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Season of cheer, hope

World celebrates Christmas; sorrow infuses Jesus' birthplace

The Associated Press

For Peter Deng and Clement Garang, Christmas this year had an extra special element: snow. The teen-age refugees from Sudan, two of 3,600 the U.S. State Department hopes to settle in America within a year, say they're fascinated by the almost mythical wet, white stuff. "It's wonderful," said Deng, 17, flashing a grin. "In Africa, we've only seen it on top of mountains or in storybooks."

"You would think these boys

were born right here," said Valerie Smiley, their foster mother in Lansing, Mich.

Outside the U.S., NATO troops at Mass in Bosnia and Orthodox Christians in the candlelit splendor of Istanbul's cathedral kept the flames of hope and peace burning, while in the birthplace of Jesus much of the season's joy was lost in the sorrow of Israeli-Palestinian violence.

A weary Pope John Paul II was dismayed by deadly Christmas Eve attacks in Indonesia, where, he said, "our brothers and sisters

in faith, even on this Christmas Day, are undergoing a tragic time of trial and suffering."

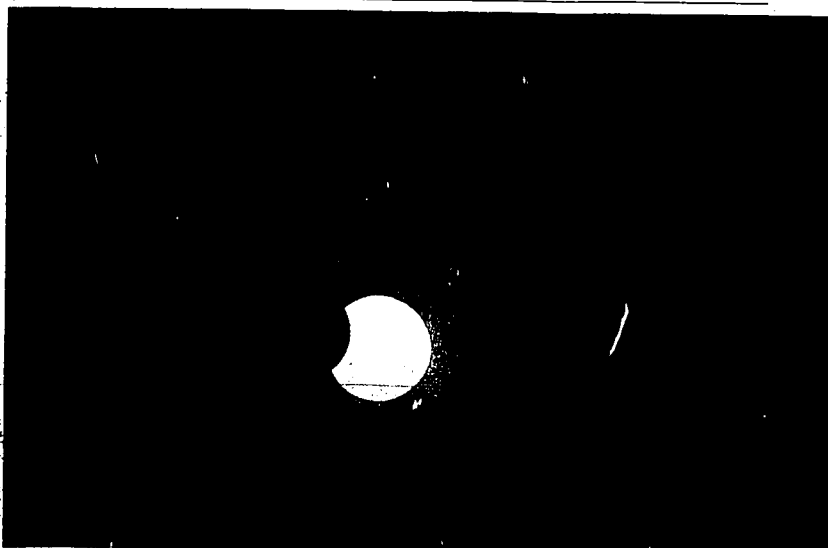
Across the U.S., Christmas Day was celebrated with memories, traditions and acts of kindness.

In Los Angeles, celebrities lent a hand at the Midnight Mission Christmas dinner and toy giveaway for about 2,500 of the city's needy. "I don't think Christmas is necessarily about things. It's about being good to one another, it's about the Christian ethic, it's about kindness," said actress Carrie Fisher.



A worshipper attends Mass early Monday at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

DISAPPEARING ACT



Clouds drift past a partial solar eclipse in Twin Falls on Christmas morning. The intense sunlight entering the camera lens caused the ghost reflection at upper right.

Clouds finally part to show solar eclipse

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - About 45 people shook off the temptations of presents on Christmas morning to watch the partial solar eclipse from the Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences at the College of Southern Idaho.

The eclipse peaked at 9:33 a.m., and the sun peeked through the cloaking cloud over shortly after that. It remained mostly visible until it ended at 10:49 a.m.

"We were dodging clouds until the end of the eclipse," said Chris Anderson, the planetarium pro-

duction specialist with the Faulkner Planetarium at CSI.

A thick blanket of clouds during the morning threatened to completely hide the eclipse.

"I wasn't very optimistic," said planetarium manager Rick Greenwald, who spent Christmas morning camped out on the roof of the Herrett Center, scanning the sky for something other than cumulus clouds. At about 9:25 he got his wish, as the clouds began to break up a little bit, he said.

"I was so thrilled," Greenwald said. "I raced and grabbed the telescope."

About 25 percent of the sun

over Idaho was covered during the peak of the eclipse, meaning that it is not the most spectacular eclipse, Anderson said.

Elsewhere, people in the Northeast saw the moon blot out as much as 60 percent of the sun around midday. The solar disc looked like a yellow crescent.

Viewing was best in New England and the upper Midwest, while clouds got in the way across much of the nation's midsection.

How unusual is a Christmas solar eclipse?

The last one occurred in 1954, and was visible only in parts of Africa. The next partial Christmas

eclipse, says Fred Espenak of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, will occur in 2007.

Looking at a solar eclipse with the naked eye can be dangerous. Experts recommend using special equipment, such as a welder's lens or a pinhole projector, to prevent eye damage and to get the best view.

Five hundred pairs of safety goggles, which make the eclipse safe to view, were sold last week at CSI, so Greenwald said he hoped at least that many people had the chance to see the event.

The AP contributed to this story.

Study ranks key successes of federal government

The Washington Post

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WASHINGTON - With government-bashing a popular sport, now comes a report from the Brookings Institution on the federal government's 50 most impor-

tant achievements of the last 50 years.

The federal government's

greatest achievement, according to the Brookings report, was the rebuilding of Europe after World War II. Expanding voting rights was No. 2, while promoting equal access to public accommodations was No. 3 and reducing work-

place discrimination was No. 5.

"Looking back from the edge of a new millennium, it is difficult not to be proud of what the federal government has tried to

do," the report says. See ACHIEVEMENTS, Page A2

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Powell's Jamaica

Nominee's roots remain strong, despite long journey

The Associated Press

TOP HILL, Jamaica - Ask Collin Powell's cousin Muriel how the son of humble Jamaican immigrants rose to the top and she has a ready answer.

"Jamaicans are not afraid to lick (hit) the child if he be rude or out of order," says Muriel Meggie, 65, wearing the mischievous grin of someone who got a lick or two in her day. "A child has got to know his place, when to play and when to work."

She stands by the tin-roofed boyhood home of Luther Powell, Collin's father, looking out from the red dirt yard over the sloping hills of this southern Jamaican farming community.

"We're proud people, my be not rich but we've got dignity, and dignified people - they know how to behave," she says.

She doesn't know whether the general and future secretary of state under President-elect Bush got any licks, but the message is clear: during Powell's New York

childhood, the values of hardworking rural West Indians left their mark.

There's evident pride here over the rise of "our big man up north," in the words of cousin Reuben Powell. And the rest of the island is also pleased.

Powell's background and Jamaican roots "may cause him to view the world through different prisms than the mainstream of the Republican Party," The Jamaica Observer said in an editorial.

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President-elect George W. Bush introduces retired Gen. Colin Powell as his secretary of state Dec. 18 in Crawford, Texas.

Human testing sparks debate

Volunteers agree to pollute their bodies

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Kimberly Wood pedals a stationary bicycle in a refrigerator-sized chamber and breathes into various tubes as she watches researchers monitor information about the air pollution levels inside.

A contraption outfitted with hoses and gauges concentrates the ultra-fine soot and dust inside the chamber to eight times its outdoor level.

Wood is among a growing number of research volunteers who are subjecting themselves to pollutants and other harmful substances, a trend some experts say raises ethical concerns because even a low risk runs counter to the physician's ancient creed, "First, do no harm."

The college student said she volunteered for the study, designed to monitor how particulate matter affects humans, because she is convinced such research benefits society at large.

She pointed to recent studies connecting secondhand tobacco smoke to childhood asthma. "What if air pollution is doing the same thing to small children?" said Wood, 22, who is paid \$200 for tests that took more than a day. "That's something that needs to be looked at and taken care of."

Deliberate human exposure to pollutants was an element of nine of the 110 projects approved last fiscal year by the National Center for Environmental Research, a division of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Human testing has also been involved in studying the effects of a bacterium in causing diarrhea, and investigating whether certain doses of a water pollutant are harmful to humans.

In November, Loma Linda University Medical Center found itself on the defensive after questions were raised about its water-pollutant study, in which

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY



ALMANAC

Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday

High/Low	34/28°
Normal High/Low	35/18°
Record High/Low	39/15°
Record Low	7° 16/1900

Precipitation: 0.00"
 100 Year Average: 0.56"
 Year to date: 7.47"
 Normal year to date: 10.28"

Humidity at noon: 85%
 Barometric Pressure: 30.45"
 Windy at 8 P.M.: 30-45"
 Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls: Absent
 Absent Mold: Absent
 Trees: Absent

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Clouds and fog, then some sunshine. ▲ 34°	Mostly cloudy; patchy fog. ▼ 28°	Plenty of clouds; patchy fog. ▲ 38° ▼ 26°	Times of clouds and sunshine. ▲ 40° ▼ 24°	Clouds and sunshine. ▲ 40° ▼ 24°	Becoming partly sunny. ▲ 38° ▼ 26°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Areas of clouds and dense fog will give way to some sunshine today. Turning out mostly cloudy tonight; areas of dense fog. Clouds and fog followed by partial sunshine tomorrow.

Boise: Mostly cloudy skies today with areas of dense fog this morning. Mostly cloudy tonight; fog will develop.

Northern Nevada: Cloudy to partly sunny today with a flurry or two. Cold tonight with a variably cloudy sky. Cold again tomorrow with a mixture of clouds and sunshine.

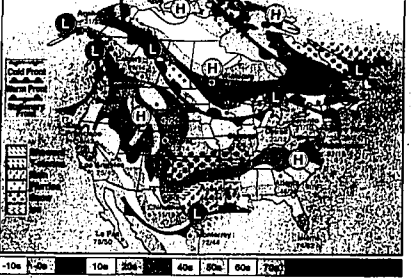
Northern Utah: Partly sunny skies today; seasonably cold. Partly cloudy skies across the region tonight. Tomorrow will offer times of clouds and sunshine.

Northern Idaho: Partly to mostly cloudy across the region today, with seasonably cool temperatures. Mostly cloudy skies tonight. Plenty of clouds will rule across the area tomorrow.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 78° in Fort Myers, FL Low -33° in Cambridge, MN

NATIONAL WEATHER



CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	Th.	F.	S.
Calgary	28 13	20	20	20	17
Edmonton	28 13	20	20	20	17
Regina	28 13	20	20	20	17
Saskatoon	28 13	20	20	20	17
Winnipeg	28 13	20	20	20	17

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	Th.	F.	S.
London	37 30	39 35	38 32	37 30	36 29
Paris	37 30	39 35	38 32	37 30	36 29
Madrid	37 30	39 35	38 32	37 30	36 29
Rome	37 30	39 35	38 32	37 30	36 29
Stockholm	37 30	39 35	38 32	37 30	36 29

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	Th.	F.	S.
Boise	30 23	36 28	35 27	34 26	33 25
Idaho Falls	30 23	36 28	35 27	34 26	33 25
Shoshone	30 23	36 28	35 27	34 26	33 25
Blackfoot	30 23	36 28	35 27	34 26	33 25
Arco	30 23	36 28	35 27	34 26	33 25

Randy Hansen AUTO PLEX
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Idaho, Tennessee plants may share fuel production

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. (AP)—The Oak Ridge National Laboratory is expected to be tapped next month to help in plutonium production for the space program, a development that would bring \$34 million in renovations to the nuclear lab.

The U.S. Department of Energy has identified Oak Ridge as one of two sites under consideration to help produce plutonium-238 and serve as the primary processing facility of radioactive material.

Oak Ridge's High Flux Isotope Reactor and the Advanced Test Reactor at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Lab would split the production role, according to the latest DOE proposal.

For Oak Ridge, the new project would mean long-term work for about 70 people, and it would help solidify the lab's nuclear mission.

Achievements

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achieve these past 50 years," said Paul C. Light, author of the study and director of Brookings' governmental studies program.

Building on other work, the Brookings study first identified 538 major laws for developing the list of greatest endeavors and then winnowed down the choices based on the government's level of involvement.

They were then rated through a mail survey of 1,039 college and university professors who were members of the American Historical Association and the American Political Science Association, with 450 responding.

The report acknowledged that a more-diverse sample of respondents would have been desirable, but noted that "they also represent the dominant views of just what constitutes importance, difficulty and success in America's college and university classrooms.

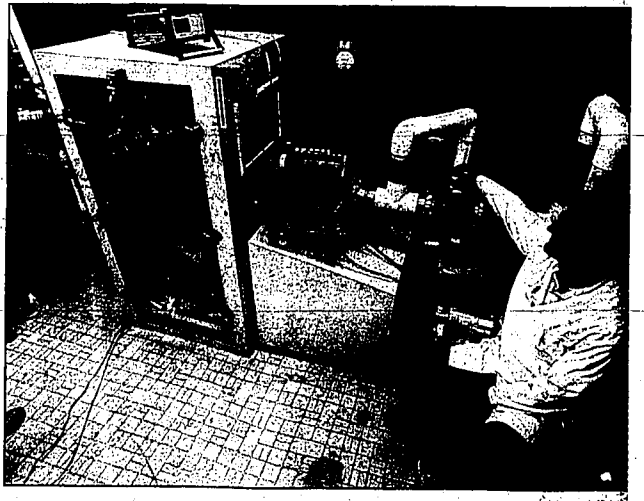
As such, this sample offers an important glimpse of how future generations will judge the greatest achievements of the twentieth century, if only because most of these respondents will be doing the teaching."

The Top 50

1. The federal government's 50 greatest achievements of the last 50 years.
2. Expand the right to vote.
3. Promote equal access to public accommodations.
4. Reduce welfare discrimination.
5. Ensure safe food and drinking water.
6. Strengthen the nation's highway system.
7. Increase older Americans' access to health care.
8. Reduce the federal budget deficit.
9. Promote financial security in retirement.
10. Improve water quality.
11. Support veterans' readjustment and training.
12. Promote scientific and technological research.
13. Combat communism.
14. Improve air quality.
15. Enhance workplace safety.
16. Strengthen the national defense.
17. Reduce hunger and improve nutrition.
18. Increase access to postsecondary education.
19. Increase consumer protection.
20. Expand foreign trade for U.S. goods.
21. Increase the stability of financial institutions and markets.
22. Increase arms control and disarmament.
23. Protect the wilderness.
24. Promote space exploration.
25. Protect endangered species.
26. Reduce exposure to hazardous waste.
27. Enhance the nation's healthcare infrastructure.
28. Maintain stability in the Persian Gulf.
29. Expand home ownership.
30. Increase international economic development.
31. Ensure an adequate energy supply.
32. Strengthen the nation's airways system.
33. Increase low-income families' access to health care.
34. Improve elementary and secondary education.
35. Reduce crime.
36. Advance human rights and provide humanitarian relief.
37. Make government more transparent to the public.
38. Stabilize agricultural prices.
39. Provide assistance for the working poor.
40. Improve government performance.
41. Reform welfare.
42. Expand job training and placement.
43. Increase market competition.
44. Increase the supply of low-income housing.
45. Develop and renew impoverished communities.
46. Improve mass transportation.
47. Reform taxes.
48. Control immigration.
49. Devolve responsibility to the states.

"most of government's greatest endeavors involved a relatively large number of statutes passed over a relatively long period of time."

"No single political party — nor any single president or specific Congress — can be credited with any single achievement," he said in the report. "In fact, achievement appears to be the direct product of endurance, consensus and patience."



Kimberly Wood, a paid volunteer, breathes in pollutants and contaminants Dec. 19 at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Downey, Calif., as part of a test to define safe levels of the materials.

Testing

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participants ingested dosages of a rocket fuel component.

Researchers there noted the amounts given to volunteers were low and said the possible health risks were outweighed by the study's potential benefit to the general public.

The issue came before an EPA ethics panel on pesticides in September. The panel concluded human studies should be used only with great caution, but two dissenting members said no human testing of pesticides should be allowed.

They said the recommendation "lays the groundwork for a flood

of submissions of data from research which should not be conducted and should not be accepted" by the EPA.

"The issue, I think, comes down to whether an individual who is otherwise healthy should be put in harm's way for something that does not have any benefit to them," said Jeffrey Kahn, director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Minnesota. He is a member of the EPA panel who doesn't favor an all-out ban on human testing.

Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in the Los Angeles suburb of Downey has exposed people to air pollutants in controlled conditions since the

1970s.

The center, where Wood was being monitored, has several test chambers, including a partially dismantled car used to test the health effects of air-bag chemicals.

The studies have been funded by a combination of local, state and federal agencies, and industry and nonprofit groups, said Dr. Henry Gong, chief of environmental health for the center.

The research — must be approved by an institutional review board. The board ensures that the risks of human testing are minimized, participants are not coerced and the scientific value of the research is clear.

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California winds fan wildfires, cut power

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Strong winds wreaked havoc on parts of Southern California on Monday, fanning remote wildfires, knocking out power and forcing highway officials to post warnings for

Christmas Day travelers. Gusts up to 65 mph made it difficult for Ventura County firefighters to battle a blaze that had grown to 100 acres by midday. About 250 firefighters, aided by

helicopters and air tankers, were called to a remote, mountainous region between Santa Paula and Camarillo. The fire was caused by a downed power line on a private oil lease.

Powell

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Powell is one of countless children of Caribbean migrants who left their sun-drenched homelands for North America and Europe, looking for a better life.

In his book "My American Dream," Powell wrote: "I look at my aunts and uncles, their children and their children's children, and I see three generations of constructive, productive, self-reliant members of society."

Slavery in the British Caribbean colonies ended a generation earlier than in North America, and after emancipation

"West Indians were left more or less on their own," he wrote. They had schools, good jobs and "they did not have their individual dignity beat down for three hundred years, the fate of so many black American slaves and their ancestors."

Coming from countries where blacks are the majority has given Caribbean immigrants greater self-confidence about getting ahead through hard work, says Selwyn Ryan, a political science professor at the University of the West Indies in Trinidad.

"We grew up feeling that there were no insurmountable barriers," Ryan says. "Even though there were constraints in Caribbean society, there was always the perception that one could do well, given they had an education and were persistent."

Luther Powell left Top Hill in the early 1920s, around the same time that Colin Powell's mother, Ariel, left her small western Jamaica town. The two met and married in New York City, where Powell was born in 1937.

Many of the adults in his family hadn't lived in Jamaica for decades but the island culture pulsed through his youth and has stayed with him.

As a child, Christmas dinner was curried goat, a Caribbean specialty, he wrote in his book. Afterward came dancing to calyp-



Cousin of U.S. Secretary of State nominee Colin Powell, Muriel Meggie, left, talks about the home of Powell's father in Top Hill, Jamaica.

so and Appleton rum — "in my family, to serve anything else was considered an affront."

When he was chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, calypso tunes drifted from his Pentagon office. But his aides "did not get the pidgin lyrics and missed most of the innuendo," he wrote. "But then, you do not hear much calypso music in the Pentagon's ERing."

Powell went back to Jamaica in 1992 after the Persian Gulf War, at the invitation of then Prime Minister Michael Manley, and again in 1994 with TV interviewer Barbara Walters.

He walked down the narrow, rutted trail and through fields of

knee-high guinea grass and stood in the shade of a guango tree in the yard of his father's four-room house.

He and his wife, Alma, paid their respects to his grandparents, who are buried on the property, and met relatives whom he recognized because they resembled him.

Among the newest generation of Powells is 5-year-old Christopher, whose creased eyes and stern mouth make him look just like the general. What does he know of Bush's choice for secretary of state, a reporter asked? "Auntie told me he run America!"

Clintons spend quiet Christmas

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton settled in for his last Christmas in the White House after a day spent like millions of other harried Americans, with last-minute shopping, church services and a party.

For Christmas dinner at the White House, he and his family shared a meal that included roast turkey, fresh cooked pepper ham and mashed potatoes.

At a "midnight" mass at the National Cathedral the night before, President Clinton received applause — and a few whistles — when the dean of the church, the Rev. Nathan D. Baxter, noted that it was Clinton's last service as president and asked the first family to stand.

The audience read aloud a printed prayer: "We pray for William our president and Albert our vice president and George our president-elect and Richard our vice president-elect, for the Congress and the Supreme Court and for all who lead where many follow, especially those who work for peace throughout the world," it said in part.

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NATION

'Mad taggers' leave mark on SUV culture

CORTE MADERA, Calif. (AP) - For four months, it's been hunting season for a pair of mischievous middle-aged men in the Bay Area. Their prey is the far-from-clusive sport-utility vehicle. Their weapon: homemade bumper stickers.

Robert Lind, who runs a deer-repellent business, and Charles Dines, a construction worker, say they're tired of watching SUVs suck down fuel at gas stations and flood rear-view mirrors with blinding headlights. But mostly, the "mad taggers" are mad about the SUVs' impact on the environment.

To make their point, they've scampered all over the region and slapped homemade bumper stickers onto hundreds of SUVs that read: "I'm changing the environment! Ask me how!"

Dines, who rides a BMW motorcycle, likens it to the public pillories of old, where offenders were exposed to public shame.

But judging from a recent hunting expedition in a mall parking lot, it's not shame that SUV drivers are feeling - several pulled out cell phones and called police, and Lind and Dines were twice confronted by security and police officers.

"You don't know the facts!" one mother snapped as she pushed a baby stroller near her Chevy Tahoe that had been tagged for a second time. "There's no other car that has enough shoulder belts for booster seats and has cargo space. I don't want my kids sitting 12 inches from the back of the car against glass, like in a minivan."

From a legal standpoint, tagging cars with stickers can be considered vandalism, a misdemeanor.

IN THE ARMS OF AN ANGEL



Salvation Army volunteer Kathryn Mary Young hugs Dianna Haper, 9, at the annual Salvation Army Christmas dinner in Tucson, Ariz., Monday. Young, who has been volunteering for the Salvation Army for 10 years, said she had a vision she should dress as an angel for Christmas.

Robbers pick wrong deli

NEW YORK (AP) - An off-duty police detective shot and killed two men who were trying to rob his mother-in-law's deli, authorities said.

The robbers allegedly barged into the store at 6:15 p.m. Sunday, demanded money and told Detective Michael Zeller, his wife and their two young children to hit the floor.

When one of the robbers waved a gun, Zeller drew his gun and began firing, police said.

The robbery suspects, Johnathan Lynch, 32, and James Cuberson, 25, of Queens, did not fire any shots, police said.

One of the robbers dropped a loaded .22-caliber revolver at the scene, investigators said. One victim died at the scene, and the other died at the hospital.

Zeller, a 15-year New York Police Department veteran, and his family were uninjured. He was treated at a hospital for emotional trauma.

Young survivors write their way out of the darkness at a center

Knight Ridder News Service

TUCSON, Ariz. - The carne asado and Indian tacos go unnoticed. The children are listening, deeply listening as a human rights attorney tells them, "The first rule is not to be silent."

They are writing in their black and white composition notebooks, writing down memories of their parents, writing down what they remember and what they were never told. These children are the victims and survivors of torture, fleeing countries with their parents before they were "disappeared" like their neighbors.

Their writing club, The Owl and Panther, is in its second year at the Hopi Foundation's torture treatment center.

Walter, 15, arrived here several years ago from Guatemala. His language, too, has traveled, from his native Quiche to Spanish and English.

Written in ink in his notebook is the poetry he shares:

I miss my country
I miss my home
I miss my family
I miss my friends
I miss the mountains
I miss my house
I miss my story
I miss what I was

At one table sits an elderly

"Humans are not animals, not coyotes. We are more like bees or wolves - we cannot live if we are not together."

- Federico Anaya Gallardo, a human rights attorney from Mexico City

man from El Salvador who found sanctuary here nearly two decades ago. Like 10,600 other indigenous peoples and Latinos, he found safety in the small adobe church in South Tucson which housed the Sanctuary Movement.

"We wanted people to know their rights and how to organize," he remembers of his homeland in the 1950s. "People knew what they wanted. That is how the struggle started."

"When I remember, it saddens me. But I want the young people to remember."

Amy Shubitz, director of the Hopi Foundation's Center for the Prevention and Resolution of Violence, said the project serves torture victims and perpetrators arriving from around the world. It grew out of the Sanctuary

Movement which provided shelter to those fleeing persecution in the 1980s and 1990s, primarily in Central and South America.

"Take care of the pain," urges speaker Federico Anaya Gallardo, a human rights attorney from Mexico City working closely with the Zapatistas.

"Humans are not animals, not coyotes. We are more like bees or wolves - we cannot live if we are not together."

Speaking in Spanish, Anaya shares the story of Eleanor Roosevelt's initiation of the Declaration of Human Rights, as the world was recovering from the horror of the Holocaust.

"We struggle so no one can take our accomplishments away from us," he tells the children. "Human rights are for everyone, even those who do not respect them. We respect the rights of our enemies. The difference between a good person and a bad person is the good person works also for the rights of the bad."

"The first rule of human rights is not to remain silent. All witnesses have the duty to say what we saw."

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NATION

The strongman next door

Activists demand Haitian immigrant be brought to trial



Emmanuel Constant

The anti-Constant campaign was energized last month by news that a Haitian court had sentenced him to life in prison following his conviction in absentia for the 1994 massacre of slum-dwellers loyal to ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Activists here responded by circulating a Constant wanted poster and turned up pressure on Washington, where officials have argued that Haiti is still too unstable to give him a fair trial.

Human Rights Watch and other civil rights groups sent a letter to Attorney General Janet Reno and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

The letter said the trial, resulting in the conviction of 16 defendants and the acquittal of six, "illustrates that the Haitian justice system has the capacity to provide a fair trial to major

defendants." The group said the United States should honor Haiti's extradition request.

Constant's presence in New York is a daily source of dismay and even menace to the city's large Haitian community," the letter said. "A number of these Haitians are terrified that Constant is freely walking the streets."

Justice Department spokeswoman Gretchen Michael said the government's position on Constant has not changed. "The State Department has asked us not to deport Constant because it would be destabilizing," she said. Constant may be free, but he is lying low.

When word spread in August that Constant had gotten his real estate license and was working in a modest storefront office in Queens, about 30 people responded with a noisy demonstration. Some screamed, "Murderer!" and "Assassin!"

Several calls to Constant's lawyer were not returned. But in a rare interview with Newsday last month, he claimed he was the innocent victim of political persecution.

NEW YORK (AP) — In his heyday, Emmanuel "Toto" Constant intimidated an entire nation. Now he's the strongman next door.

Wanted for murder and mayhem in Haiti, Constant, 43, has lived with relatives in a quiet Caribbean neighborhood in Queens for the past four years.

The fugitive paramilitary leader boasted that voodoo as well as the CIA — protected him from harm. But a vocal group of Haitian-American activists wants to break the spell. The group has been demanding that he be deported to Haiti and tried for atrocities committed after a military coup — charges he denies.

"I can't believe this guy is living in our midst," Ray LaForest, a labor organizer and head of the Haiti Support Network, said recently. "It's an outrage."

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EDITORIAL

Idaho's war on drugs needs new battle plan

Idaho's courtrooms are awash in cases that, in one way or another, are rooted in drug and alcohol abuse. Most involve people charged with selling drugs, stealing to obtain drugs, or assaulting people while high on drugs or alcohol.

As a law-and-order state, Idaho's response has been to throw drug and alcohol abusers in jail if they are convicted of crimes. The upshot is that our prisons are filling up, but the underlying reason - drug and alcohol addiction - is going untreated.

When dealing with drug abusers, the priority should be to break the cycle of addiction. It is far less costly than locking people up.

Once they're set free, many of those convicted return to the familiar embrace of drugs and alcohol. "Just putting people in jail doesn't work," says Linda Copple Trout, chief justice of the Idaho Supreme Court. She's right, of course. Spending time behind bars doesn't deter many drug and alcohol abusers from reverting to criminal behavior.

A better strategy, say Trout and others, is to extend a system of "drug courts" into all seven of the state's judicial districts. Such courts would give judges more discretion to send drug users to treatment, rather than prison or jail.

That may sound like a hand-holding,

liberal approach, but it's not. Even conservative judges, such as Idaho Supreme Court Justice-elect Dan Eismann, agree that treatment - not incarceration alone - is needed to stamp out drug and alcohol problems. Eismann should know, because he ran Ada County's drug court as a 4th District judge.

When dealing with drug abusers, the priority should be to break the cycle of addiction. It is far less costly than locking people up. Weaning people off drugs and alcohol pays an added dividend because they are less likely to break the law again. The upshot would be less pressure on Idaho's prison system, which would be welcome, because prisons are expensive.

Make no mistake, there will always be a need for prisons. And there is an appropriate place for drug and alcohol abusers who commit serious criminal offenses, such as theft, assault and homicide. Society needs to protect itself from criminals - including drug and alcohol abusers - who cross the line from "victimless crimes."

For drug users who are hurting no one but themselves, treatment should trump imprisonment.

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LETTER

Socialism is really servitude

It was obvious from Jim Prunty's letter ("Real journalists tell the truth," Dec. 14) that he is a liberal. It's a good thing he was born in the 1900's, for if he'd been born in the 1800's he might have been glad for those old "cow farmers" and pioneers who opened this country so he could live in the relative safety he does now. I'll wager those cow farmers have worked much harder than he has in his cushy government job.

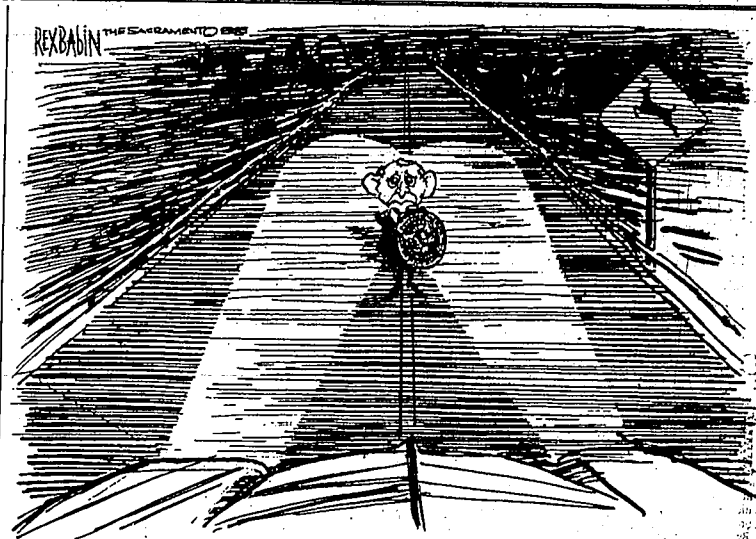
Mr. Prunty attacked The Times-News for its support of Larry Craig and stated that "real journalists don't use the media to suck up to politicians." Well, sir, if the mainstream liberal-socialist press and media doesn't suck up to our socialist politicians, then just what do they do? If there is anything wrong with Idaho's legislators, it is they could be a bit more conservative. I don't know who promotes more federal give-away schemes at taxpayer expense than the socialists and Democrats of today. Come on, Mr. Prunty, no one expands government like a socialist-Democrat.

When you compare the time Democrats have controlled this country against the time the Republicans have controlled this country, who had more influence on the present condition of this country? It certainly wasn't the

Republicans. Since 1900, Democrats have had a near monopoly on control. As a result, we have become decidedly socialist. We are almost a welfare state and we surely seem to have a welfare mentality. The federal government has controls in the education system and even tells us how much water our toilets can use. This socialist government has created class warfare and condones baby killing and immorality.

These people believe the end justifies the means, and that is scary. They believe if you say something often enough, it becomes true. So, they make outlandish and derogatory statements about conservatism, regardless of the truth, until they believe it themselves. There is one thing a socialist understands, that is power, and there is power in social programs. When you get people depending on the government, rather than God or themselves, then government has raw, uncontrolled power. Not power for the good of the people but power for the good of the party. Socialism is in really servitude.

Anyway, Mr. Prunty, to put it bluntly, you don't know what you're talking about. Neither do those who agree with you. At least that is my opinion.
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Gore must play peacemaker

DAN SCHNUR

One of the rare points of post-election agreement between Republicans and Democrats is that when Al Gore finally conceded last week, he gave the best speech of his campaign, if not his life. By calling for the country to unite behind George W. Bush, he showed a grace and humility, as well as a broader vision of the country's welfare, that had been largely absent from his candidacy.

But it wasn't enough. If Gore really wants to bring the country together, he will give that speech again. And he'll keep giving it until it sinks in.

Under normal circumstances, a single concession speech from a defeated candidate is all that's necessary to communicate the need for healing and reconciliation.

But when an election drags on for five weeks after the voting is done, the bitterness and recriminations run deeper. In order to salve the wounds caused by a month of recounts and court battles, one speech is insufficient. If Gore is serious about helping establish an environment in which the new president can govern effectively, he will keep talking publicly to his loyalists about the need for a political cease-fire.

Getting together with Bush in Washington on Tuesday wasn't a bad start. But Gore should continue his peacekeeping mission in a meeting with the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who has raised the loudest voice against the constitutional process that decided the election. Jackson has promised to lead demonstrations in January, culminating in

protests at federal buildings across the country on Inauguration Day, Jan. 20. Jackson's attempts at provoking discord have been a constant throughout this post-election period. Immediately after Election Day, he rushed to West Palm Beach, Fla., to organize street protests until nervous Democratic Party leaders quietly urged him to leave town.

Unable to take a hint from even his own political allies, Jackson has further inflamed racial tensions by comparing the U.S. Supreme Court ruling for Bush to the pro-slavery Dred Scott decision issued before the Civil War.

Jackson is far from alone in his refusal to gracefully accept the election's outcome. Even while Gore urged civility, Democratic Rep. John Lewis of Georgia talked publicly about - the potential for civil unrest. And polling conducted last week finds that almost one-third of all Democrats do not view Bush as the legitimate president-elect.

The good news is that only the most hard-core Democrats - the ones who would view a call for bipartisanship as a capitulation - continue to resist.

A CNN poll indicated that the majority of Americans are standing behind Bush, and that his approval ratings are almost identical to those that Bill Clinton held when he took office eight years ago.

But in politics, the squeaky wheel gets the media coverage, and the continued noise from the far left can serve only to

undermine legitimate attempts at bipartisan cooperation. If Gore is serious about his own political rehabilitation, he must use this transition period to continue his call for appeasement. If Democrats and Republicans are able to work together in Washington, Gore's actions will be remembered in a highly favorable light.

This may be the best that Gore can do now. Gore must realize - or soon will - what is obvious to the rest of us: His political career is over. As the post-defeat careers of Michael Dukakis, Walter Mondale and George McGovern demonstrate, Democrats are quick to bury their dead. (The last unsuccessful Democratic nominee to be given a second chance was Adlai Stevenson in 1956.)

By 2004, the prospects of a candidate who was unable to capitalize on eight years of Clinton-claimed peace and prosperity will be virtually nonexistent.

By then, Democrats will have moved on to their next fight: between Hillary Clinton and Dick Gephardt for the liberal soul of the party, and between Gov. Gray Davis and Sen. Joseph Lieberman for its center. Forget about Gore as a future presidential candidate.

But if Gore is willing to establish a role for himself as a peacemaker, he can still find a place in the pages of history as a statesman.

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LETTER

Unborn babies have rights

Abortion is controversial. I believe it is the killing of a human being and is wrong under every circumstance. Is the unborn a human being? It came into being through a human sperm and egg. It develops into a mature human child. The medical evidence is consistent: A fetus is composed of human cells, blood, chromosomes and DNA. It's not a dog, a rat nor vegetable; it's a human.

Slaves and Jews were labeled "non-persons" and lost the legal protection to life. These tragedies are being repeated. The unborn were declared "non-persons" by Roe vs. Wade, and approximately 44.5 million babies have been aborted. Is the unborn a human being and entitled to life? I believe so. Some say the mother has the right to control her body; however, the fetus is

not a part of her body. Unborn babies have distinct fingerprints and DNA. They can have different hair, eye and skin color, and even blood type than the mother.

Surely male children cannot be considered part of the mother's body. Although the mother is housing the baby, it's not her right to kill him or her.

What about rape and incest? Some say a woman should not be forced to bear a child she didn't want. Killing an innocent child is always wrong. The unborn is human and is entitled to the rights granted each of us.

In this country, it's legal to abort a baby up to the day of birth. A nurse who assisted a partial-birth abortion gave this testimony: "... the child's body and arms were delivered, everything but the head. The fingers were clasping and ...

his feet were kicking. The doctor inserted scissors into the back of the head. The baby jerked, then went limp." Four more inches out of the womb and this act would be called murder.

Innocent lives are being ended, people are blatantly looking the other way, and 4,500 babies are murdered every day.

A poem reads, "When they came to get the Jewish, I didn't say anything, because I wasn't Jewish. When they came to get the elderly, I didn't say anything, because I wasn't elderly. And when they came to get me, no one else said anything either."

Abortion is killing our children, and I want to be counted as one who will stand and say something.
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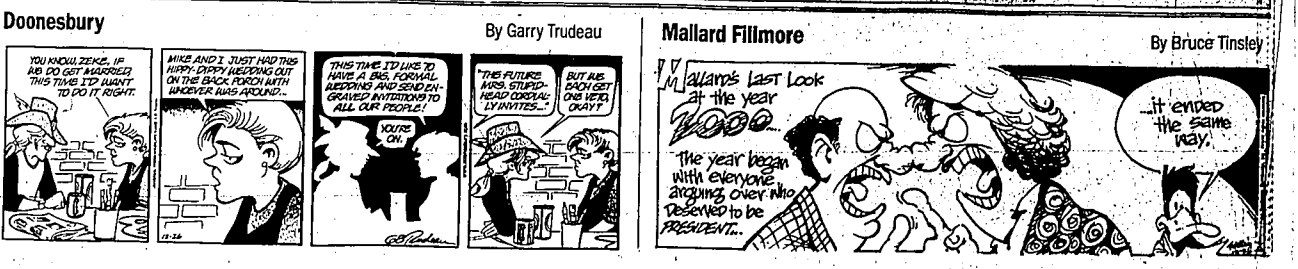
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Bush's glass seems half full

PHILIP TERZIAN

Everyone agrees, it's going to be tough for George W. Bush to govern as president. Democrats are angry. It took House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt several days even to acknowledge that Bush would be sworn into office next month. Rep. Maxine Waters, and many colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus, have announced that they will not attend the Bush inauguration: "I will not have healed by that time," she says.

Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. instructs that all our minority presidents "had wretched and ineffective administrations," limited to one term. And the near-universal assumption in the nation's capital is that Bush cannot possibly succeed unless Gephardt and Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle give their approval.

That's one way of looking at it. Of course, the Democrats have good reason to be angry. Their best-paid lawyers lost in Florida. The incumbent president remains popular in the polls, but not quite popular enough to avert his successor. Black Democrats like Waters and Jesse Jackson are further marginalized by his petulant, and in some cases menacing, behavior. And Schlesinger is one publicist who knows something about wretched and ineffective administrations: A half-century ago, he traded the mantle of historian for house chronicler to the Kennedy clan.

There's another way of looking at things as well. The prospects for George W. Bush are said to be so bleak that you cannot help but wonder where these notions originate. David S. Broder, always a reliable barometer in such matters, has seen nothing like it since the day Gerald Ford succeeded Richard Nixon. Folling a handful of Ford intimates, he quotes a gloomy Ron Nessen speculating "whether with the Senate evenly

divided, and the House so narrowly Republican, and half the voters thinking the president does not belong there, anything can be done."

Yet if anyone can answer such gloomy questions, it ought to be a Ford veteran. There was no worse time for Republicans than the middle 1970s. A two-term GOP president had been forced from office in the midst of impeachment. His successor in the White House was universally derided as a stumbling incompetent.

And what happened? If the presidential campaign had continued another week, it is likely that Gerald Ford would have defeated Jimmy Carter, and served a term in the White House in his own right.

Consider things from another perspective. While it is true that Bush lost narrowly to Gore in the popular vote, and squeaked into office by virtue of our federal system, it is equally true that the (relatively inexperienced) governor of Texas defeated a sitting vice president, in a healthy economy and nation at peace, while surrounded by a hostile press corps and popular culture. That is no minor achievement. For the first time since Dwight Eisenhower's first term (1953-55), Republicans control both houses of Congress

and the White House. "Those are the ingredients of success, not failure. The press is persuaded that the death of partisan gridlock is achieved by Republicans surrendering their principles, and embracing Democratic policies. But by all accounts, the president-elect defines bipartisanship the traditional way: Uniting his party behind him, and soliciting the votes of right-leaning Democrats. We know that Bush has the same personal skills that enabled Reagan to disarm his adversaries, and like Reagan, is too easily underestimated. The question is how successfully he combines his father's managerial style with Reagan's charm.

The new president will inherit a host of troubles, but a Congress that was thwarted by Clinton's vetoes, and is anxious to do business with George W. Bush. If the new president manages to get anything accomplished on Capitol Hill this coming year - from repeal of the death tax and marriage penalty to some version of a patient's bill of rights - he'll be transformed overnight: from the luckiest Texan since Lyndon Johnson to the master of political Washington.

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Public opinion judges vouchers

In a week when all eyes were on the courts, a critical decision was handed down that had nothing to do with the Oval Office - and everything to do with the educational options some of our nation's least advantaged children enjoy.

By finding Cleveland's voucher program unconstitutional on church-state grounds, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit cast a cloud over the 3,800 children from low-income Cleveland families who have been using vouchers for four years now to enroll their children in the private school of their choice.

In striking down Cleveland's program, the appeals court reached back to a 1973 New York case that barred the use of vouchers at religious schools, ruling that vouchers constitute an "establishment of religion" that violates the First Amendment. But in doing so, the court ignored a more recent line of precedent suggesting that private school-choice programs such as Cleveland's are constitutional because public dollars flow directly to individuals (parents and their school-age children) and only indirectly to institutions (private schools).

By literally making Cleveland's voucher program a federal issue, school-choice opponents are making quite a chance. Simply put, the decision to fight any private

DANIEL MCGROARTY

school-choice program anywhere runs the risk of having the U.S. Supreme Court invalidate the voucher idea for every state.

If the fate of Cleveland's voucher program stands in legal limbo, what's already clear is the place where constitutional issues and the court of public opinion converge. The plight of the families being helped by the Cleveland choice program.

For parents like Johnetta McGrady, a single mother of two who is also raising her two grandsons on Cleveland's rough-and-tumble East Side, Cleveland's choice program has proved an educational life preserver.

Likewise Roberta Kitchen, a single mother of five foster children, who used vouchers to enroll her two youngest children in private schools. One of Kitchen's foster daughters came to her as a street-smart 3-year-old, with razor-sharp survival skills that left her

ill-prepared for a school environment. Kitchen's ability to use a voucher to enroll her daughter in a private school has transformed her school experience.

For parents like Johnetta McGrady and Roberta Kitchen, the voucher issue is not about grand constitutional questions, nor is it even simply an issue of public versus private schools. It's about parents' ability to choose the right school for their child - a right that millions of American families take for granted.

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WORLD

Yugoslavia warns it will remove rebels

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)—Yugoslavia called Monday on the U.N. Security Council to set a deadline for ethnic Albanian rebels to leave the buffer zone along the boundary with Kosovo, warning that otherwise Belgrade would remove them.

The threat by the federal government followed a meeting of the Yugoslav Supreme Defense Council, comprising the country's top leaders and military command.

The government urged the U.N. body, which is overseeing the administration of Kosovo, to amend the agreement that ended last year's NATO bombing campaign and established a three-mile security zone between the province and the rest of Serbia.

The Supreme Defense Council did not specify those proposed changes. However, new Yugoslav President Vojislav Kostunica

recently suggested narrowing the three-mile buffer zone to make it easier to control.

In its statement, the Yugoslav defense council said the changes were needed "because Albanian terrorists are using that zone to threaten security in that area and outside it."

In a separate statement, the Yugoslav federal government urged the Security Council to set the "shortest possible" deadline

for militants to withdraw from the zone, or "Yugoslavia will alone resolve that problem by implementing all internationally allowed methods of fighting against terrorism."

The buffer zone was established in June 1999 before NATO-led peacekeepers and a U.N. mission took control of Kosovo. It was created to prevent the Yugoslav army from threatening allied forces in the province.

Serbia's next prime minister promises to prosecute Milosevic

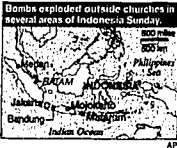
BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)—With the levers of power now firmly in their hands after a sweeping election victory, Yugoslavia's reformers announced plans Monday to begin an investigation that could force Slobodan Milosevic to stand trial for ruling the country.

However, the new reformist leadership gave no indication they will move quickly to extradite Milosevic to the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, which indicted him last year for atrocities committed by his forces in Kosovo.

No date was set for the investigation, but Zoran Djindjic, expected to become prime minister of Yugoslavia's main republic, Serbia, said it could begin in the next few weeks.

Djindjic said Milosevic must answer to his own people "for all the terrible things he has done—starting from corruption, crime, election fraud and ordering murders" during his 13 years in power.

The former strongman could be arrested if the investigation finds evidence to support criminal charges, Djindjic said.



Indonesian president instills hope

Bombings thought to be aimed at dividing religious groups

JAYAPURA, Indonesia (AP)—President Abdurrahman Wahid on Monday accused forces linked to Indonesia's former dictatorship of orchestrating a series of church bombings that killed 15 people across the country on Christmas Eve.

Wahid, a respected Muslim scholar, called the blasts un-Islamic and said they were aimed at dividing the country along religious lines, stifling reforms and bringing down his government. "We don't need to fear anyone, including terrorist groups," Wahid said during a visit to remote Irian Jaya province, where he sought to dampen independence sentiment. "The country can't be afraid or intimidated. It must defend all religions."

Some Christians attended Christmas Eve services in the capital, Jakarta, but many stayed away in fear. Armed police searched worshippers' bags at half-empty churches where funeral and memorial services were held.

The attacks coincided with the final days of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month, and there were fears that outraged Christians might retaliate against Muslims at the start of the feast of Eid al-Fitr tonight.

Man dies in fall from jet

LONDON (AP)—A man plunged to his death on the main runway of London's Gatwick Airport from a jumbo jet Monday, police said. It happened a day after police recovered another body they believe may have fallen from a plane.

An airport worker saw the man, who has not been identified, fall at about 9:15 a.m. from a British Airways Boeing 777 headed for Cancun, Mexico.

"We have no idea how he could have got there. The police are on the site and the investigations are ongoing," said Mike Ingle, duty manager at Gatwick.

The body of the other man was found Sunday lying in a farm field located under the flight paths of both Gatwick and London's other main airport, Heathrow.

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Gooding County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Wednesday
Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m.,

City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Thursday
Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Rupert, DeMary Memorial Library Bazaar, 4:30 p.m., library, 417 Seventh St.
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ers, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

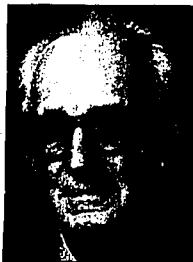
Friday
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

OBITUARIES

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TWIN FALLS



Forest Merl Andrews

Forest Merl Andrews, 87, of Twin Falls, died Saturday at his home in Twin Falls.

Forest was born on Sept. 21, 1913, in Jagua, Kansas, now known as St. Francis, to Nellie and David Andrews. Forest was the fifth of 11 children in the Andrews family.

Of all the gifts that time and death bestow there is none so precious as one true friend. Forest truly was a gift, so precious, and a true friend to all who knew and loved him. A most kind and gentle spirit, appreciative of the smallest favors and gifts given to him and his wife Jessie. Forest was also a very religious person, not one to openly discuss his beliefs, but one who lived his beliefs. Nor did Forest openly criticize his fellow man, but kept his opinions to himself and private.

Forest married his first love, Joseph Mae Ewing, in Twin Falls, at the end of World War II. They celebrated 54 years of happiness together last April. Forest came home from the war very worn down. He was also a very decorated war hero, having been rewarded the Silver Star and Distinguished Unit Badge. Forest was a member of the 41st Infantry Depot, and was a medical technician. His Silver Star was for Valor and Gallantry in Action on Wake Island. He also served on P. Guineea. In the Southwest Pacific.

Forest was a mill rite by trade, starting his career at the Twin Falls Flour Mills, then moved to St Anthony as Superintendent of the Colorado Mill Elevator. The company closed that mill and Forest transferred to Aberdeen as manager of Midland Elevators. In 1956 Forest and Jessie moved to Rupert, where he worked for Chester B. Brown Co. until he retired. While in Rupert, Forest was very active in Rupert Lions Club, having been Lion of the Year in 1984-1985 and president in 1992-93, and was also awarded Melvin Jones Fellow. He was a member of the Mindoka County Schools' Booster Club, the American Legion, and the Rupert United Methodist Church.

Forest is survived by his loving wife, Jessie and by six siblings: Thomas Andrews, Dorothy Morris, Charles Andrews, Lena Carney, Ruth Smith and Lois Cassard. Forest was preceded in death by his parents, and four siblings born prior to Forest: Glenn Andrews, Ray Andrews, Minnie Zielke, and Vera Allen.

Forest fought a gallant but short battle with cancer. Although he knew early on the ultimate result, he maintained his soft, gentle, humorous spirit throughout. He sends his thanks to the many friends whom he walked with daily in the Magic Valley Mall, until his illness in mid-November.

Funeral services for Forest will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Rev. Keith Wise of the Rupert United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Military rites by Area Veterans and Auxiliary Friends may call on Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers the family suggests

BOISE

Garth Oscar Reid
Garth Oscar Reid, 89, a life-time Idahoan, died Saturday in Boise.



RUPERT



Virginia Jo Kossman

Virginia Jo Kossman, 53-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Saturday at her home in Rupert from a cancerous brain tumor. She was born April 16, 1947, at Kadoka, South Dakota, the daughter of Charles Vernon and Ada Swan Brunson.

She married Lenord Addison, they were later divorced. She married Glen Kossman on June 24, 1969, in Reno, Nevada. She attended schools in Kadoka, S.D., and graduated from Belvedere High School in South Dakota. She moved to Idaho in 1970.

After moving to Idaho she worked for the Bruner, Sheep Co., Safeway Food Stores, Del Monte Foods, JR Simplot Co., Amalgamated Sugar Co., and the Burley Care Center. She enjoyed life, animals, the outdoors, her friends, family and most of all her grandchildren.

Survivors include, her husband; three daughters, Melodie (Jim) Waldron of Erda, Utah, Memorie (Jammie) Nelson of Savannah, Georgia, Monica (Lee) Sodic of Waynesboro, Pa.; two stepchildren, Brian (Kenny) Fink of Neway, S.D., and Sue (Terry) Byrd of Belle Fourche, S.D.; five brothers, Darrel Brunson of Sturgis, S.D., Charlie (Jane) Brunson of Kadoka, S.D., Bud Brunson of Jerome, Jack (Cindy) Brunson of Edgemont, S.D., and Jim Brunson of Belvedere, S.D.; and nine grandchildren.

The Rosary will be recited at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church. Burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel on Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. until the time of the Rosary and one hour prior to the funeral on Wednesday. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Idaho Home Health and Hospice, the American Cancer Society, or a brain tumor institute of your choice.

SERVICES

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. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10-10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Wednesday at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral on Wednesday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Larus Joseph McMurdie
BURL - Larus Joseph McMurdie, 93, of Burl, died Sunday. Services are pending and will be announced by the Farmer Funeral Chapel.

Jacquelyn Ann Curtis
BURLY - Jacquelyn Ann Curtis, 63, of Burley, died Sunday at Cassia Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary.

Marle Young
RUPERT - Merle Young, a 78-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Monday at the Mindoka Memorial Hospital - Extended Care Facility in Rupert.

Esther Merle Haman
JEROME - Esther Merle Homan, 73, of Jerome passed away Monday at her home. Services are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Perry A. Jones of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Rupert 3rd Ward LDS Church. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour before the service at the church.

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Parents protest seizure of their children by the state

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Utah doesn't need more foster parents, it needs to stop taking so many children from their parents, according to demonstrators who rallied at the Matheson Courthouse.

Carrying placards and chanting "send our children home," the group rang bells on Sunday to proclaim that they can no longer tolerate being caught up in a system they say separates them from their children and often for no good reason.

"They took a minor family problem and made it much worse," said Sheila Musino, whose children were removed from school Nov. 3 and are now in Colorado.

abused or neglected, but they (the state) took a perceived possibility of damage from family discord and made it real and traumatic for the children."

The rally was the second of its type the past year and was sponsored by Justice, Economic Dignity and Independence for Women, an advocacy group for low-income women.



"Yes, we had had problems, but we were working them out. They haven't taken evidence against the decision into account," she said. "These children were not

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Departing BIA head says agency needs credibility

WASHINGTON (AP) - When he took over as head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1997, Kevin Gover's top goal was simply to make the agency competent at providing services to nearly 560 tribes.

He commissioned a report by outside experts that found a "lack of credible management" so serious the BIA often inadvertently broke the law. After nearly three years of working on reforms, Gover says the agency has improved but has not yet achieved basic competence in all areas.

"We've got a ways to go. Another three years like this, and we'll be in really good shape," Gover said in an interview last week.

Still, Gover is optimistic: An increase of about \$262 million for the agency's \$2 billion budget this year will help, as will a series of administrative changes meant to streamline and energize the BIA, he said.

"The reality is, we're not going to finish any of these reform efforts on my watch," Gover said. "The next guy could get the cred-

it for having fixed these things. And that's fine with me."

Gover leaves office next month, making way for an eventual successor to be appointed by President-elect Bush.

A lawyer and member of Oklahoma's Pawnee tribe, Gover will work in the Washington office of Phoenix-based law firm Steptoe & Johnson.

As head of the BIA, Gover has focused on getting more funding and improving oversight for reservation education, law enforcement and land management. He also tried to raise the agency's image with Congress and fought efforts to cut into tribes' autonomy from state and local governments.

"I said early on, there's a great deal of goodwill in the Congress toward Indians. There's not much goodwill toward the bureau," Gover said. "What we had to do was say, 'If you want to help Indians, you've got to help the

bureau, because we are the vehicle.' And I think that message sunk in, and I think that's why we got a \$300 million increase in funding this year."

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- departing head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Kevin Gover

Gover's most prominent symbolic act came in September, when he offered a formal apology to fellow Indians for the BIA's 176-year legacy of attempts to eradicate Indian people and culture. While some tribal leaders dismissed it as a hollow gesture, given the agency's many problems, other Indian leaders praised Gover for saying what they believe should have been said

long ago. Gover said the apology was important for two reasons: To help the BIA's majority-Indian work force deal with the paradox of working for an agency that has done harm to their people and to help Indians get beyond "a culture of victimhood."

"It's too bad, in a way, that it could not be said to the Indians by the non-Indian (federal) leadership, because there's a great deal of irony for an Indian apologizing

to other Indians for what the non-Indians did to them," Gover said. One of Gover's biggest headaches has been a lawsuit by hundreds of thousands of Indian trust account holders. The accounts, which hold proceeds from oil wells and other uses of Indian land, have been so badly mismanaged the government cannot say precisely how many there are, who has them and how much

money they should hold. The federal judge in the case held Gover, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and then-Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin in contempt of court last year for problems in handing over documents. Lawyers for the account holders and some of the plaintiffs have bitterly criticized Gover's handling of reforms to the account system.

But Gover repeatedly insists that the lawsuit is necessary to keep the pressure on the government to solve the problem. Gover, whose own account has only eight cents in it, said he hopes the incoming Bush administration can

settle the case. "I think that the government has got to be willing to pay more than it thinks can be proved, just to be sure that no Indian person receives less compensation than they should," Gover said.

Gover, who helped raise money and gather Indian support for Clinton's campaign before joining the administration, said he plans to resume an active role in the Democratic Party, advising candidates on Indian issues. At Steptoe & Johnson, Gover said he expects to represent tribes and companies who want to do business with tribes, both in court and on Capitol Hill.

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Idaho's Fish Haven is a secret wonderland for residents

FISH HAVEN (AP) — It's an undiscovered paradise. Most people who drive by recognize the raw beauty of a place ringed by high desert mountains and bordered by the shores of a vast natural lake.

In the winter the hills outside this small paradise echo with the sharp whine of snow machines and in the summer thousands of tourists ply the lake's bright blue waters with water skis or fishing poles.

But they don't live there. It's different living in Fish Haven. The little town sits just on the Idaho side of U.S. Highway 89

trucked in between Bear Lake's west side and the mountains.

But people call it a town even though there isn't even a city council, just the Bear Lake County Commission that oversees development there.

Only 50 to 100 people call it home, depending on the weather.

Vic Tilt, co-owner of Gladys' Place, is one of the few year-around residents and said the population drops quickly when things get cold.

The winter evacuation isn't much of a worry for Tilt, 60, because his store is the only one around. The nearest other store is in Montpelier, about 45 minutes away.

Gladys' Place is also only a few minutes from the Utah border and has become quite a lottery spot. The little store is the third and fourth biggest lottery ticket

seller in Idaho, selling about 500,000 tickets a year.

"We've got a whole mall in 1,000 square feet," Vic Tilt said.

Because it is the only business in Fish Haven, Gladys' Place sells it all — liquor, groceries, videos, tourist gifts, and some of the best deli sandwiches around — and also serves as post office, Gladys Tilt said.

Yep, you guessed it, Gladys' Place is 58-year-old Gladys Tilt's place. The Tilts opened the little store in April of 1994 and have

been steeped in tourist fun and local tradition ever since.

Before 1994 the couple had been working for a big corporation in Salt Lake City.

On one of their traditional summer trips they passed through Fish Haven and fell in love with the town and Bear Lake. The couple decided to move their fifth-wheel camper trailer to the area, bought a piece of ground and parked it.

That wasn't enough. "We were spending almost every bit of free time we had up

here," Gladys said. "We heard that the store might be sold and so we decided to go for it."

They gave up everything in the city, their job, and their home, and moved to Fish Haven in just a few months.

"We sold our house for cash and moved," Vic said. "We haven't looked back. I was born in Salt Lake City but now you couldn't drag me back."

Since their move, Fish Haven has begun to grow up around them. It was already a small tourist spot, but since the introduction of Bear Lake West, a cabin development south of Fish Haven, things have really begun to grow.

It's the reason Ruth and Scott Stokes are now spending more of their time in Fish Haven. The

Stokes have a home in Ogden, Utah, but are considering making the town along Bear Lake's western shore their permanent home.

The couple discovered the spot because Scott Stokes is a contractor and began helping a fellow builder put together cabins in Bear Lake West.

The Stokes fell in love with the people and the atmosphere in Fish Haven.

"It's just a wonderful place to be," Ruth Stokes said. "I feel at peace here. Every time we drive up I'm just in awe."

It was good enough for Scott Stokes and his company, Scott Construction, to begin building cabins without his friend.

"It's a great place to live," he said with a smile. "I just want to help people live here."

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Jackpot High School dedicates court to former student's memory

By Sam Feltman
Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT, Nev. — Leonardo Salas graduated from high school in June 1995, vowing to finish the project he and his schoolmates had started. He was killed in a car accident one month later, his dream unfulfilled.

But students of Jackpot High School honored Salas by dedicating an outdoor basketball court to his memory on Oct. 30 and completing his goal.

Salas, the son of Maria and Ampelio Salas, held student offices and was on the student council his entire high school career. Salas goal was to raise the money for a regulation outdoor basketball court because the students didn't have anywhere to play ball after school and during the summer when the gymnasium was closed.

For sometime, the plans for the court were tangled up in school and county red tape, but the students remembered Salas and his goal and pressed forward with various fund-raisers to finish what Salas started.

The court needed gravel, which

'What began as Leo's hopes and Leo's dream is a reality.'

— Bonnie Yoman, teacher and student council adviser

the San Jacinto Ranch donated. The ranch had no way of hauling the gravel, so the Elko County Commissioners allowed county employees to haul the gravel with the county trucks.

The students also needed heavy equipment to level the court area. The Y-3 ranch came through with the equipment and manpower. Gordon Paving gave the students a good deal on paving the area and the Elko School District also came up with a matching fund grant to help with costs. Shop teacher John Ward, school maintenance supervisor Rod DeWitt and the VCCA club installed the baskets and painted the lines.

The court was supposed to be dedicated a couple of years ago after most of the work had been

completed, but the school board, library board and county commission decided to build the new library on the site of the new court, said Bonnie Yoman, teacher and student council adviser. After about a year, however, the authorities changed their minds and built the library on another spot.

In a solemn ceremony starting in the gym, students and teachers alike praised Leonardo Salas. Salas, sister, Rosie, who is sophomore class president, gave a tearful thanks and presented her mother with a rose.

"What began as Leo's hopes and Leo's dream is a reality," Yoman said.

"Our biggest loss is he had hopes of coming back to Jackpot (after college) and making it a better place to live," said Jane Secret, retired teacher and former student body adviser. She called Salas "a true leader."

Eric Cervantes, a senior, was still in grade school when Salas started working on his goal. He and other classmates looked up to him.

"He was a positive kid who always had a nice word for everybody," Cervantes said.



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Unveiling the memorial to Leonardo Salas in Jackpot is, from left, Ampelio Salas, Leonardo's father; sister Rose Salas; and his mother Maria Elena Salas. The community came together to complete Leonardo's dream of installing a basketball court.

Panther Press hits the stands in Burley

BURLEY — Sixth-graders at White Pine Intermediate School in Burley have produced their first school newspaper, the Panther Press.

The students began their project by learning writing techniques, newspaper layout, use of space, visual placement of articles and pictures, how to use a digital camera and how to use a writing computer program, organizers say.

They worked eight weeks to cover the material needed to produce their first paper, printing and editing their work several times. One of the unexpected difficulties was in determining the paper size and format for the layout.

The students are in the PACE class. PACE is the acronym for Program for Academic and Creative Enrichment, the gifted and talented class at White Pine.



CHRISTY BALTZOR

Students Jessica Brice, Alyce Rollins, Paul Gam, Trevor Reno, Monica DeToro, Jani Seane, Dax Greenes, Joshua Rice, Nicole Graham, Reagan Gochnour, Karl Morrill and Austin Green work on the new Panther Press newspaper at White Pine Intermediate School in Burley.

PENNIES ADD UP



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Christy Baltazor and Casey Bryant roll pennies from a class penny jar competition this fall. The students of Shoshone High School and Shoshone Middle School collected \$380 to help pay medical bills for Carolyn Bailey, an ESL teacher. The seventh-grade class collected with the most money — \$126 — and received an ice cream party.

JOB SHADOW



Photo courtesy of JEROME HIGH SCHOOL

Adrianna Dias, a Jerome High School student, does a 'job shadow' at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital on Nov. 15. She accompanied 20 other Jerome sophomores who were interested in health careers.

Eighth Street Center in Buhl presents modern-day answer to medieval labyrinth

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Venturing into a labyrinth might seem to be the stuff of medieval times.

But the Eighth Street Center offers a modern-day version — one without high walls but that organizers hope offers an artistic and spiritual experience.

Kathy Ruyts, director of the center, said she had read about labyrinths and wanted to bring one to the center, a place that provides art classes and other cultural events to the community. So, a labyrinth was created by local artists of cloth that covers the entire floor of the center lobby. People regularly walk the labyrinth.

Once popular in older times, labyrinths are making a comeback in schools, churches and play grounds.

The dictionary defines a labyrinth as a place constructed of or filled with confusing intricate

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passageways with a single circuitous path. But a labyrinth can magnify a wide range of experiences, including joy, amusement, balance, tranquility and insight, aficionados say.

The center of the labyrinth is often called "heaven" — a symbol for a spirited journey because the entire path must be followed — there are no shortcuts, aficionados say.

Labyrinths can be cut into lawns, painted or drawn with chalk. They can be round, square or octagonal. There are even tabletop labyrinths, which can be traced by fingers or eyes.

Hansen Huskies raise dough through student-based enterprise

By Betty Taylor
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN — Hansen High School students are learning more than cooking at the Husky Bakery.

The student-based enterprise has also taught them how to run a business.

A School to Work grant received more than two years ago helped open the operation. Magic Valley Youth and Adult Services, a private nonprofit organization that helps people gain work skills and experience through project-based programs, supplied training and education and the new bakery was off to a running start.

The students are taught marketing, production, purchasing, finances, human resources and business plans by guest speakers and demonstrations, said Linda Newbry, bakery supervisor and family and consumer sciences teacher. The only requirement for the workers is that students are 16-years-old and motivated, she said. The three boys and seven girls participating in the program meet for two hours every day with Newbry.

Husky Bakery fills orders for specialty breads and cookies. They use the school's snack bar as an outlet to students during their break. About 40 dozen cookies were also provided as snacks for students participating in the College of Southern Idaho ropes course Oct. 9-12, Newbry said.

Bakery proceeds from sales go back into the business. At the end of the year, all profits will be divided among active students, she said.

This year, the plan is to add other foods to the menu, such as cakes, pies and other desserts. Students will also be studying about meats, vegetables and



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Bridget Shanahan weighs dough into 8 ounce balls for braiding and baking at the Husky Bakery at Hansen High School.

fruits to be used as garnishes, salad entrees and soup, Newbry said.

The activity will prepare students to join the College of Southern Idaho's TECH PREP program, she said. All participating students are also members of Family Career and Community Leaders of America and participate in competitions, travel to conventions and complete many community service projects.

To place an order

To order any breads or cookies, call Linda Newbry at Hansen High School at 423-5593. Breads cost \$1.50 to \$5 and cookies are \$2.50 per dozen. They will deliver to meeting places in Kimberly, Hansen and Twin Falls for a \$2 fee.



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From left, Jamie Larson, Jill Hosman, Misty Pietersman, Randi Neumeier, Veronica Ruyts and Dallas Thom take a turn at the labyrinth on the floor at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl.



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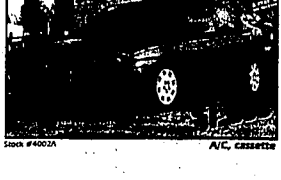


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Terrence Edwards ran five times for 97 yards and caught eight passes for 79 yards, and the Bulldogs' defense scored two touchdowns to give No. 24 Georgia (8-4) a school-record fourth consecutive bowl victory.

Donnan was fired after the Bulldogs finished the regular season poorly against their biggest rivals. He leaves with a 40-19 record in five seasons at Georgia.

The game also marked the final game for Virginia coach George Welsh, who retired as the Atlantic Coast Conference's winningest coach. Welsh, 67, compiled a 134-85-3 record during his 19 years at Virginia.

Filer alumni games are set for today

FILER — Filer High's alumni basketball games will take place tonight at the Filer High School gym.

The girls will play at 6 p.m. with the boys' game following. Admission is \$3 for everyone, players included, in a benefit for the FHS basketball program. For more details, call 736-8285 or 326-5944.

Players sought for women's b-ball league

TWIN FALLS — A women's basketball league for players in Jerome and Twin Falls needs more participants, and boys' youth basketball teams are still forming in the Twin Falls area.

Ladies over 18 who enjoy playing basketball are invited to sign up by calling the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation office at 736-2265.

Boys looking to play are needed in the following youth leagues: Sixth grade at Morningside; fifth grade at Perrine; and fourth grade at Sawtooth, Perrine and Lincoln. To register, call the parks office at 736-2265. Late fees will be waived for those classes until the teams are filled out.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

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Titans enter playoffs as No. 1 seed in AFC

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans had a lot to lose Monday night, and they played like they were afraid of blowing it. Their defense wouldn't let them.

The Titans turned four third-quarter turnovers into 24 points to beat the Dallas Cowboys 31-0 and secure the home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs.

Tennessee, which finished the regular season with the NFL's best record at 13-3, had to win or switch positions with the Baltimore Ravens as the No. 4 seed. The Titans won the AFC Central title for the first time since 1993 and third overall.

Playing on a frozen field with temperatures in the mid-20s, the Titans turned the ball over four times in the first half.

But the Cowboys (5-11) had Anthony Wright making only his second start at quarterback, not Troy Aikman, and they couldn't do anything with the ball. Not even an inside kick on the opening kickoff could jumpstart their offense.

The Titans, who shut out Cleveland last week, allowed only 67 yards in the first half, and it got worse in the third quarter as the Cowboys turned the ball over twice in a 2.5-minute span.

Pro Bowl safety Blaine Bishop started the turnover spree, sacking Wright and knocking the ball loose. Linebacker Eddie Robinson recovered, and Eddie George scored on an 11-yard run a minute into the quarter for a 14-0 lead.

Four plays later, linebacker Randall Godfrey broke through

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Tennessee's defensive ends Jevon Kearse pulls down Dallas Cowboys quarterback Anthony Wright for a sack in the second quarter of their game Monday in Nashville, Tenn. The Titans defeated Dallas 31-0.

Eagles soar over Sun Devils

ASU's Snyder leaves program on sour note

The Associated Press

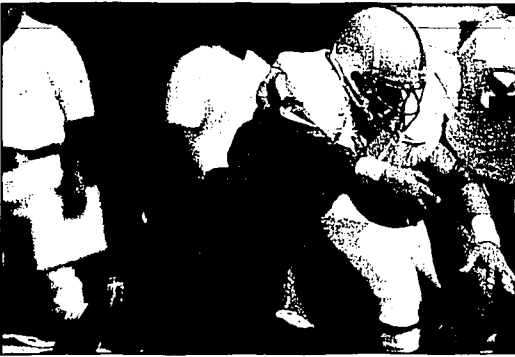
HONOLULU — Don't pack those bags just yet for Tom O'Brien.

The Boston College coach has been prominently mentioned for the vacancy at Virginia, but O'Brien doesn't want to rush things.

"There is a future for this program, a great future," he said after the Eagles beat Arizona State 31-17 in the Aloha Bowl on Monday.

When asked if there was a future for him at BC, O'Brien succinctly answered, "Yes, absolutely."

Tim Hasselbeck threw two long second-half touchdown passes and



Cedric Washington scored an 11-yard run, all in the second half, for the Eagles (7-5).

On the other side, the game marked the end of Bruce Snyder's term at Arizona State. He was fired

late in the season and will be replaced by former Boise State coach Tom O'Brien. Please see ALOHA, Page D2

Flowers blossoms at Blue-Gray Classic

The Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — In the town where his grandfather once caught political flak, Richmond Flowers III caught just about everything else.

The Tennessee-Chattanooga receiver's leaping 21-yard touchdown catch in the corner of the end zone with 59 seconds left gave the Gray a 40-37 victory in a wild Blue-Gray All-Star Classic on Monday.

"The quarterback put the ball there," said Flowers, whose grandfather was Alabama's controversial attorney general during the 1960s. "My job was just to go up there and make the play."

Flowers made plenty of plays, catching a game-record 12 passes for 169 yards and two TDs. His father starred at Tennessee before going on to the NFL and played high school ball at Montgomery's Sidney Lanier.

"I'd be lying if I said that I'm extremely surprised," said Flowers, a Duke transfer who caught a school record 86 passes for 1,035 yards in his senior season.

The pass from Jason McKinley of Houston ended a whirlwind final two min-



utes in which the Blue had marched 84 yards for a go-ahead touchdown. Mike McMahon of Rutgers put the Blue up 37-33 with 2:16 left on a 1-yard, fourth-down TD pass to fullback R.J. Bowers. Then, McKinley led the Gray on a 71-yard drive in the final minute. McKinley completed all five passes on the drive and finished

26-of-37 for 259 yards and two TDs. The game, pitting the North against the South, is for seniors whose schools were not playing in bowl games.

The 10-point rule played a big part in the outcome. If a team trails by 10 or more points after it scores it receives the ensuing kickoff.

The Gray Squad's Richmond Flowers reaches out to catch the game-winning 21-yard touchdown over the Blue Squad late in the fourth quarter of the Blue-Gray All-Star Classic in Montgomery, Ala. Monday. Flowers was named the Gray Squad's Most Valuable Player in the 40-37 win.

That gave the Gray several extra possessions after scores, helping the squad overcome deficits of 23-6 and 30-20 and rack up 613 total yards.

Alabama safety Marcus Spencer said the Gray players decided to make their own holiday gift at halftime.

David Rivers of Western Carolina was 13-of-22 for 237 yards with a TD and an interception for the Gray. Alex Bannister of Eastern Kentucky caught seven passes for 124 yards and Jonathan Carter of nearby Troy State had a career-high 75-yard TD catch on the final play of the third quarter.

That made it 30-27 and put the Gray right back in it after trailing 23-6 at halftime.

Bill Gramatica's fourth field goal of the game, a 48-yarder, gave the Gray a 33-30 lead with 5:30 left. The South Florida kicker is the younger brother of Tampa Bay Buccaneers' Martin Gramatica.

Gramatica also had kicks of 25, 25 and 18 yards to tie Tennessee's Fuad Revez's 16-year-old game record for field goals. He was selected the Gray's Outstanding Offensive Player, while Vanderbilt linebacker Matt Stewart won defensive honors.

New ideas may change baseball Commissioner proposes draft plan

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The worst eight teams in baseball would be able to select players from the top eight in a new "competitive balance draft" proposed by commissioner Bud Selig.

The teams with the eight highest winning percentages over the previous three years would be able to protect just 25 players apiece in the draft, according to a 37-page memorandum sent to teams last week and obtained by The Associated Press.

Only the team with the eight lowest winning percentages over the previous three years would be allowed to make selections, and they could take only one player each. The draft would take place annually after the World Series but before the end of the winter meetings each December.

Because the teams with the worst records often are the ones with the least money, they could attempt to draft high-salaried players and trade them to wealthy clubs for younger and cheaper talent.

"I think that would be a possibility," said Sandy Lerner, executive vice president of baseball operations in the commissioner's office. "This would operate very similar to an expansion draft. Although there is some confidentiality with respect to the protected lists, I'm sure clubs would look for a way to make trades."

The draft was recommended in July by the owners' latest economic study committee and commissioner Bud Selig told his staff to present it to owners for approval when they meet in Phoenix on Jan. 17-18.

"I really don't want to talk about it," Selig said Monday. "I'm not really sure how that got out."

Owners are being asked to vote on a variety of rules changes, many of them the Major League Baseball Players Association probably would challenge.

- Making all players around the world subject to the June draft, which would eliminate much of the ability of Cuban defectors and young Dominican stars to command huge signing bonuses.

- Changing the eligibility for college players in the draft from players in their junior seasons to those in their senior seasons, taking away the leverage of players who threaten to return to school.

- Forcing all draft picks to sign by July 15.
- If teams really believe they would sign players at bargain-basement prices because they were seniors, I think they're kidding themselves," agent Jeff Moorad said. "I have to believe all that does is to unnecessarily prolong the college careers of players who are often ready to enter the professional ranks."

Agent Tom Reich said the changes were tied to the expiration of the collective bargaining agreement next Oct. 31.

"This is labor dispute foreplay, firing shots across the bow," he said. "This is the kind of stuff that has gone on forever."

Owners also are to vote on eliminating draft-pick compensation for

Please see DRAFT, Page D2

Huskies top Women's Top 25

NEW YORK (AP) - Connecticut reached a milestone Monday by returning to No. 1 in The Associated Press women's basketball poll.



Connecticut's Svetlana Abramova has helped lead the Huskies to a perfect 9-0 start this season.

UCONN's top dog

Table showing the top 5 teams in the Associated Press women's college basketball poll. Connecticut is at the top with a 9-0 record.

and, as usual, are playing tough defense. Tennessee is the only team that has shot better than 50 percent against Clemson.

Five opponents have shot less than 40 percent against the Tigers, who are holding teams to 41 percent for the season.

In the only games between two rated teams last week, Purdue beat Stanford 90-60 and Tennessee defeated Texas 67-59.

The Connecticut-Tennessee game will be the 31st meeting of the top two teams in the poll.

Retro return

New American Basketball Association gives it another shot

Remember the ABA? That redheaded stepchild professional basketball league that for eight years played with a red, white and blue ball while making high-scoring, run-jump-and-jump hoops its signature style?

The league that invented the three-point line, entered bidding war with the NBA for talent and (gasp!) signed players out of high school? The league that folded in 1976 then had four teams - San Antonio, Indiana, New Jersey and Denver - merge into the NBA?

'I don't think we can ever compete with the NBA, with the salaries they pay. But I believe we will be a thorn in their side. We're going to bring excitement back to fans and make it fun for them to come to the games.'

owner of the Los Angeles Stars

Joubin Torkan

distance that is a three-point line in the NBA will be worth four points in the ABA.

For its main selling point, however, this ABA will start out as an inexpensive alternative, not a direct competitor to the NBA.

In Los Angeles, those who want to be like Jack Nicholson and sit in the very front row will pay \$100 a game. But the bulk of the ticket prices are between \$6 and \$25.

Westhead says with a straight face that he wants his team to score 200 points a game and says the Stars are his best chance to build the unstoppable basketball machine.

I saw a new league and I was like, 'This is the country.' Westhead said. 'But I also saw this was a chance to play a good level of professional sport with players that would all be on an equal ground.'

SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore

A cartoon illustration of a person in a bleacher seat looking frustrated, with speech bubbles saying 'No! No! No!' and 'MOM?'.

Table of scores and statistics for various sports including NFL, NBA, NHL, and college sports.

ON THE AIR TELEVISION

Table listing television schedules for various sports events, including NHL, NBA, and college basketball.

HOCKEY National Hockey League

Table listing NHL game schedules and results.

SKIING Ski Report

Table listing ski resort information and conditions.

TRANSACTIONS

Table listing sports transactions, including player movements and trades.

BASKETBALL Men's College Top 25

Table showing the top 25 men's college basketball teams in the Associated Press poll.

Women's College Top 25

Table showing the top 25 women's college basketball teams in the Associated Press poll.

Monday's NBA Boxes

Table listing NBA game results and statistics for Monday.

Monday's NFL Boxes

Table listing NFL game results and statistics for Monday.

Monday's NHL Boxes

Table listing NHL game results and statistics for Monday.

National Football League

Table listing NFL game results and statistics.

COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Dilbert

By Scott Adams



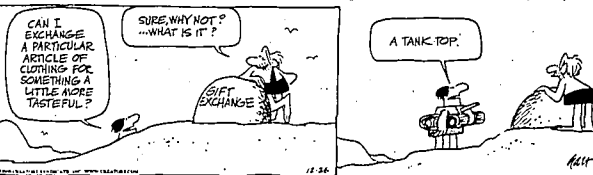
Blonde

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



Pickles

By Brian Craig



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



"BUT WHY CAN'T CHRISTMAS STAY UNTIL WE'RE DONE WITH IT?"

The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Rose Is Rose

By Pat Brady



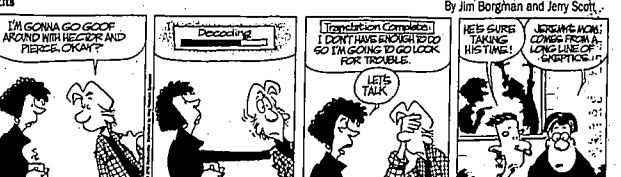
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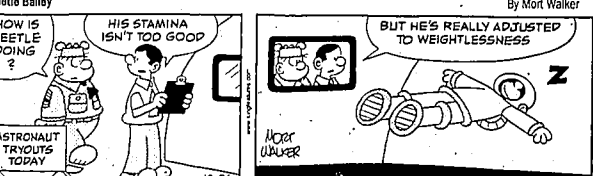
Zits

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Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Luann

By Greg Evans



Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



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By John Deering



Non Sequitur

By Wiley



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27 Jug handles
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34 Boucher
35 Waders
36 Middle of the month
37 Night flyer
38 Shell-game sphere

Orders for kits bury Funeral Consumers Alliance

DEAR ABBY: I always knew your column was powerful, but perhaps you'd like to hear just how effective it can be. Your October mention of our end-of-life planning kits flooded our offices with 50,000 orders, and they're still coming in! The notes with the orders show how much this idea has clicked with the public:

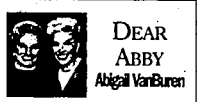
"Just what I need to get organized."

"I've put this off for a long time. I knew it was meant for me."

"I love this idea. Please send 20 more. Everyone in my family is getting one."

"The refrigerator is one place I'm sure my family will find it!"

But we're suffering from success - and I'm not sure which word to emphasize. We had expected perhaps 10,000 orders - not five times as many. We're shipping the kits as fast as our volunteers can assemble them. Our crews work night and day, seven days a week. Now the folks whose orders haven't been shipped are com-



DEAR ABBY: My husband thinks business owners need not pay a fair share of taxes to the government? Starting your own business would not excuse you (and him) from that responsibility.

"Visit the nearest Small Business Administration office (it is listed in the phone book) and obtain guidelines for small businesses. Then show your husband how much tax responsibility a business owner must shoulder."

Also make a list of the benefits he reaps as a taxpayer, such as good highways, Social Security, education, fire-fighting, police protection, military readiness to ensure our freedom, etc. Your husband seems to be a person who takes these benefits for granted. Perhaps your research and the list will clue your husband in to the facts of life.

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plaining. As one senior put it, "Time gallops for us." Several people have even wondered if we're "another senior rip-off."

Please let your readers know that we won't cash their check or charge their credit card until we're ready to ship their order. And further, we will be most grateful for their patience in the meantime. Thank you.

-LISA CARLSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FUNERAL CONSUMERS ALLIANCE INC.

DEAR ABBY: First, let me vouch for the fact that the Funeral Consumers Alliance is on the up-and-up. You have been a trusted

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Leo: Fame and fortune could be waiting for you

IF DECEMBER 26 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are creative, passionate, temperamental, capable of finishing what you start. When pressure is on, you are up to it. Capricorn, Cancer persons play major roles in your life, could have these letters in initials in names: H, Q, Z. Next year, you'll have greater freedom of thought, action. You will excel with written word. March your most memorable, profitable, romantic month of 2001.

LEO (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You do the impossible - obstacles, red tape are overcome. Get thoughts in writing; find outlet for creative force within you. Gemini plays role.

AURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Attention revolves around where you live, comforts of home. If diplomatic, you gain objective. Don't force issues, be kind and understanding.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Friends will aid you at last minute. Make a list of my contacts; let others play guessing games. Accent wit, wisdom and humor. Places represented.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your kind of day! Be aware of legal rights, permissions. Then go through with promotion, production and distribution. Capricorn figures prominently.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You could be on precipice of fame, fortune. Predictions come true, you could be the young Brad Pitt.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You could be the young Brad Pitt. Libra plays major role.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stress independence, pioneering spirit. Wear bright colors, make

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Sydney Omarr

personal appearances. You'll be "handed" leadership role. Leo, Aquarius persons are in picture.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will know you are not alone, cooperation will be sought in connection with local politics. Bear near water if possible. Express views, marital status featured.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Express friendly part of your nature. Many will act stunned, amazed. You have power to win friends, influence people. Sagittarius plays stunning role.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Scorpio plays important role and will help you overcome red tape. Revise, review and rewrite. What was rejected will now be accepted. Be sure to check planning.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): People talk about you, write impressions, dig deep to obtain subtle characteristics. If analytical, you could write prize article. Teach and learn!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Family member separates, you are encouraged to pursue creative hobby. You could change residence, marital status. Focus on diplomacy, sound of your voice.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Remember, Leo can be too much of a good thing. See places, people in realistic light. You'll be provided with privileged information. Be discreet!

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Bluebirds dwindle along with farms, say the birders

As the farms go, so go the bluebirds, both dwindling. That's what the birders say. Agribusinesses can replace the farms, sort of. But what can replace the bluebirds? Medieval cooks candied carnations.

A snuff of vanilla tends to calm you, evidently. At least, that's reportedly what doctors at Sloan-Kettering in New York give some patients who have to lie still for long periods during diagnostic exams. Vanilla aroma is said to relax them.

A walrus makes do with 18 teeth.

Q. Do millipedes ever trip?
A. Frequently.

Q. "A. Could be you refer to Prince Edward Island. Early Irish there wanted to call it New Ireland. But British royalty wouldn't hear of it. A great bormed owl can catch a house cat. And eat left out. Up. The Owl and the Pussycat sat on that tree."

Industrial espionage goes way back. Even beyond the 16th Century. Through an age when the glassblowers of Venice were the only craftsmen in the world who knew how to make mirrors.

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Laid-off tech workers find holidays bleak

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI — It's a gloomy Christmas for many dot-com workers who have lost their jobs just before the holidays.

Consider Nancy Cooper, 46. Last year, as a marketing executive with a hopeful dot-com, she was making a great salary, and she bought her 70-something parents a computer. "It was a lot of fun."

This year, jobs after being one of 600 laid off by Mortgage.com, she's agreed not to exchange presents with her husband. "It's a bleak, bare-bones Christmas."

She's not alone. Yupi.com, the Spanish-language portal in Miami, laid off 160 employees six days before Christmas. Answertlink, the technology consulting firm, dropped 150 the same day.

Nationwide, according to The Industry Standard, a trade publication, 23 other Internet firms caused 2,800 workers in the two weeks leading up to the holidays. DotComDoom.com — "the largest portal on the downturn" — listed another 25 that had either laid off or closed completely during that time.

It used to be that American companies tried to avoid such carnage during the holidays, when folks are supposed to be buying gifts and feeling good about their fellow human beings. Many corporate layoffs were thus planned for early fall or postponed till the new year. No more.

Dot-coms, which have already smashed many other rules of corporate behavior, are once again breaking new ground.

"The grinch who stole Christmas is appearing much more than he used to," said Lewis B. Freeman, head of BizTurnaround.com, which works with failing start-ups.

The problems aren't bosses trying to be vile Scrooges, but die-hard optimists who keep charging ahead hoping they will succeed in getting funding. "If you wait too long, you don't have any choices," says Freeman.

"It's basically your car running out of gas and you hope you can keep going on fumes."

Personal video recorders to revolutionize TV

By Mike Langberg
Knight Ridder News Service

Forget all the hype you've heard about interactive television systems that require high-speed Internet access and souped-up cable boxes with more processing horsepower than Deep Blue, IBM's chess-champion supercomputer.

Forget ridiculously overpriced high-definition TV sets.

I've seen the true future of television, and it's spinning on the surface of a hard drive.

Personal video recorders, or PVRs, will do more to reshape the way we experience television than any new technology since the introduction of color more than 40 years ago.

The first PVRs, which use hard disks instead of tape to store video programming, arrived last year from two Silicon Valley start-ups, TiVo and ReplayTV. Microsoft also got into the act with the DishPlayer, combining a PVR with a receiver for the Dish Network direct satellite service.

I raved about PVRs last year, and liked the DishPlayer so much that I bought one after returning my review unit.

Now the story is even more exciting.

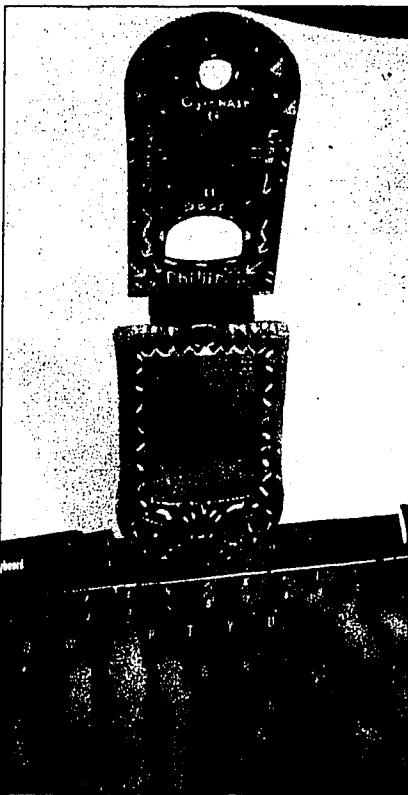
DirecTV, the competing direct satellite service that outsells Dish Network two-to-one, has finally caught up with its smaller rival in offering a PVR combo box.

The Philips DSR6000 and the Sony SAT-T60, virtually identical models shipped last month using TiVo software, contain massive 40-gigabyte hard drives that can store about 28 hours of typical TV programs and sell for a very affordable \$399.

Think about it: 28 hours is a full week's worth of viewing for even the most dedicated couch potato. You could record eight half-hour sitcom episodes, six hour-long dramas, two three-hour football games and six two-hour movies.

COLLAPSIBLE COMPUTING

Inside a computer's memory



By Craig Crossman
Knight Ridder News Service

Normal computer memory retains its information only as long as the power stays on. This is why you must save memory contents to a storage device such as a hard drive. The hard drive in your computer is magnetic so it retains its data without the need for power. Once data is recorded onto the hard drive, you can power down with everything saved.

Many of today's consumer electronic products use flash memory. Flash memory unlike regular computer memory doesn't forget data when the power goes off. One of the first to use flash memory was the digital camera. Digital cameras instead use computer memory instead of film to hold their images. Most of them use flash memory to retain the images so that in the event that your camera's batteries die, you won't lose the images already taken.

Now a company has put Flash memory technology into what it bills as being the "World's Smallest Drive." Using its built-in clip or ring, the Flash USB Drive literally clips into a shirt pocket or can be attached to a key chain. The included neck strap lets you wear it around your neck to make a techno fashion statement. About half the length of a pen and about twice as thick, the silver finished Flash USB Drive weighs in at a little over an ounce.

JMTEK wants you to think of its little device as a hard drive without the moving parts that requires no cable, batteries nor any software. JMTEK does include a CD containing additional flash memory management software that lets you check memory status and perform special formatting. To use the Flash USB Drive, you simply plug it directly into any available USB port. If the USB port is located at an inaccessible spot, the included USB cable should make its attachment easier. The computer will immediately identify the

Palm World Wide Marketing Launch Manager Jull Bente demonstrates the new Palm m100 that a friend hand colored with Palm's new collapsible keyboard at the PalmSource Conference 2000 earlier this month in Santa Clara, Calif. Palm Inc., hoping to retain its dominant position in the fast-growing market of handheld personal digital assistants, is promoting its wireless strategy and new applications in store for next year at its annual developers conference.

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