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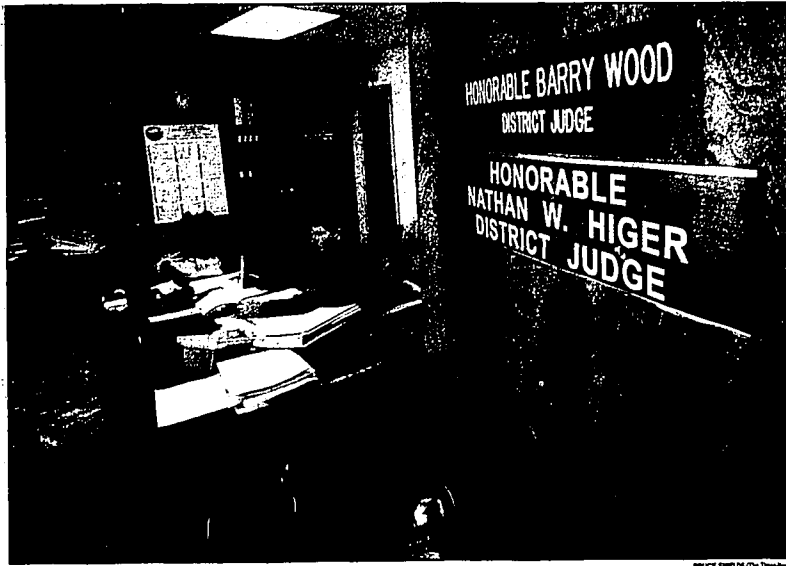
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# No regrets



Judge Barry Wood works in his office in the Jerome County Courthouse. Wood says he is looking forward to going back to trial work after a year spent on the Snake River Basin Adjudication court.

## It's been a long, hard year for Judge Wood

**By N.S. Nohkntved**  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - His high school counselor predicted he wouldn't last six months in college. He was wrong. Roderick Barry Wood made it through college, graduated from law school and became a District Court judge in southern Idaho's 5th Judicial District.

At the helm of the state's water court for two years, Wood now is back in his old haunts in the courtrooms of Gooding, Jerome and Lincoln counties after being removed from the Snake River Basin Adjudication court on Dec. 15.

It's been a year of ups and downs for Wood in public life, as

## Snake River Basin Adjudication rulings are still at issue

**By N.S. Nohkntved**  
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TWIN FALLS - He has been removed from the case, but some of his rulings remain to be resolved.

While he was presiding over the Snake River Basin Adjudication, 5th District Judge Barry Wood ruled against the Nez Perce Tribe's claims for Snake River instream flows.

Wood also denied a Nez Perce motion asking him to disqualify himself and to set aside his decision because of what the Nez Perce call a conflict of interest.

But with this year's election of Wood's brother-in-law, Dan Eismann, to the state Supreme Court, the court removed Wood from the high-profile case of sorting out some 150,000 water right claims in 38 of the state's 44 counties.

With Wood off the case, the apparent conflict of interest is gone, but his court ruling remains at issue.

The Nez Perce said Wood's and two of his family members' water-rights claims conflict with the tribe's claims, posing an apparent conflict of interest.

The Nez Perce asked Wood to disqualify himself and to set aside the ruling.

Wood denied the motions.

The tribe has appealed both issues to the Supreme Court.

With Wood off the case, the motion to disqualify him is moot. But the motion to set aside his ruling still is valid, the Nez Perce say.

"The issues are still there," said Heidi Guggell, attorney for the Nez Perce.

The issues arose while Wood was on the bench, and don't go away just because he no longer is presiding over the case.

The issue will be heard by the Supreme Court but with two problem judges; Chief Justice Linda Cople Trout said last week.

Eismann said he would excuse himself from any appeal of Wood's rulings. And Trout said she would recuse herself because of her own public statements about her discussions with Wood about possible conflicts of interest.

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## A game of inches for Bush

### President-elect's goals run across political realities

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - New presidents like to hit the ground running but even President-elect Bush's supporters say political realities will force him to move by inches at the start.

Bush's campaign platform was ambitious, delving into the fundamentals of Social Security, education, Medicare, national defense and more. Two priorities, better schools and affordable prescription drugs for the elderly, enjoy appeal across party lines, at least in broad terms.

But his plan for \$1.3 trillion in tax cuts over 10 years does not. And while his proposal to partially privatize Social Security intrigues some Democrats, the subject promises a roaring debate that Bush seems disinclined to invite before a lot of work goes into a party of Americans on the idea.

More political news - A3, B4,6



House Speaker Dennis Hastert

He got a splash of cold water on the face when he visited Washington last week, only to find fellow Republicans reluctant to swallow his across-the-board tax cuts in one gulp.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., wanted to deal with the package "a piece at a time" and spoke of incrementalism, hardly the talk characteristic of a party rising to power in the White House.

On Social Security, Bush is dealing not just with a sacrosanct program before a closely divided Congress but a jumpy stock market that may make Americans think twice about trusting private accounts to give them a secure retirement.

Bush himself sounded a cautious note on his plan, noting his first move will be to form a commission on Social Security's future.

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## Violence overshadows Christmas Eve memorials in Bethlehem

The Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, West Bank - Soaked by cold rain and saddened by three months of wrenching violence, small crowds of Palestinians and a thin trickle of foreign tourists staged subdued Christmas Eve commemorations Sunday in Jesus' birthplace of Bethlehem.

The 2,000th anniversary of Christ's birth was supposed to have been the centerpiece of a banner year of millennium celebrations in the Holy Land. But the 13-week-old outbreak of fighting between Palestinians and Israeli troops - which has

### Faiths share holiday in U.S. - B2

taken at least 345 lives, nearly all Palestinian - cast a dark pall over holiday observances in this West Bank town.

"It hasn't been this bad since the intifadah," said Said Marcos, 80, a grizzled Palestinian man in a red-checked keffiyeh headband, referring to the 1987-93 Palestinian uprising. "The first one, you mean," his 70-year-old wife Maria gently reminded him. "Now we are in another

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An armed Palestinian police officer guards the entrance to the Church of the Nativity, traditionally believed to be the birthplace of Jesus, as two Palestinian Christian youngsters exit, in the West Bank town of Bethlehem, Sunday.

## Poor look for help with heating bills

The Associated Press

LOUDON, N.H. - Ric Winters took his children out to cut down a tree. But instead of decorating it for Christmas, they used it for firewood.

Nearly out of heating oil last week, the single father of six grew nervous waiting for the federal assistance he had applied for.

"I didn't have money to buy fuel, so I went out in my yard and cut some trees down," he said. "For the last three weeks, I used the wood stove."

Predicted increases this year covered nearly 30 percent

### Winter takes a bite out of Magic Valley budgets - B1

ter than last, and natural gas prices 40 percent higher, the U.S. Department of Energy estimates.

Less than a week into winter, agencies that help the poor pay for heat are swamped with applications.

said the program's Nicole Williams, whose office sees about 200 people a day. "That's a hard thing to do."

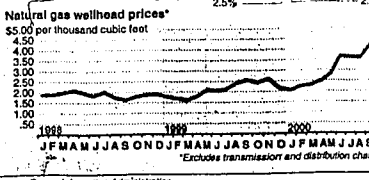
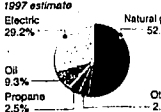
High crude oil prices and low inventories pushed heating oil prices to a nationwide average of \$1.56 a gallon toward the end of last week, said Jonathan Cogan of the federal Energy Information Administration. That's a 12 percent year ago

as customers, the matched supply or the last few dollars flat or declined as gave produce to drill, Cogan while, demand utilities turned HEATING, Page A2

### Heating prices soar, with cold months ahead

A spike in the price of natural gas, the nation's main source for home heating, is leaving many consumers in a bind. The wellhead price for natural gas, which does not factor in certain charges included in the final retail price, has nearly doubled in the past year. Energy officials predict retail prices will continue to go up.

#### U.S. home heating sources



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Record high/low last year: 60/-18

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS
TODAY: Cloudy, 37°
TONIGHT: Partly cloudy and cold, 26°
MONDAY: Partly fog early; partly sunny, 37°/21°
TUESDAY: Patchy fog early; otherwise, partly sunny, 45°/20°
WEDNESDAY: Areas of low clouds and fog; some sun, 43°/21°
THURSDAY: Areas of low clouds and fog; some sun, 40°/20°

CANADIAN CITIES
Table listing cities like Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, and their high/low forecasts.

REGIONAL CITIES
Table listing cities like Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, and their high/low forecasts.

REGIONAL WEATHER
Southern Idaho: Snow ending from west to east across southern Idaho today; snow will be mixed with rain in parts of the area.
Northern Nevada: A few spots in the east will have a rain or snow showers this morning; otherwise, brisk and chilly today with times of clouds and showers.
Northern Utah: Mostly cloudy in the west this morning with snow showers coming in and end; snow will continue; heavy at times, through this afternoon in the east.
Northern Idaho: Cloudy this morning with a couple of inches of snow in many spots, then decreasing snow this afternoon with breaks of sun possible.
NATIONAL EXTREMES
High 79° in Organ Pipe Cactus, AZ Low -29° in Fosston, MN

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natural gas. Wholesale prices that were as low as \$2 per thousand cubic foot a year ago are now between \$9 and \$20.
In St. Paul, Minn., single mother of three Collette Montano asked for emergency assistance for the first time in November, when her furnace broke down. A local agency helped replace the furnace, but she still faces hefty fuel bills.
The Colorado Energy Assistance Foundation had to turn temporary workers to answer phones after the state had its coldest November in 120 years. The stories they hear are heart-wrenching.
They're giving up medications

Wood
"Wood was the best with a shotgun, and Barry caught the most and the biggest fish," Fred Wood said.
Growing up on the farm, Barry Wood learned the value of hard work, and honesty and integrity.
Those are qualities that Mom and Dad always taught us," Fred Wood said.
The two are hunting partners. And with Barry Wood's recovery, the two went white-tailed deer hunting in northern Idaho last month—an annual tradition.
He was back at 100 percent, Fred Wood said. They spent a lot of time talking, shot three deer and had a great time together.
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Wedding bells
As District Judge Roger Burdick takes on the water-right case now, Wood returns to his old courts—and starts a new chapter in life.
Karen Arndt met the court where she was working in the court house in Jerome about five years ago. She was taken by his charming smile and his good aura.
The two are getting married at 1 p.m. on Jan. 1—"1:01 at 1," Wood said.
Wood tries to do what's fair and what's right, and recognize the gravity of his decisions in court, Arndt said. She shares his love of the outdoors and the tw hike, hunt and fish together.
And they each have three children, so they'll make quite a little family, she said.
"We've got a lot to look forward to," she said.

NATION

# Republican senators call for 'balance'

**Democrats vow 'tough' questions for nominee**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Among senators who must confirm or reject President-elect Bush's Cabinet choices, Republicans cited a need for more ideological "balance" Sunday while Democrats promised to raise "tough" and "troubling" questions for his attorney general nominee.

Senators in both parties, making the rounds of the talk show

circuit, generally agreed that Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., an aggressive champion of religious conservative causes, is likely to be confirmed as top enforcer of the nation's laws.

Yet Republicans such as Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., told CBS' "Face the Nation" that picking Ashcroft, who strongly opposes abortion rights, "creates a more pressing need for balance with moderates in the Cabinet, some pro-choice people to provide some diversity to offset some of Senator Ashcroft's more conservative views."

Democratic senators, meanwhile, vowed to challenge

Ashcroft's views, primarily on civil rights issues.

Ashcroft lost his bid for reelection last month to the late Gov. Mel Carnahan. Carnahan's wife will replace Ashcroft in the Senate next month.

"I do not intend to lead a fight against him. I intend to make sure that he is given a fair more fair hearing than some have been given in the past," Vermont Sen. Patrick J. Leahy, the most senior Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee, told ABC's "This Week."

Leahy said some of the "obvious areas of discussion" for the Judiciary Committee include

Ashcroft's and Bush's views on "enforcing the nation's laws"

Ashcroft is a member of the Judiciary Committee chaired by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. Ashcroft and Hatch are both past GOP presidential hopefuls who opposed White and joined other Republicans in blocking the appointment of Bill Linn Lee to head the civil rights division at the Justice Department.

Ashcroft came under fire earlier this year after accepting an honorary degree from South Carolina's Bob Jones University that until recently enforced a policy against interracial dating.

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"I'm going to look at (it) to make sure it's the right policy," he said last week. "I think it."

He described tax relief, free trade, Social Security reform and cuts in regulations as the cornerstone of his plan to keep the economy robust.

Policy analyst David C. John of the Heritage Foundation, a group that has provided some of the intellectual horsepower for conservative measures embraced by Bush and many congressional Republicans, says the new president has no choice but to be measured.

"He's got to build more political capital than most presidents do," he said. Yet "there are ways of having small victories. Rather than going for everything at once, you take small deliberate steps toward your final goal."

For example, he notes Bush has an opportunity to appoint a Social Security Administration commissioner amenable to his plan — one who might see to it that the statements workers get outlining their future benefits also show what they might earn if some of their payroll taxes went into personal accounts.

By that thinking, Bush could soften the ground before taking a leap of such magnitude.

On education, Bush is proposing a more expansive role for

Washington than Republicans have favored in the past. He favors more federal money for education and tougher standards for states, schools and students.

Those ideas generally sit well with Democrats but there is disagreement in the details, especially with his proposal to create vouchers that students in persistently failing schools could use for private tuition.

John said Bush "can get pretty much whatever he wants as long as he's willing to put the effort in." He then added more qualifications: "If he remembers where he wants to go, and uses his time effectively, doesn't get sidetracked."

In Washington, memories are fresh of President Clinton's messy detour on gays in the military at the start of his administration. That sidetracking has stood ever since as a warning against the pursuit of a divisive secondary policy, however deeply

felt.

So far, Bush has steered clear of such matters.

In an exposition last week on the risk of an energy shortage, Bush touched on almost every solution being considered — leaning on OPEC, spurring U.S. natural gas production, developing clean coal reserves.

But there was a conspicuous exception: He did not mention his support for opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska to oil exploration, a position hotly opposed by most Democrats.

Nor has Bush, in preparing to put federal employees to work for his ends, made much of another campaign plank — to eliminate 30,000 of them over 10 years through attrition.

That detail was seldom mentioned in the campaign but central as an accounting device, saving an estimated \$200 billion for tax cuts and spending.

### MALL HOURS THIS WEEK

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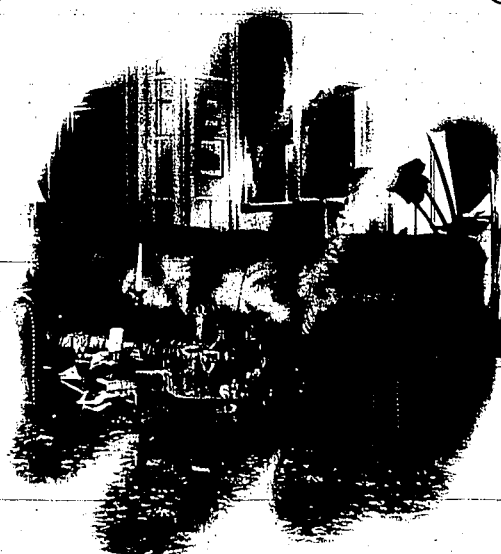
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NATION

# Engineers design train to 'fly' passengers

Knight Ridder News Service

WICHITA, Kan. — Two Wichita engineers have designed a high-speed ground transportation system that would "fly" passengers to their destinations, rather than transport them on a train with tracks.

A scale model of the vehicle, called Airtrain, is undergoing a second week of wind tunnel testing this week at the National Institute of Aviation Research at

Wichita State University. The system is the design of Elvest Lehl, a retired Boeing engineer, and Glen Zumwalt, a retired aeronautical engineering professor at the university.

"This is definitely a system of the future," said Brad Lehl, Lehl's son who is helping with the project.

The Airtrain, which is designed to run on electricity, uses a fixed rail system and an aerodynamic vehicle to carry 72

passengers at speeds of up to 200 mph.

At low speeds, the vehicle runs along an overhead rail strung along towers placed at 100-foot intervals.

At higher speeds, the craft lifts off the railing and flies 25 to 35 feet above the ground. Sensors feed into an onboard computer keep the aircraft centered over the rail, guiding it in its travels without touching it.

Lehl, who originated the concept, and Zumwalt say the Airtrain system would help solve problems of congested airports, delays and bad weather.

It would be ideal for travel between larger cities such as Dallas to Houston, St. Louis to Chicago or Las Vegas to Los Angeles, Brad Lehl said. And it could be used to carry freight.

Elvest Lehl has been working on the design for many years. Lehl and Zumwalt received a patent on the design in 1996.

## Know the score?

Read *The Times-News* sports pages to see how your favorite team is doing.

## ShopKo

### CORRECTION FOR THIS WEEK'S SALE CIRCULAR

The five-drawer and three-drawer dressers advertised "New at ShopKo" on page 22 of this week's sale circular, are not available at the Twin Falls store. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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# Actress may ruffle feathers with new movie role

**LOS ANGELES** — Gillian Anderson has gone from freakish alien to frills and ruffles. But the "X-Files" actress isn't sure whether her new role in the movie "The House of Mirth" will appeal to fans of the popular sci-fi series.

"I have a really good relationship with my fans," Anderson said in Saturday's Los Angeles Times. "But at the bottom line, I choose jobs to feed my soul."

"The House of Mirth," based on

## People in the news

the Edith Wharton novel, stars Anderson as a poor woman who tries to fit in with upper-class New Yorkers in the early 20th century. Despite its obvious differences, Anderson said her new movie shares some themes with the conspiracy-filled "X-Files."

"Everyone was basically living a breathing lie," Anderson said of

the mannered characters in "The House of Mirth." "At that time, there were things that you just did not speak about, no matter what you were feeling."

## Singer becomes the Santa of Soul for needy children

**AUGUSTA, Ga.** — Donning a red leather suit and cowboy boots, singer James Brown became the Santa of Soul for hundreds of needy children.

Brown rented out Augusta's Imperial Theater Friday to perform a medley of his hits and pass out toys to children.

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## EDITORIAL

# The Christmas story, as told by St. Luke

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

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

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

On this most joyful of holidays, the editorial board takes a day off and turns the column over to a guest writer, St. Luke. Merry Christmas to all.

Stephen Hartgen  
William Brock  
Clark Walworth  
Steve Crump  
Kevin Richert  
Dan Fields



## Debt relief captures millennium spirit

JAMES D. WOLFENSOHN

The spirit of the new millennium has perhaps been best captured this year by an extraordinary movement - inspired by the biblical concept of Jubilee - to cancel external debt in the world's poorest, most heavily indebted countries. Religious leaders, rock stars and concerned men and women from every part of the world have galvanized public action and inspired official policy.

This spirit has been central to the mission of the World Bank, and nowhere more indelibly than in the area of poor-country debt relief. Four years ago we launched, with the IMF and the international community, the first global response to the debt crisis in the world's poorest countries, and in October 1999 we made the relief "deeper, broader, and faster." The objective of the plan, called the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative (HIPC), has remained straightforward throughout: to eliminate debt as an obstacle to poverty reduction.

How is it going? First, we have now delivered on our end-year goal of having debt relief in place for 20 countries, and we are working toward 22. Second, the program is canceling an enormous amount of debt: Relief stands at some \$34 billion; in coordination with other forms of debt alleviation, total debt in these countries could be slashed by more than two-thirds.

Most exciting, however, is what is happening in the countries. New resources will enable governments to sharply increase desperately needed social investments; following debt relief, social expenditures are rising to between two and three times debt service obligations. As a result, millions more children will have a chance to learn to read and write; health clinics and rural roads and sanitation facilities will be built; AIDS programs will reach out to the afflicted. And already, people, working with their governments, are charting their own development course.

But there are bigger, tougher questions to be faced: Will these achievements endure? Will the child born today

in Africa stand a better chance of reaching his fifth birthday because of what we have done together? Will fewer poor women die giving birth? Will the endless work of farmers and mothers and doctors and entrepreneurs be enough?

If debt relief, no matter how much, is our only, or even primary response, the answer is no. If, however, we extend our demands and our efforts to address the deeper causes of poverty, we can make a difference.

First, while debt relief is critically important, it will help reduce poverty only if developing countries continue the hard work of improving economic management.

There is much to discuss about which policies best support poverty reduction. But there is no argument that runaway deficits in inflation punish the poor most; subsidies that benefit elites are unfair; and corruption strangles the weakest first.

Fortunately, real progress is under way. Look, for example, at Uganda and Mozambique, the earliest qualifiers for HIPC and relief aid, until a decade ago, two of the most troubled lands on earth. Both countries have sustained strong economic growth while reducing absolute poverty and lifting primary school enrollment.

Debt relief that supports such efforts is clearly a sound investment. But it can't replace development assistance. And here is where a broad and vigorous public conversation is badly needed.

There is a widely held fiction that masses of money are poured into aid. In fact, industrialized countries spend roughly one-quarter of 1 percent of their gross domestic product for assistance to the world's poor countries. Aid works, and we can do more to make it work for more people.

What about future lending? Access to external capital is fundamental to any country's development, but borrowers

and lenders need to be vigilant about the long-term sustainability of the resulting debt.

In many instances this will mean shifting to grants, and strictly limiting lending to only the most generous terms.

The World Bank, for instance, which provides resources to the poorest countries interest-free, is now exploring new instruments, including grants, for such pressing needs as HIV/AIDS, the environment, basic education and health.

Next, it is time to get serious on the barriers that impede exports from developing countries to industrialized markets continue to severely disadvantage poor countries.

Last year, for example, industrialized countries spent more than \$300 billion on agricultural subsidies.

This is roughly equal to the total GNP for all of sub-Saharan Africa. Debt relief without increased market access is futile.

Finally, the AIDS epidemic, particularly in Africa, makes action all the more urgent. In some of the hardest-hit African countries, the epidemic is projected to reduce life expectancy over the coming decade to below 30 years - striking relentlessly at productive workers and parents.

Ambitions for health care, education, agriculture, energy and other development areas are endangered by the multiple prospect that there will not be enough teachers, students, farmers and workers alive to realize them.

Still, in countries that have undertaken an education, testing and treatment program, infection rates are falling. Encouraging partnerships are under way to build on these efforts, and they will require a sustained effort.

For those who have kept the spirit of Jubilee and fought for debt relief, let us know what can be accomplished by working together. We must keep the spirit alive.

James D. Wolfensohn is president of the World Bank.

## The Times-News

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The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Stephen Hartgen, William Brock, Clark Walworth, Steve Crump, Kevin Richert and Dan Fields.

## LETTERS

### Filer must pursue legal action

I must comment to the Times-News headline article of Thursday titled "State takes the reins." The Times-News made it appear that the people of Filer will now see action with respect to the odors associated with the Halliger dairy. Quite the opposite is true. Why do you think Mr. Halliger is pleased to see this issue turned over to the Department of Agriculture? The answer is the Department of Agriculture does not properly enforce environmental compliance. It works with the dairymen in dealing with complaints and infractions but only to the benefit of the dairymen. It is not an enforcement agency and doesn't want to be one.

The people of Filer, as well as all Magic Valley residents affected by factory dairy odors and pollution, must pursue legal action through the Department of Environmental Quality, Idaho Department of Water Resources and Environmental Protection Agency. Don't sit back and assume the Department of Agriculture will deal with these issues in a manner which protects your constitutional rights, health and welfare.

Secondly, I wish to make the taxpayers aware of some disturbing facts. The dairies claim they are agriculture and not industry. Are you aware there are several new dairies being built with the help of your tax dollars in the form of Industrial Revenue Bonds? If they are not industries and do not want to be regulated as such, how can they legally be receiving these funds? Additionally, our tax dollars in the form of grants, are being used to construct and pave roads solely to the benefit of the

dairy. Have any of you tried to get a road improvement or closure and been told the county can't afford it or can't perform it because it would only benefit the person requesting it?

While the confined animal feeding operation dairies take our tax dollars and fund their private business, our public schools and our school children suffer from old, inadequate and crumbling schools. The dairy capitals of Wendell and Jerome cannot get the new schools they desperately need. Where is the tremendous tax revenue the dairies generate? The taxpayers get odor, flies, night lights, pollution, illegal immigration and crumbling schools while the CAFO dairymen get brand new \$500,000 houses, new mega-factories, nice roads, government handouts and handsome profits. All this with your tax-dollar assistance. Any CAFO dairymen will tell you, "smells like money to me."

MICHAEL MIKETA  
Tuttle

### Buy your tree, don't steal it

Did you ever wonder why there are still so many Christmas trees on the lots for sale, what with someone cutting one from the back of our house like a thief in the night? If you would have come and asked us for a tree, we would have given you the money for a tree. It would have been cheaper for us to buy you a Christmas tree than replacing the one we spent the last nine years growing. We hope it fills you with the Christmas spirit every time you look at it.

RICK AND ROSEANN EVERSON  
Jerome

### Good Samaritans aren't extinct

Last week, I was hauling some cows to the Twin Falls Livestock Commission for the Wednesday livestock auction. Going up Washington Street, an axle bolt broke on my stock trailer and blew out a tire. I pulled across Shoshone Street and parked in the Depot Grill parking lot.

Then I unhooked my pickup from the trailer and drove to the sale yard, where I talked to Mike Elliot, and he told me that the company trailer was out and would be back in about 30 minutes and they would be glad to come and help me.

I thanked him and told him I would go back to my broken-down trailer and wait for them to come.

I had only been back to my trailer for a short while when a young man pulled up with a pickup and trailer and asked if he could help me.

Of course I said it would be greatly appreciated. I hadn't noticed when I was at the sale yard, but he was there and listened to our conversation and he told Mike he could take his outfit and help me, so Mike and some help followed him to my trailer.

He backed up to my trailer. We used my pickup for a panel and we moved the cows from my trailer to his.

He took them on to the sale, and I thanked him and he would not accept any money.

I said goodbye, and first thing I knew he was back and wanted to help me get my stock trailer fixed to the point we

could pull it. He stayed and helped me for about two hours and then insisted that I follow me home to make sure I made it home OK.

We made it home and he started to tell me goodbye, and I told him, no, I want you to come in and meet my wife 'cause it isn't often she gets to meet a young man of his character.

He came in and visited for a while, and my wife, Verda, was happy that she could meet such a good Samaritan.

This young man, I would guess 22 years of age, makes me so proud to live in this great Magic Valley. His name was Ben Crockett, Dave Crockett's son. GENE D. LARSEN  
Twin Falls

## LETTER

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### By Garry Trudeau

### By Bruce Tinsley

OPINION

# Losing's not an option for this lady

ROB ELDER

Everywhere I look these days there's Condoleezza Rice, and she's described herself to me as one of the "tiny tots" of international security.

My, how she's grown.

Rice's Rice in a three-column color photo with the president on Page One of the Los Angeles Times, with a profile depicting her as having "spent her whole life - 46 years so far - as the youngest and smartest person in almost any room."

And here she is on the front page of the New York Times, and the color picture, again with George W. Bush, over the headline "Compulsion to Believe," which refers not to Bush but to the woman he has appointed as his national security adviser.

In the late '70s and early '80s, when the Soviet Union was still a superpower locked in a Cold War with the United States, Rice was teaching at Stanford and just beginning to establish her reputation as an expert on military affairs in Europe. I was writing editorials about arms control. She became one of my sources.

I was dating the woman with whom Rice shared a house in College Terrace. The three of us spent some good times together, and those times showed me characteristics of Rice that over the years have helped bring her twice to the White House - this time as a president's chief mentor and adviser on national security.

In other words, if anywhere in the world there is a pre-emptive strike that threatens this country, she probably will be the civilian who hears about it first, explains it to a sleepy president, and suggests what he ought to do about it.

Not saying that 20 years ago I predicted that this young black woman from Birmingham - a city so segregated when she was a girl that it still had "colored" and "white" drinking fountains and restrooms - would

someday become the first female national security adviser. Nor did I foresee that on the way up she would be provost of Stanford. Or serve on the boards of the Hewlett Foundation, Charles Schwab Corp. and Chevron, the last of which has named a supertanker for her, thus creating a fantastic trivia question: What ocean-going ship has a name with two e's and two z's, and also includes something you eat?

But it was obvious, even back then, that Condoleezza Rice was a super-achiever. She already had been a piano prodigy at age 3 (her name is the Italian musical term for "play it sweetly") and a competitive figure skater and a college freshman at age 15.

And even in an era when many young Stanford teachers were routinely scruffy, Rice invariably was impeccably dressed, always in good, slightly conservative taste; then and now I would describe her shoes as "look but don't touch" heels.

She wasn't stuffy. She laughed a lot. She never bragged. But it was clear that Rice had been raised by her parents (a music teacher and college administrator) to be a lady beyond reproach. In those days, upper-middle class mothers in the South, black and white, told their children "remember who you are and where you came from." Rice never forgot. Not for a second.

To her, if anything was worth doing, it was worth doing with intensity.

She was an absolutely fierce tennis player, and so much a pro football fan that when Cincinnati Bengals and Denver Broncos games were not televised locally, Rice would call someone in a city where they were, and sit for the entire game, listening to the play-by-play on the phone and polishing her nails. Later, 49er executive

Carmen Policy would suggest her as a possible commissioner of the National Football League.

As Stanford provost, the first woman and first African-American in the university's top administrative and financial staff job, she inherited a \$43 million deficit.

Her response was to cut services and fire staff with what the New York Times would gingerly describe as "only limited faculty consultations." More telling was the quote from Rice herself: "I don't do committees." Not surprisingly, some Stanford people remember her less than fondly, as a "my way or no way" dictator.

Early on, Rice showed an iron-willed ability to get her way. When she moved from College Terrace into an apartment on campus, my son and I agreed to move her furniture. I assumed this was only the relatively light-weight stuff I had seen.

Wrong. Out of a storage warehouse came some of the biggest, heaviest antiques I have ever seen.

We'd had no warning of this, nor that the new apartment was on the second floor of a building with no elevator.

My son was then a shot putter for Palo Alto High. I am not small or frail. But when we saw that furniture and those stairs, we were ready to back out. That, however, was not an option.

Today I cannot remember exactly how Condi put it. She didn't raise her voice and she certainly didn't cry, but with a few calm, carefully chosen words she made it absolutely clear that nothing less than our manhood was on the line. We moved the furniture.

From all indications, the military posture of the new Bush administration will differ somewhat from the editorial prescriptions of my newspaper.

However, I personally will sleep better knowing that Rice is in command. And if someone gets carried away and predicts that she will become the first female president and the first black

president, I certainly will not bet against her.

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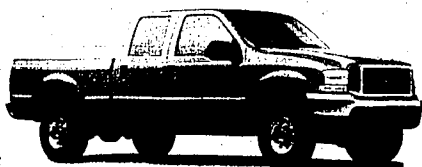
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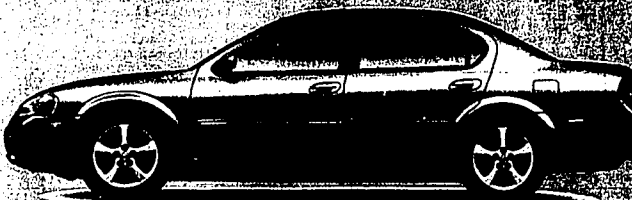


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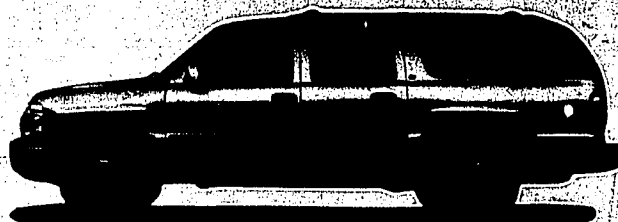


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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Man requires rescue after accident

**TWIN FALLS** - A 38-year-old Wendell man was in intensive care Sunday, after a snowmobile accident broke one or both of his legs.  
Bruce Roseborough had been riding his snowmobile in the South Hills Saturday when he hit a tree about a half-mile north of the Bosteter guard station on Dry Creek Canyon Road, said Cassia County Sheriff's Deputy Terry Bell.  
Roseborough had been snowmobiling with several other people, who reported the accident around 9 p.m., Bell said. Roseborough later told deputies he had been traveling 45 mph, Bell said.

Twin Falls County sheriff's deputies were at the scene and found Roseborough at 10:40 p.m., said Twin Falls County sheriff's spokeswoman Nancy Howell. Roseborough had broken his left femur, or thigh bone, and possibly his right, Howell said.  
Paramedics weren't able to get Roseborough out of the hills until after 2 a.m., at which time he was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Howell said.  
Roseborough was listed in critical condition Sunday afternoon.

### How to reach the Times-News today

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### Herrett Center gears up for Christmas eclipse

**TWIN FALLS** - The Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences has been looking forward to a day.  
Yes, because it's Christmas, too, but also because the last solar eclipse of the year - and the actual millennium - will be visible this morning.

The moon will begin to block a small portion of the sun at 8:17 a.m. local time. The eclipse will peak at 10:49 a.m.  
Faulkner Planetarium staff members will have special solar telescopes set up at the Herrett Center for a safe, close-up viewing of the eclipse.

Astrophysicist Chris Anderson says today's eclipse will be visible over the entire United States, but nowhere on earth will the eclipse be total.

The next substantial solar eclipse visible from Idaho will be in June 2002. After that, Idahoans will have to wait until 2012 for another partial solar eclipse.

### CSI to hold annual piano sale in early January

**TWIN FALLS** - The College of Southern Idaho's annual piano sale benefiting the school's music program is set for Jan. 6.  
The college has grand pianos, baby grand pianos, studios, consoles, professional uprights, spinets, Clavinovas, and digital ensembles and digital pianos. They are sold each year so that the college can obtain new pianos through the loan program.

The program has provided the college with a great variety of keyboards that would have been expensive to buy and maintain any other way, CSI Fine Arts Department Chairman Mike Green said.  
Interested buyers can call the college beginning Jan. 3, to make an appointment for the Jan. 6, sale at the Fine Arts Center. Call 733-9954, Ext. 2563.

The sale is managed by local piano dealer Keith Jorgensen Music Co. and Welch Music Inc.

### Quick Response Unit sets up fire victims fund

**FILER** - The Quick Response Unit has set up an account at U.S. Bank to help Jim and Rhonda Massie and their three young sons who recently lost their home in a fire.  
Donations may be made to the Jim and Rhonda Massie Relief account at U.S. Bank. Donations of clothing and household items may be dropped off at The Print Shop, 305 Main St. in Filer. The boys are ages 10, 8 and 4.

# Investigators say they're close

By Ruth Streeter  
Times-News writer

DNA could provide results in December 1999 slaying

**BURLEY** - Nearly a year after finding Kacy Kay Ray's body in the desert several miles south of Burley, Cassia County investigators are saying the same thing they have for months.  
They still expect to make arrests.  
But this time, they say, things are different.  
Now, sheriff's investigators are closer to getting DNA results. It might be the first time the sheriff's office has used DNA evidence in a murder investigation.

and this has been a unique case, in which fingerprints, blood samples and testimony haven't been enough to pinpoint a suspect, Crystal said.  
"I think we are closer now than we were six months ago," Cassia County Sheriff Billy Crystal said. "We know who was primarily responsible for the death. But we have not been able to collect sufficient evidence to file a criminal charge against them."  
For the first time, Crystal

acknowledged that investigators strongly suspect two people were involved in the Dec. 26, 1999 slaying of Ray, a local school teacher.  
Crystal said investigators are "fairly certain" of the identity of one person who was present when Ray was killed. But they can't identify the killer with certainty, he said.  
Detectives have followed up leads, and long-awaited results from DNA testing should come back soon, said Crystal, who expects an arrest to be made

within the next two or three months.  
The wait has been frustrating for Crystal, the community and Ray's family, as they await the DNA testing from forensic labs in Boise and out of state.  
Ray's parents, Leo and Judy Ray of Buhl, were vacationing last week and could not be reached for comment. In the past, however, Leo Ray has praised investigators and the way officials have kept the family reassured of their progress.

Like Crystal, Lt. Alan Smith, head of the sheriff's department's investigations division, is conscious of the time it's taken for necessary DNA evidence to come back from the lab.  
"We would have liked to have an arrest already. However the case is very active and we feel like we're very close," Smith said.  
The case has been complex and "somewhat overwhelming," Crystal said, and it occasionally went to the back burner in the forensic laboratory, while other cases headed to trial need evidence immediately.

# THE SMALL PEOPLE



Actress and children's author Jamie Lee Curtis chats with Bart Davis and his daughter, Aida, at Iconoclast Books in Ketchum where she signed copies of her latest children's book 'Where Do Balloons Go?'

## Actress signs books in Ketchum

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

**Interested?**  
Jamie Lee Curtis' new children's book, "Where Do Balloons Go?" is available for \$16.95 at bookstores.

**KETCHUM** - Actress Jamie Lee Curtis signed her name with a sweeping flourish and then signed as she got to take a momentary break from autographing copies of her latest book.  
"It was a good sign."  
"Book signings are much more pleasant when they're sporadic so I can talk with people," she said. "Signing books in bigger cities is like working at a factory. There's a whole book collector business where people buy books and have them signed so they can sell them on eBay. After 600 books, my hand's okay but a spirit's hurt. I feel like a

machine."  
Curtis, a 42-year-old Golden Globe winner with such movies as "True Lies," "My Girl," "Prom Night" and "The Fog" under her belt, was not the least bit animated as she signed copies of her latest children's book "Where Do Balloons Go?" Friday at Iconoclast Books in Ketchum.  
In fact, she was downright animated as she joked with the parade of book buyers, many of whom she knew from owning a second home in Ketchum.

"Oooh, small people," she cooed, delighting at a couple children in tow with Mom.  
"Balloons for all the kids," she added, gesturing for them to help themselves to one of the balloons hanging from the ceiling.  
"You can take your son over to Atkinson's Park here in Ketchum and tell him that's where this book was born," she told a Dad buying a Christmas present for his son.  
Indeed, Curtis got the idea at a children's birthday party three years ago. When everybody took shelter from the rain, one mischievous child united the balloons that had been brought in for party favors.  
"Mommy, where do balloons

go?" asked Rachel Evans, one of the tiny partygoers, tugging on her mother's dress. "At that moment I wrote the book. Okay, maybe it took me 10 minutes," Curtis said.  
The book is illustrated by California/New York artist Laura Cornell who even found a place to spoof the Bates Motel. It's filled with creativity, with lines that rhyme. To wit: "Are they always alone? Do they meet up in pairs? Do they ever get married and make balloon heirs?"  
Like Curtis' past books, which include "Today I Feel Silly and Other Moods That Make My Day," the book includes a hands-on page for children. In this case, a page full of stickers that young

## Energy prices chill valley residents

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - The first official day of winter was Friday, but many local residents have been feeling Jack Frost's nip for a while now - not only on their noses, but in their checkbooks.  
Take Helen Jackson for example.  
Jackson, 57, lives in a mobile home in Shoshone, which she heats with natural gas. Higher gas bills have affected her so much, Jackson said, that for the first time in her life she had to ask for help from the South Central Community Action Agency - which provides energy assistance in eight Magic Valley Counties.  
"I've never had to ask anybody for help, and that has taken a big chunk from my pride," Jackson, who works as a clerk in Shoshone County, said recently. "I turn my

furnace down to 55 degrees at night just to save. And I've never turned it down that low."  
Jackson's November heating bill was \$58. Her November bill last year was \$40.  
If the energy experts are correct, Jackson is looking at paying an even higher bill for December.  
The Energy Department estimated that heating bills for natural gas customers will be 50 percent higher this winter, even if winter weather is normal.  
Natural gas companies such as Intermountain Gas, which serves southern Idaho, have already increased their rates.  
The Idaho Public Utilities Commission gave Intermountain Gas approval this past month to increase its rates by another 20 percent. That adds to a 28 percent hike approved in July.  
Intermountain Gas asked for the increases in response to soaring wholesale prices for natural



Margarito Gatan adjusts the thermostat in his Twin Falls home. Gatan is one of 200,000 southern Idaho Intermountain Gas customers who are being affected by natural gas rate increases this winter.

gas. Gas that cost a little over \$2 per thousand cubic feet on the wholesale market last year spiked to between \$9 and \$20 per thousand cubic feet.  
The new rate will take effect Jan. 15.

Ken Robinson, executive director of the South Central Community Action Agency in Twin Falls, said the natural gas price increases are already affect-

## Conference to cost some big bucks

Elko County will spend \$50,000 for settlement meeting

Karen Terrell  
Times-News correspondent

**ELKO, Nev.** - As the fight over ownership of South Canyon Road near Jarbridge goes on, Elko County's cost in the dispute continues to rise - this time by \$50,000.

Earlier this week commissioners authorized the new expenditures to cover the cost of the participants in a court-ordered settlement conference scheduled for mid-January in Reno.

Commissioner Mike Nannini cast the lone dissenting vote, reaffirming his long-held belief that taxpayer money should not be used to fight a court battle with the federal government when a proposed settlement agreement could have been signed several months ago. The proposed agreement was a result of over three months of mediation between all sides to the dispute over the road leading into the wilderness area near Jarbridge.

Assistant District Attorney Kristin McQuary said the \$50,000 would be needed to cover the expenses of at least two expert-witnesses, two commissioners, legal staff and the cost of a court reporter. She said the purpose of the conference will center on whether the road is considered a county road under a statute that says all roads with a historical past belong to the county.

Bill Price and Dr. Wayne Burkhardt, both considered experts on South Canyon Road, will be presenting testimony for the county, McQuary said. Price is an Elko land surveyor and Burkhardt is a range management consultant from Idaho. Both have appeared at previous hearings in regard to the history of the disputed road.

Cash Minor, the county's financial officer, said the money would be coming from a fund originally established to encourage employees to take early retirement. He explained the response to the county's early retirement incentive plan was almost negligible and nearly \$250,000 remains on the books. Minor said last August the cost of the legal dispute over the road was about \$105,000 but the total didn't include staff time spent on the issue. McQuary has said in the past the majority of her time is spent on the legal problem, but her \$74,000 annual salary is not reflected in the county's costs.

U.S. Magistrate Robert A. McQuaid ordered the parties to the lawsuit to be in Reno Jan. 17 for the settlement conference which is expected to last two to three days. Each side of the controversy sent its argument to the judge. The process, McQuary explained, will help all the parties prepare for litigation if the case goes into court.

### More information

**E**lko County commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. Jan. 2 at the courthouse to swear in new members and elect the new chairman. Taking the oath of office will be Warren Russel, John Ellison and Mike Naam. Russel was elected to fill Tom Lesperance's seat and Ellison defeated current Chairman Roberto Skelton. Lesperance did not seek re-election. Naam was re-elected to a third term.

MAGIC VALLEY/NATION

Leaders to seek funding equality

POCATELLO (AP) — As lawmakers prepare for the 2001 legislative session, southeastern Idaho senators, representatives and school officials are to focus on establishing parity among the state's public universities.
"it is patently unfair to disadvantage southern Idaho students to help northern Idaho students," said state Rep. Kent Kunz, R-Pocatello. "I want new money to be directed to the haves-nots."

change how the State Board of Education will allocate state funds from the Legislature to universities. Kunz proposes that allocation be directly linked to enrollment figures, rather than calculating increases from a university's budget base.
The State Board of Education has historically distributed less money from its general fund to

Idaho State than to either Boise State University or the University of Idaho.
"They're not giving enough consideration that ISU has increased enrollment more than anyone else, and the funding hasn't increased to match that," said Sen. Lin Whitworth, D-Idaho.
Boise State has a budget request for fiscal year 2001 of \$87.5 million, while the University of Idaho asks \$106 million. Idaho State is asking for \$78.3 million.

Group calls 2000 good for land protection

BOISE — The Wilderness Society says officials did more this year to protect American lands than in any year since 1980, when the 105-million-acre Alaska Lands Act became law.
"The toughest area protection policy in national parks was made a long-term direction here in Idaho," said Craig Gehrke, Idaho director of The Wilderness Society. "Some of the state's best remaining chinook salmon and steelhead trout habitat will be protected from road building and logging."

Idaho in brief

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture will conduct inspections throughout next year.
"We will look for best materials and the mite which is easily identified because of its unique color," administrator Roger Vega said. "Without the obvious presence of this pest, the insect damage is often misidentified as a nutrient problem."

Assessment program for teachers draws attention

POCATELLO — An assessment program developed by Idaho State University's College of Education is gaining national attention with its ability to accurately monitor graduates' teaching abilities.
The college's education assessment system focuses on K-12 student performance. Teachers document their ability to plan and deliver instruction, evaluate student learning and analyze their instruction in terms of student performance.

"Federal Title 2 legislation is calling for teacher accountability," said College of Education Dean Larry Harris. "National and state governments not only want to know what a teacher knows and is able to do, but also the impact a teacher has on K-12 student learning."

Representatives of the college have delivered presentations about Idaho State's "Teacher Education Program Standards-Based-Assessment-System" to educators throughout the coun-

try.
"We'll have the ultimate accountability in Idaho when teachers and student meet the new achievement standards created by the State Board of Education," Harris said.

Officials suspect runaway wolf roams Camas Prairie

WINCHESTER — Officials at the Wolf Education and Research Center suspect a wolf missing since October is roaming the Camas Prairie or has dropped down into the Salmon River Breaks.

Chemuhk, the former alpha female of the captive Sawtooth Pack/Wolves of the Nez Perce escapee from the 20-acre enclosure near Winchester.

"There is a good chance she is still out there roaming around," pack manager Jerry Heft said. "It's just as likely she has died."

Heft said the center has not received any reports of the wolf preying on livestock or pets. Staff are still trying to bait Chemuhk with piles of food, but have had no success.

To survive, Chemuhk would have to successfully stalk and kill small game animals regularly. She has no known hunting skills, Heft said. It would be virtually impossible for her to take down a big game animal without assistance.

If Chemuhk has moved into the mountains to the west, Heft said it is unlikely that wild wolf packs would accept her. If she has stayed on the prairie or moved to the breaks, she likely will be or has been killed by coyotes.
— compiled from wire reports

Agriculture Dept. to boost inspection efforts for mite

BOISE — Idaho will increase inspection efforts for a new exotic mite in response to the pest's presence in Oregon.

The New Pest Advisory Group, which will oversee those efforts, is made up of representatives from the United States Department of Agriculture, Plant Protection and Quarantine, and the National Plant Board.

The flat scarlet mite was initially detected in Oregon in 1990 on apples, but was misidentified. It was found again this year on pears and now is a dominant species.

The pest is also found in Africa, Asia and Europe.

UPS driver's day includes 213 stops

By Sarah Sue Ingram Newport News (Va.) Daily Press

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — 'Twas the week before Christmas and all through the land, United Parcel Service workers were going bananas.

UPS driver Kenny Crenshaw was stirring hot mutton by the chiming chime behind him — a truck filled from floor to ceiling with packages. Riding shotgun on this day of delivery was an almost useless person in a UPS uniform. That would be me.

Wanting to see what these deliverers do during the pre-Christmas crunch, I received permission from company headquarters to witness a three-hour stretch of their busiest time of year. Only a sadomasochistic idiot would pick a 26-degree day to jump constantly in and out of a truck. Then again, I'm not as smart as Ginger, the Einstein canine. But more on that later.

Our adventure begins by delivering packages to the Marine Training Center across the street from the Newport News Daily Press' office.

"They're doing a good thing here," Crenshaw says as we pass an immense room with stacks and stacks of toys the Marines

will give to needy children.
Cpl. Michael Williams signs in the new packages, while Crenshaw enters into his handheld computer the time they were delivered.

"So he's got to do bookkeeping? As well as drive safely and carry heavy boxes that weigh up to 150 pounds?"

"The physical part doesn't bother me at all," Crenshaw says. "I don't mind pushing and pulling and tugging all day — it keeps you young. If I get stressed out, it's the mental part. Not only do I have deliveries, I have pickups also, and I have to be back at UPS by 7:30 p.m. or thereabouts."

"I love my job," Crenshaw says. "I've gotten attached to the people on my route. They've very nice to me. And I'm outdoors. I have a beautiful office, don't you think?"

His "office" is the cab of this long brown truck. A small St. Louis Rams banner dangles from the roof, and the only other thing of Crenshaw's is a blue Thermos bottle. There's no wasted space. There's usually no wasted time either.

We've made more stops and

now we're at a gated entrance of homes, but the woman who arrived ahead of us can't figure out how to work the call box to get security to lift the gate. We wait three minutes and then Crenshaw bounds out of the truck to help her. He's way more polite than I would have been — he doesn't roll his eyes even once.

"If you lose 15 minutes, you cannot make it up," he says.

He's got 213 stops today.
We go to the doors of three homes and leave boxes at their doors. Because it's a gated complex, he feels secure leaving these packages.

At other stops, he doesn't feel secure, so he jots down his initials and the time he tried to make the delivery on top of the package and puts it back in the truck. He'll make three delivery attempts.

The most unusual things he's ever delivered?

"Faximony stuff," Crenshaw says. "I delivered a whole turkey once. I guess you'd call it a mounted turkey. Deer heads. Eyeballs. A surfboard. Live iguanas that went to a tropical pet store. It had holes in the box and that's as close as I got to it. I'm not too keen on reptiles."



Pianist-comedian Victor Borge, right, mimics pianist Liberace, left, backstage at the Golden Theater in New York during intermission at Borge's one-man show "Comedy in Music" in this 1954 photo. Borge died in his sleep on Saturday. He was 91.

Victor Borge delighted audiences with music and jokes for decades

Pianist dies in his sleep at 91

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — When Victor Borge launched his career as a concert pianist in Denmark in 1926, he was not exactly destined to become one of the world's most famous pranksters.

Yet because he could not resist sabotaging his own stage performances with pranks, both physical and verbal, Borge gleefully derailed a promising future as a highbrow pianist. Instead, he fashioned himself into a screwball musical satirist, ultimately attaining greater fame than most of the serious classical musicians he had revered since his youth.

Borge died Saturday at age 91. His daughter, Rikke Borge, said he died in his sleep at his Greenwich, Conn., home as the family was gathering for Christmas.

His death removes from the world stage a unique merger of high classical art, low physical comedy and unusually dexterous stage routine. For although others have tried to follow in his distinctly skewed footsteps, Borge had no significant rivals in a career that spanned more than 70 years.

He could not be imitated because his comic persona and stage routine were tailored to his own personality quirks, musical gifts and screw-loose sense of humor. When he was on stage, he simply was playing himself, an innately talented musician terrified of finally sitting down at the keyboard and playing a concert.

Rather than getting to the Beethoven or Brahms at hand,

Borge stalled — repeatedly inspecting the piano, trying to find middle C, mixing up pages of sheet music, combing his hair, criticizing latecomers in the audience. The tension was hilarious, because no one knew when or if he might finally play a chord, and what it might sound like (usually discordant).

"Why is my art funny?" Borge asked himself in a 1987 Tribune interview. "Because I don't make fun of the music, I make fun of the people who play the music, and they are just hilarious."

"Look at a symphony concert on TV, for instance, and turn off the sound. I promise that if you have the slightest sense of humor, you will laugh yourself silly, the musicians look and act absolutely ridiculous."

Indeed, it was the pretensions of highbrow musicians, with their grand manner and palpable sense of self-importance, that Borge skewered mercilessly. No one laughed harder at a Borge concert than musicians, for they saw their own failings comically magnified in his act.

Born Borge Rosenbaum in Copenhagen on Jan. 3, 1909, the pianist acquired his knowledge of classical musicians early, having studied music with his father, Bernhard Rosenbaum, a violinist. Though the young man intended to become a bona fide concert pianist, an early performance with orchestra suggested a different direction might be in order.

When Borge lost his place in the music, he stopped playing, walked over to the conductor's podium, turned the poor man's score a few pages back, then returned to the piano. The audience reacted with stunned silence, then enormous waves of laughter.

Not only had Borge taken the heat off himself, but he had cunningly placed the blame for the train-wreck performance on an ostensibly confused conductor.
Incidents of this kind made Borge a top cabaret performer in Denmark in the 1930s. But his sharp political humor, aimed directly at Der Fuehrer, earned him a place on Adolf Hitler's "most subversive list" well before the Nazis entered Denmark, on April 9, 1940.

"In Denmark already there was a small party of (Nazi) sympathizers a couple of years before the invasion, and they began to bother me while I was on stage," said Borge during the Tribune interview. "For the last year-and-a-half, I didn't go out alone in the streets (of Copenhagen) because they were after me. Their publications threatened me, saying 'You wait, you just wait.'"

"What had Borge done to earn their hate?"

"It's nothing that I was doing, it's something I wasn't doing," he said. "I'm Jewish. That was enough, I think."

"But also, I would say in my performance, for instance, Germany has just signed a non-aggression pact with Denmark — so now the Germans can sleep quietly, they don't have to worry about being invaded by the Danes."

"I also said, 'The difference between Hitler and a dog, among other things, is that the Nazi licks his arm.'"

Were it not for a remarkable stroke of luck, Borge might not have escaped Denmark with his life. But on the day the Nazis invaded, he was performing in Stockholm, at which point he fled to the United States with \$20 in his pocket.

Different faiths share Christmas spirit

By Donna Gehrkow-White Knight Ridge News Service

MIAMI — Although they are devout Sikhs, Gulshan Singh and his wife, Daljit, wholeheartedly celebrate Christmas.

"We give presents, exchange Christmas cards," says Singh, a retired physician who lives in Plantation, Fla.

Like the Singhs, Christmas is like Thanksgiving: a secular American holiday to enjoy with their two sons and four grandchildren — part of the diversity they enjoy in multicultural South Florida.

Especially this year, with Hanukkah and Christmas so close together, the seasonal merrymaking poses a challenge to those of other faiths. Like the Singhs, other Sikhs, as well as Buddhists, Hindus and Muslims, see the holidays as a time to rest and enjoy time with their families — and to teach their children about tolerance while remaining faithful to their own religion.

"It's a time to be together," says Tuyen Lee, 20, who lives in Pembroke Pines, Fla., with his parents, who immigrated from Vietnam.

The Lees, who are Buddhists, have a family dinner on Christmas Day with their cousins, who live down the street. It's a rare opportunity for the whole family to come together, since they all run

businesses that leave them virtually no time off. Lee's parents own a hair and nail salon; his cousins, a restaurant.

"Nobody has time," says Lee, who helps out at his parents' salon while studying finance at Florida International University.

"So being together at Christmas is a treasured event. It would be the same for anyone — no matter the religion," he says.

The growing number of Hindus, Sikhs, Muslims and Buddhists in South Florida promotes the kind of support system that also helps families retain their own cultural and religious traditions.

Dr. Ramanuja Iyengar, an Indian-born cardiologist who lives in Bay Harbor, Fla., remembers that when he moved here 30 years ago, his family had to celebrate Hindu holidays at home, strictly among themselves,

because "they were hardly any Indians."

But he is overseeing construction of a large Hindu temple in South Florida to serve a congregation that currently gathers at temporary quarters in an old house — and which draws the faithful from as far away as Fort Myers, Fla.

That unity helps Hindu families decide whether they are going to celebrate Christmas — or not.

"Some do, some don't," says Iyengar. "I would say it's now 50-50. It depends how small their children are. If families have children under the age of 10 or 12, they would probably at least exchange gifts at Christmas."

Youngsters hear from classmates about the festivities of Christmas — especially Santa delivering presents — and they want to be part of it, he says.

DEATH NOTICES

**Wayne Matthews**
WENDELL — Wayne Matthews, 85, a resident of Wendell, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2000, at his home. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Dumaray's Wendell Chapel.

Services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

**Lavina Patterson**
RUPERT — Lavina Patterson, a 90-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Saturday, Dec. 23, 2000, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care Facility in Rupert. Funeral services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

**Forest M. Andrews**
TWIN FALLS — Forest M.

Perry A. Jones of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Sunset 340 Wald. LDS Church. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour before the service at the church.

**Robert 'Bob' S. Doney**
SHOSHONE — Robert 'Bob' S. Doney, 72, of Shoshone, died Saturday evening, Dec. 23, 2000, at his home in Twin Falls.

Lee E. Walton of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Calvary Baptist Church, 515 W. 27th St. in Burley.

Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10-10:45 a.m. Wednesday at

the church.

Evelyn Stanger of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

SERVICES

Lavina Patterson of Rupert, grand service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour before the funeral on Wednesday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

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## Jerome School District offers parenting classes

Three six-week sessions will be held Wednesdays

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - Free Active Parenting classes for parents in Twin Falls and Jerome counties will be offered by the Twin Falls School District and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

The classes will be held from 9 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays for six weeks. Three, six-week sessions will be offered.

The classes will cover a number of issues including parenting styles, parenting methods that have shown to be successful, discipline using non-violent meth-

ods, building courage and self-esteem in children, mutual respect, effective communication skills, why children misbehave and how to redirect that behavior, resolving conflicts peacefully and handling anger.

The sessions will run from Jan. 3 to Feb. 7 and Feb. 21 to March 28.

The classes will be held at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School in the Little House Family Center on the southeast corner of Elizabeth Boulevard and Eastland Drive.

No registration is required. Interested parents or soon-to-be parents can show up for the first class.

Call Margy Wray at 736-7649 to arrange free child care or call Marcia Lanting at 733-6900 for more information.

## Holiday school sports concern some

By Aaron Brock  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - Holiday vacation plans for the family were already set, but then Gary Harper discovered his daughter, who plays basketball for Raft River High School, had a game on Dec. 21.

"We're having to split up as a family," he said. "Part of us are staying home so she can go play ball, and part of us are leaving."

The game in question did not appear on Harper's copy of the schedule, so he was surprised when he saw an updated list of games.

"Originally, we were going to play that game the first week of January," Raft River girls' basketball coach Dennis Lee explained, noting the schedule was changed during the 1999-2000 school year.

Still, Harper believes there is a problem here, not with the schedule confusion, but with the role sports are playing at the high school level, especially over the holidays.

"I have a concern as a parent," said Harper, who is a member of the Cassia County School Board. "Holidays should be family time."

Harper is a supporter of athletics, but he sees a problem when they become a top priority for students.

Jerry Doggett, the Cassia School District superintendent, agreed this is an area of concern.

"There is some feeling that high school athletics is taking a disproportionate amount of time," Doggett said.

But, he added, athletes generally carry pretty good grade point averages, so they can handle both sports and academic requirements.

The state allows girls' and boys' basketball teams to play 20 games, not including the playoffs, and almost all teams try to play that many contests. A few years ago there was some talk of limiting the season to 18 games, but opposition to this plan was stiff,



The Minico High School girls basketball team warms up before a recent game against Skyline High School. Even over the holidays, athletics take up a substantial chunk of time, and some parents would like to see coaches and athletic directors scale back games and practices over the Christmas season.

and the state stayed with a 20-game formula.

In order to cram 20 games into a limited season, there must be a few games over the holidays, said Gary Huxsey, the athletic director for Burley High School.

"You need the whole season to play 20 games," he said. "As long as the state says we're allowed to play 20, then most teams are going to play 20."

Usually, athletic directors try not to schedule more than two games in any week, Huxsey said. If there were no games over the holidays, then teams would need several three-game weeks to make up the difference.

At its meeting last week, the Cassia School Board discussed asking area athletic directors to

scale back games and practices over the Christmas season. But several board members pointed out that this could have adverse effects on area teams.

If other schools around the state are practicing and playing games, then schools who take that time off could fall behind, Harper agreed.

"It can't be just Raft River High School that doesn't play," he said.

So to really be an effective measure, a ruling would have to affect the entire state. The Cassia School Board said it would explore this option at the state level.

But changes at the state level will be opposed, and if anything happens it will take several

years, Doggett said.

Minico High School Junior Clare Bodensteiner, a member of the girls' basketball team, said she has no problem with practices and games over the holidays.

"I think it's about right," she said. "If there wasn't practice over the break, then I'd be at the gym anyway."

And, she said, there is still time for family activities.

"Out of the whole day, you only practice maybe two hours," she said.

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## CSI TODAY

**Today**  
Campus offices are closed all week for Christmas break.

**Tuesday**  
"Steamrolling Through the Holidays," 7 and 8 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

"Site Extraction" art show, Herrett Center, Jean B. King Gallery (through Jan. 27).

**Wednesday**  
"Steamrolling Through the Holidays," 1, 2 and 3 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Snake River Kennel Club monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor ZSC.

**Thursday**  
"Steamrolling Through the Holidays," 1, 2 and 3 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Golden Eagle women's basketball team plays in the Roughriders

**Holiday Classic** through Saturday in Prescott, Ariz.

**Friday**  
"Steamrolling Through the Holidays," 1, 2, 3, 7 and 8 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

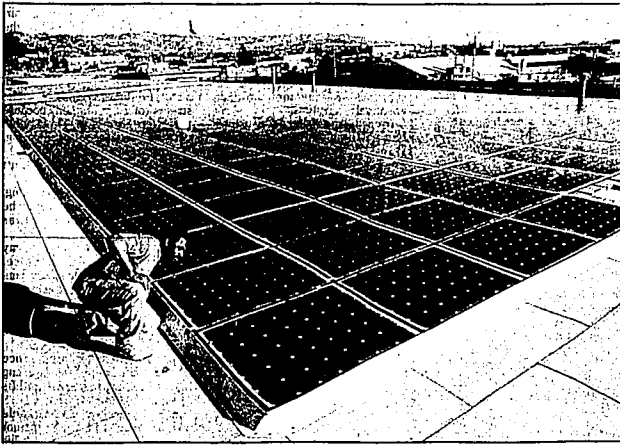
Christians on Campus "Victorious Living" 12-step program, 7 p.m., Shields 102.

Narcotics Anonymous weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 112.

**Saturday**  
"The Explorers," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

"Steamrolling Through the Holidays," 4, 7 and 8 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

**Sunday**  
Magic Valley Bible Church, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shields 117 and 118.  
Church of Christ, 10:30 a.m., Evergreen A05.



A PowerLight employee inspects the 100 kilowatts of photovoltaic panels lining the company's Berkeley, Calif., factory roof on Monday, Dec. 18, 2000.

## California considers alternative energy

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** - Alternative energy sources are becoming more attractive to Californians as they face an energy crisis with soaring natural gas prices, tight supplies of electricity and imminent electricity rate hikes.

"But the energy generated by renewable sources, such as the sun, wind and the Earth's own heat, so far accounts for only 12 percent of California's power usage."

"We would like to increase the amount of generation from renewable resources in the state," said Marwan Masri, manager of the California Energy Commission's renewable energy program. "But the cost is high at first."

Thanks to its price, natural gas had been the favorite means of producing electricity in the state, generating almost 50 percent of California's power.

But that has changed dramatically. From last winter's range of \$2 to \$3 per 1,000 British thermal units, natural gas shot up to \$30 per 1,000 Btu last month.

For months, California's electricity grid has been stressed by high demand, scant reserves and soaring wholesale prices.

With electricity imports slowing to a trickle, managers of the state's power grid declared an alert Thursday, asking consumers to cut their usage and warning

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- Rich Ferguson, research director of the Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technology

some commercial customers they might be required to cut back.

There have been nearly three dozen power alerts since June.

The Public Utilities Commission on Thursday approved rate increases for customers of two financially troubled utilities - Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and Southern California Edison Co. - which blame \$8 billion in losses since May on soaring wholesale costs and frozen customer rates.

Formal approval is not expected until Jan. 4 and the size of the increases is not yet public.

All that directs new attention to alternative energy sources.

"If the gas prices stay where they are, this stuff looks a whole lot better," said Rich Ferguson, research director of the Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technology.

A state program offers incen-

tives, such as payment of part of the start-up costs, to get companies and homeowners to use renewable resources, and it's gaining momentum.

"Today, market prices have been really high and these renewables are a bargain," Masri said. "The question is not to lose momentum."

The cost of wind and geothermal energy is currently on a par with that of natural gas; wind generation averages 5 cents per kilowatt hour and geothermal averages 7 cents. Solar power, however, is still expensive, at 20 to 40 cents a kilowatt hour.

Masri thinks the costs will eventually come down significantly, making alternative energy costs consistently competitive with natural gas.

"The one trend we know is renewable energy gets cheaper and cheaper over time. The cost has been dropping," he said. "It hasn't dropped far enough, but it is declining."

Kari Smith, manager of green power resources for PowerLight Corp., a Berkeley-based company that sells and installs solar panels, sees alternative energy expanding in the future.

"The economics are changing. The price of natural gas has doubled in the last year, where the price of wind and solar is coming down," Smith said. "We see it as a real promising sector."

## People start to rebuild months after fires

**PINE JUNCTION, Colo. (AP)** - Half-built houses, burned-out cars and blackened kitchen appliances litter the stark, ash-filled landscape.

This Christmas, instead of stringing holiday lights on homes, residents are living with friends or relatives, in nearby apartments or in mobile homes

they've parked on their property. Six months after this-mountainous neighborhood was ravaged by wildfire, many people are just beginning to rebuild, and others have decided to move on.

"It's stuff. Nobody got hurt," Shelly Huddleston said wistfully as construction crews worked on

interior walls of her house. "I cried when-I-thought-about-the house not being decorated for Christmas."

The June 13 fire was one of two major blazes that destroyed 51 homes near Pine Junction southwest of Denver and a second residential area east of Rocky Mountain National Park.

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ing his agency, with more and more people asking for help.

"We're flooded," Robinette said. "People are coming in every single day. Our appointments are booked through January 2001."

Robinette said the agency helped pay heating bills for more than 3,000 people between Dec. 1, 1999, and April 2000, providing average aid of \$198. This year, Robinette said, the agency is expecting to serve at least 4,000 people, with aid averaging \$230.

The agency receives federal money through the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. Congress has allotted \$1.4 billion for the country's low-income heating assistance program.

In Idaho, about \$6 million is available. At least 24,500

Idahoans are expected to receive help paying heating bills this winter.

Jackson will get about \$185 from the community action agency to help with her heating costs.

The agency also plans to weatherize Jackson's home, insulating it and putting on new front and back doors - projects that could have set Jackson back about \$2,000.

Margarito Gatán will also have his Twin Falls home weatherized this year, thanks to the South Central Community Action Agency.

With his daughter Juanita Gattano translating for him, Gatán said the higher gas prices have hit him hard this winter.

Gatán spent \$74 on his

November heating bill - from Nov. 10 through Dec. 18. He spent \$49 the month before.

Gatán lives on Social Security benefits - \$543 a month of that. Gatán said he spends \$225 on rent and about \$100 on electricity. It is getting harder and harder to survive, he said.

The South Central Community Action Agency plans to give Gatán about \$125 for heating expenses this winter, but he will still feel the brunt of the rate hikes, he said.

What will he do if his heating bills keep rising?

"Get out of the house," he said, laughing.

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## Curtis

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readers can punch out and affix to an open page colored like the sky to tell their own story about balloons.

"Janie seems to capture the imagination - and children respond to it. Maybe she thinks like a 4-year-old," said Inconlast owner Gary Hunt.

"I'm much more comfortable with 4-year-olds," Curtis said, looking up from her book signing.

So, how does one get from a slasher/thriller flick, like "Halloween" - one of Curtis' first movies - to writing children's books?

"I didn't write 'Halloween.' I merely ran around and pretended I was scared," she said. "This is a whole different thing because this comes from your mind."

"My daughter knows you far more for your literary talents," one book signer assured her.

Book writing came naturally, Curtis said, from listening to her daughter who is now 15 and writing down observations.

It's taken precedence over movie making.

"The movies are about youth and beauty," she said.

It's earned her a place on the

New York Times bestseller list and interviews on "The Tonight Show." And it's won her a soft spot in the hearts of parents who read her books to their children.

Father-in-law Bart Davis mentioned his newly adopted daughter Adia to the book signing.

"She loves Janie Lee Curtis," he said. "She goes 'Wa-wa-wa-wa' whenever we read her one of her books. We especially like her book about being adopted."

(When I Was Little: A Four-Year-Old's Memoir of Her Youth). When Adia gets older it's going to be really nice to sit down with that book because that book's a lot like what we went through."

Dean Oliver set a stack of 10 books before Curtis - two for each of his two daughters and three goddaughters.

"I met this man in Chateau Drugs when he was trying to buy his first location devices," said Curtis, as she bounced in her chair to peppy music in the background. "I became his advisor at that time."

Curtis wrote the children's names in one balloon. "Merry Christmas 2000" in another balloon and sketched a heart in the

middle of her signature page.

"Kids love hearts. It's like sign language for kids - a universal symbol every kid knows," she said.

Dressed in black from head to toe - a black turtleneck, casual black pants and black Snow Clogs - the daughter of Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh was able to bestow a personal touch on everyone who had a book for her to sign. She let Grandpas peek her on the cheek while Grandmas snapped pictures. She let teen-age harp player Sarah Hess about the harp her husband Christopher Guest brought over from his grandmother in London.

"Nicky," she paused as she wrote the next child's name. "I had a brother named Nicky. He's passed away now. Drug addiction, you know."

"I'm predicting there's going to be a big return on that name in the future," she said later. "The whole Henry, George, Jack crazy - I predicted it 10 years ago."

She paused.

"That's the other bad thing about book signings. You really want to have another baby because you learn all these cool names you could call them."

NATION

# Here comes the Reale Millennium

### A year after the celebrations, the true millennium approaches

NEW YORK (AP) — For calendar purists, it's a one-in-a-thousand chance to get things right. For cities whose parties flopped a year ago, it's a chance for redemption. Get ready — or not — for the Real Millennium, as opposed to the boisterous but mathematically incorrect celebrations that swept the globe when the Year 2000 arrived. The number was nice and neat. But under the widely used Gregorian calendar, which started with the year 1, only 1,999 years had elapsed since the start of the first millennium. The third millennium doesn't begin until this coming New Year's Eve gives way to Jan. 1, 2001.

For most of the world, the evening will be more or less routine with few extraordinary festivities. But America's official timekeeper, the U.S. Naval Observatory, will hold a first-come, first-served open house for 3,000 people at its Washington headquarters to welcome the new millennium accurately.

"We always said the Year 2000 was the odometer effect — all those zeros turning over," said astronomer Steven Dick, the observatory's official historian. "We get the occasional letter or e-mail congratulating us for setting the record straight."

The observatory's party will be relatively sedate — no alcohol allowed. The mood may be different in Las Vegas and Denver, where civic leaders vow to make amends for egregiously unsuccessful celebrations a year ago. "This is the real millennium," said Denver Mayor Wellington Webb. "Everybody else got it wrong and we've got it right."

Denver officials were red-faced last year after extensive security measures, imposed because of previous post-Super Bowl riots, resulted in a near-empty downtown. One local TV anchorman, after showing spectacular fire-



Cory Watkins of Enid, Oklahoma, affixes tubes that will hold explosive charges for Denver's fireworks celebration to welcome in the year 2001. The Reale Millennium will be celebrated in Denver and Las Vegas.

works and light shows from overseas, mockingly waving a police flashlight to portray Denver's this show. This year, upward of 100,000 people are expected for a fireworks extravaganza in downtown, capping daylong festivities on Dec. 31.

Las Vegas is also determined to redeem itself after bombing on national television last year. The city made news that night not for festivities, but for a young man falling to his death after climbing a power pole.

Stung by criticism, Las Vegas intends to explode \$500,000 worth of fireworks in 10 minutes this New Year's Eve over the Strip. The police force is preparing for a crowd of 500,000, double last year's.

In Los Angeles, ridiculed for its fabled \$6-million bash a year ago, city officials also promised to do better next time — in Y2K. Five New Year's Eve events last year drew an estimated 18,700 people, even though 87,000 tickets were given away.

"If anybody a thousand years from now gets ready to plan it, we'll tell them what not to do," said City Councilwoman Rita Walters.

In cities where partying went well a year ago, normalcy has returned. In New Orleans, for example, a New Year's Eve cruise on the steamboat Natchez will be \$140, down from last year's \$200.

In Philadelphia, party planners were able to dodge the "real millennium" debate and find another reason to celebrate.

The year 2001 is the undisputed 100th birthday of Philadelphia's City Hall; there will be a parade, fireworks and a tribute to the 695-room edifice — the nation's largest municipal building. The 650 couples who wed in a millennium ceremony are invited back for a first-anniversary toast.

Elsewhere, little or no commotion is expected at places that drew throngs of visitors a year ago to see various "first" sunrises. Communities in eastern Maine, for example, plan only modest celebrations.

Britain, which billed itself world millennium headquarters by virtue of having the prime meridian at Greenwich, has also scaled back its celebration. Last year, there were fireworks along the Thames, and there was the Millennium Dome, the government's big idea for celebrating the new age.

The dome opened last Dec. 31 with a party attended by Queen Elizabeth II. Since then, it has struggled to attract visitors, required infusions of cash and is set to close after this New Year's Eve.

To add to a sense of anticlimax, London canceled this year's New Year's Eve fireworks show because of fears the subway system couldn't handle the crowds.

For the Chatham Islands, the first inhabited land to witness the New Year, frenzied millennial celebrations are a thing of the past.

"We blew our budget last year and walked away with a huge headache," said Robin Preece, an organizer of the 2000 celebrations on the islands east of New Zealand. "But we had a lot of fun."

## Cool head can be useful when coping with winter

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — The water pipes are cracking. Car batteries are failing. The heat in your apartment is barely registering on the thermometer. And we're only in the first week of winter.

But the attack of the frigid elements does not have to occur without a battle. While mechanics, tow-truck drivers and plumbers responded to emergencies as temperatures dropped below freezing across parts of the United States, some of them took a break to offer advice on how to avoid having to call them this winter.

Cheryl Bailey, co-owner of AAA Archer Heating & Sewers in Chicago, said water pipes in homes whose basements are not so insulated as other rooms are vulnerable to freezing.

"We haven't had this cold in a few years, so some people are forgetting what to do," Bailey said. "We've been running around all day today, fixing people's busted pipes."

Bailey said letting faucets slowly drip usually works to prevent pipes from freezing. However, in the last few years, people have begun wrapping their water pipes in insulation or "heat tape," which can be bought at most hardware stores.

"Doing that, especially in the basement, can really make sure you don't have problems," she said.

Cars also became susceptible to the harsh cold, but a quick oil change could be a big help, said Dominic Rosignolo, manager of

Automotive Tech Center in Oak Park, Ill.

In winter, he said, cars should have a lighter weight of oil, such as 5W30 rather than the standard 10W30, because heavier oil freezes easier and makes it harder for car engines to turn over.

"The cleaner your oil, the better chance your car will start," Rosignolo said. In Chicago, landlords are required to keep apartment temperatures at least 68 degrees for most of the day and 63 degrees overnight.

Apartment temperatures in other municipalities may differ, depending on town ordinances. "This is something the city takes very seriously," said Kristen Lobbins-Cababan, spokeswoman for the Chicago Department of Buildings, who noted the department responded to more than 15,000 heat-related complaints last year.

Also, pets must be cared for a little more delicately during the harsh cold.

Kelle Spoden, animal control warden at DuPage County (Ill.) Animal Control, said the agency receives a lot of calls in subzero conditions about dogs left outside. But if the owner has provided the animal with proper food, water and shelter, Animal Control is virtually powerless to intervene, she said.

However, owners who do keep dogs outside should set up dog houses with flaps to block the wind, along with plenty of bedding, Spoden said. Owners whose dogs venture out only occasionally still need to worry about paws freezing quickly in the ice and snow, she said.

## Hillary seeks new digs for Democrats

New York Daily News

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton's hunt for an imposing Georgetown home is being driven by her desire to position herself as the new intellectual and leading leader for the out-of-power Democratic Party, the New York Daily News has learned.

"It needs to be somewhat grand," said a knowledgeable source about Hillary's dream house. Clinton needs such a base to help transform her from freshman senator to "powerbroker in the mode of the late Pamela Harriman, who provided a haven for the Democrats during their long Reagan-Bush exile from the White House."

Clinton, the source says, knows she needs a house that can function simultaneously as a residence and home office for her — and an intellectual salon for her party's brainy stalwarts.

One source said Clinton intends to be "the hostess with the mostest."

If the first-lady's grand scheme succeeds, Clinton will enhance her chances of being a top Democratic presidential or vice presidential prospect in 2004.

"It's a totally new model," the source said, a "Pamela Harriman for the new century... that's the role she wants to fill."

Harriman, the wife and lover of a string of famous men ranging from Winston Churchill's son, Randolph, to W. Averell Harriman, died in 1997.

"After (Ronald) Reagan won the presidency, she just set out to create the new power center for out-of-power Democrats," Sally Bedell Smith, a Pamela Harriman biographer, said. Her Georgetown salon became "a comfortable, elegant place for party leaders and aspiring politicians to get together."

"Because the Democrats won't have the White House, they're going to need a place to meet and entertain," a source said. "I guess Hillary sees herself as the hostess."



Hillary Clinton

## Competition arises for DNC job

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson plans to challenge fund-raiser extraordinaire Terry McAuliffe to become chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Jackson had been approached by several black leaders, including Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., and Texas state Rep. Al Edwards, chairman of the DNC's black caucus, who complained that they were not consulted before McAuliffe decided to run.

"This is not a protest campaign," Jackson said. "This is a campaign to win and to lead."

Maynard, the first black mayor of Atlanta, said the Democrats won't be able to take back the White House in 2004 without winning some southern states. He said he would be a strong organizer for the 2002 and 2004 campaigns.

McAuliffe quickly landed the endorsements of President

Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt and Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle. He also has the support of Energy Secretary Alexis Herman, former Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros, Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and AFL-CIO President John Sweeney.

The Democrats' most prolific fund-raiser, McAuliffe also chaired Clinton's 1997 inaugural and the 2000 Democratic National Convention.

"I have broad support from every element of the Democratic Party: labor, business, conservative, liberal, every ethnicity involved," McAuliffe said. "We need to be one organized party to want to bring a lot of excitement, unity and purpose to this party and build on the successes that we had in this election."

Jackson said he had hopes of

winning. "This thing is not locked up," he said Saturday in a telephone interview. "We believe we have a chance to win this."

McAuliffe's campaign is being directed by outgoing national chairman Joe Andrew. The Democrats' general chairman, former Philadelphia Mayor Edward Rendell, also is stepping down.

The controversy over the Democratic leadership follows a huge outpouring of support for the party by blacks, who favored Gore over George W. Bush by a margin of 9-to-1, according to exit polls. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People spent \$9 million to get blacks to the polls.

If he wins, McAuliffe has pledged to name blacks to top party positions and to hold hearings on whether black voters were disenfranchised on Election Day.

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# Float home solitude on lake Pend Oreilles lures hardy souls

**BAYVIEW (AP)** - Nikki Charlton takes a break from her desk and looks out the window. Low clouds scud over the snowy mountains that ring Lake Pend Oreille. A raft of ducks bobs by. The 54-year-old legal consultant works from home. Home is on the water. This is the third winter Charlton is spending in the two-story float home she and her husband moor in Pend Oreille's Scenic Bay. "I just feel real privileged. This is just a special way of living,"

Charlton says. "It's so quiet. It makes you think each day of what you're doing." The peaceful beauty of life on a winter lake generally makes up for the antifreeze dumped into the drain after every shower to keep pipes open, the 40-minute trips to the post office lugging a 100-pound propane tank down a steep dock. "Storms are kind of fun," Charlton says. "We can really rock. It's even knocked pictures off the walls. We know when things go bump in the night, it's

just the float house bumping against the dock." Only a handful of hardy northern Idaho souls live on the water year-round. Deep enough to remain ice-free, Scenic Bay holds most, if not all, of them - five floating households. Owners say the lifestyle probably is cheaper per month than living on land. Because space is minimized, heating bills are lower. But the houses are considered personal property, so owners lack an investment in real

property and must pay personal property tax. Cory English and her husband, Dan, are spending their first winter in their float home, a refurbished boat shed. Cory English drives to Spokane four days a week to work as a physical therapist at Deaconess Medical Center. Dan works in Coeur d'Alene as Kootenai County's clerk. The two own a roomy home in Coeur d'Alene. But they opted for a change of scenery this year. "Part of it is the adventure,

just to see if we can do it," Cory English says. "Part of it was to cut back and live more simply." Float home life is a sheer pleasure in the summer. Few stay through the year. Other bays in the area freeze, blocking boat access. Or lake levels drop, like they do around Heyburn State Park and Conklyn Park. "Nobody lives there year round," says Ron Hise, the state park's assistant manager. "If he's kind of neat if you didn't have to worry about getting in and out too often."

An Idaho Department of Lands count in 1990 revealed 171 float homes on northern Idaho lakes and rivers. Of those, 61 were on Lake Coeur d'Alene, in places like Wolf Lodge Bay and other bays; 28 were on Hidden Lake; and 81 were on Lake Pend Oreille. The total is dropping: The state of Idaho has not allowed new floating homes since 1978. State officials protecting the public's ownership of submerged land say the policy reflects the fact that houses belong on land.

## Recent deaths spark concerns over deadly gas in houseboats

**PHOENIX (AP)** - The Dixey brothers had been swimming under and around their family houseboat when 8-year-old Logan lost consciousness and 11-year-old Dillon went into convulsions. Both sank and died from carbon monoxide poisoning.

For emergency room physician Robert Baron, whose concerns about carbon monoxide poisonings around houseboats had been growing for six years, the deaths at Lake Powell proved too much to ignore. "When the Dixeys died, I said, 'I don't care if this is the only lake in the world where this is happening, we've got to stop it,'" said Baron, medical director at the Canyon Recreation Area, where the boys died.

The deaths drove Baron to conduct a formal study with the National Park Service and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. Recently released findings suggested a growing problem, especially among houseboats using a popular hull design with a rear exhaust for gasoline-powered electric generators. Nine people have died and 102 were sickened by carbon monoxide at Lake Powell in the past decade, according to the report. Of the deaths, seven involved houseboats with the rear exhaust design.

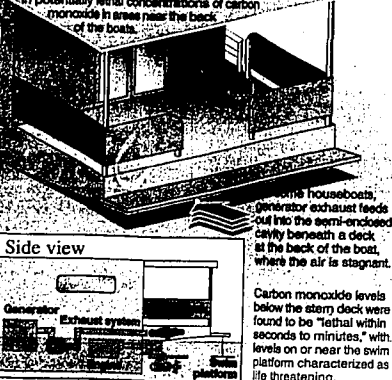
The potentially fatal hazard hasn't been limited to the Arizona-Utah border. In Ancker, 15 people were hospitalized in a swimming pool in Ky., for about a day after being overcome by carbon monoxide on two rented houseboats. And, in June, four people died from exposure to the fumes from a houseboat in Missouri. The same month, carbon monoxide killed a 61-year-old woman who was cleaning algae on a houseboat in Tennessee.

Exposure to carbon monoxide can cause headaches, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea, dizziness, Baron said. Complicating matters is that symptoms may disappear quickly and drowned swimmers are rarely tested for the poisonous gas, he said. Separate test results released Wednesday by the national occupational safety board showed similar fume buildups at Lake Umbagog.

The findings grabbed the industry's attention, said Lyn Turpin of Somerset Custom House Boats in Somerset, Ky. "It's a big deal," Turpin said. "We need to do everything we can within the design constraints of the boat to make it safer." A hazard-reducing redesign of the boats was recommended last week in a report from the Centers for Disease Control and

### Danger may loom below deck

Following the carbon monoxide poisoning death of two young boys who were swimming under and around their family's houseboat, researchers conducted a study of houseboats with that hull design. The study found that generator exhaust from those houseboats resulted in potentially lethal concentrations of carbon monoxide in areas near the back of the boats.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention P. Santoli/AT

Prevention in Atlanta. National statistics on boating accidents and fatalities compiled by the U.S. Coast Guard give little insight into the scope of carbon monoxide poisonings. The agency is planning to survey 85 boat builders about the problem in a preliminary step toward a possible recall. "It's an attempt at cooperation, to get them to take this seriously," said Randolph Doubt, a Coast Guard civilian engineer. "That makes things a lot easier all the way around."

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# Conservative groups worry over Cabinet

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Just about this time last year, many conservatives were swallowing whatever doubts they had about George W. Bush, convinced he was the GOP's best bet for the White House.

Now that he is naming a Cabinet, some members of the base he wooed so hard are beginning to fret that he will give in too readily to calls for healing and bipartisanship.

"We do want outreach — to the conservatives," said Phyllis Schlafly, president of Eagle Forum, scoffing at the much-touted diversity in the first batch of appointees. Mr. Bush introduced last week, including the nation's first black secretary of state, Colin Powell.

"Bush reached out to these other groups — the blacks and the Hispanics — and he got less support from them than Ronald Reagan did. He ought to do his reaching out to the people who elected him," she said.

To be sure, many conservatives are pleased at Bush's appointments so far. They embraced the choice for attorney general, defeated Sen. John Ashcroft of Missouri, who is staunchly anti-abortion and closely aligned with religious conservatives.

But many disdained the other nomination unveiled Friday: New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman, a moderate who supports abortion rights, to run the Environmental Protection Agency. While most have kept any concerns private, many leaders from the right confess that there is nervousness in the ranks.

"I think he has a right wire walk ahead of him," said Kenneth Connor, president of the Family Research Council, adding that he isn't worried himself.

"The first rule of politics is dance with the ones that (brought) you. At the same time he clearly has to reach out (to Democrats) to try to create that consensus that provides the foundation for advancing the agenda. I am confident that he appreciates the need to maintain his base."

Academics and conservatives agree that Bush faces a delicate balance as he forms a government and decides which parts of his agenda to push early.

"There's all kinds of pressures on him," said Stuart M. Butler, vice president of domestic and economic policy studies at the conservative Heritage Foundation, and co-editor of the group's "Priorities for the President" project. "He needs to keep moderates happy, yet deliver for conservatives. He's shown himself so far to be very adroit."

Butler noted that even Reagan, at least in his first term, had to build bipartisan coalitions on Capitol Hill and sometimes had to circumvent his own party's leadership to do it. Unlike his predecessor, Bush's party controls the House, and a 50-50 split in the Senate means that Vice President-elect Dick Cheney could cast deciding votes.

Peter W. Schramm, director of the Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs, a conservative think tank at Ashland University in Ohio, thinks concerns that Bush won't get much of a honeymoon are overblown. For one thing, he said, Republicans are mindful that they lost two of the last three presidential races and barely won this one.



Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., is seen during an interview in his Capitol Hill office Dec. 18. Republicans are ecstatic about George W. Bush's White House victory, but it may be the Democrat Daschle who reaps the biggest windfall.

# Minority leader gains stature

## Daschle's stock rises with Republican in White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, only a vote away from bringing his party back into the majority, will likely soon emerge as the nation's most visible Democrat once Republican George W. Bush moves into the White House.

With the Senate divided 50-50 between the parties and only 41 votes needed under its rules to thwart most legislation, Daschle, more than any other Democrat in the country, will have the power to block Bush's agenda or at least extract concessions in exchange for it.

And if an historical trend persists — the losing party in a presidential election picks up seats in Congress two years later — or one

of the GOP's aging senators leaves office suddenly, Daschle could quickly find himself atop the first Democratic minority in either house of Congress since 1994.

"He is the leading Democrat in the country," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., a longtime friend who is part of Daschle's leadership team. "He has a national platform. I think you will see him emerge as a significant new force in national politics."

The soft-spoken Daschle, 53, plays down talk of his own rising star.

"I don't think I'm the top anything," the South Dakota Democrat said in an interview in his Senate office, sitting next to a crackling fire. "I see myself as one of many faces in Democratic leadership that hopefully will be able to articulate the vision of our party, but I don't think I have it alone."

Daschle, who stood by Vice President Al Gore during his

postelection battle in Florida, acknowledges that his own hand is stronger with Bush's victory.

"I think there is something to that," he said. "Although I wouldn't hesitate to trade — that is, to have a President Gore and a Vice President Lieberman."

Working opposite a Republican president for the first time provides Daschle both a challenge and an opportunity to be more active in shaping party policy. He says he will share setting the agenda with House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., who will have nine fewer votes than Republicans in that chamber.

Counting the tie-breaking vote of Vice President-elect Dick Cheney, Daschle has only one less vote than Republicans in the Senate. But it's Senate rules that give the minority party more power than in the House that give Daschle the stronger hand.

# Will appeal turn Oklahoma bomber into a martyr?

DENVER (AP) — Some people think Timothy McVeigh wants to become a martyr for anti-government causes. Others believe the convicted Oklahoma City bomber wants to control the only thing he can — his execution date.

Ever since his arrest just 90 minutes after the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building that killed 168 people, McVeigh has never admitted involvement or given any reason for his actions. And McVeigh isn't saying why he has asked a federal judge to stop his appeals process and set an execution date. U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch, who presided over McVeigh's trial, ordered a hearing on that request for Thursday in his Denver courtroom. McVeigh will participate by a videoconfer-

encing link from a federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind., where he is on death row.

No federal prisoner has been executed in 37 years.

"I think death is too easy for him. My wife would be that he would have to spend the rest of his life in jail," said Marsha Kight, whose daughter was killed in the blast.

The 32-year-old Gulf War veteran became angered by government actions including the raid on the Branch Davidians compound near Waco, Texas, and the FBI standoff with Randy Weaver and his family at Ruby Ridge, Idaho. Prosecutors argued at his trial that McVeigh hoped the bombing would capitalize on anti-government sentiment and ignite a revolution.



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# Aid pours in for students with dashed hopes

## Man promises college tuition to students who lost scholarships

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A Virginia real estate investor promises he'll raise the funds to pay the college tuition costs of more than 40 Washington, D.C., public school students who were promised scholarship money from a foundation that has since folded.

Joseph E. Robert Jr., who heads a group called Fight for Children, which provides grants for scholarships and children's charities, said he would cover whatever tuition costs are not paid by federal and local grants to which the students are entitled.

"I hope it helps them restore what's been a shattered dream over the last couple of days," Robert said.

A number of other individuals and organizations also have come forward to help the students. A group called the D.C. College Access Program, a nonprofit that provides scholarship money, has been coordinating donations with assistance from the D.C. mayor's office.

The students' situation was described in an article in Wednesday's Washington Post. Now high school seniors, they were members of the sixth-grade class that graduated from Bruce-Monroe Elementary School in

Northwest Washington in 1995. According to the students, their parents and the school's former principal, the children were told that if they graduated from a D.C. public high school, they would receive full college scholarships from the Bethesda, Md.-based Phoenix Foundation. The same promise was made when the children were in kindergarten, the parents and the former principal said.

But the students, many of them from low-income families, learned recently that they did not have any scholarship money. George Abel, who headed the Phoenix Foundation and had announced the plans to raise the money, said earlier in December that the foundation went out of business several years ago but that he never told the families.

In Thursday, students from the Bruce-Monroe class said they were ecstatic.

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she considered not going to college. She said she did not want to have to work while attending

class and scrape to make ends meet. Now, she said, she will go to college and wants to earn a doctorate in elementary education.

"This is so great!" said Tori Hill, 17, a senior at Cardozo Senior High School. "It just gives me more hope to go on. I thought I was going to be struggling. Now, since everyone's coming forward, it's a big hope for us."

Hill said that when she recently learned that her scholarship money was no longer available,

she considered not going to college. She said she did not want to have to work while attending

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## Thrill-seekers jam theme parks in 2000

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A record 175 million people stood in line for rides at North America's top 50 theme parks, a trade magazine has reported.

Attendance was up 3 percent, matching last year's increase, according to Amusement Business.

Florida and California parks, which cater to out-of-town tourists, dominated the top 10 spots with Disney parks occupying the first five, the magazine said.

For the fourth year in a row, the Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World in Orlando was the most visited park in North America, with approximately 15 million visitors, up 1.3 percent from last year.

Worldwide, the park was only outdistanced by Tokyo Disneyland, the world's best attended park, which had an estimated 16.5 million visitors, down more than 5 percent from last year.

The larger theme parks don't release attendance figures, but the Nashville, Tenn.-based trade publication calculates them each year based on inside sources and information provided by visitors and convention bureaus.

The figures showed no signs of an economic slowdown, said Tim O'Brien, one of the magazine's editors.

Regional parks in the Midwest and Northeast, which cater to visitors living within 150 miles, were hurt by cool and wet weather in the spring, despite new multimillion-dollar rides at several parks.

Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio, for example, expected to get a large attendance boost from the debut of its \$25 million Millennium Force roller coaster, the first coaster more than 300-feet tall. But cold and rainy weather kept visitors away, the park said.

In Florida, SeaWorld Orlando and Busch Gardens Tampa Bay saw double-digit attendance gains due largely to a discount program targeting local residents.

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# Bombs rock Indonesian churches

JAKARTA, Indonesia — A series of bombs exploded Sunday outside five churches during Christmas Eve celebrations in Indonesia's capital, killing at least one man and injuring 16 other people.

Details were sketchy, and no group immediately took responsibility, police said.

But religious violence and tensions have been rising recently throughout this predominantly Muslim country, and Muslim vigilante groups have recently attacked restaurants and nightclubs in Jakarta, the capital.

"This is an act of terror against Christians on Christmas Eve," said police Senior Inspector Supono, who, like many Indonesians, usually goes by a nickname.

The blasts in Jakarta took place within a few minutes of each other and within a radius of about a mile. None of the churches was damaged.

Five churches were targeted in the capital. One bomb, thought to be planted in a parking lot, blew up near the city's Roman Catholic Cathedral, located close to the main mosque and presidential palace.

## U.N. employees return to Afghanistan under promise

KABUL, Afghanistan — U.N. international employees began returning to Afghanistan on Sunday after the ruling Taliban militia guaranteed they would not face a violent backlash because of newly proposed sanctions.

Three U.N. workers arrived in the beleaguered Afghan capital, Kabul, early Sunday, while seven others returned to Herat and Kandahar, said Erik de Mul, the U.N. coordinator for Afghanistan.

They are among about 50 international workers the United Nations pulled out of Afghanistan last week amid fears of a violent reaction to a sanctions resolution the U.N. Security Council passed last week.

"Everything is fine and we don't have any problems in our operations," de Mul said. De Mul said the Taliban had guaranteed the safety of the U.N. employees, most of whom work for agencies involved in removing land mines, aiding refugees and providing food assistance. Most of them will be back in Afghanistan in the coming week, he said.

## Barak backs push for peace; Palestinians say gaps remain

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak said Sunday that now was the time to make a major push for a Mideast peace deal, but Palestinians were more cautious, saying key differences remained following talks this past week in Washington.

As Israeli and Palestinian negotiators returned from their talks in Washington, and details began to emerge, Israel appeared willing to make additional compromises on east Jerusalem and the final borders of a Palestinian state.

But in return, Israel expected the Palestinians to scale back their demands on the "right of return" for millions of Palestinian refugees who fled or were driven from their homes in Mideast wars.

## China, U.S. trade should reach record high in 2000

BEIJING — Trade between China and the United States should reach a record \$73.5 billion this year, with China racking up yet another enormous trade surplus, the government's Xinhua News Agency said



Indonesian rescue teams try to extinguish a burning car after an explosion outside of a church in Jakarta Sunday night. A series of bombs exploded Sunday outside five churches during Christmas Eve celebrations in Indonesia's capital killing at least one man and injuring 16 other people.

### Sunday.

The estimate was based on statistics for the first 10 months of the year, which showed the two countries exchanged goods and services worth \$61.3 billion — as much as all of last year, the report said.

That amounted to a 23.4 percent increase from the January-October period last year, the report said.

According to the statistics, the balance of trade still remains overwhelmingly in China's favor. The United States bought

\$43.4 billion worth of Chinese-made shoes, clothes, toys and other goods in the first 10 months of this year, up 27 percent from the same period last year.

During the same time, China spent \$18 billion on U.S. goods, mainly aircraft, farm products and electronics, 15 percent higher than last year, the report said.

China now appears poised to pass Japan as the country running up the largest trade surplus with the United States.

— compiled from wire reports

# Democratic movement heads for powerful majority in Serbia

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — President Vojislav Kostunica's followers promised sweeping reforms as the first official results suggested pro-democracy forces captured an overwhelming majority of seats in the Serbian parliament, a main locus of power in Yugoslavia.

Initial results announced shortly before noon on Sunday indicated Kostunica's camp secured 177 seats in the 250-member legislature — more than the two-thirds majority needed to change the constitution. The party led by former president Slobodan Milosevic was a distant second, with 38 seats.

The results were based on more than 30 percent of ballots cast, the state election commission said. In addition to Milosevic's Socialist Party, two other parties made it into the assembly: the ultranationalist Radical Party, with 22 seats, and the hard-line Serbian Unity Party, with 13.

Further results were expected later Sunday, but no major shifts were expected.

Milosevic's once-dominant Socialist Party had already conceded defeat, and Kostunica's Democratic Opposition of Serbia began celebrating victory after the polls closed Saturday night.

"The democratic reconstruction



Zoran Djindjic

of Serbia and Yugoslavia will be completed after these elections," Kostunica said on Serbian state television. "In a few days, we'll have a new parliament and government which will be able to tackle corruption and other problems ahead."

The pro-democracy forces also indicated they would head for a showdown with leaders of Milosevic's discredited government.

Despite the change in Yugoslavia

leadership, Milosevic's allies had still controlled key power levers in Serbia, such as the judiciary and the 60,000 strong police force. Serbia accounts for more than 90 percent of Yugoslavia's population of 10 million.

"We won the elections, but a huge job is ahead of us," said prime minister designate Zoran Djindjic. "The government will work 24 hours a day for the people."

Without a strong party to back him in the new parliament, Milosevic is now vulnerable to prosecution for running the country during his 13 years in power. Kostunica has refused to extradite Milosevic to the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, but wants to try him and others in Yugoslavia.

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Today's topic is  
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Does this sound like you? You can't find anything. You're surrounded by random piles of paper - unanswered letters, overdue bills, ransom notes dated last August (so that's what happened to little Jason!). If that describes your life, you need to make a New Year's Resolution to get organized. As Benjamin Franklin so aptly put it, in one of his plucky maxims: "If a man be organized, then that man be a lot more organized than the man whom do not be as organized as the first man I was talking about earlier in this maxim." Or words to that effect.

Which brings us to rule No. 1 for getting organized:

1. Eliminate excess paperwork. What do we mean by "excess paperwork?" We mean "paperwork." If you were to go into the office of any major corporate executive, you would be arrested. So just

take my word for it: Top executives never let paperwork sit around. They take action.

For example, when a Microsoft employee places a document on the desk of Bill Gates, Bill immediately blasts it with a flamethrower. Granted, this is a c r e a t i v e s

Microsoft's costs for desk replacement, not to mention (if the employee is a slow runner) medical care. But it saves Bill tons of time. He, like all successful executives, has learned that paperwork often contains words, which are huge time-wasters.

That's why busy corporate honchos prefer to look at "executive summaries," which contain few, if any, words. The largest business merger in history - the \$160 billion acquisition of Time Warner by America Online - was approved by both boards of directors based solely on a crayon drawing of a duck eating a frog.

So if you want to be as efficient as the "big boys," make a habit of discarding, unread, any letter or document that starts with a red-flag "time-waster" word or phrase, such as "Dear," or "The," or "Search Warrant."

But what about documents that you think you'll need later? How do you keep them organized? I've devised an efficient system for such documents: I give them to my Research Department, Judi Smith, with a little yellow sticky note that says "JUDI PLEASE MAKE FILE." (Notice that I leave out this unnecessary word "a." This saves time!) Judi puts the document into a folder, labels the folder, and puts it into a file drawer in alphabetical order. Then - and this is the heart of my system - nobody ever looks at it again.

Which brings us to our second rule for getting organized:

2. Delete all e-mail before reading it.

The typical Internet user receives an average of 1,000 e-mail messages per year. Of this total, an average of one message actually contains useful information (it says: "Disregard previous email"). The rest are porno ads, investment opportunities for morons ("Make Big Money Selling Kisses At Home!"), and jokes that were originally set in movable type by Johann Gutenberg.

This is not to say that technology can't help you get organized. In fact, my next recommendation is:

3. Get a "palm" type personal organizing device.

These things are great! I have one, into which I entered the phone numbers of everybody I know. This took a year, during which all the phone numbers became inaccurate, thanks to the ceaseless efforts of the telephone industry's Committee to Assign Everybody A New Mutant Area Code Every Six Months. But I still use my "Palm" device for scheduling. Say I need to call an important business associate at 10:45 a.m. I simply carry my Palm Pilot with me - the compact size allows it to fit easily in my underpants - and at exactly 10:45, nothing happens, because I threw away the paperwork that explains how to set the alarm. This saves me valuable time, because in fact, I have no important business associates.

My final, and most important, organizational rule is:

4. Delegate responsibility.

What do I mean by this? I mean, JUDI PLEASE FINISH COLUMN.

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## How to eat Christmas dinner

(and not be sorry you did)

**1** Eat something before dinner. "If you're going someplace where food is served, eat something light beforehand, such as fruit slices or some vegetables," said Amy Chapman, a nutrition and diet expert at Texas A&M University. "It's always a good idea to munch on fruits and veggies before you hit the cheese and the fudge. You won't eat as much."

**2** Taste everything but eat mindfully. "Forget about banning certain foods, or they'll come back and haunt you - they'll be all you think about," said Heather Shaw, a registered dietitian at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

**3** Go easy on the schnapps. Alcohol contributes seven calories per gram, but essentially no other nutrients," said Jim Meyer, nutrition specialist for the University of Missouri Cooperative Extension Service. "A 1 1/2-ounce glass of rye whiskey has 120 calories; eggnog has 335 calories. Better choices? A glass of club soda with a twist of lemon. And always keep a low-calorie beverage in your hand to prevent well-meaning hosts from asking if you need something."

**4** Savor. "Don't blindly eat your favorite foods - eat them slowly, and take time to appreciate the flavor," Shaw said.

**5** Vegetables first. At a typical holiday meal, a healthy adult consumes about 2,000 calories, according to the Federal Department of Agriculture.

But if a majority of the calories come from vegetables and fruit, you can cut the total number of calories - and more importantly, the fat - significantly.

Story by Steve Crump

### Just so you know

\* A 3 1/2-ounce serving of roasted turkey has 115 calories; a 3 1/2-ounce piece of roasted dark meat with skin has 221 calories; a 3 1/2-ounce piece of roasted dark meat without skin has 187 calories.

\* A piece of apple pie (that's one-eighth of a pie) has 347 calories; a piece of blueberry pie has 387 calories; a piece of cherry pie has 418 calories.

\* One-half cup of mashed potatoes has 111 calories.

\* One-half cup of stuffing has 198 calories; one-half cup of cornbread stuffing has 175 calories.

—Source: Lea Jacobson, eHow.com



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**6** If you do stuff yourself, take a hike. "It's not just good exercise," Shaw said. "It will make you feel better after a heavy meal."

**7** Size up the dessert bar. "If you love pecan pie, go for it," Shaw said. "But then skip the brownies."

**8** Skip the seconds. Load up your plate the first time, and when your host asks if you want more, go watch the football game.

**9** Passing up little things can save you big calories. Put grass, butter and sugar at the top of that list.

**10** It's Christmas: You're allowed to overindulge today. "Just because you take three or four days off doesn't mean you've lost the battle," Paul Kennedy, assistant vice president and national director of fitness programming for Bally Total fitness told healthAZ, an online health magazine. "Weight management is a lifelong endeavor."

—Source: Heather Shaw, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center; Texas A&M University; University of Missouri Cooperative Extension Service; healthAZ.com

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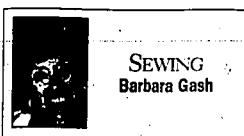
## Pastimes for winter sewstice

As we hunker down for a cold winter, knitting seems a particularly cozy pastime. Here are some new books to help get you going.

• "Comforts of Home: Simple Knitted Accents" by Erika Knight (Marringle & Co., \$29.95) is a compact volume of 18 knitted projects for the home. The author is a design consultant, and she has pulled together a chic collection of simple pillows, throws, bath accessories and more. Clear photos and step-by-step directions take you through each project, and swatches of stitch alternatives are presented. Good information on color, texture, yarns and design is included. The book is available at stores, or call 800-426-3126 anytime. The Web address is <http://www.marringle-pub.com/>

• "Knitting on the Go," a series of small books from Vogue Knitting, has added two more titles: "Bags and Backpacks" and "Baby Blankets." These contain 20 quick and portable projects, as do the six previous books featuring gloves, scarves, pillows, socks, hats and baby knits. They are ideal for a trip during the holidays, and the skill level ranges from beginner to advanced.

Both books are \$12.95, but if you order by Dec. 31, the cost is only \$9.95 (plus \$2 postage). Call 800-766-3619 anytime. My friend Thelma Crane of Royal Oak,



SEWING Barbara Gash

Mich., wrote the following and gave me permission to print it: "As I was sitting one morning, knitting on a sweater for my new grandbaby (due in March), I realized what a quiet joy I felt as I created each stitch. This led me to think about how wonderful, from primitive times to the present, have expressed themselves through the art of needlework. In earlier times, needlework gave women a voice in a male-dominated society. It has brought women joy in happy times, and solace in sad times. "I, for one, am thankful I have the gift of the art of the needle, be it hand-knitting, crochet, tatting, cross-stitch, quilting, sewing by machine, etc. I am sure I share this feeling with all of you who are so gifted."

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## Frenchman tips the scales

From the movies, you might think that all Frenchmen are lank and scrawny. Hal According to a report in Men's Fitness magazine, a 31-year-old Frenchman has the highest cholesterol level ever recorded: 1,620. The 450-pound restaurant manager has 71 percent body fat - nearly the same fat content as a stick of butter.

**A stiff belt doesn't help** Speaking of health and fitness: Just in time for all those workers handling heavy holiday packages, new research suggests that back belts widely used in industry to prevent lifting injuries don't work, according to a National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health report in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

**A simple blood test** Regular blood testing is a useful alternative to more invasive steps in detecting possible colon cancer, researchers have found. A barium enema every five years or a colonoscopy every 10 years are the preferred methods for detecting precancerous colorectal polyps. But some people may prefer the less-invasive fecal occult blood test, or FOBT. This study investigated how effective regular

### Health notes

screening with FOBT was in reducing the incidence of colorectal cancer. Researchers randomly divided 46,551 men and women between the ages of 50 and 80 into three groups. One was instructed to have FOBT annually. The second was told to get tested biennially. People in the third, considered the control group, were left to decide on their own whether to have any screening done. People in the first two groups submitted stool samples that were inspected for blood that might have been shed by large polyps or cancerous cells. People with suspect stool samples were urged but not required to undergo further exams, including colonoscopy. In the next 18 years, there were 417 new cases of colorectal-cancer in the annual screening group, 435 in the biennial screening group and 507 in the control group. The researchers calculated that the incidence of colorectal cancer was 20 percent lower in the annual screening group than the control group and 17 percent lower in the biennial screening group.

—compiled from wire service reports

HEALTH & FASHION

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**DEAR DIANA:** Getting super curly hair (think Minnie Driver or Nicole Kidman), or extremely wavy, or frizzy hair (think Julia Roberts or Calista Flockhart) straight, a flat iron is an option. Vidal Sassoon's 3-in-One Straightener Plus \$19.99; Conair Straight Styles Steam Straightener \$19.99; Conair Pro Babyliss \$55; Solano Sapphire 70 to \$126 depending on size; not Tools 170W Professional Flat Iron \$29.95. These are paddle-ironing devices that blow-dry your hair straight, well almost. If you have the time and endurance to go through the process, they work fairly well.

until it's straight, and then touch up some of the more stubborn areas with a blow dryer and round brush. And they work particularly well and relatively quickly if your hair is more wavy than curly and frizzy.

But hair irons are not the magic bullet they sound like and it takes preparation, practice, and patience. Preparation means you must experiment with a range of styling products to find the ones that work best for you.

Practice involves finding out which order of application works best for you. For example, for me, after I've towel-dried my hair, I apply a small amount of silicone serum (Cure Shine Shine Miracle Anti-Frizz Polisher for All Hair Types, \$5.91 for 4 ounces) then I use a high-heat styling spray (whatever happens

to be in the house), then I dry my hair and apply a teeny amount of pomade to the ends of my hair (Cire Shine Styler Glossing Wax, \$4.29 for 1.4 ounces), and then I use my hair iron finishing with my blow dryer and round brush over the ends that look wispy or too shapeless.

Finally, (there is an end to all this) I use a light-to-medium-hold hair spray (lately it has been ThermoSilk Heat Activated Shape & Hold Spray Firm Hold Aerosol, \$2.99 for 7 ounces).

Phew! And this all takes amazing patience and time — for my hair, about 20 to 30 minutes depending on how much I want to fuss that day. I wish I liked my curly, fairly frizzy hair, but I don't and this is what it takes to change that and there is no way around this process regardless of the time or the claim on the product.

*Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me" (4th edition)" (Beginning Press, \$24.95). Write to her at 13075 Gateway Drive, Suite 160, Seattle, Wash. 98168 or check out her Website: www.cosmetic-scop.com*

# Magic Valley hospitals offer a range of courses

The Times-News

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## Childbirth class

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 3 through Jan. 31, 2001, at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. The five-week series includes a refresher class on Jan. 10 and a cesarean class on Jan. 17. The classes are free for those who will be delivering at St.

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## Childbirth education

A prepared childbirth course will be offered from 7:30-9 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Jan. 4 through Feb. 1, 2001, in the Education Center at MVRMC in Twin Falls. Preregistration is required, call 737-2900.

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The Big Kids Klub will meet from 10-11:30 a.m. Jan. 6, 2001, in the Education Center at MVRMC in Twin Falls. The program is designed to help prepare siblings for the new baby. Fee is \$7.50 per child or \$10 per family. To register, call 737-2900.

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# Body's cleaning system might endanger heart

The Dallas Morning News

**NEW ORLEANS** — Heart disease has an infamous band of accomplices — cholesterol, smoking, high blood pressure and inactivity among them.

The puzzling thing is, a lot of people don't have any of those problems, yet have a heart attack anyway. (Half of those who suffer heart attacks have normal cholesterol levels, for instance.) That's why many researchers are focusing on a new culprit — one generally called "inflammation."

Inflammation, which is essentially the mobilization of the immune system, is well-intentioned. It is the body's internal cleaning system. Without it, people couldn't live. Scratch your finger, and the swollen, red skin is a sign that inflammation is protecting you from microbes.

When this type of reaction happens the inside of arteries or years and years, though, it may be dangerous.

Since the late 1990s, with the release of research suggesting a role for inflammation in heart disease, the idea has gathered momentum. Now, seemingly

every month in scientific journals, new evidence appears. And heart specialists are now beginning to add inflammation to the list of cardiovascular villains.

"I think it's going to end up being a major player in the treatment of coronary artery disease," said Dr. Deepak Bhatt of the Cleveland Clinic. Bhatt presented research about inflammation last month in New Orleans during a meeting of the American Heart Association. "I don't think it's just a passing fad," he said.

One of the first major studies pointing to inflammation in the heart appeared in The New England Journal of Medicine in 1997. Scientists from Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, part of Harvard Medical School, reported that a molecule known as C-reactive protein appeared to protect the risk of heart attacks and strokes in apparently healthy men. In fact, men with the highest levels of C-reactive protein in their blood were three times more likely to have a heart attack and twice as likely to have a stroke, compared with men who had the lowest levels.

The body dispatches C-reactive

protein in response to an injury or foreign substance. The protein may not be damaging the arteries per se, but is a sign that the body's inflammatory mechanisms are switched on.

While other studies had suggested a role for inflammation in heart disease, the Harvard scientists clearly showed that the high levels of C-reactive protein appeared years before the men had heart attacks or strokes.

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HEALTH & FASHION

# Is Lasik safe for children?

Long-term effects of eye surgery on kids are unknown

Los Angeles Times

As hundreds of thousands of U.S. adults enthusiastically embrace Lasik eye surgery, it's no surprise that children are beginning to ask, "What about me?"

Eye surgeons report that a small but growing number of teenagers, who for various reasons cannot — or don't want to — wear glasses and contact lenses are seeking Lasik eye surgery. Some doctors question the ethics of performing Lasik on young eyes that are still developing while also noting that the procedure, despite a strong safety record, is not without risks.

Meanwhile, some researchers have begun performing Lasik on young children with serious eye disorders that have not responded well to other treatments. One such clinical trial is under way in Pittsburgh, and studies are set to begin soon in Los Angeles.

Lasik, which uses an excimer laser to reshape the cornea to correct nearsightedness and farsightedness, already has been studied in parts of Europe and India for

children with certain vision problems. Those studies have produced favorable results, prompting some U.S. doctors to reconsider the long-standing belief that children's eyes are continuously changing and therefore should not be surgically corrected. And doctors are also encouraged by the safety record of some 2.5 million Lasik surgeries in the United States.

Although the long-term effects of Lasik — especially repeated Lasik surgeries — are unknown, short-term studies show a very low risk of serious complications, such as blindness, and a 5 percent to 15 percent rate of less serious complications, such as dry eyes, glare or light sensitivity, according to the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

"What's pushing this interest in children is the safety record in adults," said Dr. Jonathan Song, a pediatric ophthalmologist at Childrens Hospital in Los Angeles and the Doheny Eye Institute.

The notion that Lasik can't be performed in the still-developing eye of a child is "too simplistic," according to Song. Researchers know very little about how and why children's eyes change as they get older — or about why some kids' don't change at all. "There is a whole field of research (that needs) to be

opened up," he said.

But other doctors are uneasy with the idea of performing Lasik on children. Even a remote possibility of causing blindness in a child for an elective optical procedure is reason enough to err on the side of caution, they say.

"As a general rule, it's not appropriate to do Lasik in children whose eyes are still growing and are not stable," said Dr. Peter J. McDonnell, chief of ophthalmology at University of California, Irvine.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved the lasers used in Lasik for nearsighted adults ages 18 and older and for farsighted adults ages 21 and older. In actual practice, however, doctors can use the lasers however — and on whomever — they wish.

While Lasik in youths who simply don't want to wear glasses or contact lenses remains controversial, support is growing for studying Lasik in young children with a vision defect in which one eye is much worse than the other.

The condition, called anisometropia, affects about 1 percent of children at birth. Most children begin treatment as babies by wearing special glasses or contact lenses to improve vision. They may also wear a patch over the stronger eye to force the weaker eye to work.

# Alzheimer's testing doesn't catch all cases

The Hartford Courant

The only sure way to diagnose Alzheimer's disease is to do an autopsy. For decades, Alzheimer's research was stymied by the simple fact that onset and progression of the disease stayed hidden behind the victim's skull.

Diagnostic tests for Alzheimer's are now 90 percent to 95 percent accurate, but the defining features of the disease remain the dense deposits called plaques that fill up areas around brain cells and the tangles of protein fibers that infiltrate those neurons.

Early researchers who studied the brains of Alzheimer's patients found severely damaged terrain. The average size of an adult male brain is about 1,300 grams, but it can shrink to 900 grams in terminal stages of the disease, says Dr. Jung H. Kim, associate professor of pathology at Yale University School of Medicine.

Brain imaging technology can reveal an Alzheimer's-ridden brain in living color. While normal brains light up like a pinball machine, the brains of Alzheimer's patients look like the

inside of a walnut shell, with gaping dark crevices interspersed with fragile ridges of light.

Before brain scanning became available, the only way to study the progression of the disease was to reconstruct behavioral changes.

The problem is that the earliest signs of Alzheimer's mimic normal signs of aging — such usually

innocent gaffes as the inability to find the right word, or forgetting where you put your car keys.

Researchers now say most people who develop dementia first suffer from a condition called mild cognitive impairment. During this stage, the person cannot retrieve information he or she has stored, even if it is very important.

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HEALTH & FASHION

# Perimenopause surprises women

Los Angeles Times

Women expect menopause; it's the hormonal changes beforehand that blindside them.

"I felt like I was living in someone else's body," says Debbie Greenberg, 45, who three years ago began having heavy periods, days-long headaches and "brain fog." "I didn't know what was going on. I had no clue. I wondered if I was cracking up."

When her gynecologist identified her symptoms as part of perimenopause, Greenberg says, "it was validation."

Perimenopause, a term that has largely displaced "premenopause," is the hormonal and physical changes leading to menopause, commonly defined as 12 months without a period. After that, a woman is considered postmenopausal.

For some women, the approach of this hormonal milestone offers a stark reminder that even at the prime of life — when they have mastered the juggling of jobs, kids and relationships — their bodies are aging.

For those who may have postponed motherhood, it's hard to accept that their supply of eggs capable of producing a child is dwindling.

Sell others are troubled by losing control over their bodies and moods as their hormones fluctuate wildly.

Dr. Marcie Richardson, an obstetrician-gynecologist who directs a menopause consultation service in Boston, says women come to expect certain patterns from their hormones, such as premenstrual syndrome.

"When these things are all over the map," she says, "that's very disturbing for women."

Adding to their frustration is the lack of answers to their perimenopause questions.

Even doctors are at a loss to predict when it will begin or how it will affect efforts to become pregnant.

Nor can they say whether women will have a rough time getting through it. Most have

only mild symptoms; others have astonishingly disruptive effects.

Doctors can't even agree on when a woman should seek help. Some doctors suggest she consult a physician at the first sign of menstrual changes; others advise waiting until symptoms become bothersome, such as missing periods or having hot flashes.

But there are signs that knowledge about this transitional time is growing: Doctors now can offer women better ways to cope.

"Twenty years ago, if someone had hot flashes and skipped a few periods here and there, we didn't have good treatments for them," says Dr. Isaac Schiff, chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Harvard-affiliated Massachusetts General Hospital.

As recently as 30 years ago, many of these women routinely underwent hysterectomies — surgical removal of the uterus and sometimes the ovaries. The women now hitting perimenopause, he says, "are not going to settle for a hysterectomy."

Perimenopause provides an opportunity to assess her health and choose a strategy that will protect her for the third of her life following menopause.

Think of perimenopause as puberty in reverse. During puberty, brain chemicals switch on a girl's ovaries, starting a cascade of physical changes that herald her entry into womanhood. At perimenopause, the ovaries begin to run out of eggs and stop responding to those chemicals, a natural progression leading to menopause.

The transition to menopause varies among women, as does the onset of puberty, says Dr. Margery Gass, director of the menopause and osteoporosis center at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. "To some, it was rocky; to others it was a piece of cake."

Although most women reach perimenopause at about age 46, it can occur as early as 35 or as late as 55, doctors say. Smoking can speed up onset by two years.

# Bootleg contacts imperil fad-conscious teens

South Florida Sun-Sentinel

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The fad for light-colored eyes has lured young adults, especially teenage girls, into the dangerous waters of cheap bootleg contact lenses.

Optometrists say they see a growing number of teens with sight-threatening eye infections from cosmetic lenses peddled without prescriptions.

Beauty salons, flea market booths and even convenience stores are the culprits, selling tinted lenses for as low as \$5 a pair.

Unlicensed sellers target lower-income families who don't want to spend the money for optometrist exams. The bootleggers seldom give an exam, a proper fit or teach proper lens care, leaving the wearers vulnerable to problems.

"They are in some ways preying on these kids," says Dr. Susan King, an optometrist who works at a For Eyes store in Fort

Lauderdale. "I've seen enough kids now with eye problems to know that it's getting icky," she says. Some of her patients had lasting vision loss, despite extensive treatment from specialists.

Ruby, a high school senior from Fort Lauderdale who has bought three pairs of bootleg lenses, says a lot of her friends think they don't need an eye exam because the lenses are strictly cosmetic.

Not so. A correct fit is key. Lenses are supposed to float on a layer of tears, with the fluid carrying oxygen. If the lenses are too tight, the oxygen is cut off and the cells on the cornea (the outer lining of the eye) start to die.

The bootleggers often do not give instructions about the proper use, care and cleaning of the lenses, as an optometrist would, King says.

The result: Teens don't store or clean them properly, leading

to bacterial infections that leave scars called corneal ulcers. A large scar or one in the center of vision can spell blindness.

"It's potentially sight-threatening, depending on where the scar is," King says. "You can't feel you're doing damage to your eyes until you have a full-blown infection."

The Florida Board of Optometry, which regulates eye professionals, has heard complaints about bootleg lenses for more than a year now and has

pressed state officials to crack down.

"It's a real problem out there. It's of serious concern, that's for sure," says Joe Baker, the board's executive director.

Ruby says she and her friends have no idea of the risk. They just think their brown eyes are boring and need to be livelier up. She bought hazel and gray lenses at a beauty shop and a flea market.

"Some kids wear green one day, gray the next," Ruby says. "They really do look pretty."

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# Stay comfy during winter workouts

The Orange County Register

Though we might be tempted to hibernate during these cold days, we have many reasons for keeping up the physical activity this season.

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• Plus, in this cooler season, we're not as quick to overheat and perspire.

Here are tips on how to be safe and comfortable while being active outdoors:

- Choose clothes and socks that keep you dry. Pulling on a big, thick cotton sweatshirt is great for sitting in front of a blazing fireplace, but not for running a 5K. Toward the end, you will be soaking wet, and when you've stopped moving, you will feel cold, itchy and clammy. Wait until the wind starts blowing.
- Try moisture-wicking sports clothing — clothes that move perspiration away from the body and let the moisture evaporate. Where it will evaporate, you'll keep you dry whether you're running, cycling, or snowboarding. Sweaty feet can lead to blisters.
- Dress in layers. For mild climates, two layers usually work: The first layer is a shirt made of PoolMax or fabric such as Reebok's Hydromove and Nike's D.R.I.-Fit.

The lightweight-to-medium top layer can be used for warmth or protection against rain. Find a garment you can unzip, peel off and tuck around your waist. Choose the lightest-weight synthetic fabric or nylon windbreaker. Zippered vents and mesh panels in windbreakers allow your body to breathe and air to circulate and dry the moisture. Eco-conscious? Some makers such as Patagonia

use fibers made of recycled soda bottles.

The layering concept works in very cold climates, too. Make sure that the top layer is weather-proof, especially if you are hiking, snowshoeing, skiing or snowboarding. Even snowboarders who once disdained technical fibers have caught on to the merits of waterproof pants and socks. It's not fun carrying in soggy jeans.

• Function is first. Fashion second. Don't be dazzled by a sleek design if the technical merits fall short of what you need to stay

warm and comfortable. Take it from someone who was talked out of a restful cool bright ski park. My husband, an avid hiker, said it didn't provide enough insulation and wasn't going to keep me dry in bad conditions.

• Don't skimp on the gloves. Get ones that fit, and keep your hands warm and dry.

• Cover your head and ears when in cold climates. Keeping your head warm can make the difference between feeling cold and feeling just right.

• Take care of your skin. Keep

it moisturized with lotion. Wear sunscreen even if it's overcast if you are going to be active outdoors for an extended period. UV-rays are invisible. Use a lip balm to avoid chapped lips. Avoid taking long hot showers, which are very tempting this time of the year.

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## Americans get more folic acid

The Washington Post

Although it was once considered controversial, fortifying flour, cereal, bread and other refined grain foods with the B vitamin folic acid seems to be paying off: Blood levels of folic acid in women of childbearing age have tripled since fortification began in 1992, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The good news is because folic acid reduces the risk of neural tube birth defects such as spina bifida and anencephaly (babies born with most of the brain missing). And the CDC has found that this improvement in folic acid status is seen not just in the blood, but also in the spinal fluid, which are a better gauge of folic acid levels in the body.

The rise in folic acid levels can't simply be chalked up to taking supplements either, since spinal fluid status improved across the board in women of childbearing age — including those who didn't take supplements, according to the CDC.

"We are delighted that so many women's folic acid levels are even greater than we would have predicted," said Bernard, says CDC Deputy Director David Jernigan.

While the CDC did not release results of folic acid levels in men, children or older women, Jernigan said increases should be seen across the entire population. If so, that could provide another unexpected health benefit. Recent research continues to link folic acid to decreased risk of heart disease and stroke because it helps to convert a dangerous chemical — homocysteine — to a benign substance called methionine.

Last week, a team of researchers from Kurume University in Japan reported at the American Heart Association meeting in Washington that folic acid levels in the blood were higher in healthy, nonsmoking men, compared to folic acid levels in people who were heavy smokers. More impressively, folic acid helped repair damage to artery walls that helps set the stage for atherosclerosis. In the study, Hirosaki University researchers gave 20 megadoses of folic acid (20 milligrams per day) to study participants for one week. Tatsuoaka said preliminary results from ongoing research suggests that small daily doses over one month or even years could have similar effects.

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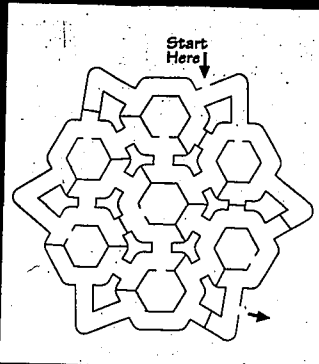
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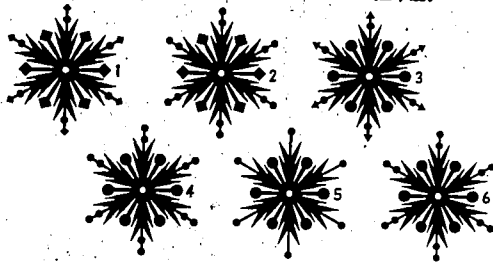
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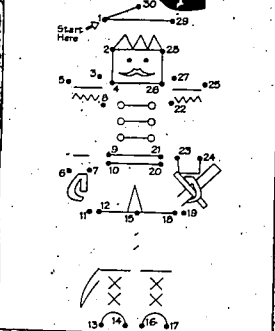


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Based on African festivals, the holiday is a time for African-Americans to think about their heritage and their lives today.

The African celebration of Kwanzaa was in honor of the first fruits of the harvest. Four elements made up the original meaning of Kwanzaa—unity, an awareness of heritage, recommitment to traditional values and a reverence for the creator and creation.

Today during Kwanzaa, a candle is lit each day. The day is dedicated to one of the seven principles of the holiday.

When it comes to the celebration, there are many symbols of Kwanzaa. This is what they mean:

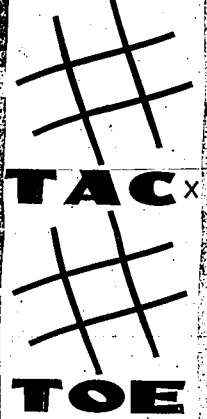
- Mishumaa Saba—Black, red and green candles lit each day of Kwanzaa.
- Kinara—The candleholder for those candles.
- Mkeka—Straw mat that holds the kinara.
- Vibunzi or muhindi—Ears of corn that represent each child in a house.
- Kikombe cha umoja—The unity cup, which is placed on the mkeka.
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#### SPORTSQUOTE

“ I'm rooting for Oakland to win it all because I'd love to see some sort of liquid hit Al Davis' hair. Maybe that's the only way he gets it washed. ”

—Sports Illustrated columnist Rick Reilly

#### TRIVIA

##### QUESTION:

How much did a 30-second commercial cost for the first Super Bowl in 1967?

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#### IN BRIEF

##### Stampede march to best-team status

**BOISE** - No Continental Basketball Association team is better this week than the Idaho Stampede.

Staking out a 62-51 halftime lead and riding that momentum until game's end, Idaho's pro basketball team beat La Crosse 111-93 late Saturday night to improve to 5-0.

The Stampede are the only unbeaten team not just in the five-team National Conference, but in the entire 10-team league.

The three-pronged attack of Willie Burton, Boise State product Roberto Bergersen and Sharif Fajardo is a big reason why Saturday night, Burton had 22 points, Fajardo 20 and Bergersen 19. Also in double figures were Brian Green with 15 points, Randy Livingston with 14 and Joe Courtney with 12.

Idaho plays at Sioux Falls today.

##### Youth basketball coaches are needed

**TWIN FALLS** - Adults that enjoy working with children and are interested in teaching the fundamentals of basketball and sound sportsmanship are invited to apply for volunteer coaching positions with the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department's Boys' Youth Basketball Program.

The season begins in January. Coaches are needed for: Sixth grade at Oregon Trail, Lincoln and Miller's class at Sawtooth; fifth grade for Gunning's class at Sawtooth; fourth grade for Lincoln Garrett/Stewart classes; Perrine Johnson class and Oregon Trail Tutor/Fly classes. Call the parks office at 736-2265 for more information.

##### Idaho beats Montana St. at the free-throw line

**MOSCOW** - Sophomore center Chris Monroe led the way with 18 points and eight rebounds as the University of Idaho (3-7) barely beat Montana St. (6-5) late Saturday night.

Adam Miller finished the game with 16 points. Matt Gerschelske had 14 and Bethuel Fletcher had 13.

Montana St.'s final lead in the game came midway through the first half, although the Bobcats rallied at the Vandals' heels throughout. The final surge was in the closing minutes as Montana St. cut to a 13-point University of Idaho lead to 2 with 6:50 left.

The Vandals ensured the victory at the free-throw line. They nearly doubled their field-goal percentage from a week ago and more than doubled their points.

#### TRIVIA ANSWER:

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# RAMS LUCK OUT

## Faulk's legs, defense and Bears bring St. Louis back

The Associated Press

**NEW ORLEANS** - The St. Louis Rams will get a chance to defend their Super Bowl championship, after all.

They have Marshall Faulk and their defense to thank - along with the breaking Bears. Faulk ran into the record books to help put the Rams in the playoffs, scoring three touchdowns in St. Louis' 26-21 victory over the New Orleans Saints on Sunday.

The victory, combined with the Bears' 23-20 upset of the Detroit Lions on a 54-yard field goal with two seconds left, means the Rams will return to New Orleans next week for the wild-card game.

Despite being the sixth and last seeded team in the NFC, St. Louis (10-6) might enter the post-holiday season as the favorite to go back to the Super Bowl. But the Rams will need a healthy Kurt Warner, who was knocked out of the game in the third quarter with a mild concussion.

Faulk, who touched the ball just 10 times in the Rams' 31-24 loss to the Saints earlier this season, scored touchdown No. 26 in Sunday's game, breaking Emmitt Smith's NFL record of 25. Faulk also ran for a career-high 220 yards on 32 carries.

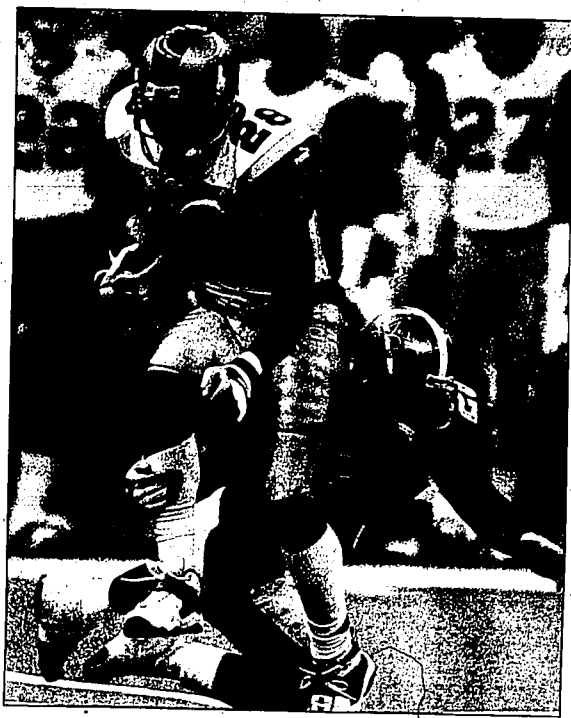
The St. Louis defense, which had allowed 450 points in its first 15 games, yielded the Saints only 134 yards in the first three quarters and didn't give up a touchdown.

The only New Orleans score over that period came on an interception return. The Saints added 135 more yards and two TDs in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough.

How good was the Rams' defense? The Saints (10-6) got over midfield just once in the first half, to the St. Louis 48 with 17 seconds left before intermission.

In the third quarter, they got as far as the St. Louis 32, but only after Fred McAfee's kickoff return to midfield. They were then pushed back to the 45 and had to punt.

Significantly, Rams defensive end



St. Louis running back Marshall Faulk runs over New Orleans Saints corner back Alex Mofden in the first quarter of the Rams' 26-21 win Sunday.

Kevin Carter and cornerback Todd Light, both Pro Bowlers a year ago, returned to their 1999 form.

Dre' Bly's interception on the Saints' first series set up Warner's 13-yard TD pass to Faulk and gave St. Louis a 7-0 lead. That stood until Darren Smith's 41-yard interception return tied it. It was 10-7 at halftime.

Warner left the game in the third quarter with the Rams leading 13-7, apparently hurt when he was sacked by La'Roi Glover.

But Trent Green, who replaced him promptly led the Rams on a 73-yard drive capped by Faulk's record-tying second TD, a 9-yard run, to make it 19-7.

The Saints finally came alive in the final quarter, twice cutting the lead to five points, once on a 28-yard pass from

Aaron Brooks to Willie Jackson. Faulk's third TD made it 26-14, but the Saints came right back on a 22-yard pass from Brooks to Willie Jackson.

But Faulk sealed the game with a 39-yard run after the Saints had taken their final time out.

A few seconds later and 1,000 miles away, Bears kicker Paul Edinger got the Rams back into the playoffs.

AP Photo

## Fisher's no Grinch

### Cowboys at Titans Today, 7 p.m. (ABC)

The Associated Press

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** - Jeff Fisher has made a career of ignoring distractions. Playing on Christmas night isn't any different.

Yet, the man who guided the Tennessee Titans through four different stadiums in four years to finally reach the Super Bowl knows when distractions can be avoided. So he gave his team the

### Cowboys at Titans

Today, 7 p.m. (ABC)

night off before tonight's game with the Dallas Cowboys.

"To me, it didn't make sense to have everybody at the hotel wishing they were at home, then have the potential for some of the players leave to be with their families very early in the morning when the kids get up," Fisher said.

Fisher told his players to be at the team hotel by midmorning today to start pregame meetings.

A 34-20 victory Sunday by the Baltimore Ravens means the Titans (12-3) must beat the Cowboys to clinch their first AFC Central Division title since 1993,

a first-round bye and homefield advantage through the playoffs.

The Cowboys had to fly to Nashville on Sunday to play the third Christmas game on the road in franchise history and only the third Christmas game played on a Monday night.

Running back Emmitt Smith, who got married in April and will spend most of the holiday away from his new wife, wasn't happy with the scheduling.

"It's kind of a double-edged sword, you would like to do it, but again you want to be home," he said.

Dallas (5-10) has little incentive except to try to avoid its worst record since it went 1-15 in 1989. At quarterback will be

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## Fast ladies

### Program goes beyond rules of the road

The Associated Press

**WHITELAND, Ind.** - When she was just 9, Allison Duncan fell in love - with speed.

And it proved to be more than a fleeting crush. The 22-year-old driver from San Rafael, Calif., still remembers being a wide-eyed little girl who went with her father to her first NASCAR race 13 years ago.

"I just loved it! The speed, the excitement," she recalled.

Though she thought "racing was pretty much a dream," the dream persisted. While her father, Bob, nurtured the idea over the years, Duncan's uncle, William Shaw, got her a fake license. At 16, she learned to drive in a club for those 18 and up.

Duncan drove in the inaugural Women's Global GT Series in 1999, and hopes to work her way up to the Winston Cup series.

For help with all the off-the-track details, the recent mechanical engineering grad turned to Lyn St. James, a seven-time driver in the Indianapolis 500 who has fought to create more opportunities for women.

St. James' annual Driver Development Program is a three-day workshop that addresses everything from sponsorship to driver safety.

Eighteen women and two men participated last month in the program that boasts Sarah Fisher among its graduates.

The 19-year-old Fisher was in the Indy Racing League this year. Fisher and St. James gave the Indianapolis 500 two women drivers for the first time. Coincidentally, they crashed into each other on lap 74.

Danica Patrick, second this October in the Formula Ford Festival live-in Brands Hatch, England, also is a graduate of St. James' program.

"I adore the intensity of it. I love the passion, the challenge," said Belinda Endress, 38, of



Allison Duncan

Newbury Park, Calif., who had three second-place finishes in the women's GT series. "Racing goes so deep in my guts, I can't even describe it."

Thirteen-year-old Lynsey Tilton of El Cajon, Calif., described the passion as something that makes her get out of bed before dawn on the morning of a race.

"I just get so excited I can't sleep," said Tilton, who began racing mini motorcycles when she was 4 and eventually moved up to go karts. "I like the competitiveness, the speed, the smell of gas."

But for some of these drivers, the thought of doing a live interview with a sportscaster or shopping for a sponsor can be more frightening than barreling into a wall at 60 mph.

That's where St. James comes in.

At last month's workshop, St. James invited a sportscaster who told the racers how a good interview could open doors to potential sponsors. Health and fitness experts focused on nutrition.

Drivers also learned how mental awareness could mean the difference between Victory Lane and a second-place finish.

St. James uses the class to scout out drivers with unique talent. During an on-track session at Whiting Raceway Park, about 25 miles south of Indianapolis, she watched several go karts whiz by, looking for drivers who possessed a "good race head."

She hopes her program, funded in part by the Lyn St. James Foundation, a nonprofit group dedicated to promote opportunities for women in motorsports, will give those students the knowhow they need to succeed.

## Sun Devils have a lot to prove

Associated Press

**HONOLULU** - Arizona State has a lot to prove in the Aloha Bowl.

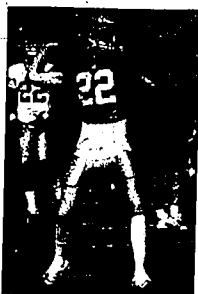
The Sun Devils (6-5) are finishing a wild season that saw them start three different quarterbacks and lose two conference games in

double overtime. The team's plane also was struck twice by lightning on a flight home from

Washington State game. It was all capped by the firing of coach Bruce Snyder.

"It has been the most unusual year," Snyder said Saturday as Arizona State prepared for today's game against Boston College.

The Sun Devils are trying to avenge last year's 23-3 loss to Wake Forest in the Aloha Bowl.



Arizona State quarterback Jeff Krohn throws the football during practice in Honolulu Friday. Arizona State plays Boston College Today in the Aloha Bowl.

The Christmas Day game marks Arizona State's first meet-

**Eye on ISU**  
Today's Blue-Gray Classic features Bengals' QB Page D5

ing with Boston College, which lost 62-28 to Colorado last year in the Aloha Bowl.

The Eagles (6-5) struggled at the end of the season, losing their final two games, including a 52-6 rout at the hands of Miami.

"My main concern is winning a bowl game against a good Arizona State football team that has something to prove," Eagles coach Tom O'Brien said. "We have something to prove ourselves after that disappointing loss at Miami. You're only as good as your last game. And I know our guys want to come out here on Monday and wash away that bad taste."

But the team's prospects have dimmed with the suspensions of rushing leader William Green

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Today, 4:30 p.m. (ABC)

SPORTS

# Packers stop Buccaneers cold

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers couldn't escape the cold or Ahman Green.

Green caught nine passes for a career-best 78 yards and rushed 27 times for 74 yards and two touchdowns as the Green Bay Packers beat the playoff-bound Bucs 17-14 in overtime Sunday.

Ryan Longwell kicked a 22-yard field goal with 8:29 left in overtime after Martin Gramatica, who won a Pro Bowl berth over Longwell despite inferior numbers, was wide right on a 40-yarder with nine seconds left in regulation.

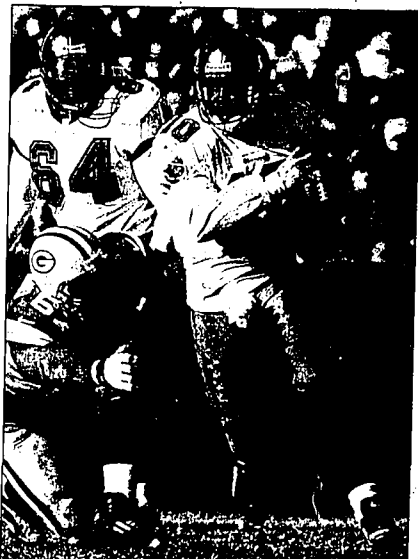
The Packers (9-7) closed their injury-riddled season with a December sweep of their NFC Central foes. But they also needed losses by St. Louis and Detroit to wiggle into the playoffs. The Lions obliged, but not the Rams.

Tampa Bay plays at Philadelphia in a wild-card game next weekend.

Despite forcing four turnovers, the wild-card Buccaneers (10-6) failed to stop two streaks Sunday after Gramatica's miss spoiled what would have been their first victory at Lambeau Field since 1989.

The Buccaneers still have never won a game (0-19) when the temperature at kickoff was 40 or below, and Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre has never lost (27-0) at home when the reading was 34 or below.

The temperature at kickoff was 15 degrees with a wind chill of minus-15, the sixth-coldest game in Packers' history and the second-coldest the Bucs had experienced.



Tampa Bay quarterback Shaun King gets away from Green Bay's Russell Maryland in the second quarter Sunday in Green Bay, Wis. The Packers went on to win 17-14 in overtime.

Bucs quarterback Shaun King had never even seen snow in his life. When the Buccaneers arrived Saturday with the thermometer at zero and snow falling, he threw several snowballs at his teammates.

He warmed up after the Bucs fell behind 14-0, and drove them on three second-half scoring drives to tie it, then set up Gramatica for the 40-yarder that missed. Antonio Freeman was deacti-

ated for missing team meetings Saturday. His replacement, Donald Driver, made difficult catches of 10 and 13 yards on a 48-yard drive that ended with Green running untouched through an enormous hole for a 3-yard TD on Green Bay's second series.

But Driver dropped three passes after that and neither team could muster anything until Green's spinning 2-yard run made it 14-0 in the third quarter.

Green's two TD rushes gave him 10 this season, the most for a Packers running back since Terrell Middleton had 11 in 1978.

Bill Schroeder fumbled after a 17-yard catch on Green Bay's next possession and the Buccaneers, who punted the ball, converted a fourth-and-9 on their way to a 38-yarder by Gramatica.

The Bucs offense finally awakened out of a no-huddle attack and King completed six straight passes covering 84 yards, including an 18-yard TD toss to Keyshawn Johnson.

For the conversion, King handed off to Warrick Dunn, who reversed the ball to Mike Alstott, who then hit King with a lateral for a razzle-dazzle 2-pointer that made it 14-11 with nine minutes left.

After John Lynch picked off Favre's pass at the Green Bay 35, Gramatica broke his team record with a 43-yarder, his 28th.

Green, who left the game with an ankle injury in overtime, finished with 1,175 yards rushing in the fourth-best season in team history.

# Ravens shatter Jets, mark for stinginess

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Baltimore Ravens' defense earned a place in the NFL record book and severely damaged the bumbling New York Jets' chances of landing a spot in the playoffs.

Chris McAlister scored on a 98-yard interception return, Jermaine Lewis returned two punts for scores, and the Ravens forced six turnovers in a 34-2 victory Sunday that left the Jets needing outside help to reach the postseason.

New York (9-7), which would have qualified with a win, needed both Indianapolis and Pittsburgh to lose later Sunday in order to get into the playoffs.

The playoff-bound Ravens (12-4) ended the regular season with a seven-game winning streak and an NFL record for fewest punts allowed in a 16-game schedule. Baltimore gave up 165 points, easily breaking the mark of 187 by the 1986 Chicago Bears.

Baltimore, which made only five first downs, ran an earth-home field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs if Dallas beats Tennessee on Monday night.

New York's Vinny Testaverde went 36-for-69 for 481 yards and two touchdowns, but his mistakes ultimately turned the game around. He lost two fumbles and threw three interceptions to allow Baltimore to rally from an early 14-0 deficit.

Testaverde's 69 attempts was one short of Drew Bledsoe's NFL record. Richie Anderson had 11 catches for 139 yards, and Dedric Ward caught eight passes for 147 yards.

The game's key play occurred near the end of the first half with the Jets up 14-12. With New York at the Baltimore 8, Testaverde's

sideline pass to Ward was picked off by McAlister, who went the distance to put the Ravens ahead to stay.

It was 20-17 in the third quarter when Lewis returned a punt 54 yards for a score. The Jets closed to 27-20 before Lewis ended any suspense with an 85-yard return with 5:02 remaining.

Baltimore's Trent Diller (11, for-25, 99 yards) left the game briefly in the second quarter with a wrist injury, but returned in the third quarter after backup Tony Banks separated his left shoulder.

Down 14-0, the Ravens got back in the game when Testaverde lost the ball on three straight series. After he fumbled away a snap on the Baltimore 42, Diller threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to Quintin Ismail to bring the Ravens to 14-7.

An interception Baltimore's Duane Starks led to a 42-yard field goal by Matt Stover, and Starks' second pick-off and a 64-yard return put Baltimore at the New York 3. Although the Ravens failed to score, Michael McCrary tackled Curtis Martin for a safety to make it 14-12.

The Jets came out in a no-huddle offense that surprised the Ravens and produced a 70-yard drive. Testaverde went 4-for-4, capping the five-play march by taking a lateral from Martin and hitting a wide-open Ward for a 37-yard touchdown.

It was only the second time this season that a team scored a TD on its opening drive against Baltimore.

After Marcus Coleman's interception, Testaverde threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to Anderson.

# CRAZY FINISH



Miami running back Lamar Smith fends off New England's Lawyer Miller, left, as he scores a touchdown in the fourth quarter Sunday in Foxboro, Mass. Smith's touchdown and the point after tied the game. The Dolphins went on to win 27-24 in a bizarre ending that brought the two teams back out on the field to play the final three seconds.

**Early deadline**  
Due to The Times-News' early Christmas deadline on Sunday, scores from the three Sunday afternoon NFL games — Carolina at Oakland, Pittsburgh at San Diego and Minnesota at Indianapolis — as well as the Ohio Bowl palling the University of Georgia and Virginia, were unavailable in press time.  
Results from those games will be printed in Tuesday's paper.

beating the New Orleans Saints 26-21.

Detroit's best chance came when Allen Aldridge recovered a fumble by Philadelphia's running back James Allen at the Chicago-10 with 2:22 left. But the Bears forced the Lions to settle for Jason Hanson's 26-yard field goal, which tied the game at 20 with 1:56 left.

**Eagles 16, Bengals 7**  
PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Eagles will be right at home when the playoffs begin, thanks to their superb turnaround and a victory over the Cincinnati Bengals.

Danovan McNabb completed 23 of 40 passes for 198 yards and one touchdown as the Eagles beat the Bengals 16-7 on Sunday. When Green Bay beat Tampa Bay, it assured that next weekend's wild-card game with the Buccaneers would be in Philadelphia.

After winning just eight games combined over the last two seasons, the Eagles went 11-5 despite losing star running back Duce Staley in Week 5. It will be Philadelphia's first playoff appearance in four years.

**Falcons 29, Chiefs 13**  
ATLANTA — After a dismal year, the Atlanta Falcons headed into the offseason feeling a little better about themselves.

Chris Chandler, starting again after a two-game exile to the bench, threw two touchdown passes, and Morten Anderson kicked five field goals Sunday as the Falcons defeated the Kansas City Chiefs 29-13.

The Atlanta defense held the Chiefs to 259 yards and sacked Elvis Grbac four times. Marty Carter sealed the victory by blindsiding Grbac on a blitz, forcing a fumble that Darrick Vaughn recovered at the Kansas City 8 with 7:45 remaining.

**Redskins 20, Cardinals 3**  
LANDOVER, Md. — Too late.

The Washington Redskins showed imagination, talent and a degree of spirited play worthy of a playoff-caliber team Sunday. They beat up a bad team early and went on to a 20-3 victory over the Arizona Cardinals, although the win was little consolation for a season that began with a \$100 million roster and thoughts of a Super Bowl.

The Redskins (8-8), who were once 6-2, avoided a losing season and gave interim coach Terry Robiskie his first NFL victory. The Cardinals (3-13), whose hopes essentially ended when Rob Moore, Coby Rinehart and J.J. McCleskey were injured in August, went 0-8 on the road and finished with the franchise's worst record since the Chicago Cardinals went 2-10 in 1959.

# Watters' may fly from Hawks

SEATTLE (AP) — Mike Holmgren hasn't made it official yet, but Ricky Watters isn't expected back in Seattle next season. It will be — Shaun Alexander's turn in the Seahawks' backfield.

The Seahawks fans are going to miss Watters, the 30-year veteran who has churned out 3 consecutive regular-season starts.

Watters was one of the few bright spots in Seattle's 6-10 season. He became the NFL's 13th 10,000-yard rusher and moved into 12th place on the career list behind O.J. Simpson on Saturday night. In probably his final game in a Seahawks uniform, he ran 17 times for 67 yards and one touchdown, and caught five passes for 47 yards. The Seahawks lost to Buffalo 42-23, but Watters turned in his usual dependable performance.

He came out ready and focused every week to play a great ball game," said Watters, who ended his season-long silence with the media after the game. "I think I did that."

"These guys look up to me. They see what I'm doing. I can

## NFL notes

never go out there and lay an egg or look like I'm not ready to play."

Watters, 31, finished his 10th NFL season, third in Seattle, with 10,325 yards against the Bills, he passed Otis Anderson (10,273 yards rushing) and moved within another 1,000-yard season of catching Simpson (11,236).

And he did it by strutting his string of consecutive regular-season starts to 113, second only to the late Walter Payton's 170.

The Seahawks' top draft choice was waiting on the sidelines as Watters, who had been with Alexander never got his opportunity. That will come next season. Holmgren, the team's coach and general manager, is expected to create a starting job for him by releasing or trading Watters.

"As far as the future, I'm not really thinking about that," Watters said. "That's something I can't control. What I can control is how I played this year and I think I played very well."

## Freeman benched for Packers' finale

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Wide receiver Antonio Freeman was benched for the Green Bay Packers' crucial season finale against Tampa Bay on Sunday for disciplinary reasons.

Freeman reportedly missed two team meetings Saturday, but the Packers declined to confirm the reason for Freeman's deactivation.

Donald Driver replaced Freeman alongside starter Bill Schroeder, and Charles Lee, the only other wide receiver on the roster, moved up to No. 3.

The Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel reported that Freeman was almost an hour late Saturday, missed two team meetings and got into an argument with Sherman when the coach held him out of practice.

Sherman apparently decided not to suspend Freeman on the basis on conduct detrimental to the team, which would have cost the former Pro Bowl receiver his one-game paycheck of \$29,412.

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and defensive back D.J. Sutton for unspecified rule violations.

With Green out of the lineup, Cedric Washington figures to become the focal point of the offense. Washington has 676 yards rushing and five touchdowns despite missing two games.

Trying to slow down the Eagles will be Sun Devils linebacker Adam Archuleta, the Pac-10 defensive player of the year. The senior has 119 tackles this season, including 86 unassisted.

On offense, Arizona State — ranked 20th in the nation in passing — will stick with the air attack led by freshman quarterback Jeff

Krohn, Snyder said.

"O'Brien said his defense can't give Sun Devils any breaks.

"We just have to try to contain their big plays, make them work and not give them a short field," he said.

The Eagles' defense is ranked eight nationally against the pass, giving up 168 yards per game. But the defense is ranked 107 against the run.

"It's not a very good matchup for us," Snyder said. "We're not a real good running football team. We haven't been — and that's where they seem to be most susceptible."

One of Arizona State's weapons is tight end Todd Heap, who has 45 catches for 517 yards and three touchdowns.

"We have an overall feeling of wanting to send coach to a winner," he said. "This is our last game with him and the rest of the coaches. It'll be an emotional game."

Snyder was fired in his ninth season with the Sun Devils and will be replaced next season by former Boise State coach Dirk Koetter.

Snyder has remained positive and has instructed his players not to worry about him or the coaches.

"As soon as it happened, I told them football is not played for coaches anyway," Snyder said. "Football is played by players for players."

## Upon further review, Fins win AFC East

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — The Miami Dolphins hope they never have such a wild ride to the playoffs again.

Their bizarre trip succeeded Sunday with a 27-24 win over the New England Patriots that broke a two-game losing streak.

But first, players were called back on the field — with some wearing towels around their waists and shower slugs on their feet in sub-freezing temperatures — to play the final three seconds before mostly empty stands after a 35-minute delay.

Shaun King, who missed two field goals earlier, kicked a 49-yarder into the wind with nine seconds left for the winning points. The game appeared to end when Patriots quarterback Drew Bledsoe fumbled, then picked the ball up and threw an illegal forward pass.

Both teams went to their locker rooms, but referee Johnny Grier called them back and a replay showed Bledsoe actually had thrown an incomplete and three seconds remained.

Miami coach Dave Wannstedt had to take off the AFC East championship game he wore at his news conference, which had begun. And players had to turn off the shower faucets.

When play resumed with the ball at the New England 40, Michael Bishop replaced Bledsoe. But his desperation pass fell far short of the end zone and incomplete.

Finally, the Dolphins (11-5) could claim the AFC East title after trailing the entire second half before Miami's comeback.

It was another close loss for the Patriots (5-11). Nine of their setbacks were by eight points or less. If they lost — as appeared likely much of the game — the Dolphins still could have made the playoffs with a loss or tie by either Indianapolis or the New York Jets.

They didn't need either and can thank linebacker Zach Thomas for that.

## Bears 23, Lions 20

PONTIAC, Mich. — Paul Edinger kicked the Detroit Lions right out of the NFL playoff race.

Edinger's 54-yard field goal with two seconds left Sunday gave the Chicago Bears a 23-20 upset over the Lions.

With Detroit's loss, the defending Super Bowl champion St. Louis Rams made the playoffs by

## Titans

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Anthony Wright, with Troy Aikman out because of his second concussion this season and 10th of his 12-year career.

"That gives Anthony a chance to get going and go on from there," Dallas coach Dave Campo said.

Wright was 13 of 25 for 119 yards and an interception in his first start, a 17-13 loss to the New York Giants last week.

The Titans know a victory over the Cowboys will enable them to reach two other goals. They'll have the NFL's best record and show improvement just in time for the playoffs.

"Any kind of momentum for us in a positive direction is great," left tackle Brad Hopkins said. "Winning the ball game creates more consistency — four (victories) in a row — and definitely could use that into the next week."

The game likely will showcase two of the league's best running backs.

Smith needs 124 yards to pass Barry Sanders for No. 2 on the career rushing list. Eddie George has scored six touchdowns in the past two games, and he needs only 27 carries to pass Atlanta's Jamal Anderson for most carries in a season.

George will have a much easier time since Dallas has the NFL's worst rushing defense, giving up 165.2 yards a game. Smith may have to wait until next season to pass Sanders — the Titans feature the second-stringiest defense overall and allow just 85.9 yards per game on the ground.

Still, it's Monday night. Smith excels in that spotlight, and the Cowboys have the NFL's best Monday night rushing attack, winning 12 of their last 18 appearances.

"I've had some," Smith said of his Monday night success. "But this is one that I would rather, have on another day."

SPORTS

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A dozen years later, Dallas is again an NBA force

DALLAS (AP)—Maybe it's the padded chairs. Or the ultra-soft towels. Or maybe, just maybe, the Dallas Mavericks have finally gotten their act together. After a revolving door of rebuilding attempts that seemed to make things worse instead of better, the Mavs are off to their best start in a dozen years and on pace to end the NBA's longest playoff drought. The franchise that fizzled because it was blindly loyal to Roy Tarpley, then the trio of Jason Kidd, Jamal Mashburn and Lin Jackson, then the Triangle offense, is clicking now with a eclectic cast and an energetic owner.

Michael Finley is the only All-Star, although third-year forward Dirk Nowitzki has been playing like one lately. They both scored at their point guard Steve Nash, the glue yet he shares the backcourt with another point guard, Howard Eisley, who apprenticed under Jason Stockton the last five years. "I think we're just having fun," said Nowitzki, who has scored at least 31 points four times this month, including a career-best 36 against Philadelphia. "We've got a lot of great offensive players and we fit well together. Steve and Mike do a great job finding people and the rest of us are just living off those two."



The Mavericks' Michael Finley listens to instructions from coach Don Nelson during Dec. 20th's game against Portland.

When you're putting the pieces together, you hope that it's going to all work out like it is now," said Nelson, who this week became the third-winningest coach in NBA history. "It doesn't always work that way. But that's what you hope for." Mavericks fans know all about the fragility of well-laid plans. It wasn't always that way, though. Dallas actually was labeled the model expansion team after reaching the playoffs, and winning a first-round series, in its fourth season, 1983-84. Four solid seasons later, the Mavs came within a game of making the Finals, losing to the eventual world champion Los Angeles Lakers in Game 7 of the Western Conference finals on June 4, 1988. They haven't won a playoff game since.

Dallas made it back to the post-season in 1990, but was swept in the first round. Then the franchise dissolved into the Mav-recess, winning just 11 games in '92-'93 and 13 the following season. They closed the decade with the worst record (240-550, .304) of any team in pro sports. The new decade really did bring a fresh start. On Jan. 4, owner Ross Perot Jr., who wasn't sure how many players were on the court at once, sold the team to Mark Cuban, a dot-com billionaire and long-suffering season-ticket holder. Pumping in cash, energy and enthusiasm, Cuban sparked a second-half charge. The Mavs closed by winning 16 of their last 21

games to finish 40-42, ninth in the West and just four games out of the final playoff spot. While Cuban erred in signing Dennis Rodman, he did get people to pay attention to his team. More publicity followed as he began lavishing players with customized court-side chairs, plush towels and lockers crammed with electronic gizmos. Skeptics wondered about Cuban's largesse and there was the knock that many of last season's late wins came against teams either playing out the season or coasting into the playoffs. In other words, there was still a lot to prove. Well, so far this season, they have done that. The Mavericks were 18-10 after beating Portland on Wednesday night, marking their best start since '87-'88, the season that ended in the conference finals. Dallas also had won five straight at home for the first time since that season. Along with beating the Blazers, the Mavericks have beaten San Antonio at home and Utah on the road. Dallas scored a season-high 112 points against the 76ers' last game in defense in Philadelphia. Against teams from the weaker Eastern Conference, the Mavs are 9-2. Both losses were by five



points and on the road. Dallas went 4-2 on each of two six-game road trips and is 10-7 away from Reunion Arena. "If you had told me that we would have all these road games and we would have this record at this time of year, I would have called you foolish," said Nelson, who has added to the drama of the season by being diagnosed with prostate cancer. He plans to remain on the bench through Jan. 3, then fly overnight to Utah on Cuban's private jet to undergo an operation early the next morning. He could be gone six to eight weeks. Assistant coach Del Harris will take his place.

SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



"Now remember, Jessica. If you don't feed him and give him fresh water every day, we send him back."

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National Basketball Association

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SPORTS

# Silver Hoosiers

## Indiana reminisces on perfect season of '76

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Twenty-five years later, Scott May still can be found behind the Indiana bench at some games. The former Hoosier is one of the most visible links to the last undefeated men's team in college basketball.

Indiana was the first of three NCAA championships under Bob Knight in 1976 and sent all five starters to the NBA.

"It's one of the greatest teams ever. I won't say it's the greatest team because it's hard to compare that team with some of the Wooden teams and North Carolina State and others," May says, referring to John Wooden's championship teams of the 1960s and '70s at UCLA.

"But I would say that if they ever had a banquet for the greatest teams in college basketball, they would definitely set a place for that team."

A very prominent place, indeed.

Indiana went 32-0 that season, beating Big Ten rival Michigan for the championship in the first NCAA A final between two teams from the same conference.

Those Hoosiers were incredibly talented. The starters were May, the nation's player of the year in 1976; Kent Benson, who received the same award the next year; forward Tom Abernethy; and guards Quinn Buckner and Bobby Wilkerson. Each played in the NBA and four were first-round picks.

What set that team apart, though, was its passion for a title.

"Our goal was to win a national championship and nothing else mattered," May says.

There was good reason for that, too. When assistant coach Bob Welch helped recruit that group in 1972, it was already regarded as the top class in America.

"We tried to recruit the best people first and the best players second. We tried to put together a mold for guys we wanted," says Welch, now the head coach at South Alabama.



Indiana coach Bobby Knight, left, and team members Scott May, center, and Quinn Buckner, are all smiles as they hold the NCAA Basketball championship trophy in Philadelphia in March 30, 1976 photo. In 1976, the Indiana Hoosiers stood tall and proud as 32-0 national champions. Twenty-five years later, no major college basketball team has matched that magical feat.

They didn't disappoint. May and Buckner became All-American and Buckner and Jim Crews, now the coach at Evansville, became the first freshmen to start under Knight.

By the fall of 1975, the team understood every aspect of Knight's revered motion offense and was ready to make its title run.

"We started four seniors and one junior, and you don't find many teams like that anymore," says Buckner, the team captain. "The core of our team was pretty experienced."

One season earlier, the Hoosiers were nearly perfect.

It, too, rolled through the Big Ten at 28-0, defeated opponents by an average of 12.3 points a game and reached the regional finals unbeaten.

Even now, some believe that team was better. "I know Coach Knight doesn't

agree, but we were," Buckner says. "We were deeper and all of those guys had played in the Final Four."

The missing ingredient, though, was May, who broke his left arm three games before the end of the 1974-75 regular season.

He missed the Hoosiers' first two tournament games, then, still hurt, returned again in Kentucky, a team Indiana had beaten by 24 earlier in the season. The Hoosiers, stunningly, lost 92-90.

But in the immediate aftermath, the shape of the '75-76 squad already was forming.

"It was very emotional, a really emotional locker room because we'd win 31 in a row and to lose to a team that we had beaten by 24 points earlier in the year was just... tough to take," May says.

...lay and his teammates returned deter-

mined to win the national championship. That fall there was a distinct change in the team's mindset.

"We all felt that if Scott hadn't been hurt, we would have won the championship," says John Laskowski, who graduated in 1975 and spent a season with the Chicago Bulls. "Physically, they knew they'd be as good if not better because they were a year older... Mentally, they were stronger."

May had to deal with the most obvious problem — his injury. Six months after breaking his arm, he still had not recovered and was plagued by doubts.

"In mid-August, my arm was about an inch around and I wondered if I ever would play again," he says.

He did, of course, but with the burden of trying to win another 18 straight Big Ten games — and a national championship —

placed squarely on his shoulders.

Knight used May as the example for everyone else. He did that sort of thing all season long.

"When you needed a basket, you got the ball to Scott May and he would muscle up and get it," Laskowski says. "He was more mature and understood the game better than the guys who were guarding him."

With Buckner and May leading the way, the Hoosiers faced only one real scare — at Michigan, when a Benson tip-in at the buzzer sent the game into overtime. They won 72-67.

Then the Hoosiers ran through the NCAA tournament. After routing St. John's and escaping against Alabama, the Hoosiers defeated Marquette and UCLA.

That set up a third game against Michigan in the final.

"They were a good team and by then we never really talked about who else was out there. We knew Michigan had taken us to the brink and they had the ability to beat us," May says.

So when Wilkerson was run over by Wayne Britt in the opening minutes and was sent to the hospital, it didn't look good. But the Hoosiers fought on and eventually pulled away for a 96-88 victory.

Crews, Wayne Radford and Jim Wiseman "made a couple of big plays and led the charge," May says.

Straight to perfection — something no team has achieved since.

The reason, in May's opinion, has less to do with talent and more to do with selfless individuals playing together, and staying together, for four seasons.

The players stayed close to the game through the years.

Buckner announces games for ESPN and serves as a studio analyst for CBS. Crews and Welch are head coaches on the college level, while Wilkerson coached at an Indianapolis high school. Abernethy lives in Indianapolis, where he owns his own real estate company and the Indiana Basketball Academy, a training facility.

Knight, who did not return messages requesting comment on the 1976 team, was fired from Indiana in September for what the university said was repeated misconduct.

As for May, he lives in Bloomington, having once turned down a chance to be a Knight assistant. But he still attends practices and games and an annual golf outing that brings the national championship team together.

He remains a visible symbol of the Hoosiers' glorious past.

"Nothing compares," May says, smiling.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Palmer takes novel approach in new course

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb. — Arnold Palmer is combining conservation with golf course construction in the town famous for Arbor Day.

The Palmer Design Co.'s 18-hole championship golf course is being built on 300 acres by Landscapes Unlimited Golf Course Development Co. of Lincoln with cooperation from The National Arbor Day Foundation, a nonprofit education organization dedicated to tree-planting and environmental stewardship.

The course, which will open in June 2002, will be used to help determine how golf courses impact the environment, Landscapes vice president and general manager Brad Schmidt said Thursday.

Palmer said the project will "allow us to take a proactive step to contribute sound business and environmental principles to the world of golf course design."

Arbor Day, the tree-planting holiday, was founded by J. Sterling Morton in Nebraska in 1872. Morton's former home in Nebraska City is a state historical park, and the southeast Nebraska town also has become well-known for its apple orchards.

### Hall of Fame horse trainer in critical condition

AVENTURA, Fla. — Hall of Fame horse trainer Allen Jerkens collapsed at his home after being weakened by stomach pains and was in critical condition Saturday.

The 71-year-old Jerkens was in the intensive care unit of Aventura Hospital near Miami. He was conscious and writing notes to his family, said his wife, Elizabeth.

"He was asking about the filly we have in (the race) today," Elizabeth Jerkens said. "He was totally alert."

Doctors have not yet determined the cause of Jerkens' illness, his wife said. But an inflammation of the stomach was the most likely cause, she said.

### Indiana basketball hunt nets 61 signatures

BOGGSTOWN, Ind. — In a state where high school basketball is a religion, Tom Howley is one ardent believer.

During the past 14 months, he and his wife, Sandy, traveled the country tracking down 61 former Mr. Basketball winners to autograph one of two basketballs.

Since 1939, 64 Indiana high school players have received the coveted title of best in the state. In 1961, 1974, 1984 and 1997 two players were honored in each of those years. There was no award in 1943 and 1944 because of World War II.

Among the winners: Rick Mount (1966), George McGinnis (1969), Steve Alford (1983) and Damon Bailey (1990). Three recipients have died.

The basketballs will be donated to the Triton Central athletic department at the next Northwestern Consolidated School Board meeting.

"I truly can't comprehend the time and effort needed for what they have done," said Roger Dickinson, executive director of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. "To me, it's unheard of."

**Adoption complete, Izzo's a daddy again**

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Michigan State basketball coach Tom Izzo and his wife, Lupe, have officially adopted a child — Steven Thomas Mateen Izzo.

"He's my brother," said the couple's 6-year-old daughter, Raquel, banging Izzo's golf bag on the ground Friday.

The baby's name honors three people.

Steven is for Steve Mariucci, Izzo's boyhood friend and coach of the San Francisco 49ers. Thomas is in honor of Tom Izzo's father. Mateen is for former Michigan State and current Detroit Pistons point guard Mateen Cleaves, who led the Spartans to the national championship last season.

The Izzos talked about adopting more children.

"I hope so," Lupe Izzo told the Lansing State Journal. "Steven was Tom's Father's Day present — a brother for a brother and a sister for a sister would be nice."

Compiled from wire reports

# GREGG'S BURDEN

## Former Major League umpire adjusts to life without baseball

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Eric Gregg stood before 15,000 screaming fans and made his toughest call of the year.

He disqualified a 450-pound man from a chicken wing-eating contest for arguing that he chewed enough meat off uncounted pieces.

Gregg served 23 years as a National League umpire and was best known for his 300-pound-plus frame. He called balls and strikes in one World Series and several league championship series, but he hasn't worked a game since his forced departure 16 months ago.

The affable Philadelphia native enjoys his role as commissioner of Wing Bowl, a wacky event held annually in the city of cheesesteaks. But it doesn't pay the bills.

Gregg, who once earned a six-figure salary, says he can't afford college tuition for two sons or braces for his daughter. He doesn't have any presents under his Christmas tree, either.

"It's been real tough, the toughest thing I've ever had to experience since my days growing up," Gregg said. "When you come this far and now have no income at all, it's his home."

The trouble for Gregg started after the 1999 All-Star game. Umpires were in the final year of a labor contract and feared a lockout by the owners. Richie Phillips, head of the Major League Umpires Association, called for mass resignations as a way of forcing an early start to negotiations.

"That strategy collapsed when many ump's, mostly in the AL, refused to resign or withdraw their resignations. Owners would allow 22 of the umpires to take back their resignations and hire 25 new ump's from the minor leagues."

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continue to pay the rent, continue to try to educate my kids, and continue to feed my family.

"We knew it was going to be tough. In a strike, there's always an end. But we were never prepared for something like this."

Gregg said he has borrowed money from Phillips, umpire Jerry Crawford and former umpire Terry Tata just to pay the mortgage.

"You can't borrow money from the bank when you don't have a job," Gregg said. "I get calls all the time. My kid calls me to say he can't go to class. I have to come up with \$14,000 and it's embarrassing. The school says don't bother coming back after Christmas."

Gregg has three sons, Eric, 22, Kevin, 20, and Jamie, who will turn 14 on Dec. 31, and one daughter, Ashley, 16. He enjoys spending time with his children and wife, Ramona, but realizes he needs to provide for them, too.

"We're all certain whether he'd return to umpiring if the opportunity arose, but he wants a resolution and at least one more check from baseball — a severance he says totals \$400,000.

"We're all entitled to what we work for," Gregg said. "To have to sell my 401k, to have to sell my little bit of stock, to get rid of my kids' bonds for college, that's not fair."

Gregg has a routine now that he has more free time. His regular day includes taking his two younger children to school, walking his dog, working out, then returning home to watch soap operas. He has appeared on CBS' "The Young and the Restless" several times.

Umpire Eric Gregg is seen at the start of the San Diego Padres-Philadelphia Phillies game Aug. 24, 1999 in Philadelphia. The toughest call Gregg made this year was determining whether contestants chewed enough meat during a wing-eating contest. The former National League umpire hasn't worked a game since resigning during a labor dispute 16 months ago.

sponsored by WIP radio, is held the Friday before the Super Bowl.

It has grown from a six-contestant, 100-foot event in the lobby of a Center City hotel in 1993 to a day-long celebration that starts at 4 a.m.

Wing Bowl was held at the First Union Center last year and Gregg faced more controversy for the ejection of one contestant than he did in Game 6 of the 1997 NLCS when he was criticized for having an expanded strike zone.

Florida's Lion Hernandez benefited from Gregg's calls that day and outdueled Atlanta's Greg Maddux as the Marlins eliminated the Braves before winning their only World Series.

"They buried me on that game," Gregg said.

The league also had a problem with his weight. He once was fined \$5,000 for failing to report at 300 pounds. The 6-foot-3 Gregg now reveals his weight now, but claims he's in better shape after losing 50 pounds since September.

No matter what the arbitrator decides, Gregg is proud of his accomplishments in baseball.

"For a kid from the ghetto," Gregg said, "I've done things you've never dreamed of."

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SPORTS

# Blue-Gray consolation

## ISU's Shane Griggs joins Penn St., Alabama players

remains two wins short of Bear Bryant's record 323.

"All the seniors in particular wanted to get coach Paterno that record," Cerimele said. "I don't think anyone was more disappointed than this group of seniors."

Bryant's former team, Alabama, endured an even more disappointing season. The Crimson Tide, ranked No. 3 in the preseason, plummeted to 3-8 and coach Mike Dufosse was forced to resign.

"There's no real answer to what went wrong," McClintock said. "All we know is that it did go wrong. I feel we should have won at least eight games, but sometimes football's a funny game. When things start going wrong with your team, it's hard to make a comeback."

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Paterno college football's winningest coach. At Alabama, Dustin McClintock figured an eight-win season would be the bare minimum.

Instead, the two fullbacks from traditional powerhouse fallen on hard times must settle for playing in the Blue-Gray Classic today.

The 17-in Idaho State quarterback Shane Griggs, a 6-foot-4, 198-pounder many NFL scouts predict will make a sleeper draft pick several months from

now. He and Rutgers senior Mike McMahon will quarterback the North.

"This isn't where we wanted to be at the end of the season," Cerimele said. "At Penn State, we expect to win. We don't expect things to happen like happened last season."

Those things — assault charges against quarterback Rashard Casey and a severe injury to defensive back Adam Talaferro — contributed to a 5-7 record, making it Unhappy Valley. It's just the second time in Paterno's 35 years that the Nittany Lions haven't been to a bowl, and he

## Blue-Gray Classic Roster

### BLUE SQUAD

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
2 Shane Griggs	QB	6-4	198	Idaho State
4 Mike McMahon	QB	6-2.5	213	Rutgers
6 Jason Baker	P	6.1	195	Iowa
8 Owen Pechter	PK	6-1	180	Brigham Young
10 Owen Green	WR	6-1	200	Colorado
12 Kevin Kasper	WR	6	193	Iowa
14 Steve Smith	WR	5-9	176	Utah
16 Marcus Williams	WR	6-4.5	226	Washington St.
18 Marcus Shipp	RB	5-10.5	213	Mass.
20 Chris Barnes	RB	6-1	209	New Mexico St.
22 Mike Cerimele	RB	5-11	240	Penn State
24 Patrick Dyson	QB	5-11.5	188	Utah
26 Chidi Juona	QB	5-9	182	California
28 Julian Jones	DB	5-11.5	190	Missouri
30 Carl Nesmith	DB	6-1.5	211	Kansas
32 Richard Newsome	DB	5-10.5	188	Michigan St.
34 RJ Bowers	RB	6-1	241	Grove City
36 Thrus Pettigrew	LB	6-2	237	New Mexico St.
38 Mike Barnett	LB	6-1	238	Western Ill.
40 Edgerton Harwell	LB	6-1	230	Illinois
42 Michael Young	LB	6-2.5	234	Iowa
44 LeVar Woods	LB	6	231	Syracuse
46 Morlon Greenwood	LB	6-5	277	Iowa
48 Andy Bowers	DL	6-3	280	Iowa
52 Anthony Heron	DL	6-4	250	Colorado
54 Brandon Jones	DL	6-4	300	New Mexico St.
56 Drew Izzo	OC	6-4	301	Michigan St.
58 Situppe Peko	OC	6-4	301	Navy
70 Hoot Stahi	OC	6-5.5	290	California
72 Paul Dietz	OC	6-3	294	Illinois
74 Ray Redmill	OC	6-5.5	285	Temple
76 Mathias Niemi	OC	6-4	292	Princeton
78 Dennis Norman	TE	6-3.5	247	Illinois
80 Josh Whitman	TE	6-3	243	Suwanee
82 Russel Stewart	TE	6-3	301	Indiana
90 Paul Mandina	DL	6-4	294	Brigham Young
92 Hans Oisen	DL	6-4	275	Syracuse
94 Eric Downing	DL	6-4	275	Syracuse

### GRAY SQUAD

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1 Jason McKinley	QB	6-2.5	209	Houston
3 David Rivers	QB	6-2.5	219	W. Carolina
5 Matt Allen	P	6-4	241	Troy State
7 Bill Gramatica	PK	6-0.5	180	South Florida
9 Kenny Clark	WR	6-1.5	219	UCF
11 Alex Bonnistler	WR	6-6	202	E. Kentucky
13 Richmond Flowers	WR	5-11	192	Chattanooga
21 Jonathan Carter	WR	5-11.5	177	Troy State
23 Derrick Blaylock	RB	5-9.5	188	SFA
25 Carl Fall	RB	5-11.5	217	UAB
27 Corey Crume	RB	5-11	222	E. Kentucky
29 Dustin McClintock	RB	6-1.5	255	Alabama
31 Marcus Spencer	DB	6-1	203	Alabama
33 Michael Stone	DB	5-11	188	Memphis
35 Jimmy Williams	DB	5-11	190	Vanderbilt
37 Delvin Hugley	DB	5-11	192	Jacksonville St.
39 Corry Hall	DB	6-3.5	190	Appalachian St.
41 Addian Sadler	DB	5-10	190	Rice
43 Edward Reese	LB	6-4	242	Jackson State
45 Noel Ellis	LB	6-1.5	252	Tulane
47 Nick Colbert	LB	6-3	238	Troy State
49 Matt Stewart	LB	6-4	245	Vanderbilt
51 Travis Ortega	LB	6-1	215	Rice
53 Paul Hogan	OC	6-3	285	Alabama
57 Rod Kelly	DL	6-4.5	255	NE St.
61 Kendrick Office	DL	6-5	260	W. Alabama
63 Robert Garza	OC	6-2.5	219	Texas A&M
67 Giff Redmill	OL	6-6	321	Alabama
69 Josh Lind	OL	6-6	294	Oklahoma St.
71 Kenya Jones	OL	6-3.5	316	South Florida
73 Shawn Draper	OL	6-4	295	Alabama
77 Kendrick Rogers	OL	6-5	291	Alabama A&M
81 Delroy Stewart	TE	6-3	310	S. Mississippi
85 Undrae Crosby	TE	6-4.5	281	UAB
91 Elliott Carson	TE	6-4	290	Vanderbilt
93 Mike Jenkins	DL	6-5	297	Michigan
93 Marcus Bell	DL	6-1	305	Memphis
99 Otis Laverette	DL	6-8.5	275	UAB

Head Coach - Offense: Ron Turner, Illinois.  
Head Coach - Defense: Harry Hiestand, Illinois.  
Assistant Coach - Offense: Paul Pasquonli, Syracuse.  
Assistant Coach - Defense: Christopher Rippon, Syracuse.

Head Coach - Offense: Wilson Brown, UAB.  
Assistant Coach - Offense: Rick Crawford, UAB.  
Head Coach - Defense: Ken Hatfield, Rice.  
Assistant Coach - Defense: Roger Hinshaw, Rice.

# Flowers comes full circle

## Chattanooga wide receiver follows roots



Wide receiver Richmond Flowers III hands a pen to Doug Crawford, 7, after signing an autograph for Crawford during Blue-Gray All-Star Football Classic practice in Montgomery, Ala., Friday afternoon. Flowers played this season for Tennessee-Chattanooga.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Wide receiver Richmond Flowers III will have a special feeling — one not entirely connected to football — when he plays today in the Blue-Gray All-Star game.

The game will be played not far from the Alabama Capitol, where his grandfather was a key figure during the turbulent 1960s.

"It's great to have the opportunity to play in Montgomery, where my family was a part of a lot of history," Flowers said. "It's exciting."

Richmond Flowers Sr., was the state's attorney general and often at odds with then-segregationist Gov. George Wallace.

On the same day Wallace gave his famous "segregation forever" inaugural speech in January of 1963, Flowers took the oath as Montgomery's mayor.

In his speech, Flowers urged calm and said the state should not fight federal authorities when the fight would "bring nothing but disgrace to our state."

The two were at odds through much of Wallace's term, and Flowers eventually lost the 1966 governor's race to Wallace's wife, Lurleen.

During the campaign, Flowers said he would appoint blacks to state positions if elected.

Flowers was later convicted on federal charges that he and two others conspired to solicit payoffs in exchange for permission to sell corporate stock publicly. Flowers maintained that his stand on civil rights and his strained relationship with Wallace led to the conviction. Federal prosecutors have denied the case had anything to do with civil rights.

Now, Richmond Flowers III is in Montgomery, pursuing his lifelong dream of following his

father into the NFL. Richmond Flowers Jr., was an All-America receiver and track star at Tennessee who went on to play with the Dallas Cowboys and the New York Giants in the NFL.

So far, Flowers III isn't doing badly. For Chattanooga this season, he caught a school record 86 passes for 1,035 yards.

He was hoping to impress scouts in practices this week leading up to the game Blue-Gray game at Cramton Bowl.

"I was born with the will to fight," Flowers said. "I am fighting to reach my goal to play in the NFL. I'll play for anybody."

The game will be the first for Flowers at Cramton Bowl, where his father starred for Lanier High School in the 1960s. The stadium stands three blocks from his grandfather's old office.

While Flowers desperately wants to play on Sundays, he said he can put football in perspective when it comes to the political battles his family once fought in Montgomery.

"There's no one I respect more

than my grandfather. He's my hero," Flowers said. "I understand the courage it took for him to stand up for what was right and what it cost him to make that stand."

When Flowers Jr. decided to play football at Tennessee, some said he was leaving Alabama because of the political climate. Flowers III said he left the state to play college football for a much more mundane reason — he wanted to be a wide receiver.

"I had an offer to play for Auburn," he said. "They wanted me to play free safety. Duke recruited me as a receiver and I wanted to get my hands on the football."

He went to Duke, where he played in 1998 and 1999 after sitting out a medical redshirt year with an ankle injury.

Even though he had already graduated from Duke, Flowers had one year of eligibility remaining. So he enrolled last summer as a graduate student in the business school at Chattanooga.

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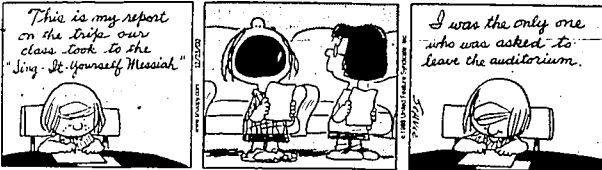
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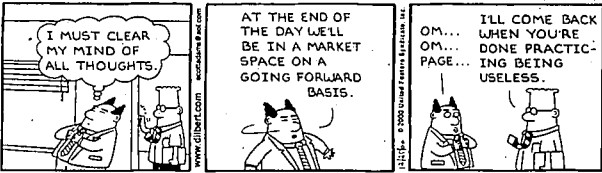
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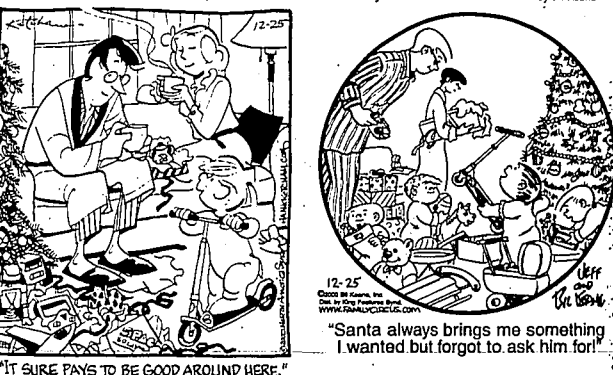


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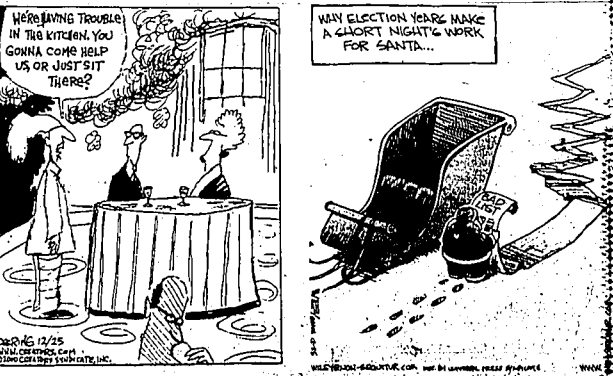


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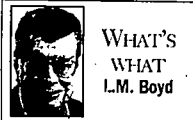
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MORNING BREAK

# Credit the wind for butterfly varieties



WHAT'S WHAT  
L.M. Boyd

**Q. How do you account for so many varieties of butterflies?**  
A. Credit the wind. It blows butterflies off course sometimes. They lose their mother colonies, join other groups, and nothing in the butterfly bylaws says they can't mate with strangers.

"Sow belly" from the lower side of the pig was for the poor, "loin chops" from the upper side, for the rich. Whence: "...living high on the hog."  
Average blood pressure of a giraffe is 260/160.

Every flower is descended from a weed.  
Nobody accused of witchcraft was burned at the stake in Salem, Mass., in 1642, but 19 were hanged. That's what I said. A client innocent of the neither ver-nacular asks, "Were any stoned?" History records one man, Giles Corey, was crushed to death by stones cast upon his body.

When depressed, men try to distract themselves. But women tend to dwell on it. That's the conclusion of a Stanford study reported in a men's magazine. Our Love and War man doesn't buy it. He steps beyond his expertise to opine: "Every depressed person, man or woman, tends to dwell on it. It's the nature of the condition."  
The ancient Greeks ate violets.

"Crow" is defined as "a triumphant boast." If a person moved something with an iron lever that couldn't be moved without it, that person might utter such a triumphant boast. From that came the name of the "crowbar."  
A professional cooker of

furklys says the turkey is done when you can move its legs freely.  
A tarantula's burrow has silk wallpaper.  
Lab techs say a test tube of blood, sprinkled with salt, separates into three distinct layers: Plasma, white cells and red cells.

**ACROSS**  
1. Diplomat  
2. Mrs. Ferdinand  
3. Karsen  
14. Altar vow  
15. Norway's capital  
16. New alone  
17. Food from taro  
18. Mistresses of castles  
19. Monetary pile  
21. Lady of Spain  
22. G-man  
23. Inedible or India, e.g.  
24. Thick layers of paint in art  
30. Rudegrunt  
32. Cool down  
34. Booth or Meese  
35. Hindu deity  
37. Thin sheet  
38. Singer  
39. Diamond  
40. Think alike  
42. Toasty hero  
43. Airfare  
45. Disarray  
47. ...cote  
48. Soft, wet, ground  
49. Acres  
50. Submission to the will of Allah  
51. Type of general  
52. Director Burton  
56. Fatire  
57. Masquerade mask  
58. Smash  
59. Alcott novel  
60. Ingested  
61. Scoop-shaped garden tool  
62. Nudnik  
63. Bond's Fleming  
64. Lower in rank  
67. Liberal or martial  
68. Number  
71. Disenumbered

**DOWN**  
1. Drop a hint  
2. Worshiper  
3. Enjoyment of life  
4. Alarm bells  
5. Path  
6. Making noisy sounds  
7. In  
8. (collective)  
9. Submission to the will of Allah  
9. Extinct bird  
10. Old Testament judge  
11. Chaney of 'The Wolf Man'  
12. Aberdeen's river  
13. Warm  
14. Canon of song  
15. Little logume  
16. Look up to  
17. Rioting beast  
18. Singer Turner  
19. Son of Judah  
20. Crude workers  
21. Place of bric-a-brac  
22. Bearlike or beret  
23. Winter alliance  
25. Early garden  
41. Mini-hourglass  
44. "King" Cole  
46. Doory, Maine, or G.I.  
60. Inc. in the U.K.  
61. Rage  
62. Male cat  
63. A pair  
64. Allow to  
55. Like some gases  
58. Milder film, "Drowning"  
60. Inc. in the U.K.  
61. Rage  
62. Male cat  
63. A pair  
64. Allow to

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Family Man Today 12:45 - 3:40 - 7:15 - 9:55

## Idaho dancers do-si-do their cares away square dancing

**POCATELLO (AP)** - If the world were square instead of round, Dorothy Sidell is convinced more people would help each other.  
"I have a philosophy that when you're square dancing, you're so worried about telling your right from your left, you forget all your other cares," Sidell says.  
Sidell is a part of Pocatello's square dancing society, a group of aficionados dedicated to the dance and the culture associated with it.  
"You've got to keep up with it. You have to go out and dance a minimum of once a month, I'd say," says Art Ross, who has been square dancing with his wife, Jeri, since the mid-1970s.  
The two started again on a dare after taking a brief break.  
"Veteran square dancers say it takes at least nine months to learn the dance's 40 or so basic moves. After that, couples choose whether to learn around 15 more moves to advance to the next level.  
Larry Stewart has been "call-

ing" square dances for nearly seven years. Callers are like deejays, choosing the music and giving dancers instructions.  
"Once you get to know what you're doing, it's not too bad. The trick is keeping people straight and getting them back to their own partners and their own corners," Stewart says. "You're just making it up as you go."  
Stewart first started calling when a couple of girls took him square dancing at Ricks College.  
"When the caller couldn't do it, I filled in," he says.  
The pastime takes a lot more energy and coordination than some may think, dancers say.  
"What makes it challenging is that the caller can put things in any order he wants," Stewart says.

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MORNING BREAK

# Play a waiting game, Cancer Teens get up to a lot of good

**IF DECEMBER 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY**... you are serious when it comes to interpreting the meanings of holiday. You gain much through meditation. Pisces, Virgo persons play important roles in your life, could have these letters, initials, in names: G, P, Y. January will be one of your most exciting months next year. You write, create and act. April will be your most profitable, romantic month in 2001.

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** You will be in the rhythm of this day. Dance to your own tune. Puddle will be solved. People will express love for you. Scorpio figures prominently.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** You will enjoy greater freedom of thought, action. Write impressions of places, people. Take notes. A frightened child apprehensive about sitting in his lap.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Family reunion highlighted, flowers, music, gifts featured. One who had been absent will return with dramatic flair. Libra figures in scenario.

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**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Don't tell all, play waiting game, questions concerning partnership, marriage will loom large. Legal dilemma will be solved. Governmental agency in picture.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** People will be drawn to you seeking knowledge, encouragement. You'll have more responsibility, promotion will be featured. Capricorn plays role.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Your extrasensory perception surges forth. Perceive future, control your destiny. Good news on this Christmas Day, love will not be unrequited. Aries represented.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Shake off emotional lethargy, make fresh start in new direction. Take chance on romance, imprint style, don't follow others. Be sure to wear bright colors.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Focus on cooperative efforts, partnership, marital status. Individual who shunned you will now make friendly gesture. Cancer, Capricorn in top roles.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Diversify, make people laugh if even through their grief. You can make this a most "entertaining" Christmas Day. Gemini figures prominently.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** New Moon in your sign represents "high cycle." Judgment, intuition honed to razor-sharpness. Permit heart to rule. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons are in picture.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Your role on this Christmas Day will be that of "teacher." Read and write, share knowledge. Flirtation is serious, respond accordingly. Virgo represented.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Attention revolves around home, family, decorating, remodeling. This will be one of your most "beautiful" of Christmas Days. Music plays, dance to your own tune.

**DEAR ABBY:** I would like to share an experience that proves the truth of two facts: 1. Don't judge a book by its cover. 2. Young people are great human beings.

Driving home from the hospital after undergoing several cardiovascular tests, I found myself on the freeway in the middle of rush hour. The traffic was terrible. A car in the next lane began honking its horn. I looked over and saw three young women pointing at me. They yelled that my right rear tire was flat. I was a bit suspicious because the girls were wearing earrings in all sorts of places where one doesn't normally wear them, and one girl had bleached "spiked" hair. They appeared rather unsavory.

With some apprehension, I moved to the right lane and exited the freeway. The young women followed me to a nearby gas station. Once I saw my tire was indeed flat, I knew I needed help. I looked around for a pay phone, but couldn't find one. The three young women checked my tire and determined that there were no obvious holes or punctures. They refilled it with air, tested it, and assured me it would probably be OK until I could get to the dealership where the tire had been purchased. Throughout the entire scenario, they were friendly, courteous and extremely helpful. I was dumbfounded, feeling more than



DEAR ABBY

Abigail Varburton

a little guilty for my preconceived ideas about them. They said they had followed me from the time I had gotten on the freeway, trying to catch up to me so they could warn me about my tire. I offered them money; they wouldn't hear of it.

We often hear about the misdeeds of a few disturbed young people. It's time more people spoke up about the good things young people do.

-BARBARA P., DANA POINT, CALIF.

**DEAR BARBARA:** I agree. The majority of today's teens are intelligent, motivated to succeed and concerned about their future. Anyone who is tempted to put them down as a group should read the following quote, attributed to Socrates, from the fifth century B.C. It shows that complaining about the younger generation is nothing new:

"Our youth now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for their elders, and love chatter in places of exercise. They no longer rise when elders

enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company, gobble up their food and tyrannize their teachers." It proves the truth of another saying: "The more things change, the more they remain the same."

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been married for two years. Prior to our marriage we both agreed not to have children. I have changed my mind and would like to have a child. However, my husband has not changed his mind and feels very strongly about his decision. He believes he would be a good father, but he does not want the stress of raising a child. I feel that if I do not have a child because he doesn't want one, I'll always feel resentful. A friend of mine told me to go off birth control, get pregnant, and he would be fine once the baby was here. I feel that would be dishonest and unfair - but what about my feelings and needs?

-EXTREMELY CONFUSED, WHITEHALL, PA.

**DEAR CONFUSED:** I couldn't disagree more strongly with your friend's advice. (And what would happen to your marriage if your husband wasn't "fine" once the baby was born?)

You and your husband are overdue for some serious marital counseling. If he refuses to come around, you may be married to the wrong man.

## 3-year-old puts Santa helper in hospital

Knight-Ridder News Service

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** - Mall Santa Terry Snider is accustomed to the occupational hazards of his seasonal job. His long, white beard has been tugged. Yes, it's real. He's been wet on. Often. And, rarely, he gets kicked by a frightened child apprehensive about sitting in his lap.

But never has Snider been kicked like he was this week at Eastland Mall. A double boomer by a 3-year-old boy has marooned him in a Mercy South Hospital bed with an infected knee and a swollen leg as puffy as stockings on Christmas morning.

"It wasn't the kid's fault; it was the mother's," Snider said earlier this week. "She got mad at him because he was putting up an argument - he didn't want to sit in Santa's lap."

"So she grabbed the kid by one arm and pulled him up in the air, and he kicked me with both feet."

Snider cringed, but stayed at his post. It would be the night for Santa to leave before all the children had delivered their wish lists.

"I didn't want to scare the kids any more than they were, so I tried to keep as quiet as I could. I could hear six hours to go in my seat, and I just shut it off. I really thought it would clear up, but the next morning my leg started to swell."

The kicks cut his knee and something from his Santa suit may have caused the infection.

Snider, 62, resembling the real Santa. Because the real one can't be everywhere, he enlisted as a Santa lieutenant 12 years ago.

## Post office says hello to 'Whoville'

Newspay

Cards and letters are turning up in mailboxes across the country stamped "Happy Who-lidays from the U.S. Postal Service," part of a promotional campaign designed to bring a little Whoville - and an array of new products for sale at local post offices - to every town and village this holiday season.

The promotion, which began Nov. 1 and continues through Jan. 7, is the result of an agreement between the postal service and Universal Studios surrounding the holiday film "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

"The postal service usually holds an annual holiday promotional campaign that not only highlights its products and services, but also urges people to send their cards and packages early to avoid the crush of last-minute mailers at the post office," said spokesman Tom Gaynor.

"The Whoville post office is one of the key locations in the film. Postal employees embody the spirit of Whoville and the Who-lidays," Gaynor said. "As the post office sends out everybody's holiday letters and holiday packages, it's a natural tie-in with the movie's theme."

This holiday season's promotional campaign includes television print ads in advertising and an array of mail products and merchandise gifts for sale, ranging from Whoville phone cards to "Grinch" gifts and stationery.

The film's popularity at the box office could mean a very "Who-lidays" at the post office, too, Gaynor said.

He's been a Santa at the mall for two years. When he's not helping Santa, he works at Wal-Mart, where he's sometimes recognized from his other role. "Kids see me and say, 'You

aren't supposed to be in here,' and the parents say, 'See, I told you Santa's always keeping a watch on you.' When he returns to his Santa chair, he will wear shin guards. And knee pads.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
 January 11, 2001  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a Public Hearing will be held before the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission upon said request:  
 A **CONDITIONAL USE LAND DIVISION** by Leonard Koehn on property consisting of approximately forty-nine and nine tenths (49.9) acres located in Section 8, Township 10 South, Range 14 East B.M. Also known as being located at 4039 North 1100 East, Buhl, Idaho in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to divide off one and four tenths (1.4) acres for a home site.  
 A **CONDITIONAL USE LAND DIVISION** after the fact, by Scott & Susan Guilan on property consisting of one (1.0) acre located in Section 36, Township 10 South, Range 14 East B.M. Also known as being located at approximately 3528 North 1400 East, Buhl, Idaho in the Agricultural Zone. The intent is to fulfill the requirements of Twin Falls County Ordinance.

A **REZONE** Presentation and Application by Bill Levels on properties consisting of approximately four and one half (4.5) acres in Section 10, Township 10 South, Range 18 East, B.M. and addressed approximately by 21300-C Highway 30, Twin Falls in the Zone. The intended use is to rezone the acreage from Agricultural to Commercial.  
 A **PLAT AMENDMENT** on South 83 Heights by Mike Shetter, on property consisting of approximately thirty-two (32) acres located in Section 15, Township 10 South, Range 18 East, B.M. and addressed approximately 3850 North 8400 East in the Rural Residential Zone. The intended use is to amend an existing plat by increasing the number of lots in the commercial zone.  
 A **CONDITIONAL USE HARDSHIP** by David Sousa on property consisting of approximately five and six tenths (5.6) acres located in Section 15, Township 9 South, Range 14 East, B.M. and addressed 4444 River Road in the Rural Residential Zone. The intended use is to temporarily place a manufactured home on the property to assist an elderly parent.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that a Public Hearing will be held before the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission at the hour of 7:00 p.m. on the 11th day of January 2001 at the Twin Falls County Office Building Meeting Room, 246 3rd Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho upon said requests.  
 A complete description of each request is on file with the Office of the Zoning Administrator and available upon request. Any and all persons may register their comments, protests or agreements on the subjects being considered. Comments should be made to the Office of the Zoning Administrator at 246 3rd Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho (200) 734-9490 in writing prior to the Public Hearing.  
 Dated this 21st day of December 2000.  
 /s/ R Todd Bass, Chairman  
 Twin Falls County Planning & Zoning Commission  
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- 830 Wanted Collectibles**

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- 1004 Autos Wanted
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- 1007 Trucks
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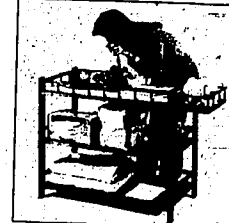
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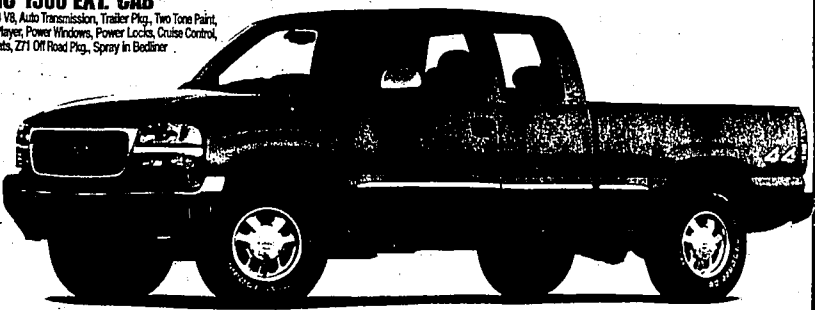
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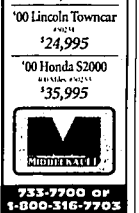
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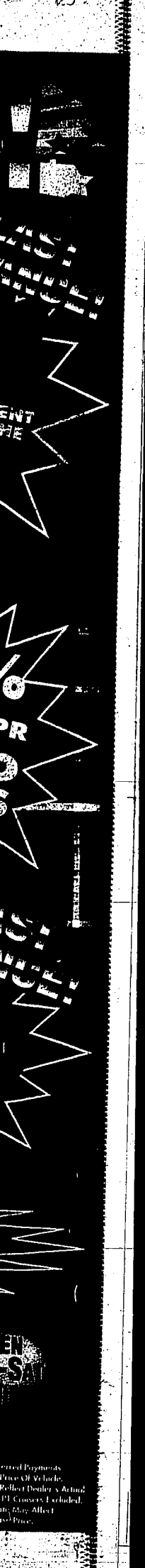
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