the countless shafts fought into the earth by often luckless state claimers that a century later have turned into a considerable public health hazard.

Holbeck, 38, heads an ambitious five-year program to catalog and make safe so far 700 abandoned mine sites scattered across the park's 394,000 acres — including 141 shafts deep enough to cause serious injury or death if someone fell into them.

Officials say Joshua Tree is the first national park to systematically inventory its neglected mines and take steps to refill them or turn them into sites explaining the state's mining history.

Holbeck is also making widespread use of a unique mine-capping technique, filling the mouths of mines with polyurethane foam. The process, in which the expanding foam is squirted into the mouth of the shaft to form a 15-to-20-inch plug that permanently closes the hole, is an environmentally safe way to solve the problem, officials say.

"This is the first time polyurethane is being used on a polyurethane basis with the idea of making safe all abandoned mines out there," said Joe Zarki, Joshua Tree's chief naturalist. "We're already getting interest among

other parks across California and the West."

State officials estimate that there are as many as 120,000 abandoned mine shafts across California. Each year, half a dozen people die in falls into abandoned shafts across the United States and scores are injured or require rescue, they say.

Many of the injured are people who wander from marked trails, amateur spelunkers, Indiana Jones wannabes and hobbyist prospectors seeking to get rich.

"Most people don't realize that there are hazards to these holes other than the obvious peril of

recently that the technology was found to adequately cope with the problem, Holbeck said.

Past efforts involved back-filling old mine shafts, but there was never enough displaced dirt remaining to fill the hole, he said. Makeshift safety solutions such as wire mesh or grates were clumsy and sometimes attracted the curious who pulled them off to see what was underneath.

Sprayed as a liquid, the polyurethane foam expands to 20 times its original volume and hardens to a strength that can withstand 10,000 pounds of pressure per square foot. The cap is then covered with earth, erasing all traces of the mine's appearance.

Holbeck's job has also been a walk through a minefield of special interests, from naturalists to historians.

Before sealing off the first mines earlier this year, Holbeck consulted with several groups, including but not limited to the nation's abandoned mines have become prime habitat for several bat species that have been driven from over-explored caves and natural crevices.

In an agreement with environmentalists, Holbeck agreed to use angled steel barriers that prevent human entry but allow continued bat use of mine shafts.

Dan Aheyta, chief of the state historical preservation office, said all shafts are being made not to cap mines that are significant for reasons that include their owner, the era in which they were dug or the mining technology that was employed.

Other methods will be used to keep out the public, he said. Before any mine is capped, officials will examine its historical worth and the pollutants, which seal the mine like a cork in a bottle, leaves open the option of future exploration, Aheyta said.

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falling into them," said Gail Newton, manager of the abandoned mine lands unit of the state Department of Conservation.

"There are poisonous snakes lurking near the openings, trapped gases such as carbon monoxide, and viruses from the urine of rodents who inhabit these shafts. Once kicked up in the dust, they can get into the human system. And they can kill people."

After his own mining and shoring up the mines has involved treks from dusty volcanoes of San Bernardino County to some of the park's loneliest reaches, including century-old roads hewn through the rocks, past the rusted hulks of 1920s-era trucks and a mining camp.

The park-service decided to close the mines in the late 1970s, when a father sued the agency after his son fell into a mine shaft and was killed. But it was only

Judge allows chatroom records as evidence

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — ONLINE computer chatrooms do not have the same privacy protections as private telephone calls, a judge ruled.

In what is believed to be the first decision of its kind in Washington state, Spokane County Superior Court Judge Kathleen O'Connor ruled that police do not need court permission to record online chats.

The decision last week allows prosecutors to pursue charges of second-degree attempted rape against Donald T. Townsend, 26, made contact over the Internet with a Spokane police detective posing in a chatroom as a 13-year-old girl.

Washington state's Privacy Act prohibits government-of-body-parties before conversations made over "any electronic device" can be recorded. Police frequently seek court orders to wiretap a person's phone line.

But O'Connor said in her 9-page opinion that police are not required to notify the other party while recording or transcribing remarks sent between computer users.

"The defendant's choice to communicate via chat was with the knowledge that the computer itself is a transmission and reporting device," O'Connor wrote.

Defense lawyers said they are studying a possible appeal of O'Connor's ruling. Deputy Spokane County Prosecutor Patti Walker called O'Connor's ruling an important one.

Deputy Spokane County Prosecutor Patti Walker called O'Connor's ruling an important one. "If the judge had not ruled in our favor, it would have changed how everybody does business in this state using e-mail or chat," Walker said.

SERVICES

Helen A. Watkins, of Mountain Home, graveside services at 1 p.m. Dec. 27, at the Glenn Rest Cemetery in Glenns Ferry (Summers Funeral Homes, McMurry Chapel, in Mountain Home).

Mortuary in Rupert. Donna L. Maxfield Butler, of Burley, services at 11 a.m. Dec. 27, at the Burley Third and Seventh Ward Chapel, 2200

Oakley Ave. in Burley. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Dec. 26, at Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street in Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Dec. 27, at the church.

DEATH NOTICES

Ann Margaret Baker, of Twin Falls, graveside services at 2 p.m. Dec. 27, at Carey Cemetery. A viewing will be held for family and friends from 4-8 p.m. Dec. 26, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Manuel F. Valdez-BURLEY — Manuel F. Valdez, 66, of Burley, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 1999, at the Cassia Regional Medical Centrg in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

26, 1999, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. A full obituary will appear in the Dec. 26, 1999, edition of The Times-News.

Jesse M. Struve, of the Lost River Valley, services at 2 p.m. Dec. 27, at the Howe Community Center in Howe, Idaho. Friends may call from 12-2 p.m. Dec. 27, at the Community Center in Howe (Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls).

Clara Stover — TWIN FALLS — Clara Stover, 85, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 1999, at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital. Funeral services will be held on Monday, Dec. 27, 1999, at 1:30 p.m. at Reynolds' Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls, with Rev. Dan Rike, of Our Saviour Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. Friday, Dec.

Floyd J. Pickett — Floyd Jennings Pickett, 84, of Oakley, died Friday, Dec. 24, 1999, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1999, at the Oakley LDS Stake Center, 301 N. Center, with Bishop Thomas A. Nilson officiating. Burial will follow in the Marion Cemetery, near Oakley. The Pickett family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27, 1999, at their home at 1620 South 600 West. Friends may also call from 1:00 to 1:45 p.m. on Christmas Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1999, prior to the funeral.

Rozann Jean Hall, of Jerome, graveside services at 11 a.m. Dec. 27, at the Jerome Cemetery (Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel and Cremation Service).

Dale F. Hobbs, of Rupert, services at 11 a.m. Dec. 27, at Hansen Mortuary Chapel. Family and friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Dec. 26, at Hansen

MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. Some names have been omitted at patient's request.

Donald Debluck of Buhl. Brenda Bourgouls and Austin Wilde, both of Twin Falls; and Bryson Crockost of Gooding.

Joe Bauer, of Paul; and Shirlee Crystal and Ruth Dethomas, both of Rupert. Dismissals. Daniel Lee of Rupert.

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Arizona wildlife officials fear whirling disease may arrive, attack state's trout

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona wildlife officials fear the incurable whirling disease, which cripples young fish and leaves them swimming in circles, could infest and devastate Arizona's trout populations.

The disease has devastated blue ribbon trout fisheries in Colorado, Montana and other western states this decade. So far, Arizona and its \$664 million sports fishing industry have been spared. Arizona is the only western state free of the disease, wildlife officials said.

The disease didn't take hold in the East because that region has many free-flowing streams. But in the West, it festered in slow-flowing, dammed waters, a prime habitat for the worm that carries the parasite.

But the Arizona Game and Fish Department says the disease could turn up unless the public — namely trout anglers traveling from one state to another — takes precautions.

Whirling disease now affects trout streams in 22 states. In Montana, the governor created a task force to study the growing problem and a Web site to educate trout anglers. Idaho will host a national conference on the subject early next year.

Though the disease has not been found in Arizona, officials worry parasite infestation could devastate large natural reproduction sites like Lee's Ferry, the renowned rainbow trout fishery on the Colorado River south of Lake Powell.

Deputy Arizona Game and Fish Department says the disease could turn up unless the public — namely trout anglers traveling from one state to another — takes precautions.

The disease, which poses no threat to human health, is caused by a parasite that attacks the fragile bone structures of baby trout, interfering with their abil-

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Eventually, the parasite got into trout hatcheries.

OBITUARIES

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HANSEN Theresa (Richard) Tinsley of Ogden, Utah, (Frank) Mark Theodor, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Gordon, Bocky, (Cindy) McDonald of Eden, and Larry Doan (Kelly) Dohl, of Twin Falls, 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Services will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, Dec. 27, 1999, at the Park's Funeral Home on Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, with viewing from 1-7 p.m. on Monday. Burial will be at the Hazelton Cemetery.

RUPERT Susan D. Dickman Susan Dahlborg Dickman, 31-year-old Rupert resident, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 1999, at St. Luke's Hospital in Boise. She was born August 3, 1968, at Bottineau, North Dakota, to Virgil and Florence Erven Dahlborg. Susan moved to the Cassia County area in 1975, where she attended high school at Ralt River. In 1994, she and her family moved to Idaho, Idaho, where they now employed at Simplot Farms. She graduated from high school at Ralt River in 1988. Teaching was a big part of Susan's life. She enjoyed every trip she made, short or long. Susan was known by many as a girl of all trades. She could fix anything that needed fixing. At Christmas time, she would always volunteer to help the community in any activities that were going on. She also volunteered for positions to help in anyway she could. She is survived by her parents, Virgil and Florence Dahlborg, of Rupert; two sons, Chase and Cole Dickman, both of Rupert; three stepchildren, Krystal, Shawn, and Corbin Schmidt, all of Rupert; a cousin of three years, Eoghan Schmidt; one brother, Michael (Susan) Dahlborg, of Elko, Nevada; one sister, Barbara (Dee) Francis, of Burley, Idaho; one niece, and three nephews. She was preceded in death by

TWIN FALLS Floyd L. Swan Floyd Lee Swan, 64, of Twin Falls, passed away on Wednesday, December 22, 1999, after a long battle with emphysema. Floyd was born May 11, 1935, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Floyd William and Gladys Mulikan Swan. He attended school in Filer, Idaho, where he played baseball. He served in the United States Army from 1957 to 1959, and was stationed in Germany. While working in West Yellowstone, he met his loving wife Rose Archuleta, and they were married June 4, 1968, and moved to Twin Falls. Floyd spent the majority of his employment with the City of Twin Falls and Coctus Park. He enjoyed the outdoors, spending his time fishing and hunting with his best friend and brot-

in-law Joe Gutierrez, and collecting antiques. We will miss him greatly. Floyd is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Rose Swan of Twin Falls; a son, Bill (Jackie) and granddaughter, Sierra Swan, of Salt Lake City, Utah; and a sister, Beaulah Hurley of Brigham City, Utah. memorial mass for Floyd will take place at 1 p.m. Monday, December 27, 1999, at St. Edward's Catholic Church, with Father Robb Keller as celebrant. Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Verlin L. 'Bean' Stevenson Verlin Stevenson, 83-years-old, died Friday, Dec. 24, 1999, at his home in Hatton. Bean was born March 16, 1916, to Tom and Bertha (Lockwood) Stevenson, in Raymond, South Dakota. His early years were spent in the Nebraska and Kansas areas before moving west. He married Glorice Garrison in 1939 and they were later divorced. During the second World War, he worked in the shipyards at Bremerton, Washington. After the war, he farmed in the Magic Valley area, worked at Simplot's Hayburn plant as a welder, then returned to farming at Hazleton for the remainder of his life. He loved to work. He married Dorothy West on December 19, 1978. They spent many enjoyable years traveling and fishing together. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, four sisters, one son, Donny, a grandson, two great-grandsons, and a great-granddaughter. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of Hatton; his children, Verla, of Cranston, Alaska; (Trish), Stevenson of Hazelton,

three granddaughters. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, December 28, 1999, at Hansen Mortuary Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Chapel. The family has requested in lieu of flowers, that donations be made to Susan's children, in care of Hansen Mortuary.

Michael G. McGinnis Michael G. McGinnis died Dec. 21, 1999, in Boise, Idaho, from complications of flu and diabetes. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and four children, Teresa, Robert, Steve, and David; his parents, Lincoln and Angie McGinnis, three brothers, Tim, Paul, and Len, and sister, Mary, and four grandchildren. Service will be held Monday Dec. 27, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on Falls Ave., Twin Falls, Idaho. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cerebral Palsy Association.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Vocational studies give students head start Idaho has seen plenty of changes in past 200 years

By Corren Hart Times-News correspondent

DECLIO - Sue Thometz saw a need among the students and she is working to fill it. The Declo Junior High School teacher worked all summer to start a new School-To-Work program which encompasses two complete businesses.

"Mrs. Thometz has worked untold hours to implement this program," Principal Ron Knowles said. "She wrote grants, spent her summer writing a cookbook with recipes from her former catering business."

Students will learn to operate the businesses. One is a food service that sells foods students have prepared in pre-packaged juices, fresh fruits and other items. The second is a clothing enterprise, in which students sew butcher aprons, chef's hats, and book bags all the pieces from these items will be furnished back into the program to buy equipment and materials.

"The goal is to help junior high students make successful choices in planning high school curriculum and developing college, vocational and career goals," Thometz said in the introduction to her cookbook.

Classes are about evenly divided between boys and girls. "Our bread was the best yeast," it leaved the best, and it tasted like, well, bread," student Jorge Gomez said.

Wade Osterhout said he joined this class to learn to cook. "I like to eat, but I told you they'd have better equipment than I," he said.

Both boys were making rolls during class Tuesday. "A state vocational education grant and a state School-To-Work



Rolls, anyone? The home economics class at Declo Junior High School bakes rolls. The class invites residents to purchase its new cookbook and support its studies. The class is involved in a new School-To-Work program started up by teacher Sue Thometz.

grant have been used to purchase computers with software, which teaches accounting and purchasing skills, Knowles said. Also on hand are sewing machines and sergers, stoves, sinks, refrigerators and untold numbers of baking pans. But more is needed because of the number of students interested, Thometz said.

Thometz has a degree in home economics from Purdue University, a subject she taught for 15 years at Wilson High School in Hacienda Heights, Calif. During her time at Wilson, she operated a student-operated, full service restaurant, which served 150 to 200 meals every day. The students also operated a catering arts program, served school lunquets and outside events. She arranged placement for them in community businesses to broaden their experience.

Thometz operated Ambrosia Catering in Walnut, Calif., for 11 years before her move to Idaho. She specialized in weddings, commercial accounts and theme parties.

Her husband, Ron Thometz, recalls some high-level clients. "She catered a fund-raising dinner for the Rev. Jesse Jackson

when he was making a bid for the presidency," Thometz said. The Thometz family moved to Idaho because "the fast-track, lifestyle was too busy," Ron Thometz said.

"We needed time to become more family-oriented," he said. "Daniel, too, a school custodian, built three kitchens in the home economics classroom during the summer to set up for the class."

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BOISE (AP) - Geologically, Idaho in 1000 A.D. looked nearly the same as it does today, and the flora and fauna were as abundant as in those parts of the state now set aside as wilderness.

"A thousand years is a drop in the bucket," Albertson College biology professor Eric Yensen said. "Earthquakes and erosion have certainly altered the landscape slightly in the last thousand years, but most of all we've rearranged the landscape to suit ourselves."

In fact, he said, Idaho's environment has changed more in the two centuries since the first white men arrived than in the previous 10,000 years.

"I don't see a teaches a class at the Caldwell school called 'I d a h o s N a t u r a l History' that covers the millions of years of change leading up to the new millennium. The mountain near Boise that now is home to Bogus Basin ski area was a few centimeters lower in 1000, and the area's weather was slightly colder.

The land was rich with wildlife and fish. Deer, elk and antelope wintered along the Snake River. There were some bison, although not as abundant as in present-day Montana and Wyoming. And the only dams would have been built by beavers.

The valleys were spotted with crocks and wetlands and healthy salmon runs returned from the Pacific Ocean to the Boise, Payette and Weiser rivers. Vegetation included bunch grass, a shrub called winterfat and wildflowers.

Indian tribes regularly wintered in areas like the wooded Boise valley, the modern-day "City of Trees," said Sue Neitzel, deputy state historic preservation officer for the Idaho State Historical Society. Relying on a lunar calendar,

they weren't worried about a Y1K catastrophe. Yensen and Neitzel said the real cataclysm for the natural world occurred in the wake of the Lewis and Clark expedition as white settlers began moving into the area. They brought along grazing animals, exotic plants and tools to turn the soil. The rangeland ecosystem soon was devastated by livestock.

"There was the mentality that these resources were infinite. By 1890, the land was overexploited."

"I'm not faulting the modern ranchers at all," he said. "The damage was really done before them. The damage continued to the 1930s and the Taylor Grazing Act for grazing on public land. I think things have been on the way up overall."

Fire suppression is a 20th century phenomenon. Before that, Yensen said, lightning-caused wildfires burned cool in the process of razing through forests choked by brush and deadfall. And the large, widely spaced trees that survived the occasional blazes were an ideal habitat for wildlife.

Destroying native vegetation allowed exotic species like cheatgrass from the Mediterranean to take its place. Cheatgrass burns easily, destroying the habitat for such birds as ground squirrels and species of prey. Yensen said.

He does not object to modern grazing or logging, but thinks they should involve sustainable practices. "We have no way to predict what Idaho will look like in 3000 A.D., in environmental terms Yensen hopes it looks more like the past than the present."

"We would be better off, both economically and ecologically, if we could restore it to something like it was a millennium ago."

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Eric Yensen, Albertson College biology professor

Family celebrates son's progress with disorder

LEWISTON (AP) - "Ho, Ho, Ho," is a distinct sound of Christmas and for the Wolf family of Lewiston, it will be the most remembered sound of the holiday.

The phrase joined "mom" and "thank you" in the small vocabulary of 4-year-old Andy Wolf. It is the first year Andy, who has a rare form of disorder that makes it difficult for him to speak, has been able to say "Ho, Ho, Ho."

"The little things like that parents take for granted," said Andy's mother, Laura. "He won't reach the big milestones, so we look at the little ones."

A supervisor at ShopKo, knew her son was different from other babies almost from the beginning. Her mother was the first to pinpoint something peculiar about Andy when he was a 1-year-old.

"When she slung him over her hip, he didn't cling like most babies. He hung like dead weight."

Then, words didn't come at the age they were supposed to come. Andy continued to communicate in variously pitched sounds only understandable by his mother,

er, father, and 6-year-old sister, Heather. At the next big milestone, walking, his feet rolled in, leaving him always unsteady. Laura and her husband Todd, a safety guard at Potlatch Corp, took Andy to specialists.

One suggested they investigate a little-known genetic disorder called Angelman Syndrome. On the Internet they found the characteristics.

Dr. Harry Angelman, an English physician described in 1965. If they are able to walk at all, children with Angelman Syndrome have a stiff, jerky gait. Other indicators are absent speech, excessive laughter at inappropriate times and seizures.

"It was hard not to pinpoint it to Andy," said Laura. The Wolfs took him to a geneticist in Spokane who dismissed the idea. It was AS.

The couple wasn't satisfied and took Andy to the Seattle Children's Hospital. Andy's "Food work came back normal, but with his abnormal brain waves and clinical characteristics that match the disorder, doctors there diagnosed him with AS."

"It's definitely a baffling syndrome and even though I never wanted Andy to have this, it was a huge relief to know that was what he had," said Laura. "What her son has is a slightly benign chromosomal anomaly, 15,000 people known to have AS in North America, is higher functioning than 70 percent of those with the disorder who have a piece of chromosome 15 deleted."

The genetic abnormality usually occurs randomly, but one type of AS, the kind Andy has, is inherited. Many cases go undiagnosed because doctors are unaware of the disorder's existence. They often misdiagnose AS patients with cerebral palsy or autism.

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Depending on how his communication skills develop, Laura said he probably will always live in an assisted living situation. "Some people look years down the road. We look at months and that way no one's disappointed."

Andy seems to have the same idea. Carefully arranged on the coffee table in front of the Christmas tree in the family living room is a group of his favorite toys - lifelike plastic African animals. As always they are in a line, side by side, marching forward together - like his family.

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SUU Bookstore clerks answer Santa's letters

CEDAR CITY, Utah (AP) - About 20 of Santa's helpers are happy Christmas is only hours away.

They are students clerks at the Southern Utah University Bookstore who have been answering letters to Santa sent by local children.

"We've done this here for about 10 years," said SUU Bookstore manager, Dennis Ohms. Sherri Batt, operations manager of the store, said there were a couple of surprises this year. "We received two letters written in Japanese and one written in Spanish," she said. Parents of two bookstore workers, fluent in

the languages, were enlisted to help with the responses.

Letters to Santa Claus are routed to the bookstore from a special mail box in the Cedar City post office. No postage necessary, the notes were addressed simply to Santa Claus, North Pole.

More than 200 children wrote to Santa with their Christmas wishes. SUU Bookstore received a handwritten reply. "This year Santa got suckers, granola bars and a little plastic ring sent to him," Ohms said.

Santa knew exactly what she wanted, she cut out catalog pictures of the toys on her list. Ohms recalls when the mines closed and times were tough in

soft bears and a sleeping bag. "For Christmas, I would like the world to be happy. No more guns or fights. Actually, a few toys would be fun, too," he wrote.

He closed by asking Santa to remember to leave presents for his parents because "they have been good, too."

Melissa Strobey asked for Santa's telephone number. Lynae Lewis decorated her envelope with snowmen, candy canes and holly. To ensure that Santa knew exactly what she wanted, she cut out catalog pictures of the toys on her list.

Ohms recalls when the mines closed and times were tough in Cedar City and the surrounding area. "There were a lot of letters that I would like to see it would be a small Christmas and kids who asked that their parents could find work," he said.

He said about the years, some of the children really put old Santa to the test. "We had a letter one year where the child didn't really believe in Santa," he said. "In the letter, the child said that if Santa is real, the letter would be attached to their tree on Christmas morning," he said. "That child woke up that morning and Santa made sure that letter was there."

Eastern Idaho mayor plans trip to Siberia Prepare

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Mayor Linda Milan, one of our mayors who will be traveling to Siberia in January to meet with officials from the former Soviet Union's "secret" cities.

Milan and the other mayors are from cities with U.S. Department of Energy nuclear sites, and will give advice to residents of Snezhinsk and Ozersk on how to get their economies going despite job layoffs resulting from the end of the Cold War.

"The challenge is, how do you rebuild communities that were, in a sense, there for a single purpose?" Milan said. "Snezhinsk and Ozersk could

not be found on maps before the Cold War's end responses. "Officially nobody knew about them, but they still have people who live there and some are quite large cities," Milan said. "But now you've got scientists, engineers and technicians who are out of work and, in some respects, vulnerable."

"The fear in America is that governments wanting their expertise to build nuclear arsenals will recruit the Russian scientists."

"The analogy for me is right after World War II when there was a real race between the Russians and the U.S. to get those German rocket scientists," Milan said. "It made a huge dif-

ference in where we went with our space program."

The meetings, Jan. 25-28, will also include mayors from Carlsbad, N.M., Miamisburg, Ohio, and Oak Ridge, Tenn. The meetings are sponsored by the International City/County Management Association, the U.S. Department of Energy and Russia's Association of Closed Cities.

The trip is being paid for by grants from the Department of Energy's Nuclear Cities Initiative, which seeks to promote international cooperation through redirecting the work of nuclear weapons scientists, engineers and technicians.

Continued from C1 in the history of the city of Twin Falls. "I think it would be good. I would enjoy being mayor," Steele said.

She agreed that, while there is some competition between members for the seat, the competition remains friendly. "I'm not running against the other two," Steele said on Friday. "I'm running for me. This is the path I would like to be on and if it doesn't happen, then that's OK."

Clow, who was in California visiting relatives on Friday, said he has also spoken with council members and people in

Play to focus on Oppenheimer

The Times-News KETCHUM - The Sun Valley Center for the Arts will host a reading of "In the Matter of J. Robert Oppenheimer" at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The play, featuring International Theatre Group actors, focuses on ethical questions concerning the atomic bomb, which Oppenheimer helped create. The play, which will take place at the Sun Valley Center at 191 Fifth St., is free.

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"We've welcomed everybody, not only the needy, to join his wife and everyone who drops

days. I would suspect that in the past, they might want to explain themselves some more." As for getting ready for his new job on the council, Craig said he and the other new members have been busy.

"We've been doing tours of city facilities and learning the budgets and learning everybody's names," Craig said. "On top of our regular jobs, it's made for a busy life for all three of us. I think this is just kind of crunch time for us. It's been like going back to college."

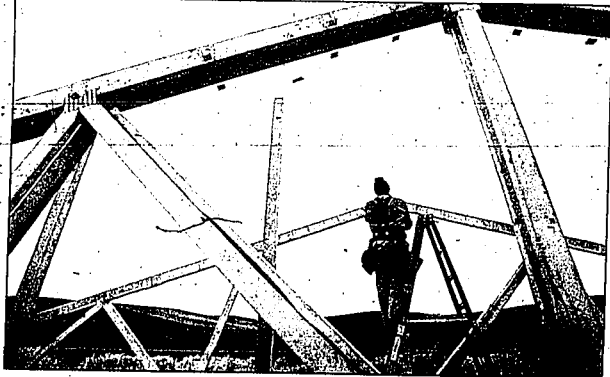
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Chuckie Alred, 5, watches longingly as ice skaters pass by at an outdoor skating rink in San Francisco Friday.

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ALMOST READY



Joe Zastera, from Pacific Metal Buildings in Spokane, Wash., works on a hanger being built at the Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport near Pullman, Wash., Thursday. The hanger should be finished by Friday.

IU weighs options for Boise courses

MOSCOW (AP) — University of Idaho law students soon might be able to make one semester or even the final year of their law courses in Boise.

University officials are studying ways to extend legal education beyond Moscow, short of moving the College of Law to Boise — a prospect they say is very unlikely. Propelling the planning is a directive by the state Board of Education to Idaho's higher education institutions to examine the delivery of professional education for ways to avoid duplicating programs.

University of Idaho President Robert Hoover will make a preliminary report to the board at its meeting in late January, and he expects the school to make a decision by next spring on expanding legal education to Boise.

Nell Franklin, the interim law school dean, said College of Law officials have been asked by people in southern Idaho to provide law courses in Boise. "There's certainly been a demand," he said. "Part of it is

coming from people who want to go to law school and get a J.D. Part of it is coming from people who just want access to some course that will help them in their career. They don't want to be lawyers.

Among alternatives being considered for providing legal education in Boise:

• One semester could be offered, likely in the third and final year of law school. The semester would include an "externship" in which students work without pay in government or nonprofit organization legal offices.

• Franklin said the program could begin as soon as the fall 2000 semester. If a single semester in Boise works well, the entire final year could be offered in Boise. That would require the approval of the law school's two accreditors, the American Bar Association and the American Association of Law Schools.

• Another option is to develop a graduate program in Boise that would lead to a master's degree in such legal specialties as trial

practice or environmental law. The approach could include a certification program that would allow attorneys to take their legal careers in new directions. The graduate program also could serve non-lawyers who want to take advanced law courses in fields such as intellectual property, not necessarily to gain a degree.

The idea of moving the law school to Boise resurfaced in recent discussions on extending legal education beyond Moscow. The discussions were revived by a panel of three legal experts from other states appointed by the University of Idaho.

Panelists met in November with lawyers in Boise, Moscow, Lewiston, Coeur d'Alene and Pocatello, gathering information on the status of legal education and views on how to improve it. The panel is expected to report to the university about mid-January, in time to help Hoover give his legal education recommendations to the state Board of Education.

Falling stock prices cut education endowment nearly in half in 1999

BOISE (AP) — The J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation lost nearly half its endowment in 1999 because of falling stock prices, which could slow education reform in Idaho public schools.

The foundation's endowment is held almost exclusively in shares from Albertson's Inc. Prices for stock in the nation's second-largest supermarket chain dropped from \$62.56 a share in January to about \$30 a share this week.

That has meant a decline in the foundation's endowment from \$1.2 billion in December 1998 to \$620 million this week, its lowest point since 1997.

Analysts say supermarket stocks are down across the industry as investors channel their money into new Internet-based companies. In addition, Albertson's has faced the costly process of assimilating the newly acquired American Stores food and drug chains into its operations.

But analysts predict the stock could begin turning around next year.

The foundation puts most of its contributions into Idaho schools, and officials say they will honor all outstanding grants. But the amount of money given in the future could decline until the stock price rebounds.

The foundation usually gives away 5 percent of its endowment, the minimum required by federal guidelines. In 1998, the foundation handed out nearly \$56 million in Idaho.

Contributions to schools could drop to between \$30 million and \$40 million for this year, based on the current value of the endowment. The foundation will base its giving on the endowment's value in May 2000.

The foundation holds about 20 million shares of Albertson's stock, so a \$1 increase in the price of each share raises the foundation endowment about \$20 million.

The foundation has pledged millions in grants to Idaho districts that come up with innovative programs. It does not release the names of recipients until it files an annual income tax report about six months after the year's end.

Foundation money has fueled education reform in the state in the nearly three years since

Kathryn Albertson, widow of supermarket magnate Joe Albertson, gave 20 million shares of Albertson's stock to the foundation she and her husband started in 1966.

Her contribution in 1997 transformed the foundation into one of the largest education-based philanthropic foundations in the country, with assets of \$700 million. Surging stock prices brought the endowment to \$1.2 billion in 1998. It has now fallen about \$80 million below the value when Kathryn Albertson donated her stock.

ATTENTION!

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The Times-News office will close at 2:00 Friday, December 31.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our valued customers. The Times-News wishes everyone a safe holiday.



ISU plans to seek money for building

POCATELLO (AP) — Idaho State University officials are planning to ask the Legislature next month for \$100,000 in planning money for a proposed \$15.1 million, 30-classroom building.

"This project represents a facility that combines various elements of a campus campus," said Douglas Covey, dean of student affairs. "It would give us

advantages in terms of a sense of community for traditional and underclass students."

The housing, which would add to the 292 apartments and a 500-plus dorm capacity already on campus, would have several units of private rooms opening into several general common areas.

Covey said planners envision a

possible outside dining room and walkways between the different areas in the building.

Idaho State President Richard Bowen said the proposed living quarters would raise the university's number of students housed on campus from 7 percent to between 10 percent and 15 percent of the nearly 13,000 attending the university.

Panhandle resort opposes plan for Montana mine

SANDPOINT (AP) — There's a new northern Idaho opponent to the proposed Rock Creek copper and silver mine across the border near Noxon, Mont.

Schweitzer Mountain Resort has decided to publicly oppose the mine in the interest of preserving the health of Lake Pend Oreille. "Being new to the community and having a tie to the lake, we felt this was something really important," said Tom Fortune, Schweitzer's general manager.

Seattle-based Harbor Properties purchased Schweitzer a year ago. The company is owned by Stinson Bullitt, whose family has contributed millions to environmental causes.

Resort officials said in a prepared statement that they fear the mine could harm the Clark Fork River and the lake.

"Lake Pend Oreille is a magnificent natural resource that defines North Idaho economically and aesthetically," the resort says. "We believe the risk to the lake and to the economic integrity of our community is not worth the limited benefits of another mining operation."

Schweitzer is the second large employer in Bonner County to take a public stand against the proposed mine. Coldwater Creek owner Dennis Pence also has spoken out against it.

Mary Mitchell of the Rock Creek Alliance, a citizens group fighting the project, said she was pleased but not surprised by the resort's support.

"They are referring to themselves as the Mountain on the Lake," she said. "People aren't going to want to recreate here if the lake is polluted from mining waste."

Sterling Mining Co. recently purchased the Rock Creek project from Asarco Inc. The president of Sterling, Tim Babcock, declined comment on Schweitzer's position Thursday.

The state of Montana and the U.S. Forest Service are still working on a final environmental impact statement for the Rock Creek project.

Kathy Johnson, Rock Creek project coordinator for the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, said the agencies are waiting for a biological opinion from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the mine's potential impacts on bull trout, grizzly bears and other threatened or endangered species.



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HJ Johns December, 1999

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FEATURES

TV honors performing arts next week

The Washington Post

Besides the biggest event going — the turn-of-the-year, century and millennium — what else is new on TV next week?

There's a lot of good of American college football, as well as the elaborate parades that go with them.

And if one of your new-millennium resolutions is to fill your life with more high-brow culture, you can get off to a fairly good start with Richard Tucker's annual "Opera Gala" Monday on PBS, and the Metropolitan Opera's production of "Le Nozze di Figaro (The Marriage of Figaro)" Wednesday on PBS.

And a note to fans of PBS' "Firing Line": The 33-year series has ended. On Dec. 13, William F. Buckley Jr. taped the two-part finale of the weekly forum.

PERSON OF THE CENTURY

Monday at 9 on CBS

Place your bets now: Who's the person of the century? Your choices are Franklin D. Roosevelt, Martin Luther King Jr., Albert Einstein, Mohandas Gandhi or Adolf Hitler. Dan Rather, Mike Wallace, Lesley Stahl, Morley Safer and Ed Bradley review the lives of five leaders for the finale of the CBS News/Time 100 People of the Century series.

THE KENNEDY CENTER HONORS

Wednesday at 8 on CBS

Achievement in the performing arts pays off beyond Oscars, Tonys, Emmys and Grammys. On Dec. 5 at the Kennedy Center's Opera House, CBS taped tributes to comedian- pianist Victor Borge, actors Jason Robards and Sean Connery, dancer-choreographer Judith Jamison and singer-songwriter

Sean Connery and singer-songwriter Bonnie Raitt, recognized for their lifetime contributions to American culture through the performing arts.

Walter Cronkite hosted the 22nd black-tie event, which was attended by President and Mrs. Clinton.

The Kennedy Center board can honor one artist a year who is not an American citizen if the artist has had a significant impact on the cultural scene in the United States. Connery, a Scot, is in this category. But his up-by-the-bootstraps story is one Americans might admire.

Connery, 63, grew up in a tenement in Edinburgh, the elder of two sons of a truck driver and a charwoman. By 13, he had quit school and under an assortment of jobs day laborer, steel bender, cement mixer, movie usher, bricklayer, lifeguard, coffin polisher, weight lifter and artist's model. He also served in the Royal Navy for three years. He was discharged because of stomach illness.

In 1950, he represented Scotland in the Mr. Universe pageant in London, where he was spotted by the producers of the British film "The Quiet Man" (United Artists "South Pacific") and given the role of a singing, dancing, shirless sailor.

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Review top 10 TV series of '90s

By Lynn Elber
The Associated Press

The top 10 TV shows of the 1990s in order of premiere date, as voted by the television writers of The Associated Press:

"Roseanne" (ABC, 88-98). Real family life with real goals: just trying to manage. This unlikely heroine was right in tune with her audience, and funny as all get-out.

"Seinfeld" (NBC, 90-98). The picaresque as picaresque, and yada, yada, yada.

"Law & Order" (NBC, 90-). The perpetual motion-drama — "The Larry Sanders Show" (HBO, 92-98). Hurlled us into the entertainment world we usually watch from a distance and inside the head of one of its stars. What a funny, strange ride!

"Homicide: Life on the Street" (NBC, 93-99). A gorgeous mosaic of characters and, portraying them, remarkable actors — in stories that, at their most penetrating, invaded our very protoplasm and remain there.

"NYPD Blue" (ABC, 93-). Took heat and thrived at the beginning, and still simmers with good and evil.

"Arthur" (PBS, 96-). Sure, it's supposed to be a kid show. But who knew an aardvark and his animal pals could be so human, charming and funny — for viewers of all ages.

"The Sopranos" (HBO, 99-). Just what the audience needed: family values.

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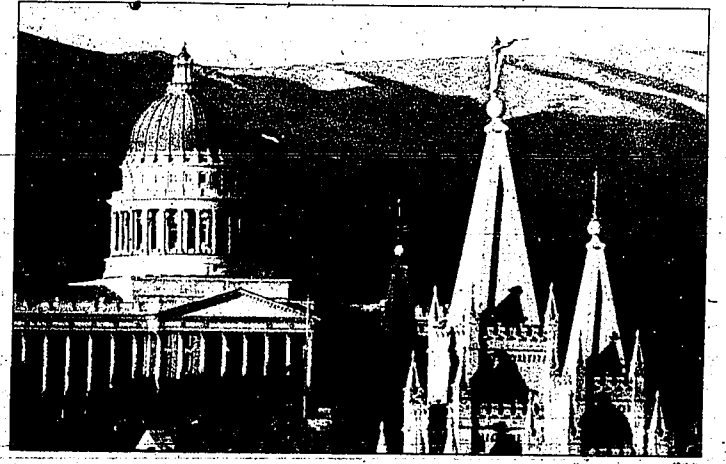
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The sun sets on Utah's Capitol Building, left, and the angel-topped spire of the Mormon Temple last October in Salt Lake City. The city was founded in 1847 by Mormons who came to Utah from Illinois to escape religious persecution.

Mormon Millennium

The LDS Church has grown faster than expected

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Mormon church has nothing special planned for New Year's Eve. Most members probably will stay home that night, quietly considering the millennium with their families, maybe popping open a bottle of sparkling cider.

But the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has plenty to celebrate about the last 100 years. In that time, the religion that began with a small band of outcasts has become one of the world's fastest-growing churches and America's seventh-largest denomination.

Sociologist Rodney Stark projected in 1980 that if the church kept expanding at its rate of 50 percent per decade, there would be 265 million Mormons by the end of the year 2080. Even with a more modest 30 percent rate, there would be 60 million Mormons in 2080.

Today Stark says the numbers are holding true.

"The biggest estimates are still substantially behind the real numbers," Stark said. "There are probably more Mormons south of the Rio Grande than north, and it's pretty obvious there's going to have to be a Brigham Young University in Brazil soon," he said.

In fact, about 3.4 million of the church's 10 million members are from Mexico, Central and South America. Nearly 5 million are from the United States — 1.5 million in Utah and 730,000 in California. The numbers are also increasing in Asia, with 640,000 members, and Europe, with 388,888.

"The stone was small in the beginning," church president Gordon B. Hinckley paraphrased Mormon scripture at the church's general conference this fall. "It was hardly noticeable. But it has grown steadily and is rolling forth to fill the earth."

It's a far cry from 1830, when Joseph Smith incorporated The Church of Christ in Fayette, N.Y., with about 30 followers on hand. That same year, the first missionaries set out to preach to the Indians from the newly-printed Book of Mormon.

Though upstate New York in that period — and much of the still-new country — was a hotbed of religious revivalism; Smith's doctrines soon made as many enemies as converts.

A year after its founding, the church moved to Kirtland, Ohio, where members built their first temple. Under pressure there, they moved to Missouri, where Smith was later jailed on a trumped-up charge of treason. By 1839, the Mormons had been pushed to the frontier.

In Nauvoo, Ill., the ever-increasing Latter-day Saints built a city that rivaled Chicago, with a peak population of 12,000 and a gleaming temple overlooking the Mississippi River.

But their unusual practices — from communal property ownership to numbers of polygamy to the creation of a 4,000-man militia — irked the Gentiles around them. In 1844, when the country's opinion of the Mormons was at an all-time low, Smith was Hinckley shows a first-edition copy of the Book of Mormon during his opening remarks at the 188th Annual General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City last April.

A year and a half later, after extensive preparation, church president Brigham Young led an estimated 16,000 emigrants across the plains. They picked Utah for one reason: no one else wanted to settle there.

At the time, there was one white settler in the mountain-ringed Great Salt Basin. For decades Saints from all over rolled in with wagons and handcarts, including thousands of new converts from Europe, while their leaders built a virtual theocracy.

"It was in part the gathering policy of the Mormons and their ability to maintain control over their institutions for so long in Utah that allowed them to build the base of economic and social and cultural strength to go out into the 20th century," said Armand Mauss, past president of the Mormon History Association.

In 1899, the church had grown to 270,000 members and 2,100 missions.

The same year, prominent Mormon speaker Brigham H. Roberts was elected to represent Utah in the U.S. House. But after a nationwide petition drive gathered more than seven million signatures — then the most ever — Roberts was not allowed to take his seat in Congress because he was a polygamist. The seat was left empty.

One hundred years later, Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch is running for president in this country. The change also opened the way for mission work in Africa. There are now 49,000 Mormons in Nigeria and Ghana alone.

Overall, the church has 60,000 missionaries in 136 countries, up by a third in the past decade.

"We are spread across the earth," Hinckley has said. "We have more people outside the United States than we have in the United States. We are in 160 nations. We are a family of nearly 11 million people and we are moving across the earth."

But slipping into the mainstream poses a problem for Mormons who find strength not just in numbers but also in isolation. Hinckley has said that one of the greatest challenges in the coming century will be to keep doctrine pure as the church expands. And when Salt Lake City comes into the spotlight as host of the 2002 Winter Olympics, the walls may break down further.

Some say church leaders' recent expansion of its scriptural-recommended genealogy work — a Web site started in May is getting 10 million hits a day — and heavier emphasis of the Book of Mormon are meant to shore up the walls of distinctness.

"We're demanding more of the church that you see on the inside that has actually increased in the last generation or two," said Mauss. "And I think this has been in part an effort to help the members fight off the encroachment of the 60s."

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Jetsons take us back to future

By Scott Moore
The Washington Post

Everything you need to know about the future can be learned from quarter-century-old episodes of "The Jetsons."

And come New Year's Eve, the 1962 cartoon of the future are going to party like it's 1999.

Cartoon Network gives Hanna-Barbera's animated series its due with a millennium celebration that stretches all day New Year's Eve, when VHS problems presumably will blacken televisions around the globe... or at least those in the Eastern Television-Watching Time Zone.

Michael Lazzo, the cable network's senior vice president of programming and production, cites "The Jetsons" as one of the most referenced shows in television. "People tend to use 'The Jetsons' as society's technological mosepick, and it's amazing how accurate the show was in predicting the different gadgets that have actually come into existence."

For those who have been on another planet, "The Jetsons" was the 21st-century equivalent of "The Flintstones." Heading this middle-class family of the future was George, a well-meaning but occasionally bumbling Everyman (voiced by George O'Hanlon) who worked for a hot-headed boss at Spacely Space Agency Sprockets. Jane, his wife, kept the Skyway together and dealt with the problems of teeny-bopper daughter Judy and their boy Elroy. Adding comedy were Fog Astro - whose speech was dominated by "is - and literal but efficient robot maid Rosie.

During its original 24-episode run on ABC's Sunday night lineup, "The Jetsons" was prophetic in its depictions of future life. (The 41 episodes made in 1984-85 and the 10 in 1987 can only be judged for their effect on sweetening the series' attractiveness for syndication and eventual run in perpetuity on Cartoon Network.)

It was much easier to draw moving sidewalks, video telephones, tanning machines, oxygen bars, wrist televisions, talking computers and on-line news and gambling sites than to invent them. But Joe Barbera said the gadgets used on the show were designed to solve everyday problems.

"We thought of ways to make our everyday lives easier and to create what we thought was a better lifestyle," Barbera said in a Cartoon Network interview.

The Jetsons' Sky Pad Apartments - housing 2,000 tenants and sporting a sky lawn - were based on remnants of the 1936 World's Fair in New York City.

"I saw round buildings kind-of-on-a-pedestal," Barbera said. "I decided to add hydraulics to the pedestal so you could lift the apartment above the smog of clouds into the fresh, clean air."

TV listings for Christmas morning are on Page C-5.

Ring might get Seinfeld's girl to stay put

Knights Rider News Service

Jerry Seinfeld acts like he's on top of the world with his new love Jessica Sklar, but people are whispering that the sitcom king might want to do a bit more research on his bride-to-be before taking the plunge.

According to The New York Post, this girl gets around - and falls in and out of love at the drop of a hat. Friends of Eric Nederlander, who was married to Sklar for just a few weeks before she left him for Seinfeld, say he could give Jerry the low-down on Jessica before she becomes the comedy mogul's wife Christmas Day in his Big Apple apartment.

Sklar says she met Jerry at the Reebok Sports Club after she'd returned from a month-long honeymoon in Tuscany, and it was love at first sight. But detractors say she was hanging around at the Reebok even before her June 13, 1998, wedding to Nederlander because she was hot for her personal trainer, Tony Ryan. And last summer, after Jessica and Jerry returned from the same Tuscan setting where she'd honeymooned with Eric, their romance temporarily cooled. It was reported she dated "Today" show assistant producer David Friedman. "She was single, unhappy, and thinking of reconciling with Eric," said one source. "She planted the story about the 'Today' show guy to make Jerry jealous."

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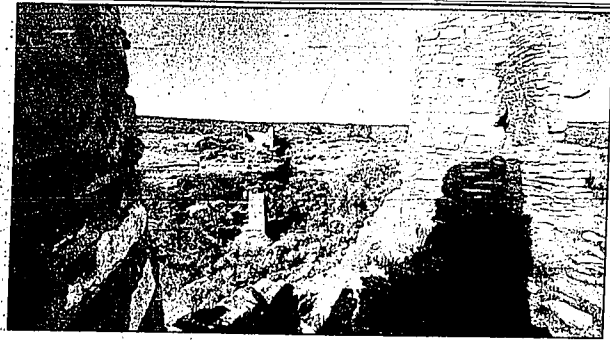
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UTAH



The towers of the Indian ruins at Hovenweep National Monument, Utah, stand as a testament to life a thousand years ago. This is where the ancient Puebloans constructed one of their grandest settlements a millennium ago, complete with elaborate stone buildings, terraced farms and dams to capture the desert streams.

Ancient ruins document life in Utah's desert, 1,000 years ago

HOVENWEEP NATIONAL MONUMENT, Utah (AP) — It's hard to imagine anyone building a city in this parched valley, where jackrabbits scurried through scrubby sage and a trickle of water means the difference between life and death.

But this is where the ancient Puebloans constructed one of their grandest settlements a millennium ago, complete with elaborate stone buildings, terraced farms and dams to capture the desert streams.

As we contemplate our own legacy for the new millennium, Hovenweep's towers stand as a testament to life here a thousand years ago, proof that people thrived under the desert's immense blue sky.

"They probably had the same goals we do of being happy and raising children to be the best they could be," said Dan Miller, curator of archaeology at the Prehistoric Museum at the College of Eastern Utah. "And they had worries, if the crops were going to ripen or if the animals were going to be there."

Historians think the tribe that built the delicate stone towers along Hovenweep's desert bluffs was a northern branch of the Anasazi, best known for their elaborate cliff villages in Mesa Verde, Colo. (Their living descendants, the Pueblo Indians, prefer the term ancestral Puebloans, because the Navajo word "Anasazi" can mean "ancient ones" or "ancient enemies,"

yet little else is known about how the cultures of the ancient Southwest and Great Basin developed or why they disappeared around 1300 A.D.)

The Anasazi's ancestors lived as wandering hunters and gatherers as far back as 6000 B.C. They started growing corn and squashed their nomadic life in the last two centuries before Christ, and settled into villages some time after that.

At around the same time, the Fremont — who may or may not have been related to the Anasazi — were planting beans, corn and squash in the northern fields of Utah, Colorado and Nevada while staying mobile enough to hunt.

The two cultures lived in pit houses: large square rooms dug waist-deep into the earth, then covered with thick earth roofs. By about 700 A.D., both tribes had developed large communal pit houses called "kivas," which archaeologists think were used for religious ceremonies or political meetings.

And by the turn of the millennium, the groups in the warm southwestern canyons were building the most sophisticated out of thick sandstone blocks, expanding their crops and tending domesticated turkeys and sheep. The Fremont even developed their own hardy breed of corn, much as plant geneticists have today.

In their spare time, they produced baskets and pottery and wove the delicate sandals that modern hikers occasionally stumble over in long-forgotten canyons. They developed a system for choosing leaders, an elaborate culture of generosity and gift-giving, and kept order without needing a system of law.

If a map of Utah today were placed over one depicting Utah then, said state archaeologist Kevin Jones, the ancient Anasazi and Fremont pueblos would build match-up with modern urban centers along the Wasatch Front, through the fertile Utah Valley and south into the San-

Rafael Swell and Four Corners area. Indeed, there probably were about as many people living in the driest areas of the Southwest then as there are now.

"Most of the population 1,000 years ago was probably in areas where we have lots of population today, mainly because those are good places to live because of the availability of water and suitability of farmland," Jones said. "That's where the pioneers

If you want to go

Hovenweep National Monument is in southeastern Utah, just north and west of Cortez, Colo. The park is open 8 to 5 p.m. in winter and 8 a.m. to sunset the rest of the year. The ranger station is closed during winter holidays.

Entrance is \$6.00 per vehicle or \$3.00 per person. Camping is available for \$10.00 per night. Paved roads lead from Cortez and Blending, Utah, but some roads may be impassible in stormy weather. For more information, write: Superintendent, Hovenweep National Monument, McInnis Route, Cortez, CO 81321 or call (970) 749-0510.

Newspaper Rock State Park is located on Utah Route 211, 26 miles east of Monticello on the main road into the Needles section of Canyonlands National Park. The monument is open year-round, 24 hours a day. There is no visitor center.

Entrance is free, and eight campsites without water are available for \$10.00 per night. For more information, contact: Bureau of Land Management, San Juan Field Office, 435 North Main, PO Box 7, Monticello, Utah 84535, or call (435) 587-2244.

settled, too."

And like the Western pioneers of more recent history, those ancient settlers had a network of trade set up across the Great Basin, Miller said. Her studies of Fremont settlements near Price have turned up Anasazi pottery, turquoise from the Southwest,

obsidian from Montana and even seashells from the Gulf of California.

"I think the mistake we make is thinking these are small isolated groups and I think they were very much in contact, possibly across the whole country north to south," Miller said. Along with trading objects and treasures, she thinks the groups shared ideas for new technology.

That point is hard to prove, because Utah's ancient residents left no written language. But they did leave a legacy of rock art, haunting figures scratched into the state's sandstone cliffs.

About 60 miles from Hovenweep, at Newspaper Rock State Park, the shapes of elk with giant antlers, a herd of tiny deer, and broad-shouldered men with horns on their heads dot a massive rock outcropping. In between are lines of footprints, marks that look like hooves, and "cryptic circles that could be either rock signs or antediluvian doodles."

The panel is thought to go back as far as 2,000 years, with overlapping drawings from the Anasazi, Fremont, and 13th Century depictions of Navajos on horseback. The initials of modern vandals are also carved into the smooth cliff face.

Archaeologists and casual visitors can still speculate about what the oldest drawings might mean. Some think they are a trail map of Utah 1,000 years ago. Others say they are the boasts of ancient hunters, bravado stories of elk tracked or buffalo killed. And still others feel the pictographs, like our own newspapers, documented a culture's current events.

But historians say there is still another option. Like our own art galleries, the pictures could document the core beliefs of a people we may never understand. Like Hovenweep's crumbling towers, they might offer a glimpse into the hearts and minds of the people who walked this earth a millennium ago.

"You realize there's a rich cultural expression that's going on there, a very rich artistic flavor," Jones said.

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POOR

A city divided: Nampa deals with racial differences

NAMPA (AP) — Dan Ramirez introduced his splayed fingers, explaining a part of the Mexican American immigrant experience.

He flexed a misshapen digit, indicating a double joint here, broken bone there — all earned in fights with "white kids."

"There were two communities," said the 31-year-old executive director of the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs about his childhood in Rupert. "And not much has changed since."

This pervasive cultural divide in southwestern Idaho erupted last month when police were called in to quell brawls at Skyview High School between Hispanic and Anglo students.

The fights and subsequent student protests have alarmed Nampa, a town struggling with its own diversity.

"That school thing was just a symptom, but really a fault line running through the community," said Richard Baker, a sociologist at Boise State University.

Baker spent 18 months doing field research at Nampa High School from 1994 through 1996, completing his most recent book on Hispanics.

"It is no secret that there are racial, ethnic and cultural tensions in Nampa, a town of about

50,000 people, about 15 percent of whom are Hispanic.

From the police department to the school district to the local newspaper, most people agree the problem exists. The evidence is more than anecdotal: More than half of the discrimination complaints handled by the Idaho Human Rights Commission came out of southwestern Idaho, including Canyon County where Nampa is located.

Dealing with the issue is critical. Hispanics are Idaho's largest minority group at an estimated 96,000 residents. By the year 2025, the U.S. Census Bureau predicts, those numbers will more than double to 205,000.

Certainly, many in Nampa celebrate the diverse cultures. Prejudice is rarely overt — as in the Skyview High School incident — but simmers below the surface.

"I think this town is very progressive in dealing with the problem," said Dr. Bob LeBeau, medical director of a low-income clinic on Nampa's north side.

"But there is an underlying problem with prejudice against Hispanics."

In the Gem State, stories of ethnic and racial conflict are not new. The state is, after all, home

Census expects Idaho's Hispanic community will soon double in size

to headline-grabbing white supremacists, drawn to the 85,557 square miles of Idaho by its isolation and overwhelmingly Caucasian population.

But in truth, said Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, those agitators are a tiny gathering of micronews.

"The activities of a handful of people do not reflect Idaho," Kempthorne said.

The white supremacists are mainly concentrated in northern Idaho. Yet a far more troubling problem exists in the southern part of the state. Here, Hispanics and Anglos continue to live separate but unequal lives after 50 years of coexistence.

"As the southern reaches of the state boom, more Mexican American immigrants are settling down and melding with Boise's suburban communities. And in the public school system where the seams of society are supposed to be sealed, the rift is instead being exposed.

"The reasons for the fights at Skyview High School are plentiful — from class issues and cultural differences to racism and, quite oddly, progressive

What is going on in southern Idaho comes in the tradition of the United States as a melting pot where European immigrants melded into the nation, faced prejudice, then blended in with the larger society.

"This is not initial contact like, say, with the Irish or Swedish," said Susan Palmer, a sociologist at Whitman College in Walla Walla. "It lasts longer if the group is visibly different. Your physical characteristics are not like the dominant group, and those things matter in the long run."

Not everyone sees a problem. Not everyone in Nampa agrees there is a problem in relations between Hispanics and Anglos.

Alonso Arroyo, 19, works in his parents' restaurant, Tacos Jalisco, and graduated last year from Nampa High School, one of two high schools in town.

"I haven't seen any problems," he said. "This is the first time I heard of anything big like that."

His opinion is echoed by others. "I haven't seen the prejudice, but I am sure some prejudicial exists," said Lewis King, owner of Nampa Appliances and TV. "But no, I don't see a major racial problem in our community."

Yet, living on the wrong side of the tracks takes on a graphic meaning in Nampa.

To the north of the Union Pacific railroad line that splits the town, the bulk of the lower-income population of Mexican Americans lives. Mobile home parks, small houses and a smattering of homegrown restaurants and small businesses fill out the neighborhood. In the center, a vacant lot promises to be the home of the Hispanic Cultural Center.

U.S. Census data from 1990 showed that the poorest blocks in Nampa, containing more than 70 percent low- and moderate-income residents, were concentrated primarily on the north side. From that southern sector, Hispanics in Canyon County lived below the poverty line, while only 10 percent of Anglos did.

South of the tracks, the richer Anglo population lives. Most of the schools are on the south side, along with a downtown that features bookstores, civic buildings and dozens of churches.

Further south, near the ever-expanding town boundaries, a new recreation center glitters. The dominant churches in Nampa, the Mormon and the Nazarene, are mostly visited by Hispanics from that southern town. Hispanics tend to be Catholic primarily, with a smattering of Protestants.

Recounting the hard journey of Mary and Joseph

Posadas become popular as Hispanic population grows

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The throng at Our Lady Queen of Angels church jostled to get a look at a girl in a blue veil and a man in a serape, representing Mary and Joseph. They follow them, ringing as the couple goes door to door asking for sanctuary.

"In the name of Heaven," the people sing fervently in Spanish, "I ask you for shelter, since my beloved wife cannot ever walk."

Nearly, at Olvera Street market, the scene repeats itself as another Mary and Joseph walk from buildings to buildings. The procession of about 200 moves through two alleys crowded with stores, lasting no more than an hour.

The Latin-American Posada, a centuries-old tradition that reenacts the story of the biblical couple seeking a place to stay as Mary prepares to give birth to Jesus, has been winding through this community for generations.

Now, as Hispanic populations surge across the country, processions organized by churches and neighborhoods are becoming more prominent in the streets of cities once more used to Christmas carolers than "peregrinos" or pilgrims.

"The more that the Latino community has been growing across the country, the more that traditions and culture are becoming part of large metropolitan areas," said Nick Pacheco, a Los Angeles City Council member whose district



Men dressed in traditional Mexican "zarapes" and hats carry figurines of Mary, Joseph and the angel Gabriel during a recent Posada in Los Angeles. In the Posada, participants reenact the journey of Mary and Joseph as they searched for lodging after traveling from Nazareth to Bethlehem just prior to Christ's birth.

takes in Olvera Street.

Growing up in the predominantly Hispanic neighborhood of Boyle Heights, Pacheco remembers long, candlelit Posadas — literally, "shelter" — over the traditional nine evenings preceding Christmas Eve.

The Posada could be held at a church or in a neighborhood. The group would stop in front of at least three doors, which were

chosen beforehand. One chorus sang pleas for a place to rest and another on the other side of the door rejected them.

At the third door, the chorus agreed to take them in, and all those in the procession would receive hot chocolate and refreshments. Often, the children then broke a pinata.

From Kendall, Fla., to Indianapolis, Pacheco's tradition

now is part of both public events and private block parties where families get together, dress their children up and sing verses that date to the Spanish conquest of Latin America.

"I think people are surprised that we do it," said Leon Jaitz, director of public programs at the Eitelorg, an Indianapolis museum that has held Posadas for three years. "When you get

into the Midwest, people think we're pretty isolated from other nations."

As in many cities, Hispanics in Indianapolis are the fastest-growing demographic, increasing 41 percent in Marion County from 1990 to 1998, said Cindy Danshaw of the Eitelorg. The museum has changed its mission to include Hispanic culture in its exhibits, she said, and local Hispanics have gladly pitched in.

Across the country, Hispanic populations have surged in the 1990s, growing more than 35 percent. They number more than a third of California's 33 million people, most of them Mexican or Central American descent.

The Posada has also started to emerge in cities like New York, where large numbers of Mexican immigrants have arrived in recent years.

Carmen Garcia, who belongs to a community organization attached to the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, said the influx — in part due to an economic crisis in 1994 wrought on by a currency devaluation — took the church by surprise.

On Dec. 15, Casa Puebla, a New York Mexican cultural organization founded this year, held a Posada at its center, along with a dialogue about Mexican Christmas traditions. But lots of work remains, Garcia said.

"There are still lots of priests who have no concept of it and are not interested," she said. "For them, it's something new."

Rupert native resigns from state Hispanic commission

NAMPA (AP) — The executive director of the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs will resign Feb. 4 to pursue other opportunities.

Dan Ramirez has led the commission for four years.

Commission Chairman Gladys Esquivel said Don Pena will serve as the interim director when Ramirez' resignation takes effect in February.

Commissioners will start looking for a new executive director after Jan. 1, she said.

Ramirez, a former field worker from Minidoka County, graduated from Minico High School in Rupert in 1968. He then used a college program exclusive to migrant workers to attend Boise State University, where he earned a political science degree.

After working as an office intern for U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, he joined then Sen. Dirk Kempthorne's Canyon County office.

Ramirez began his commission tenure in 1996.

"He's a very ambitious young man," Nampa Sen. Jerry Thorne, a member of the commission, said. "He has a lot of abilities. I think he's done a very credible job and has been a real asset to the Hispanic community."

Thorne, 31, said he is looking for work in the area but has not decided specifically what he will do.

Hispanic business group looks to give something back

Tom Castro feels a great sense of urgency. All around him, all around the country, there is movement in the Hispanic economy. And not far behind that, he believes, is political and economic power.

"The Hispanic community is probably the most dynamic sector of America today," said Castro, president of El Dorado Communications, a radio station and TV-based business.

Which means planning for the community's growth on a national level needs to begin now.

Castro in a telephone press conference earlier this month announced the launch of the "New America Alliance: an American Latino Business Initiative." This is no chamber of commerce, Castro said. This is a group of prominent business owners and leaders who "do not seek to be a large organization and compete with other organizations that exist."

"We are a small group of business owners who want to give back to the community," Castro said.

First, owners will give to the New America Alliance. Each must pay a \$50,000 membership fee to join the non-partisan, non-profit group. Castro, the group's chair, hopes to have 200 members by next year. "We're well on the way to meeting that goal."

Already on board: Univision

Communications president Henry Gonzalez; Raul Yanguire, president of the National Council of La Raza; film producer Motesuma Esparraga; Teresa McBride, president of McBride and Associates Inc., a computer systems integration company based in Albuquerque, N.M.; that's one of the most successful Hispanic-owned companies in the country; and top Hispanic ad agency owners Hector and Norma Orcel of La Agencia de Orcel & Asociados in Los Angeles; and Teresa A. Zubizarreta of Zubi Advertising Services Inc. in Coral Gables, Fla.

The idea for the alliance was born at a meeting of Latino business owners last year, Castro said. "We discussed a need to

create an organization of Latino business people to tap the talent in our community."

"This group is not local; it's national. It's a group of business people working on a national level. Our membership comes from 12 of 13 different states, all with large Latino populations. California, New York, Illinois, Puerto Rico, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Texas, Florida."

Castro is seeking basically two things from members — a financial commitment to fund the alliance, and a commitment of time. "Members aren't just paying dues to buy into an association. That's a country club and that's not what we're about. We're looking for each member to

make a commitment in the area of time and expertise.

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Surviving hantavirus

Woman who did it is weakened but feels lucky

CAPTAIN, N.M. (AP) — Amber Luna drags her right leg as she walks across her living room to put her 2-year-old son Jacob down for a nap.

Her voice is hoarse as she warns her older boy to move away from the wood stove.

She's weak, thin and walks with the help of a cane.

But ask her how she's doing and she beams.

"I'm great," she says. "I'm alive."

Luna, 23, spent a good deal of November in intensive care at University Hospital in Albuquerque — much of it in a coma — battling hantavirus pulmonary syndrome. She left the hospital Nov. 21 as a member of an elite club: Only 229 people have been confirmed as having hantavirus, a deadly viral infection carried by rodents such as deer mice and spread through their urine or feces.

More than four of every 10 people who contract the virus die, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. Fourteen people were treated for hantavirus at University Hospital in 1999; Luna and seven others survived.

The Lunas, like just about every family in rural New Mexico, knew their way around a mousetrap.

But mice had seldom come into their one-story stucco house across the street from the football field at the high school in Captain, a mountain village in Lincoln County.

"We'd see maybe one or two and we'd set out a trap and that was it," Luna said.

But when the state bulldozed a storage garage and pulled out a tree on the lot next door to prepare a building site, mice flocked to the Lunar yard.

"There was just a ton of mice," said Mike Luna, Amber's 29-year-old husband and an employee of the state Highway Department. "It was just incredible. We bought traps and we started trapping."

Mike and Amber's brother, Andrew, chose the unseasonably warm and dry September to clean out several storage buildings on their property and found plenty of evidence of mice.

Amber discovered traps with dead mice in the house, threw the traps into plastic garbage bags and took them to the trash.

"I didn't have a second thought about it," she said. "It's a house. You get a mouse in it,



In this file photo, a University of New Mexico researcher weighs a mouse during a 1996 study of the rodent-borne hantavirus.

you trap it and throw it out."

—Mike and Amber knew all about hantavirus from reading news reports about the initial outbreak in the Four Corners in 1993 and from watching television specials about it since. But it never occurred to either of them to be careful around the mice they were seeing around their house.

After the 1993 outbreak, researchers went back and tested tissue samples saved from patients who had died mysteriously.

They found one case of hantavirus in Dona Ana County and another in Otero County. But from 1993 to this year, all but one of the new cases in New Mexico had been diagnosed in the northern third of the state.

"I thought it was just up north," Mike Luna said. "I didn't think we could have it around here."

Amber Luna began feeling ill the Wednesday before Halloween. She woke up with a headache and a fever and thought, "Oh, no. Here comes the flu."

By that afternoon, her eyes burned, she had vomited and her fever had climbed close to 105. Then her back began aching.

"My back felt so intensely bad. It felt like somebody hit me in the back with a sledgehammer," she recalled.

She attributed the pain to lying on the couch sick for two days and to effects of the fever.

At 11 a.m. Oct. 29, her friend Nema Spear came to visit and found her teeth-chatteringly cold under three coverlets with the thermostat turned up to 90 degrees. When Luna begged her husband to light a fire, Spear persuaded her she had more than the flu.

The Lunas drove to Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso where doctors and nurses began medical tests that eliminated possible suspects.

Stephen Frey quickly saw all the symptoms of hantavirus, except for the characteristic cough.

When Mike Luna left his wife in the hospital and drove home to Captain to be with his kids that evening, Frey told him, "As soon as she starts coughing, we're flying her to Albuquerque."

Amber Luna's cough started at 1 a.m. Her husband raced to the hospital to see her off and within an hour she was bound for University Hospital, the center for hantavirus care and research in the United States.

The day before Halloween, Luna remembers being poked and injected and receiving spinal taps and a CT scan as her breathing worsened.

Hantavirus attacks the heart and lungs, filling them with fluid until a patient can no longer breathe.

Doctors and nurses fitted Luna with a small respirator and, when her panting got worse, a larger mask. That mask being placed over her face is the last thing Luna remembers before slipping into a drug-induced coma so she would remain motionless while doctors and nurses tried to save her.

Back in Captain, a team from the state Department of Health showed up to find out where she had contracted the virus.

While she lay in the intensive care unit in Albuquerque, machines doing the work of her heart and lungs and adding oxygen to her blood, workers in protective suits and respirators set traps inside the Luna house, in the yard and around town.

Led by Paul Eitestad, Health Department veterinarian, they set a couple hundred traps and caught about 40 rats and mice. Ten of 11 of those, several from inside the Lunas' house, tested positive for the virus.

Eitestad told about a meeting



Amber Luna sits with her sons Jacob, left, and Joseph at their home in Captain, N.M. Luna, 23, spent a good deal of November in intensive care at University Hospital in Albuquerque — much of it in a coma — battling hantavirus.

of about 200 townspeople that deer mice are everywhere in New Mexico and so is hantavirus. He explained precautions: Make it hard for rodents to get in, and when you find them or their droppings, disinfect before you clean.

In Captain, the hardware store and grocery store sold out of mouse traps and mouse poison.

"Everybody was just scared to death," Spear said.

Amber Luna lingered in a coma for more than a week while machines helped her lungs get back to normal. Then doctors took her off the life support and waited for her to come out of the coma.

She remained comatose for another week.

"Then," she says, "I woke up on Nov. 12."

She had come out of the coma Nov. 12, but was delirious and doesn't remember clearly until four days later, when she looked at her husband and said, "Hi."

He said, "Well, it's about time."

She was released from the hospital Nov. 21 and stayed with her mother-in-law in Willard until she could regain some strength and mobility.

Mike Luna went home. While Amber recovered in Willard and spent time with her boys, Mike put on a face mask, mixed up gallons of bleach and water solution and sprayed down his house — "inside and outside, floor to ceiling."

The carpets and upholstered furniture were steam-cleaned, and Mike Luna dumped every-thing the family did not use frequently — suitcases, old clothes, a mattress — in the backyard to be buried.

Amber Luna returned home the week after Thanksgiving.

A lot of things have changed. She has lost 22 pounds and quit smoking. Sking this winter will be replaced by three-times-a-week physical therapy sessions to strengthen her right leg, where nerves were damaged by tubes inserted into her femoral artery.

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The Lunas in town have become big fans of mouse poison.

And they've put dibs on two of Nema Spear's kittens.

"I guess," Amber Luna said, "that we'll learn to love cats."

humped.

"Everybody borders things," he said. "You don't want to get rid of anything. No more. Now, I want to see all corners."

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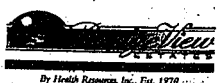
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Hospice Visitors is in need of volunteers to assist with random tasks. Duties may include transportation and running errands...

The Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent programs have immediate openings for people age 60 or older...

A family of four, living in a small two-bedroom house, seeks a bunk bed for two girls sharing a twin mattress on the floor...

Guardian ad Litem seeks volunteers to assist children involved in the court system, conduct independent investigations...

Someone is needed to assist an elderly man in Filer with light housekeeping once a week for one month...

A single mother of six needs a refrigerator and an electric dryer. Her only income is Stiver's benefits...

Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers is seeking volunteers in the Magic Valley to assist with a variety of tasks for those in need...

Magic Valley Staffing Hospice Division is seeking volunteers to assist clients and family members experiencing a life-limiting illness...

A woman living in Filer needs transportation to and from dialysis in Twin Falls once a week for three months...

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help...



Above, The Twin Falls Optimist Club held its annual Dennis Conrad Memorial Christmas project with members playing Santa's helpers and shopping for toys at Target to present to the children at the Twin Falls Head Start Christmas party...



Photo courtesy of the Twin Falls Optimist Club

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Magic Valley Fellowship Hall plans New Year's Dance

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Fellowship Hall will hold a New Year's Dance from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 31, at the Fellowship Hall at 801 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls.

Cost for the dance is \$5 for singles and \$8 for couples. For more information, call the Magic Valley Fellowship Hall at 736-0918.

Buttons 'N Bows square dance club hosts Millennium Dance

EDEN - Buttons 'N Bows square dance club is hosting a Millennium Dance at Anderson Camp in Eden on New Year's Eve.

Pre-rounds will begin at 8:30 p.m. and squares at 9 p.m. Organizers ask participants to bring special finger foods to celebrate. For information call 324-3080.

Central Elementary serves up 'Flavors of Jerome Food Fair'

JEROME - Parents, students and faculty of Central Elementary are hosting a

"Flavors of Jerome Food Fair," starting with dinner at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 28, 2000, at the Jerome High School auditorium and cafeteria to celebrate the publication of the school's multi-cultural cookbook.

The cookbook was assembled using recipes submitted by grade school students in Jerome. Proceeds from the sale of the cookbooks will be distributed to the grade schools in Jerome for the purchase of books about other cultures.

Central Elementary's fourth-grade class will perform at 6 p.m. in the Jerome High School auditorium. Central Elementary fifth-graders will perform at 6:45 p.m. and the Central Songsters will perform at 7 p.m.

Dinner will be served 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the Jerome High School cafeteria and donations will be taken at the door.

Suggested donations are \$15 per family, \$5 for adults and \$3 for children age 12 and under.

For more information, call Central Elementary at 324-3396.

First Church of the Nazarene plans Millennium Celebration

TWIN FALLS - First Church of the Nazarene is planning a Millennium

Celebration at 10:30 p.m. Dec. 31, at 1231 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls.

The public is invited to end the century and bring in the New Year with worship and hope, the church says.

Admission is free and child care will be provided.

For more information, call the church office at 736-6610.

Buhl Chamber of Commerce suggests holiday shopping tips

BUHL - The Buhl Chamber of Commerce suggests the following tips for holiday shopping.

Don't buy what you don't need. Stick to a list to help make a list of possible gifts to give, and stick to it. A list helps avoid impulse items that may be too expensive or inappropriate.

Holiday sales or "mark downs" may not be the deals they seem to be. Compare prices and don't be tempted to buy something because it is marked down without knowing what the item goes for at other stores.

Ask about the store refund or exchange policy. Stores are not obligated to accept returns unless the items are defective or misrepresented.

Who's Who includes area students

LAKE FOREST, Ill. - Who's Who Among American High School Students selected area students for 1998-99 yearbook.

Students chosen for the annual yearbook are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations. The student's academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities, organizers say.

Belleveur - Jessica Gelet, Anna Kenery, Sarah McCarthy, and Emily Riley.

Blaine - Students include, Havilah Bishop, Darla Brzending, Candice Pleyte, and Marcella Sundal.

Bruneau - Anna Hegerhorst, Baulline Hegerhorst, Kristi Kelley, Yasmin Morales, Kyla Penny.

Carey - Jeremy Dickerson, Alissa Julgenmeister, Tiffany Hamilton, Cesar D'Amico, Karan Patterson, Mindy Patterson, Stephanie Patterson, Summer Patterson, Leslie Peck, Jessica Patton, Jennifer Royal, and Christina Sileo.

Eden - Xandi Hiner, Chelsea Hogue, Chelsea Hogue, Jessica Hogue, Drew Hetherington, Sales, David Thibault, Benjamin Vineyard, and Zachary Vineyard.

Filer - Annika Backstrom, Bethany Engelstad, James Frostenson, Stephanie Gill, Brianne Karen Berry, Sarah-Anne Angio Prizmore, Jacob Renfro, and Allen Wilson.

Honnas Ferry - Ben Carl, Bonnie Campbell, Casey Johnson, Randall, Karen K. Dillingham, Anthony Hatheway, Jesmine Lopez, Amanda Lars, Beth Little, Megan Penner, Susan Poucek, and Justin Smith.

Gooding - Joy Abernathy, Ryan Allison, Amy Anderson,

Joanne Anderson, Steven Anderson, Brian Anta, Nicholas Antrechech, Jennifer Bellamy, Maria-Bento, Sarah Bieford, Karissa Blume, Kristena Bokema, Ashley Brown, Hilary Brown, and Brandon Brice.

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Blackfoot - Rochelle Berkebile, Mindy Rochelle Chad Loveland, Ryan Orie, and Sydney Veestna.

Blaine - Blake Barney, Benjamin Brewer, Lucas Cordingley, Lucy Glazer, Sami Lewis, Shania Kinnison, Nagashima, Scott Neilwert, Justin Nelson, Paul Neville, Ryan Northing, Amanda O'Connell, Brent Palmer, Erin Becken, Thayne Roll, Holly Scomland, Lee Stoops, Kristi Townsend, Brad Walker, and Crystal Ward.

Hazelton - Lindsay Anderson, Rylee Achacraft, Brandi Callan, Summer Callan, Cassie Carls, Carliquet, Maude Castorano, Leniqua Dragon, Sara Fonten, Cheyenne Goff, Lucas Hadley, Alison Harter, Casey Johnson, Emily Johnson, Timothy Jones, Alex Kelso, Cassi Kincaid, Sam Lee, Daria Lewis, Crystal Little, Lucy L. Meyer, Clayton Morgan, Sharia Morgan, Amy O'Donnell, Tiffany Okelberry, Jessica Pacheco, Jessica

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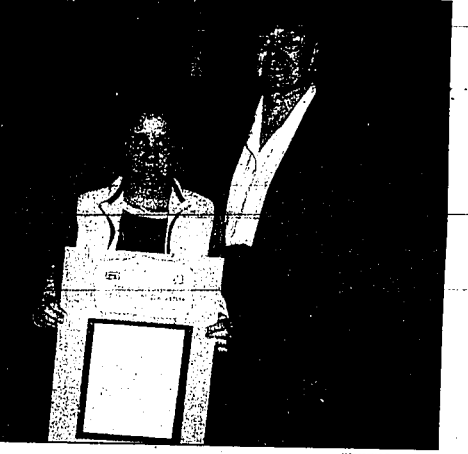
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Abbie Jo Lindsay displays a copy of her winning entry in the Idaho Department of Education's 1999 Holiday Stationery contest. Lindsay is pictured with Laurel Adams, principal of Dworshak School, where she is a third-grader.

Burley student wins state stationery contest

BURLEY - Abbie Jo Lindsay spent three days working on an entry for the Idaho State Department of Education's 1999 Holiday Stationery.

It was three days well spent. "Lindsay made a crayon drawing of an angel with the message 'Joy to the World'" and won first place and a \$10 prize in the third-grade competition.

Abbie Jo's angel will illustrate the education department's holiday card. "Abbie Jo's angel is a reminder of the joy the holiday season brings and our

wish that everyone know the joy of learning throughout the year," Marilyn Howard, superintendent of public instruction, says.

Artwork from 250 Idaho students was judged in the annual contest for kindergarten through sixth-grade artists.

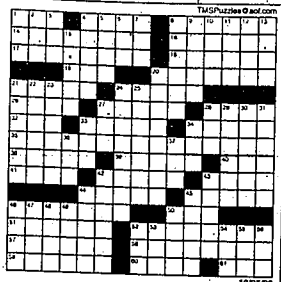
Kali Tudor from Twin Falls was the sixth-grade first place winner. She attends I.B. Perrine Elementary in Twin Falls.

The winning artwork is available on the department's web site at www.sde.state.id.us.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): People look to you for humor that eases tension. Leadership quality shines forth: Gemini, Sagittarius persons figure in scenario. Explore and discover.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Those who place obstacles before you will be contrite, apologetic. Be a good sport, but not so much that you forget and forgive everything. Scorpio involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Provide information in form of stories, anecdotes. You can make this a more meaningful holiday for many by relating the true story of Christmas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Entertain at home if possible. Be diplomatic in that you offer to forgive recent slights. Let the Christmas spirit prevail - you will be sorry! Libra involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Cycle high; take initiative in explaining symbol of Christmas tree. Define terms; answer questions; avoid self-deception. Pisces, Virgo persons are in scenario.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Christmas Day power play day for you. Reward those who helped you in recent past without being ostentatious. Capricorn

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individual declares, "Without you, no holiday."
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look beyond the immediate; review various indications of holiday. Be open-minded concerning language, cultures of people in other lands. Aries plays role.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Toss aside preconceived notions. Set your own pace, explore various points of view. Pisces person says, "Without your enthusiasm, it would not be much of a holiday."
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Much of your attention will revolve around home, marital status, spirit of holiday. Food involved; you are not shy about saying, "I'm hungry!" Study menu.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone behind scenes has surprise for you. Accept graciously. Realize the gift will behind the gift. Gemini, Sagittarius persons will play dramatic roles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Expect news of promotion. People celebrate and congratulate. Leo Moon represents your partner or mate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): General health report good. Gemini, Sagittarius persons will play important roles. Laugh at your own foibles.

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Q. Who invented pockets in clothing?
A. Who isn't known, but when is. Pockets in clothing didn't come along until the late 1500s, Shakespeare's era.
Q. To "appreciate" is to sunbathe.
A. A man's body contains more water than a woman's body, even pound for pound. That water dilutes alcohol. Therefore, when a man and woman of the same weight drink the same amount of liquor, the woman is likely to get drunk more quickly than the



WHAT'S WHAT L.M. Boyd

man. At least, that's the claim. Of a male scientist, I suspect. You're not required to accept it.
Q. That river with the biggest delta is said to be the Ganges.

Q. About parasites... Some plants latch onto other plants, some fish latch onto other fish. But do any mammals live as parasites?
A. One sort only - vampire bats.
Q. Note it claimed in print that intense sports - football, basketball, hockey, so on - teach people "how to win wars."
A. Still, war is like fighting a skunk - if you've lived through it, it doesn't make all that much difference whether you've

won or lost.
Q. Another thing the medical specialists haven't yet figured out is why motion in cars, planes and ships sickens some people and not others.
Q. On Christopher Columbus' first trip here - were his men armed with rifles?
A. No, sir, they were 28 years too early. Germany's August Kottler didn't invent the rifle until 1520.
Q. You're not only right- or left-handed, you're right- or left-

thumbed. And your favored thumb is not necessarily the thumb on your favored hand. Touch your thumb to your little finger on one hand, then the other. Which thumb makes the most direct contact with the little finger? That's your thumb of preference.
Q. Snoopy didn't start out as a beagle. Charles Schulz turned him into a beagle so Lucy could say, "You stupid beagle."
A. Sounded better than you-stupid-anything-else.

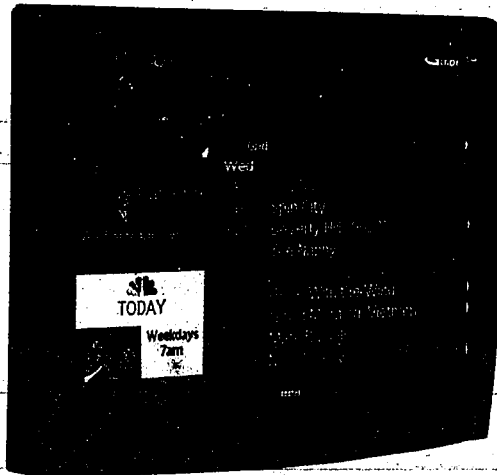
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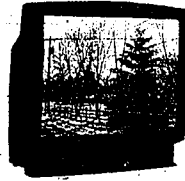
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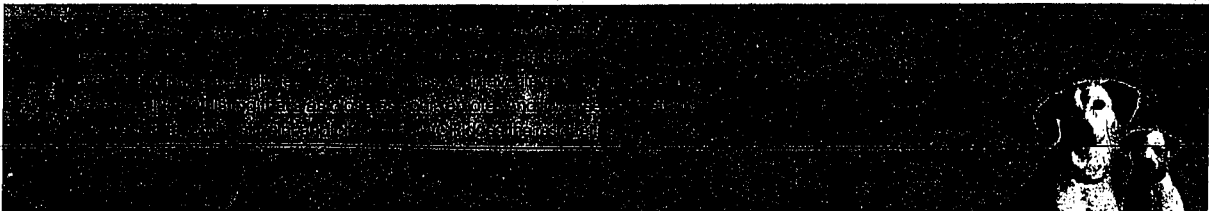


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RELIGION

CHURCH NEWS

Lutherans plan holiday services

RUPERT — Trinity Lutheran Church invites the community to the "Light and Life to All He Brings" Christmas Eve services at 10:30 a.m. at the church, located at Eighth and 8th streets.

"Remembering Those Who Have Kept the Meaning of Christmas Alive Through the Ages" is the topic for 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Holy Communion will highlight New Year's Eve services, at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The usher in the new year and millennium is set for 10 a.m. Jan. 1.

Episcopal Church to hold services

TWIN FALLS — Ascension Episcopal Church will hold a service of celebration and music, lessons and prayer at 9 a.m. Sunday.

Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 733-1248.

Baptist church to feature singer

TWIN FALLS — Russell Clark of Burley, Texas, will be the guest singer at the 11 a.m. service Sunday at Eastside Southern Baptist Church, 204 Eastland Drive N. He will be accompanied by his wife, Karen.

Religion holiday deadlines

Q The Times-News religion section will have early holiday deadlines for church and missionary news New Year's week. Deadline to have information into the office for Jan. 1, a religion section will be noon Dec. 28.

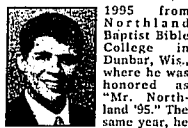
Clark holds a degree in vocal performance from Houston Baptist University and is choir director at Elkton High School in Missouri City, Texas. He has been involved in grand opera for 10 years and recently was lead tenor in "Keanian of the Guard" at the International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival in Buxton, England. His parents are Chet and Dottie Clark of Twin Falls.

Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. Nursery care is available. The public is invited.

Balkin to speak at Grace Baptist Church

TWIN FALLS — Evangelist Will Balkin will speak at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at Grace Baptist Church, 798 Eastland Drive N.

Galkin is the son of Bill and Carol Galkin of Twin Falls and a 1981 graduate of Twin Falls High School. He graduated in



1995 from Northland Baptist Bible College in Dunbar, Wis., where he was honored as "Mr. Northland '95." He received a Christian Service Award for his evangelist ministry. He was a teen evangelist with the Steve Pettit Evangelistic Team from Bridgeport, Mich., and he holds a master of arts degree in theology from Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C.

A reception to honor him will be held after the 10:30 a.m. service Sunday in the gym at Twin Falls Christian Academy. The public is invited.

Pastor James Scott says his church provides interpretation for the deaf and nursery care. For more information or transportation needs, call 733-1452 or 736-6794.

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An Israeli police officer tells a man detained on suspicion of being a member of a Christian apocalyptic group to board a bus in Jerusalem. Israel has detained 23 foreign Christians, most of them Americans who have recently settled near Jerusalem, saying the detainees were planning violent acts to greet the new millennium.

End of millennium has some thinking world's end is near

By Richard N. Ostling
The Associated Press

BOSTON — As frenzied revelers flock to Pacific islands or Times Square on New Year's Eve, certain religious believers will be contemplating the end of the world. But experts on millennial religion say they know of no sects that expect the apocalypse to actually occur in coming days.

But those who formerly talked that way are hedging. For example, the dwindling Chen-Tao, or "True Way," sect of Lockport, N.Y., forecast nuclear catastrophe and rescue by heavenly spaceships at the end of 1999. Now, spokesman Richard Liu says 30 members believe the end will come "in the next year. We have no specific date."

Time Visions," note upcoming dates that could have more apocalyptic potential than Jul. 1.

May 2000: The late Edgar Cayce, a prominent New Age psychic, forecast that earth's axis would shift in 2000 or 2001, causing massive destruction. Some expect this on May 5 (S-2000) or May 17, when the moon, sun, and five planets will be in close alignment for the first time since 1962.

2007: Some Bible prophecy buffs consider this year a candidate because it concludes the generation (40 years) after Jews reunited Jerusalem.

2012: Other New Agerists think the earth will be destroyed just before Christmas because the ancient Mayan calendar will run out of dates. (Historians say it won't.)

2033: This is a big one for some Christians: the estimated 2000th anniversary of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.

is bound up with European apparitions of the Virgin Mary that began in 1830 and currently finds expression in Rod MacFarlane Jr.'s novels. Depictions of the last days inspire even faster sales for the "Left Behind" novels by Protestantist Jerry Jenkins and Tim LaHaye.

Jenkins and LaHaye, like many Gospel broadcasters and Bible college professors, adhere to the Evangelical Protestant variant known as Dispensationalism.

Since the early 19th century, Dispensationalists had said Bible prophecies meant the Jews would return to re-establish Israel, so their millennial clock began ticking toward some sort of climax. The Temple must be rebuilt before the Second Coming, they said, and that became a possibility when Israel took control of East Jerusalem in 1967.

Jesus said, "This generation will not pass away till all these things take place" (Matthew 24:34). Author Hal Lindsey, whose 1970 book "The Late Great Planet Earth" sold 15 million copies, calculated that meant 40 years after 1967 at the latest. Evangelical engineer Edgar Whisenand sold millions of books fixing on 1988.

But as the Rev. Billy Graham notes, "Jesus warned us not to speculate about dates" (see Matthew 24:34-44 and Luke 17).

Personally, Graham thinks the signs of the end that Jesus gave in Matthew 24 and Luke 21 — false messiahs, wars, famines, earthquakes, persecution of believers, sacrilege — "indicate we are moving toward some sort of climax." He has no idea how soon.

Untold millions of Evangelicals are looking for the end, and fairly so. They see signs of economic or social collapse, or some apocalyptic occurrence in Jerusalem, "people will come out of the woodwork," he said. He is an expert, James Tabor of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Israel expelled several end-times sects this year, and police say on the alert. But in any nation, it's possible to predict events within small apocalyptic sects. What outsider might have anticipated was the Solar Temple, Heaven's Gate or Branch Davidians tragedies of the 1990s?

Some authorities had speculated that the close of the millennium might produce end-times eruptions. However, during panels on millennialism at a recent convention of the American Academy of Religion, an association for scholars in various religious fields, they shared no such speculations.

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MISSIONARIES

Several Magic Valley area residents have been called to serve or returned from serving missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Called to serve:

Elder Sean Patrick Brady will serve in the Guadalajara Mexico Mission. He will speak at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at the Burley 4th Ward chapel, 515 E. 16th St.

Brady is an Eagle Scout and the son of Red and Fran Burley of Burley. He graduated as a co-vice-director from Deo High School in 1999.

Elder Steven D. Tarbet will serve in the Spanish Barcelona Mission. He will speak at 11:30 a.m. Sunday at the Rupert 10th Ward chapel, 520 S. 1st.

Tarbet is the son of Karla Tarbet of Rupert and the late Dea Tarbet. He received his Eagle Scout and Duty to God awards and graduated as a co-vice-director of Minico High School in 1999.

Elder Jody Butler, son of Mike and Trena Butler of Burley, will serve in the Sydney North Mission. He will speak at 12:45 p.m. Sunday at the Burley 10th Ward chapel at East 16th Street.

Returned from serving:

Elder Dan Ringle served in the Denmark Copenhagen Mission. He will report on his mission at 2:45 p.m. Sunday at the Burley 5th Ward chapel, 2420 Parke Ave.

Ringle plans to continue his education at the College of Southern Idaho. His parents are Dave and Diane Ringle of Burley.

Elder Trevor Royce Cook served in the California San Diego Spanish speaking mission. He will report on his mission at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Acquia 2nd Ward chapel, 20403.

Fifth St. Cook plans to continue his agriculture business major at Utah State University in Logan. His parents are Blaine and Deon Cook of Rupert.

Sister Elaine Heworth served in the West Virginia Charleston Mission. She will report on her mission at 2:50 p.m. Sunday at the Acquia 1st Ward chapel, 20403 5th St.

Hepworth is the daughter of Bill and Bonnie Heworth of Rupert. She graduated from the Ricks College office education program and plans to continue her education in Provo, Utah.

Virginia Dilworth served in the Germany Munich Mission. She will report on her mission at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Rupert 1st Ward chapel at Eighth and G streets.

Dilworth is the daughter of Milan and Karen Dilworth of Rupert. She graduated from Minico High School in 1995 and plans to return to Utah State University in Logan, where she majored in music performance.

Elder Byron Knowles served in the Philippines San Pablo Mission. He will report on his mission at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at the Burley 2nd Ward chapel, 213 W. Main.

Knowles plans to continue his education. He was active in athletics and music before graduating from Deo High School in 1996. He played basketball at the Community College in Coos Bay, Ore. His parents are Ron and RaNelle Knowles of Deo.

Elder Richard Westover, son of Gary and Mary Lou Westover of Oakley, served in the Guatemala City North Mission. He will report on his mission at 2:45 p.m. Sunday at the Oakley 3rd Ward chapel, 301 N. Center Ave.

Elder Jon R. Bartholomew, son of Kent and Kathy Bartholomew of Jerome, served in the Australia Sydney South Mission. He will report on his mission at 10:50 a.m. Sunday at the Jerome 6th Ward chapel, 26 N. Tiger Drive.

Sister Sarah Thomas served in the Hungary Budapest Mission. She will report on her mission at 2:45 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 14th Ward chapel, 824 Caswell Ave. W.

Thomas is the daughter of

David and Sandra Thomas of Twin Falls. She plans to continue her education at Utah State University in Logan.

Sister Kristin Prescott served in the Chile Santiago North Mission. She will report on her mission at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at the Jerome 1st Ward chapel, 825 E. Ave. B.

Prescott graduated from Jerome High School in 1988 and attended college in 1997. She attended Brigham Young University and plans to continue her studies there. Her parents are Ed and Linda Prescott of Jerome.

Elder Curtis Wayne Egbert served in the Chile Santiago South Mission. He will report on his mission at 11:30 a.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 9th Ward chapel on Elizabeth Boulevard.

Egbert is the son of Merl and Karen Egbert of Twin Falls. He is a 1997 graduate of Twin Falls High School, where he was in Chamber Singers, worked for Forest Service and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Egbert plans to attend the College of Southern Idaho and work for the Forest Service, then attend Brigham Young University.

Elder Michael Lee served in the California San Francisco Spanish-speaking Mission. He will report on his mission at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at the Kimberly 1st Ward chapel, 3857 N. 3500 E.

Lee graduated from Kimberly High School in 1997 and attended the College of Southern Idaho. He plans to attend Idaho State University. His parents are LaVere and Susan Lee of Kimberly.

Elder Richard Hawker served in the Ohio Columbus Mission. He will report on his mission at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Murtaugh Ward chapel on Highway 10.

Hawker is the son of Craig and Renae Hawker of Murtaugh. He plans to work on the family ranch and attend the College of Southern Idaho.

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'Gift of the Magi' set to air today

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Information about a modern re-enactment of the Wise Men's historic journey to find the baby Jesus' shall air today on PAX TV, with "Secrets of the Magi," set to air at 8:30 a.m. today.

Beginning in September 2000, pilgrims from around the world will participate in a historic re-enactment of the fabled Wise Men's journey. Departing from three ancient cities and traveling by horse and

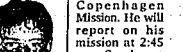
came, they will follow the first-century caravan routes to Bethlehem. After a journey of 26,000 miles and more than 1,000 miles — through Iran, Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Israel and Turkey — they will arrive in Bethlehem on Christmas Day 2000.

The journey will be dedicated to the fulfillment of humanitarian projects.

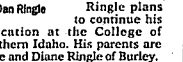
"We're going to deliver antibiotics and re-education equipment to the poor, and will provide financial support to Mother

Theresa's Missionaries of Charity Home for Disabled Children, as just two examples," said Allan Sheehock, project director with Holy Land Trust, the organization that is sponsoring the journey.

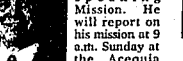
"Secrets of the Magi" will also provide information on other travel packages that have been created for the faithful and expert, James Tabor of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.



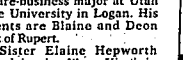
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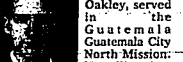
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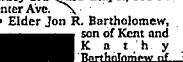
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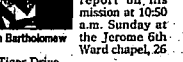
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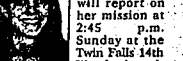
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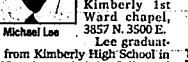
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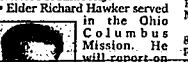
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You can't ever put Christ in Christmas

For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit (Hebrews 4:12).

Then shall you begin to say, we have eaten and drunk in your presence and you have taught on the streets. Jesus' shall say, I do not know you, not all who are. Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity. Therein shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Luke 23:25-27).

Like it or not, folks, the "word

of God" will destroy many more people than it will save. Father. Then said one to him, Master, are there few that be saved? And he said to them, strive to enter in at the strait gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able (Luke 13:24).

It is that time of year again when everyone seems to want to put Christ "back" into Christmas. But, have I got news for you — he never was nor ever will be in Christmas.

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of (preachers) having itching ears. And they shall turn away from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables (2 Timothy 4:3).

Two prime examples of these "fables" are Christmas and Easter. Look it up in your dictionary.

HENRY ASCHENBRENNER
Rupert

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RELIGION LETTERS

Many will pray amid new year revelry

By Julia Liblich
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sukhwinder Sandhu plans to welcome the New Year in a quiet place surrounded by flowers and glittering lights: his Sikh temple in New York City.

He has no doubt that God will be at all millennium observances, no matter how loud. "God is everywhere," he says, smiling broadly beneath his turban. "God will be in Times Square, too."

Still, while shouts of the crowds will mark the New Year for millions, legions of men and women throughout the country plan to herald the millennium in private prayer and communal worship.

Protestants will hold prayer vigils and Catholics will light candles, though the turn of a year is not normally a time of religious observance. Even those whose traditions do not recognize the Gregorian year 2000 are taking notice.

Buddhists will chant for peace. Pagans will celebrate beginnings and ends. And while the Christian milestone holds no religious significance for Jews and Muslims, some say celebrating in a new century carries its own spiritual weight.



The Rev. Cecil Williams, shown in his office at Glide Memorial Church in San Francisco, jets down thoughts for the sermon he will deliver New Year's Eve during an interfaith celebration in the city's Union Square.

"There's a large group of people in America who are making sure spirituality is somehow a part of New Year's Eve," says the Rev. Cecil Williams of Glide Memorial United Methodist Church in San Francisco.

When church members

expressed a need for something spiritual at New Year's, Williams helped plan an interfaith celebration of music, dance, poetry and prayer to be held in Union Square.

"More people... want something that gives meaning to their lives," Williams says. "Not just a

rowdy yelling, screaming... drunken experience."

In Washington, D.C., a coalition of religious groups will hold events, including a New Year's Eve service at the Washington National Cathedral with Archbishop Desmond Tutu. It's part of the "72 Hours Project" in which religious groups around the world will hold services to promote peace.

At San Francisco's Grace Cathedral Episcopal Church, New Year's Eve coordinator Tom Keelan has set up a medieval labyrinth walk to be held inside and outside the church.

"It's a calming meditative way for people to bring in the millennium," says Keelan, who expects 3,000 people to walk the winding route.

Meanwhile, in the northeast Michigan community of Alpena, St. Anne Catholic Church hopes to host 100 people for a song-filled Mass that includes a "time of adoration" as the millennium nears.

"Two thousand years of Christianity," says the Rev. Joe Blasko. "Of anyplace you want to be, it's in a church worshipping."

On the Web, author James Reddy will tell what he describes as a global wave of prayer.

Food storage isn't always gourmet — or even tasty

The Associated Press

Mormons' belief in self-reliance can be traced back to their pioneer roots, but some of the faithful are preparing for the millennium like it's 1847, the year the religion finished itself in Utah.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints advises its members to store a year's supply of food in case of emergencies. But fine dining, or even convenience, isn't the focus of many food stashes in basements across the Utah.

Katherine Kidd, co-author of "Food Storage for the Churchless," said there still are some Mormons who could find themselves surviving on just six ingredients: rice, beans, shortening, salt, honey, powdered milk, legumes and wheat — that most people wouldn't be able to make into an edible paste.

"Well, there are Mormons and then there are Super Mormons," Kidd said.

While canned goods, dehydrated food and other advances in food storage can make stocking a year's supplies more tangible, there still are some who cling to the old-fashioned idea of converting wheat into food.

"There are church members that have a bunker mentality," Kidd said.

In her book, Kidd gently tries to discourage what she calls the "siege" plan to food storage. "Only does the food chance spoiling or losing its nutritive value, there is always the question of whether a family can switch from a life of processed foods to sustaining on raw wheat and powdered milk."

Kidd grumbles, "They're those who are following that path to store 300 pounds of wheat for every adult in a house, plus a wheat grain."

At Alison's Pantry in Pleasant Grove, south of Salt Lake City, wheat sold in 50-pound bags or 60-lb. buckets is still popular for food storage.

But easier options such as dehydrated soup are beginning to catch on.

"The emphasis has changed. It used to be if you had your wheat and honey you were doing pretty well," said store manager Melanie Webb. "They're storing wheat, but they're probably not storing as much as they were. A lot of people have the wheat, but when it comes right down to it, what are you going to do with it?"

Catholics reflect on seven centuries of pilgrims, perils during holy year

By Francis D'Emilio
The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican's Holy Year, with the locals prepared to welcome tens of millions of people to Rome starting this weekend, is a 700-year-old tradition marked by perils for pilgrims and, at times, for popes.

While jockeying with the masses in 2000 might mean fighting for hotel reservations or airline seats, making a Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome in the earlier centuries frequently meant risking one's life.

Journeys by foot involved months on roads crossed by murderous bandits or warring "infidels." The plague thinned out the ranks of pilgrims, and the fever of finally entering basilicas to gain indulgences killed not a few of those who did make it to Rome.

So did were the pilgrimages that Pope Boniface VIII, who called the first Jubilee for 1300, also the granting of a plenary, or full, indulgence — a remittance of sins — to those who perished on the journey or who arrived too late to participate.

"Now you've lost the sense of sacrifice, the sense of pardon," observed Mario D'Onofrio, a medieval art historian who is curating an exhibit in Rome on religious pilgrimages through the ages.

For this Holy Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that earning indulgences wouldn't require coming to Rome. Jerusalem could be visited instead, or the Holy Year could even be celebrated in one's own diocese, welcome news for cash-strapped or ailing faithful.

This pope also decided to break with other customs. When he inaugurated the last Holy Year, in 1983, John Paul rapped three times with a gilded silver hammer on the wall in the back of St. Peter's, which encloses a special Holy Door opened only on Jubilees.

This time, John Paul, 79, and no longer nimble of body, forgoes the hammer and, instead, drops a plain brass ball, reaching back to their last (and much more successful) CD-fueled inspiration. Literally, well, you can guess what each is about. Here's hoping for a



Vatican altar boys carry a box which was taken from the wall in the back garden, which seals two bronze doors in St. Peter's Basilica Wednesday, after Vatican workers began demolishing the wall to unseal the Holy Doors Dec. 15. The box contains commemorative coins and medals of the 1976 and 1983 Holy Years.

helpers on the other side to swing it open.

Holy Years, which can add prestige to the papacy, became less rare through the centuries.

The first, in 1300, was expected to have its sequel in 100 years; instead, the second one was called off in 150, and over the years, the interval of years was

whittled down to 25. On occasion, as John Paul did for 1983, Jubilees were scheduled after a gap of 33 years, to correspond with the length of Jesus' life.

Scholars believe the Holy Years might trace their roots to a practice by Israelites to mark a year of pardon every 50 years.

John Paul has made clear that one hallmark of this Holy Year will be seeking pardon — both by individual believers and the Catholic church itself.

Here are some of the main events in the Vatican's Holy

Year, running from Christmas Eve 1999 to Jan. 6, 2001:

Dec. 24 — Opening of the Holy Door in the St. Peter's Basilica before Christmas Eve midnight Mass.

Dec. 31 — Papal blessing on New Year's Eve from a window of the Apostolic Palace overlooking St. Peter's Square.

Jan. 1 — Pope greets participants in Rome's marathon, which begins in St. Peter's Square on the Vatican's World Peace Day.

Jan. 2 — Children's Jubilee.

April 23 — Easter Mass and pope's blessing.

May 1 — Jubilee for workers on international labor day.

June 18-25 — International Eucharist congress with some 600,000 delegates expected to attend.

Aug. 15-20 — World Youth Day festivities. The closing, on Aug. 20 on the outskirts of Rome, is expected to draw about 1 million young people and be the biggest event of the year.

Oct. 14-15 — Jubilee for families. The pope will marry several couples.

Dec. 24-25 — Christmas Eve and Day Masses, papal blessing.

Jan. 6, 2001 — Closure of the Holy Door.

Song topics range from family members to combine shooting victim Jesse Bemal (inspiration for the title track). The overall sound (the synths and drums especially) is a little dated. The "funky white boy" take on "I'm Gone," Cindy Morgan's sweet but not syrupy "I Will Be Your Friend" and the more aggressive "Reach Out to Me" are likeable, memorable pop. "Carry You," a variation on the Big Ballad that'll call the Big Bassin' Ballad (see Mariah Carey's song catalog) stands a shot at mainstream play. A very nice album that's free of sharp edges and surprises, but still getting lots of spins at my house. —Beau Black

Some capitalize from end times scenarios

By Richard Scheinin
Knight-Ridder News Service

The fiery visions of the Book of Revelation are tumbling out as a blessing for some capitalists. As the Year 2000 looms, a host of films, videos, books and CDs — even Fruit of the Loom T-shirts, is inspired by the notion that the Last Days are coming and this world will no more.

Look at these product tie-ins to the Last Days: an industry has grown up around age-old notions about the Last Days. The Revelation cash crop is based partly on rank commercialism and partly on society's love of a good scare. But there's something more to it than that.

According to polls, 40 percent of Americans believe the world will end as Revelation describes: at Armageddon, the final battle between good and evil.

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York — that modern Babylon — in search of a bride whom he must impregnate in the hour before midnight on Dec. 31, 1999. Only Revelation are tumbling out as a blessing for some capitalists. As the Year 2000 looms, a host of films, videos, books and CDs — even Fruit of the Loom T-shirts, is inspired by the notion that the Last Days are coming and this world will no more.

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as the "Apocalypse," a term that derives from the Greek word for "revelation" or "disclosure" — the book has always baffled many of its readers. So much so that, for close to two millennia, Christians have fought over its basic meaning and intent.

"My spirit can't penetrate this book," said Martin Luther. "It can't make a good sense of it."

Many Christians contend that Revelation's prophecies specifically describe Christian oppression under first-century Roman rule, while many conservative Christians believe Revelation was written to predict the end of the world in our own time.

Yet Jesus himself said, "No man knows the day or the hour." Meanwhile, as dark apocalyptic books are sold to a mainstream audience, six more novels are scheduled for the "Left Behind" series over the next four years. That will advance the plot — which began in Volume 1 with the rapturing of believers from a commercial airline flight — all the way to the end of the seven-year tribulation.

And work on the \$17.4 million film version of "Left Behind" goes into production next year at Cloud Ten Pictures, a Christian film company in Ontario.

Movie delivers message perfect for season

By Jim Jones
Knight-Ridder News Service

I bought one of Stephen King's books several years ago when I was traveling in New England. It was called "The Dead Zone." It was the first time I had read one of King's incredible tales of the supernatural. At first I was confused by the labyrinthine plot, but I later became thoroughly hooked.

Like many other Americans, I have been a fan of this prolific storyteller from Maine ever since. As people in old London once would for Charles Dickens' books to come out, we ardent Stephen King fans keep an eye on bookstands in airports and supermarkets to see if King has another paperback that can offer us a time of escape.

He seldom disappoints us. And this one may not rank with Dickens in the literary world, he is a master storyteller.

His "Dark Tower" series traveled too far into other worlds for my taste. I haven't read some of his recent books, including "Insomnia," because I thought they might keep me awake. And "The Green Mile," a novel that's become a bestseller usually haven't been as good as the novels or short stories.

Not until now. "The Green Mile," directed and written for the screen by Frank Darabont, is as engrossing as the tale on which it was based. The film is based on King's 1996 prison novel, released in a series of four paperbacks in 1996. During the three hours and three minutes that the movie takes to unfold, few us in the theater moved an inch. The story, set in an Alabama prison in 1955, is all about prison guards who walk through the killer. Dowling is green mile," so called because of the prison corridor's green paint.

A part of the movie's appeal is the spiraling



Michael Clarke Duncan as John Coffey, and Tom Hanks as Paul Edgecomb, in "The Green Mile," a secular film with spiritual overtones.

King's writings often are permeated by what is happening in America. His story's appeal fits in with the current search for spirituality that many cultural observers say is happening as we

come to the end of the 20th century. Other recent movies, including "Dogma" and "The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc," also touch on the spiritual.

Michael W. Smith keeps new effort free of surprises; Newsboys revive disco beat

The Dallas Morning News

"LoveLibertyDisco," by Newsboys (Sparrow, 35 minutes). Thought disco was dead, huh? You wish. Newsboys resurrect it — those thin, repetitive drum grooves and tiny synthesizers — on their latest outing. The title song's among the least catchy, least meaningful, least enjoyable in their repertoire. The disco experiment goes away elsewhere, too. "Good Stuff" lays a nice guitar groove and "Forever Man" drops a plat bear, both reaching back to their last (and much more successful) CD-fueled inspiration. Literally, well, you can guess what each is about. Here's hoping for a

New Christian music

Little more cerebral stretching — and a little less "fun" — on the Boys' next night out. —Beau Black

"This Is Your Time," by Michael W. Smith (Reunion, 50 minutes). Hard to top a career milestone like "Live the Life," and though "Time" doesn't match it in style or substance, it does in listenability. Usual writing partner Wayne Kirkpatrick is busy reading his own debut (and writing the life of Chris Gaines), so Smith turned to a host of others: Ginny Owens, Wes King and Chris Rice among them — for help.

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Wonderful Christmas surprises remain seared in memory

He was always standing outside a busy restaurant on the main drag through North Hollywood, Calif., a veritable Christmas icon strumming his guitar and singing songs.



CLARK MORPHEW

...evenings? Was it worth his effort, year after year, standing with his back to the wall of that restaurant and singing his Christmas carols?

There were evenings, after choir practice, when some of us would walk past him on the sidewalk leading to the restaurant. We would slip past quietly, so as not to disturb him, not to draw his attention to our meager presence. Because we were mere believers, and he was our suffering prophet. We were his audience, he was our everlasting preacher.

Do you remember how it was

when you were young, and every mysterious figure who came along at Christmastime became a savior? I remember a relative, a cousin perhaps, who would come to my grandmother's little house on Christmas Day. He shook all over from something that happened to him during World War II. He was slight of build, an accountant by trade, who returned from duty with shell shock. At least that's what they called it then. The official prognosis was: no cure.

Each year he would bring everyone a gift. One, addressed to Master Clark, was a bar of soap in a light blue crocheted shell. I looked at him, and he smiled at me, saying, "It's a scrubber soap."

"Thank you," I said, and stuffed it into my pocket. I used it all that winter until the diminished bar of soap wouldn't stay in the shell.

Across the alley and two houses east lived one of my favorite paper route customers. He was slow-moving fellow who took every opportunity to stop and chat with people along my route. I would start at 4:30 p.m. and wrap up the route at 7:30. Mrs. Schmolke's house about 5:45. She would always invite me in, and I would sit in a straight-backed chair next to the door. The snow would melt from my boots onto the newspaper mat she had set for me. We would talk so long that by the time I got home, I knew what the Schmolkes were having for dinner and how it was being cooked.

One Christmas, when I was about 8 years old, Mrs. Schmolke baked a chocolate cake for those in the "Merry Christmas, Clark" on the frosting. That was a special gift, because sugar and sweet things were still hard to find after the war, even if a family had the

money to buy them.

I thanked her, grabbed the cake with both hands and stumbled through the snow, across the alley and up our driveway. I burst through the door holding "Look what I got! Mrs. Schmolke gave me cake. Look what I got!" We ate well that evening.

Those are the real Christmas evenings in my life. The little vignettes sear into my mind the kindness, generosity or inspiration I received. I remember a woman who had been hiding in her house, shades drawn, dark curtains closed, since the death of her son in World War II. One Christmas, there was a card with my name on it and a new pocketknife on top. It sat on a shelf beside the door. I looked up after seeing it, and she was peering through the curtain at the back door, smiling at me.

"Thank you," I said. She drew the curtain back and was gone. I never saw her again.

Also on my paper route was a mentally challenged man who lived with his sister. His name was Keith, and he would trade the key in the lock when I came to collect 20 cents for the paper delivery. Then he would talk to me in a special language that I grew to understand after a couple of years. One Christmas, he handed me a ribbon and said, "Christmas. Christmas." He marched around the room like royalty.

I remember these people at Christmastime because they surprised me with joy. Now I know that Christmas is for all of us who struggle to understand, who pray for celebration and who cherish our families.

For some, it is a lonely holiday, so make it a day to surprise someone with joy.

Clark Morphew is an ordained deacon and is religion writer for the Saint Paul Pioneer Press.

Scooby-Doo's new adventure deals with resurrection of pagan tradition

By Jeffrey Welles The Dallas Morning News

Scooby-Doo, where are you going with the Wiccans? The venerable cartoon character and his friends put in a good word for modern neo-pagans in the latest Scooby movie, "Scooby-Doo and the Witch's Ghost."

As Scooby's longtime pal Shaggy might say: Zolnik! The cartoon movie departs from 30 years of Scooby-doo to deliver a nugget of education about Wiccans - a modern resurrection of pagan traditions and beliefs.

The video has been on sale since October, and it was shown on Cartoon Network for the first time last month.

Anyone who turns to Scooby-Doo for religious education probably uses "Star Wars" as a science reference. Even so, the new Scooby movie raises some reaction among Wiccans and at least one conservative foundation that evaluates television shows and movies.

"It was totally out of context, there was not any other side presented, and it was basically presented as instructional fact," said Dick Rolfe, president of the Dove Foundation.

Brian Lankford, on the other hand, was a more appreciative viewer. Lankford is an Elder Clergy of the Government of the Goddess, an international Wiccan education organization, and is on the board of directors of Betwixt and Between, a neo-pagan community center in Dallas.

"It was a really good effort," he said of the portrayal of Wiccans in the new Scooby cartoon. "It could have been a lot worse."

Scooby is one of America's most successful cartoon characters. Since 1969, he has been a lead character in 19 television series, one television special and a handful of films. The classic Scooby plotline was as unchanging as the pyramids: Scooby and his four human friends - Shaggy, Velma, Daphne and Freddy - arrive at a town where a monster is terrorizing the populace. They get chased by the monster (who says "ARRGGH!"), collect clues, catch the monster and discover he's really a guy in a costume.

Scooby's continuing popularity is why the most recent movie was so confusing, Rolfe said. Parents probably aren't aware that the formula has changed and might be caught by surprise if they

don't watch the video first. "Witch's Ghost" starts like an old Scooby cartoon, with the capture of two guys in monster suits. The gang meets Ben Ravenscroft, a famous mystery writer, who invites them to his hometown in New England. They arrive to discover it's supposedly being terrorized by the ghost of the writer's ancestor, a witch who lived three centuries ago.

Ben says that his ancestor was a Wiccan, not a witch. Drawing a distinction between the stereotyped evil spell-caster and Wiccans, Velma (who can tell she's smart because she wears glasses) helpfully explains the difference: Wiccans were people in tune with the forces of nature who used those forces for healing purposes, she says. "Wiccans have been misunderstood."

"You have to remember, we live in Los Angeles," said Don Capone, vice president for marketing and development for Warner Home Video. "Someone involved in development, Capone mysteriously declined to say who, did know someone who claims to be Wiccan, he said.

Christmas brings a host of feelings

By Tom Schaefer Knight Ridder News Service

TOM SCHAEFER

It's finally here - Christmas Day. The words can be expressed with exuberant anticipation or with a let's-get-it-over-with attitude.

Christmas births a host of feelings, and each of us reacts differently. David Rosengarten, gourmand of the airwaves, recently took his program to a New York City restaurant and had his two daughters devour a festive meal.

"The holidays are about sharing good food and being with family," he proclaimed at the end.

True, if you have family and enough to eat. "Have a holy, jolly Christmas, it's the best time of the year," Burl Ives sang in the playful song my children used to listen to.

Best time of the year? Not. Although the suicide rate is not the highest during the holidays - more suicides occur in the spring - a significant number of people do attempt to take their lives in this holy, jolly time.

Even those who try to find magic in this making-spirits-bright season know that the light today the luster of Christmas will fade into the darkness of winter. The truth is, Santa Claus, eloped.

lights and all the other seasonal sugarpuffs are like Christmas cookies: They satisfy for only a short time.

The story of Jesus' birth, on the other hand, has universal meaning and staying power. Unknown to most at the time, the infant was born in a backwater Middle Eastern town. Although his parentage was questionable and his birth greeted by only a handful of strangers in the tiny village, a heavenly host trumpeted his arrival. Something extraordinary has happened in Bethlehem, they proclaimed. Fear at the time understood.

He would go on to shake the foundations of the world by giving rather than taking, loving rather than hating, forgiving rather than bearing grudges. And from his death would come life.

Sadly, many of his followers failed to follow his example. They forgot that his idea of power was not in taking, loving from the world's, in word and deed, he showed that power is perfected in weakness (suffering for what is true and right), riches are found in the bonds of friendship and the beauty of creation, and prestige is attained through

selfless living. These are hard lessons to learn, but those who have put them into practice know they're true.

Of course, not everyone hears the Bethlehem story in the same way or sees the child in the same light. Religion has revealed different facets of the divine. Spirituality has become an individualized quest for metaphysical meaning, not reserved for the theologian or astute or the ecclesiastically powerful.

And while we should respect the pluralism of beliefs, there are those who, as author Walter Wangerin once noted, "acknowledge nothing spiritual, see nothing divine, demand the hard facts only."

On a Judean hillside, the word went out with exuberant anticipation: "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is, Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11).

As Christmas Day draws to a close, take time to reflect on that message first proclaimed more than 2,000 years ago. It still has the ability to uplift and the power to transform - one life at a time.

Tom Schaefer writes about religion and ethics for the Wichita (Kan.) Eagle.

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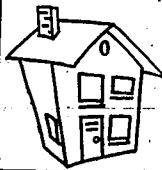
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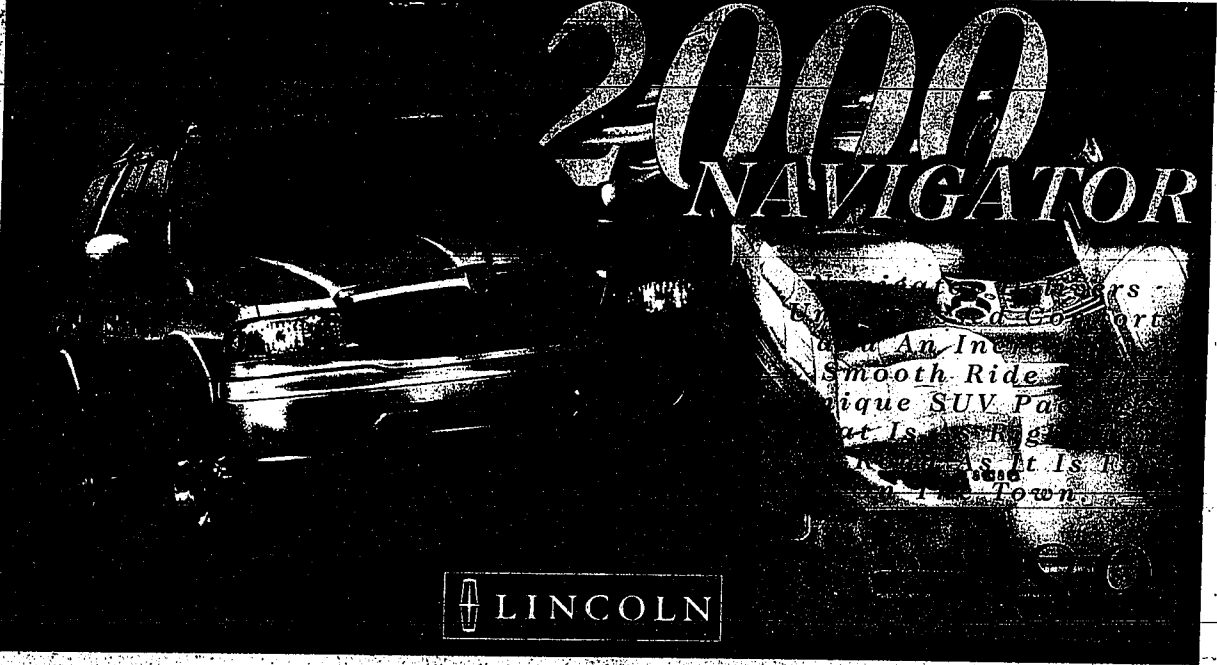
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"What's wrong with cinching a 70-point rubber on Christmas?" asked a critical North. "It was the lure of a 30-point overtrick that did us in."

Unwilling to open a side suit for South, West led a trump. East won his ace and returned a club, South's guess going to West's ace. West returned the club to South's king, and South cashed his trump jack, carefully avoiding drawing East's last trump.

A winning diamond finesse to dummy's jack came next, and South led dummy's trump queen to his king. (That's why he didn't draw the third trump.) South led another diamond to repeat the finesse, but West surprised him by playing his diamond king!

Certain that the apparent over-trick was his gift for the day, South carelessly took dummy's ace. Unfortunately, East discarded, and it was all downhill after that. Dummy's diamonds were good for only three winners, the spade queen proved worthless, and South could make only nine tricks.

West's diabolical play was a good one, but South should have been allowed West to win his diamond king, cinching four sure diamond winners and his game and rubber instead.

A happy holiday season to all my readers. And a sincere hope that your presents prove more useful than what West gave South.

NORTH 13-2-A
♠ K 8
♥ Q 10 7
♦ A Q J 6 5
♣ 6 4

EAST K 9 8
♥ A 4 3
♦ K 10 8 7
♣ A 10 3

SOUTH A 10 4
♥ K J 9 8 6
♦ Q 3 2
♣ A K Q

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass
2NT Pass 3♥ Pass
4♦ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Heart seven

BID WITH THE ACES 13-2-B

South holds:
♠ J 7 5 3
♥ 5 2
♦ K 10 8 3
♣ A 10 7

North South
1♠ 2♠
3♣ 4♦

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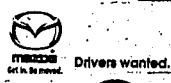
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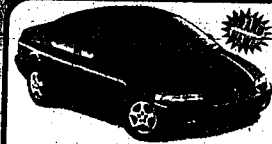
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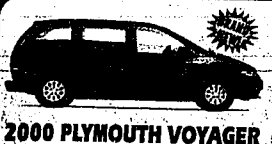
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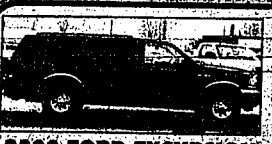
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