





# Court detains man who tried to light shoe

BOSTON (AP) - A man who allegedly tried to set off explosives hidden in his shoes on a trans-Atlantic flight was ordered held in federal custody Monday, and authorities said they had no evidence to link him to Osama bin Laden's terror network.

The suspect, listed in court papers as Richard C. Reid, appeared in front of U.S. Magistrate Judge Judith Dein, sitting alone and dressed in an orange prison jumpsuit and sandals. He showed little emotion, and when she asked if he understood the charge - intimidation or assault of a flight crew - he answered quietly, "Yes."

Reid, 28, requested a court-appointed attorney and was ordered held pending a bail hearing Friday. If convicted, he could be sentenced to 20 years in prison. The FBI said more charges are likely.

"The explosives devices detected in preliminary tests on Reid's sneakers were functional and could have caused serious damage if detonated, said Charles Prouty, the Special Agent in Charge of the Boston FBI office.

"It would have resulted in significant damage and we did avert a major disaster," he said. He declined to detail what the explosives were.

Airports around the country and in Europe ratcheted up security yet another notch after Reid was subdued by passengers and taken into custody Saturday. Some airports are requiring passengers to send their shoes through X-ray machines.

The Federal Aviation Administration on Sunday ordered U.S. airlines and airports to be more vigilant in screening passengers' shoes. The order follows a similar one issued Dec. 11 warning that hijackers might try to smuggle weapons in their footwear, and it poses a challenge for U.S. airports.

In the United States, the current generation of walk-through machines that screen passengers

for weapons can't detect plastic explosives, and most airline passengers and their carry-on bags aren't checked for explosives by other means, such as bomb-sniffing dogs.

On Saturday's American Airlines flight, two flight attendants and at least a half-dozen passengers grabbed the suspect and used belts to strap him into his seat while two doctors used drugs from the airplane's medical kit to sedate him. The Boeing 767 jetliner was carrying 183 passengers and 14 crew members.

Prouty said the FBI is investigating whether Reid had links to al-Qaida, and hasn't ruled anything out. A government official in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity, said investigators had no clues linking Reid to the terror network.

Reid was being held under constant watch in a jail in Plymouth, the sheriff's department said.

The suspect's true identity remains unclear. The name Reid appears on his British passport, and officials at Scotland Yard said they believed he was a British national. French authorities initially identified the suspect as a Sri Lankan named Tariq Raja, citing information from U.S. investigators. But a French official said Monday that investigators in France consider him to be a British national, and U.S. Attorney Michael Sullivan said the passport appeared legitimate.

French police are probing how someone with a one-way ticket and only one small bag eluded increased security measures at Charles de Gaulle airport outside Paris, where Flight 66 originated. French authorities said Reid had tried to board the same Miami-bound flight a day earlier but was turned away after raising suspicions. They said the suspect - who also has gone by a third name, Abdel Rahim - was given permission to board after intensive questioning, but by then had missed Friday's flight.

# Afghan Premier appoints warlord as defense minister

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - Afghanistan's new leader quickly went to work trying to heal the country's deep divisions, naming a prominent warlord as deputy defense minister Monday in an effort to unite the country's often-feuding factions.

Premier Hamid Karzai appoint-

ed Rashid Dostum, bringing one of the new Afghan government's early critics into his administration. Dostum, an ethnic Uzbek who controls the largest northern city, Mazar-e-Sharif, had been angry because the key ministries of defense, foreign affairs and the interior all went to an ethnic

Tajik group from the Panjshir valley.

"I have just signed the letter naming him deputy minister of defense," Karzai said. "It is the first step toward a national army."

In southern Afghanistan, meanwhile, U.S. B-52 bombers repeatedly hit a munitions bunker north of Kandahar, a military spokesman said Monday.

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# Children spend holiday without parents lost at WTC

NEW YORK (AP) — Angel ornaments remind Rebecca Asaro of her father, a firefighter who rushed into the World Trade Center and never came out. The 10-year-old has been fascinated with the fragile, winged decorations this Christmas, the first she and her four brothers are spending without Carl Asaro. They are among thousands of youngsters who face the holidays after losing a parent on Sept. 11. Angels are everywhere at the Asaro house in Middletown — standing as

frosted glass candlesticks, hanging with golden halos on the Christmas tree, watching with clasped hands from the mantel. The book "Everyday Angels," a gift from Asaro's midtown Manhattan firehouse, sits on the piano among photographs and tributes. "I think it means people die every day and become angels," Rebecca said. On Christmas mornings past, Asaro would awaken his wife with breath. This year, the tradition will fall to Rebecca and her brothers, Marc, 7,

Matthew, 12, and the 13-year-old twins, Phillip and Carl Jr. Later, the family plans to visit Asaro's grave. His remains haven't been found. Instead, the family buried his guitar case in a casket. Asaro's favorite Grateful Dead songs will be played instead of Christmas music. The number of children who lost a parent in the terrorist attacks is not known, but the bond firm Cantor Fitzgerald alone estimates its more than 650 victims left 1,300 children. At the Fire Department, which lost

343 people, more than 600 children were left without a parent-by-one account. At the Hickey household in Bethpage, there are days when 16-year-old Jackie cries to herself about the death of her father, firefighter Brian Hickey. "I could think of the rain falling on the air conditioner that he put in my room, and that would get me upset," she said. "Just the fact that he's not here, that just gets me, that you wake up every day and your father's not there."

# Conflicting reports cast doubt on link between Iraq and Sept. 11 attacks

Chicago Tribune

PRAGUE, Czech Republic — As the debate intensifies over a possible U.S. anti-terrorism strike against Saddam Hussein, the only reported link between Iraq and the Sept. 11 attacks is increasingly coming under question. The Czech government in October disclosed that Mohamed Atta, a suspected ringleader in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, had met here in the spring with a

senior Iraqi intelligence agent, fueling speculation that Iraq had a role in the attacks and providing ammunition to those calling for U.S. strikes against the Persian Gulf nation. But in recent weeks, scant new details have emerged about the



Mohamed Atta

meeting, and Czech officials have made conflicting statements about the likelihood that it even occurred. Interior Minister Stanislav Gross said it did take place, while Czech President Vaclav Havel said there was only a "70 percent" chance it did. And Czech media reports, citing anonymous sources, state that some Czech authorities now believe that the Iraqi intelligence agent might not have met with Atta but rather a businessman

who looked strikingly like him. Gross dismissed the press accounts, reiterating that Atta indeed met with the Iraqi agent. While the media reports could not be independently confirmed, they muddle an already murky picture of how many times Atta visited the Czech Republic and with whom he met. Whether the meeting occurred is potentially important because the Bush administration has been debating the merits of shifting its

war on terrorism to Iraq. Initially, the Czech government appeared certain of the meeting between Atta and the Iraqi officer, Ahmed Khalil Ibrahim Samir Al-Ani. Prime Minister Milos Zeman said Atta and Al-Ani had discussed attacking a building in Prague housing the U.S.-funded Radio Free Europe. But Czech authorities later said Zeman's statement was only a hypothesis and that they did not know what was discussed. Authorities here have not

explained how they know Atta met with Al-Ani. Havel has said that there was no recording of the meeting but that a Czech intelligence agent had been monitoring the Iraqis' movements. Similarly, the Czech press reports that there is no hard evidence of the meeting — no pictures, tape recordings or other documentation. The only evidence, they report, comes from a paid informant of the Czech intelligence agency.

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# Group provides livestock as aid to Afghanistan

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - Sixteen-year-old Trevor Baim doesn't want a DVD player or an Xbox or a MP3 player this Christmas. What he wants is decidedly more low tech.

And where he wants it is in Afghanistan.

The Crested Butte, Colo., boy has asked friends and family members to donate livestock to poor people worldwide, particularly the refugees created by the conflict in Afghanistan.

"I see pictures of refugees and it makes me really sad," he said. The teen-ager has been raising money since he was in fourth grade for a Little Rock-based charity called Heifer Project International that distributes animals around the world and teaches recipients how to turn them into income.

Donors can purchase pairs of chickens or shares in a water buffalo. The animals aren't slaughtered for food, but rather used to produce goods—milk, eggs, fertilizer or offspring that can be consumed or sold. Each recipient is asked to later pass some of the offspring of the farm animals they receive to someone else.

Last year, Heifer Project, a nonprofit, ecumenical organization, collected about \$40 million. This year, a \$20 donation to the

group can buy a set of chicks or ducks; \$60 can buy tree seedlings; \$120 can get pigs, sheep or goats; llamas can be sent for \$150, and cows for 10 \$50 shares. Baim lives at \$30, and a share in a pack of rabbits is \$10.

The group organizes the delivery of the animals and offers the recipients training in environmentally sound agriculture.

Since 1944, Heifer Project has helped more than 4 million struggling families in the United States and 118 other countries move toward self-reliance through gifts of food- and income-producing animals.

In south India, the group said, the gift of a goat helped a young woman earn enough money to start her own business. In Zimbabwe, rabbits helped one widower survive drought. In Poland, orphans went on their first field trip thanks to income from raising pigs.

The group has been providing milk cows, Arab dairy goats and poultry to the Afghan refugees in Pakistan since 1994, distributing them via the charity's partners in the area. The families receive chickens, two dairy goats or a dairy cow, all of local breeds.

"We've just been bombarded

with so many requests dating back to early and mid-90s. We said we'd do our best," said Robert Pelant, Heifer Project's Asia and South Pacific director.

To help, Trevor has raised \$5,000 by running for medals in eight-mile races, organizing charity concerts and putting change jars on counters at local businesses. Giving food to someone else who needs it seems to be the perfect Christmas gift, he said.

"He couldn't think of anything he wanted for Christmas," said his mother, Mary Shannon Baim. "He said, 'I have everything that I want and more than I need.'"



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WORLD

# Game reflects Argentine plight

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)** — This Christmas, many Argentines will rise to a challenge written on the box of a best-selling board game "Deuda Eterna," or Eternal Debt: "Do you dare defeat the IMF?"

As Argentina's new, interim government declared Sunday it was halting payment on the country's massive foreign debt, Nelson Rodriguez rang up the till at the Toy Supermarket in Buenos Aires' Cavallito district. He'd just sold the next-to-last Eternal Debt game in his stock.

"I didn't dare put it in the window, people would have thrown a brick through," he said. "They hate those words."

In Spanish, the game's title is a wordplay on "deuda externa," or foreign debt.

For years, Argentina has dug itself deeper into debt on international markets, while maintaining a top-heavy government bureaucracy despite privatizing much of the country's industry. When a bitter recession hit nearly four years ago, this once-prosperous country of 36 million found it increasingly difficult to keep up with payments and fell back on the International Monetary Fund.

In return for throwing a lifeline, the IMF made its customary recommendations: tighten fiscal policy and continue liberalizing trade and investment.

But at the time, tighter fiscal policy only succeeded in pushing South America's second-largest economy deeper into the slump.

"So who's to blame? Argentina or the IMF?"

"I think the way of linking the payments to austerity policy was not correct," said Oscar



Nelson Rodriguez, manager of the Toy Supermarket, shows the game 'Eternal Debt' in Buenos Aires Sunday. The game, which has the slogan 'Do you dare defeat the IMF?', is sold while Argentina's new interim government declared Sunday it was halting payment on the country's massive foreign debt.

Liberman, president of a local think tank, Fundacion Mercado. "I also think there were people in the Fund who didn't really understand Argentina's situation."

But he said the IMF cannot be blamed for the Argentine crisis because the government "never presented the Fund with an alternative plan."

"When Argentina had to impose austerity, it always went for the easy way out," Liberman said — cutting lower-scale state workers' salaries and pensions rather than slashing its bloated, profligate government.

That finally backfired on the increasingly unpopular government of former President Fernando de la Rúa last week, when Argentines' patience with

his and the IMF's austerity policies snapped.

Thousands poured onto the streets, engulfing the country in its worst frenzy of looting and rioting in a decade. After two days, de la Rúa was forced to step down.

When the new interim President Adolfo Rodriguez Saa took office Sunday, one of his first measures was to suspend foreign debt payments. The announcement got him a raucous standing ovation in congress.

IMF and U.S. Treasury officials were tightlipped about Sunday's announcement.

But on Friday, after de la Rúa left office, French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine said Argentina was only partly to blame.

# Japanese leader defends sinking of ship

**TOKYO** — Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi defended the shooting of a suspected North Korean spy ship and said Monday that the incident underlined the need to bolster national security.

An unidentified fishing boat sank late Saturday after trading machine-gun fire with coast guard vessels after a six-hour chase that began when it ignored orders to stop for inspection off Japan's coast, Japanese officials said. Two bodies from its estimated 15 crew members were recovered, with the rest still missing Monday. Three Japanese coast guard sailors were also slightly injured in the fire fight.

Koizumi praised the coast guard for tracking and hunting down the mysterious ship late Saturday night, though he said the chase took too long.

**Gunmen kill Nigerian justice minister**

ABUJA, Nigeria — Nigeria's jus-

### World in brief

Justice minister was shot and killed by one of several attackers who broke into his home in the southwestern city of Ibadan, government officials and family members said Monday.

Bola Ige was rushed to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival, officials said. Ige died around 10 p.m. on Sunday evening after being shot once in the chest, according to Bose Ehindero, a relative of Ige who answered the phone at Ige's residence Monday morning.

A team of police bodyguards assigned to protect Ige had been away from their posts eating dinner when the murder occurred, Ehindero said.

The assailants burst in on Ige and his wife, Nigeria Court of Appeal Judge Tinuke Ige, in their bedroom and forced Tinuke to leave the room before shooting him, Ehindero said.

### Report: China sentences six for spreading Falun Gong

**BEIJING** — Four Chinese academics, a university staffer and a graduate student convicted of spreading material on the Internet about the banned Falun Gong spiritual group were sentenced to prison terms of up to 12 years, a human rights organization said.

Four of those jailed were faculty members of the Chinese capital's elite Tsinghua University, the Hong Kong-based Information Center for Human Rights and Democracy said in a statement dated Friday. It said they were sentenced Dec. 13 by the Beijing No. 1 Intermediate People's Court.

A court official contacted by telephone said four Falun Gong followers were sentenced Dec. 13 but she didn't know their identities. She would give only her surname, Wang. Other officials of the court refused to give any information.

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## EDITORIAL

# Christmas greeting for peace on earth

As is the editorial board's Christmas custom, we are surrendering our usual space to a guest writer, St. Luke. Merry Christmas to all.

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

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

And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them at the inn. And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of

God shone round about them, and they feared exceedingly.

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

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

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

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

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

- Luke 2:1-20

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



## The sweet sorrow of these holidays

BILL TAMMEUS

In this felonious year of shock, angst and righteous resolve, Christmas in America is bitter-sweet. We are at war, united in our determination to obliterate terrorism and its festering roots.

We are, therefore, more in touch with what is of eternal value and what is, by contrast, just silly or wretched ephemera. We are proud to be liberty's lighthouse and anxious to prove our mettle in this long battle.

But we are also in profound pain. For some, it's so intense as to be nearly disabling. We have lost thousands of beautiful, promising lives because of the evil actions of fanatics who pledged unwavering allegiance to a dark vision of humanity. And Americans are not the only ones trying to adjust to such fearful losses, for though all the Sept. 11 victims died on our soil, they came from dozens of countries.

Across America this Christmas, families will gather in appalling, dreadful sorrow and adamant determination to see if they can find balm and hope in the presence of those left behind to imagine a new future, even as they mourn and try to bind up their wounds.

Despite its arrival in the nadir of the year, Christmas is a time of hope - as are the just-ended periods of Ramadan for Muslims and Hanukkah for Jews. The theology that informs the Christmas story says that at the first Christmas God became incarnate as a human being to rescue fallen humanity. And how often we feel the need of being rescued. It is this hope of deliverance that helps to open up that new future so many of us seek.

But when our hearts are rent, hope is hard to fathom - and even harder to trust.

Early in November, my wife and I were in the Boston area for a brief visit with the pregnant widow and toddler son of my nephew Karleton, a passenger on the first plane to hit the World Trade Center. At my desk now I have a picture from that trip. It shows me holding little Jackson, who won't be 2 until February.

Christmas touches hearts of people of all ages, but it particularly engages the spirits and imaginations of children. This Christmas, however, Jackson will be without his father. And he'll be without his father every Christmas of his life. I am left wondering what the little guy will understand of the big ache in his small heart this year. It makes me cry again. It makes me furious again. It makes me marvel at the kind of God who would want to join a race so given to meting out suffering and loss.

This Christmas, children of all ages all around the country will feel something like the largely unarticulated agony Jackson must feel. The terrorists killed sons, daughters, parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces. And Osama bin Laden - damn his shriveled soul - laughs about it.

But we are not laughing. We are trying to find a way to go on without the people who meant so much to us, the people who died fierce and cruel deaths at Bin Laden's evil bidding. In a time like this, it helps to remem-

ber that stories can be healing. I won't be with Jackson and his mother this Christmas, nor will I be with my sister and her husband, Jackson's grandparents. But wherever we are, we will tell Karleton stories. Especially Christmas stories.

I will remember Christmas 1970, when KDBF - as I often called him, using all his initials - was not quite a year old. We were at my parents' home in Illinois, and Karleton was wearing a metal brace on one of his feet and legs to help straighten some twisted infant bones. He'd lie on his stomach and move across the carpet like an aerobic incholem, up and down, up and down. We all laughed.

And I will recall a Christmas in the early 1980s, again in northern Illinois, when the temperature did not rise above zero. Still, Karleton wanted to go sledding. Finally he convinced his father and a few other fools to join him. Dressed so heavily they could barely move, they soon returned as chunks of ice. And again we laughed.

So how can we move through joyful holidays when our hearts are in lament? I know of no other way than to tell healing stories and to acknowledge the reality of our conflicted condition. It won't help to put on fake smiles and pretend everything is fine. Everything isn't fine.

But neither will it do to dismiss our new common purpose or to ignore the season's redemptive hope.

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## New Christmas carols for 2001

### WHERE'S DICK?

(To the tune of "Deck the Halls")  
Lock the halls and hide Dick Cheney!  
Fa la la...

He's the only one who's brainy. Fa la la...

Charge we now his fibrillator. Fa la la...  
If it works we'll see him later! Fa la la...

### GOD REST YE, DOT.COM GENTLEMEN

God rest ye, dot.com gentlemen  
Let nothing you dismay  
Remember eating curvier  
Got boring every day  
And after your first 50 mil  
It starts to get passie  
So take ye some comfort and joy, com-fort and joy!

So enjoy ye the fun of life at mom's.

### THE FIRST MA BELL

(To "The First Noel")  
The first Ma Bell was so easy to say  
And we knew what it meant: It meant  
phone bills to pay  
Then it changed its simple name and  
'twas Nynex one day  
Bell Atlantic the next, then Verizon,  
oy vey!

Ma Bell, Ma Bell, Ma Bell, Ma Bell!  
Gene is the ringdom of 'New York Tel!

### ENRON-HELL ROCK

(To the ending of "Jingle Bell Rock")  
Curse-a this merciless, worth-i-less  
stock  
10,000 shares could not buy a sock  
Meanwhile the chairman gets tan on his sock.

That's why I need a rock!  
TO A SON IN THE SPECIAL FORCES  
(To "Have A Holly Jolly Christmas")  
Have a Tora Bora Christmas

### LENORE SKENAZY

And a Kandahar New Year  
If you're sad, Jajalaboi  
Might let you drink a beer.  
Have a Tora Bora Christmas  
And it's this we pray, my dear:  
No more war in Tora Bora  
That's for shore-a next year!

### RUDOLPH

Rudolph the high-strung mayor  
Had a very stunning year  
Going from lame-duck to nut job  
To a man we all hold dear  
Most of the same New Yorkers  
Used to laugh and call him louse  
Slamming immoral paintings  
As he cheated on his spouse.  
Then one sad September morn  
New York came to see:  
Rudolph with your tone just right  
Won't you be our shining knight?  
Then all New Yorkers loved him  
(Cepting for, perhaps, his wife):  
"Rudy, though you're still nutty,  
You can be our king for life!"

### OSAMA BIN LAD

(To the tune of "Feliz Navidad")  
Osama Bin Lad! Osama Bin Lad!  
Osama Bin Laden is not enjoying his  
Navidad  
I wanna wish him a seury Christmas  
Right down to his hairy whiskies. I  
wanna wish him a buried Christmas at  
the bottom of a cave.

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## Patriotism promotes freedom

Regarding letter, "Bush and Bin Laden have lots in common":

He says, among other things, meaning Bush and Bin Laden, that both kill thousands, the one difference is that the terrorist uses S3 box cutters and the free world kills by a satellite of billion-dollar B-1 bomber. Sure enough, the terrorists use box cutters, but only as tools to hijack and fly huge planes to demolish huge towers and attempt to destroy the Pentagon and perhaps the White House, killing thousands of innocent civilians. Bin Laden and his followers promise to destroy all America and other nations, and there is credible evidence they are developing or already have developed nuclear and bio-terrorist weapons. The Bush-led war avoids civilian casualties whenever possible and targets only terrorist.

What are we supposed to do? Sit back and smile graciously while they dispose of us? Perhaps we could send engraved invitations.

Mr. Foren says both are supported by "extremist religious fundamentalists"

who preach hatred, intolerance, etc., and who subjugate women. Odd, we've been around a long time and we have never noticed even extremist religious fundamentalists (even under Bush) who have attempted to establish a state religion, who have forced their women to cover in their homes unable to go out without a male escort, heads and faces covered, who have beaten them on the streets, who have denied them the opportunity to get an education, to socialize or to get a job or who have denied them the vote or the opportunity to run for public office.

Mr. Foren says he will go with that "precious document," the Constitution. "In the next, he quotes a 'wise' man who said, "Patriotism is the first and last refuge for scoundrels. Who fought and

died to establish this free land?

"Patriots," that's who. Who framed the Constitution that protects that freedom?"

"Patriots." They paid a good price. Mr. Foren speaks of Bush's authoritarian police who nibble at the Constitution. Mr. Ashcroft asked only for emergency, war-time powers to facilitate better intelligence gathering to protect this nation and its people, which is his responsibility.

We are on a war-time alert. Mr. Foren doesn't seem to realize that if this war against terrorism is not successful, none of us will have any rights.

Perhaps a good dose of smallpox, poisoned food and water supply or even nuclear attack would change his tune.

IVAN JACKSON  
ALICE JACKSON

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OPINION

LETTERS

We must defend bill of rights

Many citizens were offended by Attorney General Ashcroft's assertions that anyone disagreeing with him or the Bush administration are unpatriotic.

He says we are living in extraordinary times.

Haven't we always lived in extraordinary times? We have always had the Bill of Rights and the Constitution as our guide to help us survive our difficult times.

This nation is built on laws and not a dictatorship built on men! The Justice Department wants control of freedom of speech and press, no due process of law, search and seizure with no questions asked, incarceration without benefit of counsel. All these things sound like a chapter taken out of Hitler's and Stalin's handbook.

As good citizens, we should be concerned over terrorism, but we should fear a political system dismantling our Bill of Rights and the Constitution. Where stands Congress on these issues? Why the silence?

Protection without freedom is worthless.

EDNA BYERS  
Rupert

Majority voted for term limits

What is it that these current politicians and elected officials don't understand about the voting process?

I'm sure that they would have a different story if their opponents were given their positions even if they didn't have the majority of the votes. Seems like they are a little two-faced.

The majority voted for term limits and that is the way it must stand. Remove these career politicians that don't listen to the people anyway. They get set in their ways and do as they want and not what the people want.

Many of the people being eliminated by the term limits will not quit politics anyway; they will just run for another political position. It is about time that the elected officials listen to the voters, and this is a start.

GARY HUNTINGTON  
Buhl

Voters need respect from T-N

Your editorial on term limits is showing no respect to the voters

of this great state. The voters voted a majority for term limits. Now the crybabies want to overturn what is a legal vote.

If Gov. Kempthorne doesn't veto or if the Republican-controlled Legislature overturns the law, I am voting strictly Democratic or non-incumbent.

Let me assure you that since World War II, I have voted Republican most of the time. We have two county commissioners that never have seen a bad dairy and this old talk that nobody can replace the people losing their jobs - give me a break. There's nobody in this country that cannot be replaced by someone else.

Most of the county politicians right now are replacements that the Republican Central appointed; so I don't think they have a right to complain. They figure once they are appointed, they have a lifetime job.

Here's hoping most of the voters reading this will do as I will.  
BROY G. HARDING  
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"I don't know mathematically what this does for us, but it's probably not very good."

—Seattle coach Mike Holmgren after his team lost to the Giants in the final seconds of their game Sunday and fell to 7-7

## Muddled NFL playoff picture begins to clear

Season comes down to wire for many

By Dave Goldberg  
The Associated Press

It shouldn't be too difficult to untort the playoff possibilities with two weeks left in the regular season. All six teams seem set in the AFC and the last NFC wildcard slot appears to be the only uncertainty.

But this has been a strange season and strange things may yet happen.

"I don't know mathematically what this does for us, but it's probably not very good," Seattle coach Mike Holmgren said Sunday after his team lost to the Giants in the final seconds and fell to 7-7.

Actually, it got worse for Holmgren after the Jets inched by the Colts on Sunday night. To make the playoffs, the Seahawks have to beat Kansas City and San Diego (quite likely) and hope the Jets lose at home to Buffalo (2-12) and then at Oakland.

As Holmgren said: "Not very good."  
Here's what could happen:

**The AFC picture**

Pittsburgh (12-2) is in command, needing one more win for home field throughout the playoffs. The Steelers probably are the only team in the league on the kind of late-season roll that

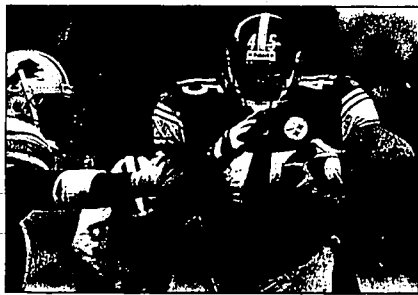
ends up with a Super Bowl victory.

"When things are going your way like this, all you can do is ride the wave and see how far it takes you," says Kordell Stewart, who may have taken the lead in the MVP race during the past six weeks.

Who's to challenge? The Raiders (10-4) and Patriots (10-5) have clinched playoff spots and the Jets, Dolphins and Ravens (9-5) are on the brink of clinching. The Ravens may be Pittsburgh's most dangerous challenger, but they'll have to do it as a wild card, the way they went all the way to the NFL title last season.

New York, Miami and

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Pittsburgh Steelers back Chris Fuamatu Ma'afala runs Sunday in Pittsburgh.

IN BRIEF

**Jauron inks deal to remain Bears coach**

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Dick Jauron is going to be the Chicago Bears coach for a long time.

With the Bears at 11-3 and assured of a playoff spot after going 5-11 last season, general manager Jerry Angelo finally gave Jauron the security he had sought. Angelo said he would negotiate a contract extension after the season with Jauron, who has one year left on a four-year deal.

"I can't be any happier in terms of the work he and his staff have done. I feel very, very comfortable with them," Angelo said. "I'm been very impressed with what Dick and his staff have done this season."

Jauron, still just 22-24 as the team's coach, said he's thrilled to stay on.

**Lewis-Clark State reprimands coach**

LEWISTON — Coach Ed Cluff, who has led Lewis-Clark State College to 11 NAAIA national baseball championships since 1984, has been reprimanded and placed on probation for chewing tobacco on the field.

Cluff also must develop an educational program on tobacco use for presentation to Lewis-Clark State's athletic department under sanctions imposed by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

The reprimand came from former Lewis-Clark interim president Niel Zimmerman, who was replaced by President Dene Thomas last July. Thomas said the school was compelled to act by the NAAIA after Cluff's appeal was denied.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

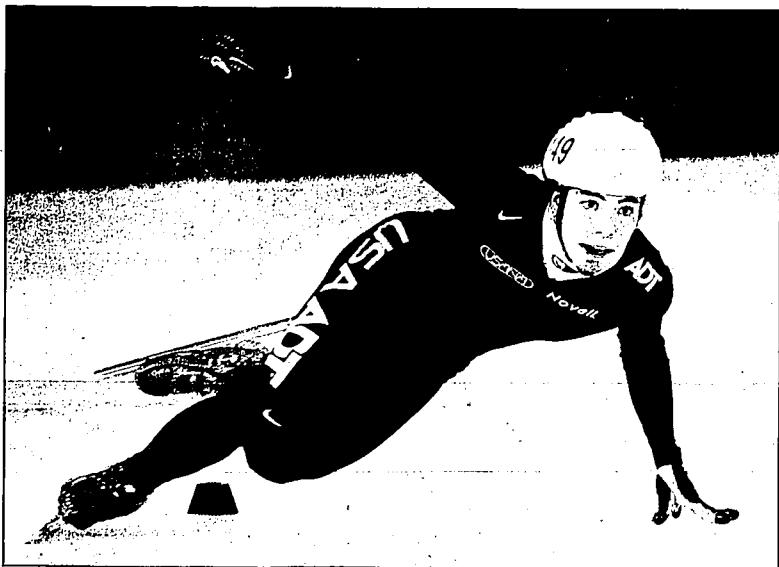
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March to the Medals: Bonny Warner won't be coming to Salt Lake. A three-time Olympic luger who was instrumental in developing women's bobsled and adding it to the Salt Lake City schedule, Warner failed to make the U.S. bobsled team for the Winter Games in February.

## Eyes on the prize



Apo Ohno skates during trials Thursday in Kerns, Utah. Ohno leads a promising team of U.S. speed skaters.

## U.S. speedskaters expect medal bonanza

The Associated Press

KEARNS, Utah — With the advantage of skating on their home track, U.S. speedskaters appear certain to leave the Salt Lake City Olympics with more medals than they won at the 1998 Nagano Games.

Fred Benjamin, the president of U.S. Speedskating, said the Americans hope for an unprecedented medal haul at the Salt Lake Games.

"We could come home with 10 medals," he said after the U.S. Olympic trials ended Saturday evening. "We feel on top of the world right now."

Ten medals would be quite a feat, considering the Americans have never won more than eight speedskating medals in a single Olympics. That occurred in 1980, when Eric Heiden brought home five golds himself.



The U.S. short track speedskating team is expected to carry off a load of medals in the Salt Lake City Games.

Four years ago in Nagano, the Americans were held to a mere two speedskating medals, both captured by Chris Witty, neither a gold.

Nineteen-year-old Apo Anton Ohno, the defending World Cup short-track champion, could win more than two medals. He'll be one of the favorites in four

events: the 500 meters, 1,000, 1,500 and relay.

"Apo can medal in every race," Benjamin said.

The long-track team also is loaded with potential medal candidates, including Witty, Casey FitzRandolph, Jennifer Rodriguez, Derek Parra and Joey Check.

Rodriguez, a former inliner from Miami, gave up her spot in the 500 — even though she holds the American record in that event — for a chance to compete in the four longer races.

She followed the same routine in 1998, finishing just out of a medal in the 3,000 with a surprising fourth-place finish.

"There's probably six people who could medal, so I don't think there's going to be one person to take the flame," Rodriguez said.

She tried to downplay expectations for the long-track team, which will face stiff competition from the Canadians, Dutch, Japanese and Germans.

"I don't think there's anybody who's been totally consistent in getting a medal, like Bonnie (Blair) or Dan (Jansen)," Rodriguez said. "All of us have a shot, but we don't have a very

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## Floyd resigns as Bulls coach

The Associated Press

DEERFIELD, Ill. — Tim Floyd resigned as coach of the Chicago Bulls on Monday as the team stumbled through its fourth straight rebuilding season of the post-Michael Jordan era.

"I really tried to give my best effort, and sometimes that's not enough," Floyd said at a news conference.

The Bulls are 4-21, last in the Central Division, and have the NBA's worst record. Assistant Bill Berry was appointed interim head coach.

Floyd said he believed his move "will be the best for everybody" and wished the organization the best.

"I'm going to rebound from this and be fine. Change is not always a bad thing," he said.

Floyd said he was not forced out.

"I did it of my own free will," he said. "This is just one of the times in my life it didn't go the way I hoped it would have gone."

This season has probably been the toughest since the breakup of the Jordan- and Phil Jackson-led teams that won six NBA titles in the 1990s.

Charles Oakley was brought on this season to provide leadership, but instead has clashed with Floyd and criticized team management. Prep-to-pro rookies Tyson Chandler and Eddy Curry are seeing little playing time and appear confused about their roles. Floyd's overall record is 45-190. "Every day has been hell," Floyd said early in the season. "It hasn't been fun."

The former Iowa State coach was brought in by Bulls general manager Jerry Krause and the two were portrayed as close friends, fishing buddies even. But they seemed to clash this year as Floyd resisted giving quality minutes to Krause's two first-rounders, Curry and Chandler.

In strong terms Krause denied there had been a power struggle.

"This is a sad day for this organization," he said. "It's a very hard day for me personally, it's a very hard day for everybody in the organization."



Tim Floyd

## Utes, Trojans go bowling amid distractions at Las Vegas Bowl



Southern California coach Pete Carroll watches his team as they prepare for the Las Vegas Bowl Saturday.

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Utah safety Arnold Parker is a Las Vegas native, so he knew an appropriate way to kick off a news conference in a casino.

"Let's get it on!" Parker said with a grin.

After a week spent avoiding and enjoying the diversions of their bustling host city, Utah and Southern California will have the nation's sports television audience to themselves during the Las Vegas Bowl today in mostly empty Sam Boyd Stadium.

But vacant seats won't affect the teams, whose first meeting since the 1993 Freedom Bowl holds remarkable importance for two programs looking for strong finishes to inconsistent seasons.

"People say there aren't going to be any people in the stands,

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but it doesn't matter," said USC quarterback Carson Palmer, a junior who threw for 2,567 yards and 13 TDs this season. "Everybody is going to be watching at home, and we all know what's at stake. This will make or break our season."

The Trojans (6-5) rebounded from a miserable start by qualifying for the game with four straight victories to close the regular season, while Utah (7-4) wants a victory to erase the taste of two difficult season-ending losses.

"We had our times during the season when we didn't know where we were going to be at the end of the year," USC coach Pete Carroll said. "We had to get it through all those problems and all those distractions, and this game is an incredible way to finish the year."

It's also an important game for the Utes, who fell back behind Brigham Young for supremacy in the Beehive State this season after several years on fairly equal ground. Utah made its sixth bowl in 12 seasons under coach Ron McBride despite losing its last two games in heartbreakers to BYU and Air Force.

"This game is great for us because of the national exposure you get, but it's also important to build into next year," McBride said. "A lot of people are going to

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SPORTS

# Learning lessons in living

## Family learns from deaths of children

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — On the wall of Cindy Parseghian's office hangs a giant bulletin board — a tribute to four children from a mother who once wasn't sure she wanted kids.

There are photos of Michael, Christa and Marcia in their karate uniforms, Ara at a high school dance. Greeting cards filled with quotes about faith and will, a napkin with a scribbled message: "Love U More."

Scattered through this precious yearbook into a family's yesterdays are the annual Christmas cards, always decorated with a photo of the children and always signed "The Parseghian Family."

Christmas 1996: A studio portrait of the four kids, snuggled close and smiling big.

Christmas 1998: Ara and his two sisters, one on each side placing a kiss on his cheeks.

Christmas 2000: Ara and the girls huddled around a tree, Christa on big brother's lap.

Cindy Parseghian smiles with pride as her eyes move across each photo, each note, each memory. But the cards stop her, and her smile fades.

"We're not doing a card this year," she mumbles. "It's just too empty."

Then it hits. There, scattered among the cards, are the obituaries.

Michael, March 26, 1987-March 22, 1997: "He loved karate and cowboys and Garth."

Christa, April 12, 1991-October 23, 2001: "If love is for always, then she is Christa."

### Heartache

The year 2001 brought so much heartache to so many, and it brought fresh misery to Cindy and Mike Parseghian, son of legendary Notre Dame football coach Ara Parseghian. They lost a second child to Niemann-Pick type C disease, while another is deteriorating.

How does a couple survive through their four children being stricken by a neurological disorder that eats away their bodies, transforming them into invalids from tubes and incapable of speaking?

How do you fight for a cure for others when it may come too late to save your own?

When you go on with life when you are surrounded by impending death?

Yet from their children's abbreviated lives, the Parseghians have found joy amid the agony, scientists have gleaned inspiration, and strangers have been moved to open their hearts and give.

It took a lot of events for two people who are going to be professionals, not parents.

### The family life

In 1981, at 26, Cindy Parseghian had her master's in business administration and had been accepted into law school at Northwestern. Mike, then her husband of four years, was applying for medical residencies with the goal of becoming an orthopedic surgeon.

When Mike took an opening at Arizona instead of Northwestern, Cindy's plans for law school changed. So, eventually, did her



Ara Parseghian, top center, and his siblings Marcia, Christa and Michael pose for this December 1996 photo in Tucson, Ariz. Marcia is stricken with Niemann-Pick type C, an inherited disorder in which cholesterol and other substances needed for neurological development aren't properly transported throughout cell compartments.

thoughts on parenthood.

Three years later she gave birth to her first child, Ara, and Cindy knew immediately that she wanted more. Three more, to be precise.

"I was just really overtaken with motherhood," she recalls. "There's a connection with your child like none other in the world. You feel this beating soul inside, and it never leaves you."

With their dark hair and dark eyes, a mark of Mike's Armenian heritage, the Parseghian kids were a striking bunch. They had beauty, brains and spirit.

Ara and Michael, born three years later, took an early interest in karate. Marcia, a year and a half behind Michael, began reading at 4 and was the first in

her dance class to skip and tie her shoes. She was so smart, so

feeling lucky that I spent so much time with my children. I'm sure more time than I would have had if they had been normal. We hope they had a lot of great moments together."

Christa, the baby, was everyone's little angel. With her cascading tresses and dimpled smile, she was as adorable as a young Shirley Temple. She even loved to tap dance.

"I felt incredibly lucky," Cindy says. "We had these four beautiful children, and our goal was to raise them to be happy, loving, caring adults. I thought we were on top of the world."

Then their world collapsed.

### The diagnosis

They first saw the signs when Michael was in kindergarten. He couldn't handle the monkey bars as well as other kids, and he was losing his balance in karate class. His handwriting wasn't as legible.

Cindy took him to a pediatrician who diagnosed the symptoms as childhood clumsiness, and her concern as a mother's overprotection. She and Mike knocked on more doors.

### The NFC picture

St. Louis (12-2), Chicago (11-3), San Francisco (11-3) and Green Bay (10-4) are in and Philadelphia (9-5) should be, although the Eagles are getting nervous.

Tampa Bay (8-6) holds the last spot right now. The Buccaneers finish with two home games but both are against potential playoff teams — the Ravens and Eagles.

The Bucs' 47-21 blowout of New Orleans on Sunday was the kind of game they've been waiting for all season — they got up quickly and held the Saints to just two first-half first downs.

"We've got guys who can play

the game — that's the thing," said coach Tony Daney, 12-1 at home in December. "We have guys who can focus and forget about the past."

Three teams are 7-7 — the Saints, Giants and Falcons. Each is a loss from elimination.

The Giants still can win the NFC East if they beat the Eagles in Philadelphia on Sunday, beat Green Bay at home in the final week and the Eagles lose at Tampa. The Giants also can make it as a wild-card if they beat the Eagles and Packers, and if the Ravens and Eagles beat the Bucs.

The way New York has played this season, that's not likely.

So when Jim Fassel was asked if the team was on the same kind of run it parlayed into a Super Bowl appearance last season, he replied:

"The confidence and the will to win — and the fight to win — was exactly like the team last year. But I saw a lot of things out there today that I didn't like."

—Cindy Parseghian

Cindy says: "You scream and you yell and you cry and you curse God. I can't imagine anyone doing anything different."

But the Parseghians did do something different: They turned their children's death sentence into a celebration of life. And they let their children show them the way.

"Our first response was: Let's take them out of school. Let's show them the world," Cindy says. "Then we realized, that's not what they want. They wanted to be treated like other children, so we tried to make their lives as normal as possible."

### A plan for hope

Using her father-in-law's name, her husband's medical connec-

tions and her business acumen, Cindy had the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation operating two months after the children were diagnosed.

Before the Parseghian Foundation, two labs were dedicated to NP-C research. Today, there are more than 20, and the foundation raises more than \$2 million a year toward the effort.

"They single-handedly have pushed this whole field," says Dr. Michael Partridge, chief of cardiology at the University of Pennsylvania, who heads the foundation's scientific advisory board.

In 1997, scientists identified the gene responsible for causing NP-C, but advances have been slow because the gene's function was more complicated than researchers anticipated.

Until they know more, a cure will remain elusive.

### A dream for the future

A year after Michael died, he came to Cindy in a dream. He gave her a big hug, and then was gone.

"I remember waking up and having this wonderful feeling that my children will always be a part of me," she says. "I feel lucky that I spent so much time with my children. I'm sure more time than I would have had if they had been normal. We have had a lot of great moments together."

The Parseghians don't dwell on the what-ifs: What if they hadn't fallen in love with someone who carried the same defective gene? What if they'd never had children? What if they'd found a cure in time?

Instead, they think of the smiles and laughs and recitals and vacations — of all those great moments Cindy has captured on the bulletin board in her office. They focus on Marcia and Ara, a high school senior who hopes to be a writer or perhaps, like his father, a doctor.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Issel will decide future by Wednesday

DENVER — Dan Issel spent Monday weighing his options, and his agent said Issel probably will decide by Wednesday whether he wants to resign or stay with the Denver Nuggets — either as head coach or in some other capacity.

Issel has been on a leave of absence since Saturday, hours before he was to return to coaching after a four-game suspension for making a racially insensitive remark to a spectator.

The Rocky Mountain News and The Denver Post reported Monday that Issel was ready to resign as coach and president, and was discussing a buyout with team ownership.

Issel's agent, Warren LeGarrie, said those reports were speculative.

LeGarrie said Issel has three options: to return as coach, to remain with the team in some capacity or to sever his ties. Issel is under contract for the rest of this season and next season.



Dan Issel

### O'Leary: Lie started as a way to puff bio

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — George O'Leary says he lied about playing football at New Hampshire to pad his biography in the media guide when he was hired as an assistant coach at Syracuse.

The incorrect information was inserted "really, at that time, to puff my bio," O'Leary told ESPN in an interview aired early Monday.

O'Leary, who attended New Hampshire for two years and never played in a game, said the lie never helped him get a job.

He resigned as Notre Dame's football coach Dec. 14 — five days after he was hired away from Georgia Tech — because of revelations he lied about his academic and athletic background.

O'Leary said he's not sure why a false claim that he had a master's degree in education from New York University was printed in the 1987 Georgia Tech media guide.

### Raptors coach stable after stroke

TORONTO — Toronto assistant coach Stan Albeck was hospitalized in stable condition on Monday, a day after he had a stroke about 30 minutes before the Raptors played the Miami Heat.

"Stan suffered a serious stroke that has presently left him paralyzed on the right side and unable to speak significantly," team physician Dr. Douglas Richards said Monday.

The Raptors were preparing for a pregame meeting before Sunday's game against the Miami Heat when Albeck, 70, turned red and was unable to speak.

### Kobe and Shaq might sit against 76ers

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — The status of Los Angeles Lakers' stars Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal for a game against the Philadelphia 76ers on Christmas night remained uncertain Monday.

Team spokesman John Black said Bryant, who pulled a muscle in his right rib cage during the Lakers' 114-108 loss at Memphis on Friday night, and O'Neal, who has a sore big right toe, will be examined by team physician Dr. Steve Lombardo before Tuesday night's game.

The Lakers watched film, lifted weights and did some light shooting Monday.

"Neither participated in the shooting," Black said. "They remain day to day."

Bryant is the NBA's third-leading scorer with a 26.3-point average, and O'Neal is sixth in scoring at 26.0 points and fifth in rebounding with an 11.5 average.

### NBA fines, suspends Kenyon Martin

NEW YORK — Kenyon Martin of the New Jersey Nets was fined \$7,500 and suspended for one game by the NBA on Monday after his flagrant foul against Utah's Karl Malone.

Martin was charged with the foul against Malone with 1:37 remaining in the fourth quarter of Utah's 104-90 victory over the Nets at New Jersey on Saturday night.

The fine and suspension were announced by Stu Jackson, the NBA's senior vice president for basketball operations.

### Fan faces with assault charges

ST. LOUIS — A fan who tackled Illinois mascot Chief Illiniwek during Missouri's weekend basketball game against the Illini has been charged with misdemeanor assault.

Scott Keihl, 24, of Columbia, faces up a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine on the third-degree assault count, which accused him of breaking through a ring of fans and tackling Chief Illiniwek on Saturday night during halftime.

Keihl — wearing black, one of Missouri's school colors — in turn was tackled by Illinois fans and hauled off the court.

Police on Monday declined to identify the 20-year-old victim.

Illinois school spokesman Kent Brown said the confrontation was the first for the mascot, which performs a traditional Indian dance at home games but rarely performs on the road.

### Memphis hosts Electric Football tourney

NEW YORK — Electric Football's eighth annual Super Bowl and convention will be held Jan. 18-20 in Memphis.

The event includes displays of memorabilia, clinics and a continuing Electric Football tournament and playoff competition between AFC and NFC teams leading to a Super Bowl championship game.

Compiled from wire reports

## NFL

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Baltimore need one more win to get in, leaving only the seedings to be decided. The Titans (7-7) were knocked out when the Jets won Sunday night. The other 7-7 teams, Denver and Seattle, are one win away from going out.

The Raiders, the favorite for most of the season, are stumbling. They've lost two of four and their high-octane offense has scored just 23 points in the last two weeks.

The Patriots are the AFC's feel-good team this season with Tom Brady going 10-3 at quarterback in Drew Bledsoe's stead. As the Titans did a victory lap around the soon-to-be-torn-down Foxboro Stadium, Bledsoe simply trotted into the locker room and was gone before anyone had a chance to talk to him.

He probably will be elsewhere next season.

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## Utes

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Appropriately for a bowl game sponsored by video game-maker Sega, the 10-year-old Las Vegas Bowl was moved to Christmas Day this year to serve that captive TV audience.

Neither team expects the bowl to resemble a high-scoring video game, however. The Utes hope to control the ball and the clock while gradually wearing down USC's patchy defensive line, while USC hopes an extra month of practice in coordinator Norm Chow's offense will decrease their inconsistency.

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### Players try to forge NFL careers

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — When David Givens ran into his Notre Dame teammates shortly after George O'Leary's five-day coaching tenure ended, he told them the hurt and the shock on their faces. "They were really, really disap-

pointed," Givens said Tuesday, preparing for Tuesday's Blue-Gray Classic. "It seemed like they were really hurt, with a loss of words."

"That's kind of the way I was too when people asked me what I think about it — I couldn't say."

Givens, a receiver, and defensive lineman Grant Irons are only slightly removed from the embarrassing turn of recent weeks.

Both were in South Bend, Ind., when O'Leary was hired to coach the Fighting Irish, and five days later when he resigned for fabricating parts of his resume.

Their Blue teammates have been more curious about the coaching situation the past week than Notre Dame's 11 national championships. Touchdown Jesus or the Four Horsemen.

"That's usually the first question," Irons said, "but I understand where they're coming from."

Neither player is worrying about Notre Dame overcoming thisblemish.

SPORTS

Butler breaks into men's Top 25

Duke remains unanimous No. 1

By Jim O'Connell The Associated Press

Duke was the unanimous No. 1 choice in the AP college basketball poll for a fourth straight week, and Butler went into the rankings Monday for the first time in 53 years.

The Blue Devils (10-0), who beat then-No. 7 Kentucky in the Jimmy V Classic last week, got all 71 first-place votes and 1,775 points from the national-media panel to easily outdistance Kansas—(9-1), which moved up one spot to second and had 1,660 points.

The best of the best

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Team, Record, Pts, Pts per game. 1. Duke (71) 10-0 1,775 4. 2. Kansas 9-1 1,660 5. 3. Florida 9-1 1,620 4. 4. Virginia 8-0 1,506 5. 5. Oklahoma St. 12-0 1,470 6.

Duke has been ranked No. 1 from the preseason poll on. Butler and Miami, the week's two newcomers at 23rd and 24th, are also among the five remaining unbeaten teams in Division I along with Duke, Virginia and Oklahoma State.

Butler's only other appearance in the rankings came in the first season of the AP poll, 1948-49, when the Bulldogs were ranked all eight weeks, reaching as high as 11th.

Florida moved from fourth to third, again reaching the highest ranking in school history.

Virginia (8-0) and Oklahoma State (12-0) each moved up one spot, to fourth and fifth, and were followed by Kentucky, Illinois, Maryland, Iowa and Missouri in the Top Ten.

Maryland's drop from a school

record second to No. 8 was the week's biggest fall, while Oklahoma, had the biggest jump, from 22nd to No. 12.

Boston College, which lost its first game of the season last week, dropped one place to lead the Second Ten and was followed by Oklahoma, Michigan State, Arizona, UCLA, Stanford, Cincinnati, Syracuse, Marquette and Georgetown.

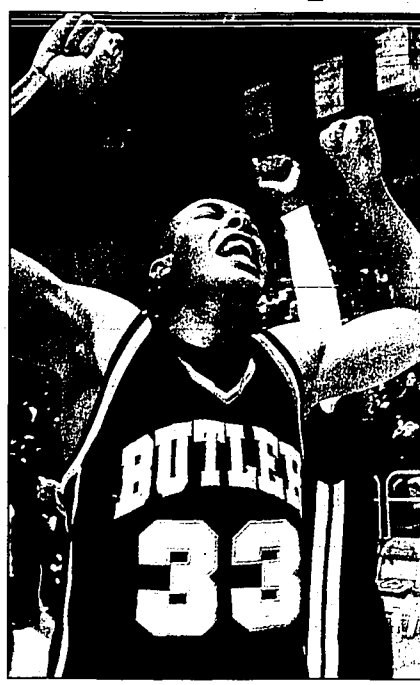
The last five ranked teams were Alabama, Gonzaga-Butler, Miami and Wake Forest.

Butler's most impressive victory among its 11 at the season's start came last week, when the Bulldogs (11-0) won 75-66 at Ball State and knocked the Cardinals out of the Top 25. The Bulldogs are playing under their third coach in as many seasons—Todd Lickliter followed Thad Matta, who was at Butler one season after succeeding Barry Collier.

Matta is now at Xavier, Ohio, while Collier is at Nebraska. The Bulldogs are looking for their third straight NCAA tournament berth.

Miami (11-0) opened the season by winning the Paradise Jam in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Of its eight wins since, only the one over Texas A&M was on the road.

The Hurricanes last appeared in the poll in the final two weeks of the 1999-00 season.



Butler's Joel Comette celebrates his team's 75-66 win over Ball State in Muncie, Ind., Wednesday.

Lady Huskies easily hold on to top spot

By Chuck Schoffner The Associated Press

Connecticut played a close game for a change, but had no trouble keeping its No. 1 ranking in the AP women's basketball poll on Monday.

UConn (11-0) ended a two-week layoff with an 86-72 victory over then-No. 3 Oklahoma, the Huskies' closest game this season. They received 40 of 43 first-place votes from a national media panel and had 1,072 points.

Tennessee (8-0) remained No. 2 with three first-place votes and 1,034 points. The Lady Vols beat DePaul 80-66 in their only game last week and must play just ranked teams, Duke and Florida, before their meeting with Connecticut in Knoxville on Jan. 5.

Connecticut has been No. 1 in all seven polls this season and has led 38 of the 45 polls since the start of the 1999-2000 season. The Connecticut-Oklahoma game produced the only change among the first 11 teams. Elsewhere, North Carolina State dropped out after losing its fifth straight game, Penn State rejoined the poll at No. 24 after being out for two weeks and South Carolina jumped to 17th after beating North Carolina.

Vanderbilt (11-1) moved up one spot to third, the position it held in the preseason poll, and Oklahoma (10-1) slipped one place to fourth. Vandy had 961 points—nine more than

Louisiana Tech was still 11th. Michigan (10-1), which should be a threat in the Big Ten race that starts later this week, moved up one spot to 12th. The Wolverines' only loss was to Louisiana Tech in the opener and they have defeated Notre Dame, Washington and LSU.

Texas Tech was 13th and Wisconsin 14th, followed by Colorado State, Florida, South Carolina, Colorado, Auburn and North Carolina.

LSU, Texas, Old Dominion, Penn State and Tulane held the final five places.

Penn State (7-4), which has been in and out of the poll all season, returned after winning at then-No. 17 Texas. The Lady Lions won 92-61 in the preseason poll, fell out after losing to Villanova, returned at No. 22 on Dec. 3, then dropped out the following week.

Their other losses were to Stanford, Old Dominion and Clemson.

North Carolina State (6-5), 18th last week, dropped out after losing to Mississippi State and Pittsburgh in Cancun, Mexico. The five-game losing streak is the longest ever in non-conference play for the Wolfpack, who had been ranked all season and were as high as 10th.

South Carolina (10-1), which broke into the poll for the first time in 11 years on Nov. 26, climbed six places after its 85-53 victory over North Carolina.

North Carolina fell four places to 20th. Colorado fell from 14th to 18th after losing to Florida, and Tulane went from 21st to 25th after a loss at Drake.

SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



FOOTBALL

National Football League

Table with columns: Team, Opponent, Score, Time. Includes games like Houston Texans at Cleveland Browns (17-10), Pittsburgh Steelers at Baltimore Ravens (17-10).

APC Individual Leaders

Table with columns: Player, Team, Points, Rebounds, Assists. Lists leaders like Shaquille O'Neal (Points), Scottie Pippen (Rebounds), and Steve Nash (Assists).

College basketball

Table with columns: Team, Opponent, Score, Time. Includes games like Duke at Kansas (71-66), Butler at Ball State (75-66).

ON THE AIR

TELEVISION

Table with columns: Program, Network, Time. Lists sports events like College football, NFL games, and NBA games.

HOCKEY

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Men's College Basketball Standings

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Big West Conference

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Mountain West Conference

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Sunday's Late NFL summary

Table with columns: Team, Opponent, Score, Time. Lists NFL games from Sunday.

College football

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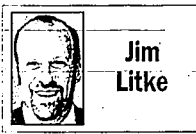


## SPORTS

### Friendship fizzles in face of competition

When push came to shove, the bobsled wasn't big enough for the two of them, let alone their friendship.

So much for the notion that men have cornered the market on cold-blooded competition. "I noticed Jen was here," Jean Racine said Saturday night from Park City, Utah, "and I was really glad to see her. I'm glad for the support. ... As far as our friendship, I'm afraid it's going to take some time to mend."



**Jim Litke**

For most of the last three years, Racine and Jen Davidson were best friends, the darlings of the soon-to-debut Olympic sport of women's bobsled. They were as platonically as they were fast, which is saying a lot. With Racine as driver and Davidson as brakeman, they won the last two overall World Cup championships and the hearts of blue chip advertisers ranging from General Motors to Kodak.

But in six World Cup races this season, they'd won only one medal, a bronze, while a suddenly emerging German team claimed every one of the golds. Racine decided she'd seen enough.

Not quite two weeks ago, while Davidson was sifting through another round-of-potential endorsement deals, Racine went looking for another partner. She settled on Gea Johnson, a former NCAA champion heptathlete with a very messy past.

Friday night, just as the trials were getting underway to select the top two U.S. bobsled teams for Salt Lake City, Racine said, "Hurting my best friend was the hardest thing I've ever had to do."

Not that it stopped her from doing just that. "I feel like I have the right combination now," she said. "Before, I felt like I'd lost every race this year before it even started."

From a competitive standpoint, she couldn't have been more right. While Davidson looked on from the stands as a spectator, Racine and Johnson qualified as the top American pair and set a track record of 48.92 seconds on the first of two runs over the bobsled course that will be used for the Winter Games. Better still, they shaved a tenth of a second off the Utah Olympic Park record set by Germany's Sandra Prokoff in a World Cup event last year.

This story would be tough enough if it ended there. Johnson was brought into the U.S. program by Bonny Warner, a three-time Olympic luger who decided at age 39 to let someone else to push while she handled the steering. Johnson, a former hockey player, only last year finished serving a four-year track suspension for using anabolic steroids.

Warner took a shot on her, anyway, remembering how tough breaking into the new sport had been, how she ran up a \$100,000 bill paying for her own equipment, training and travel.

Eight days before the trials, Warner was forced to find another brakeman. "I took a lot of heat for bringing her into the program, made her presentable, gave her a resume," Warner said of Johnson. "But my mother always told me not to say bad things about other people."

Not that she wasn't tempted. Besides losing out to the Racine-Johnson team, Warner and rookie brakeman Bethany Flowers were beaten out of the second spot by Jill Bakken and Vonneta Flowers. It was Warner who also brought Flowers into the sport.

"Let's face it. The two ringers that I brought into the sport are competitive," Warner said. "She was crying. 'I've had a lot of victories in my life. That's one of the advantages of being 39 years old,'" she added. "I've learned to be gracious in victory."

Whether the same can be said about Racine remains to be seen. The experts who match advertisers with athletes say the game of musical chairs she touched off by dumping Davidson and coaxing Johnson out of Warner's sled likely means even a gold medal won't mean a trip to Disneyland.

# Out in the cold

## Bobsled pioneer will watch from stands

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) - From now on, Bonny Warner will be piloting jetliners, not bobsleds.

A three-time Olympic luger who was instrumental in developing women's bobsled and adding it to the Salt Lake City schedule, Warner failed to make the U.S. bobsled team for the Winter Games in February.

Warner and brakewoman Bethany Hart finished third at the Olympic trials Saturday night at frigid Utah Olympic Park. The top two teams qualified, and both of those drivers had Warner's former partners on board.

"Let's face it. The two ringers that I brought into the sport are competitive," Warner said as tears dripped from her cheeks. "I've had a lot of victories in my life. That's one of the advantages of being 39 years old. I've learned to be gracious in victory."

Jean Racine and her new brakewoman, Gea Johnson, set a track record in a victory that not only puts them on the Olympic squad but secures a role among the gold medal favorites when the women's event is run at the Winter Games for the first time.

"The teams going on to the Olympics have a good shot at medals and a piece of me with them," Warner said. "Neither one of those brakemen would be here today if it wasn't for me."

Warner raced in luge at the Winter Olympics in 1984, '88 and '92. A pilot for

United Airlines since 1990, she then turned to bobsled.

Last year, Warner paired with Flowers. Earlier this season she worked with Johnson. Then came a major shakeup on the women's team less than two weeks ago, when Racine dumped longtime brakewoman Jen Davidson for Johnson.

"Until a week and a half ago, I was an Olympic medal contender. Now I'm not. Somebody had to be sacrificed for the program. I guess it was me."

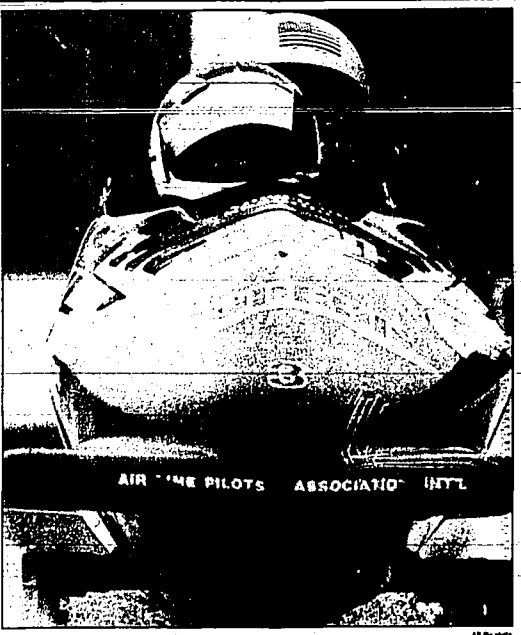
Warner's drive for a bobsled medal was neither easy nor cheap. When the sport was new, she paid for her own equipment, training and travel, and the bill quickly reached \$100,000. Her husband, firefighter Tony Simi, stayed home to take care of their daughter.

"She's an amazing driver, an incredible person and very generous," Johnson said. "Jean and Jill are better drivers because of her."

Too bad only two American sleds can race in the Olympics. With Warner's prospects extinguished and her eyes welling, she leaned on Simi and spoke to reporters for 20 minutes.

"I'm a mature woman," Warner said. "Perhaps my role in all of this was to make a dream come true for someone else."

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Pilot Bonny Warner, front, and brakewoman Gea Johnson cross the finish line during a bobsled World Competition on the artificial ice track at Koelnmesse, southern Germany, Nov. 17. Warner, a three-time Olympic luger who was instrumental in developing women's bobsled and adding it to the Salt Lake City schedule, failed to make the U.S. team for the Winter Games.

# New partners move on in women's bobsled saga

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By Meri-Jo Borzilleri  
The Gazette

PARK CITY, Utah - On a frigid night with temperatures plummeting to single digits, bobsled driver Jean Racine appeared impervious to the cold and the tumult that had swirled around her and new brakeman Gea Johnson.

Dressed in skintight speed-suits, Racine and Johnson not only won the trials, earning an Olympic berth, but set a new track record on the second and final night of the U.S. Olympic trials at Utah Olympic Park on Saturday.

They also did it in front of Racine's estranged brakeman, Jen Davidson from nearby Layton, who was watching the race.

The victory puts Racine and Johnson in the USA I sled for the Olympic Games. Jill Bakken and

Vonneta Flowers placed second and will be the other sled to compete in the Olympics, where women's bobsled will be contested for the first time.

"There have definitely been a lot of emotions," Racine said. "I've been on a roller coaster the last couple weeks."

If she was, it didn't show. Leading the competition after two runs Friday, Racine and Johnson thundered to a record time of 48.92 seconds on their first run Saturday. The 49.01 set in February by German driver Sandra Prokoff.

Racine's and Johnson's performance put an emphatic end to any questions surrounding Racine's controversial choice for brakeman. Seeking faster starts, she dumped the two-year teammate Davidson less than two weeks ago for Johnson, and in 10

days the pairing has produced one World Cup silver medal, one track record and one decisive Olympic berth.

Seeing Davidson, with whom Racine won two World Cup overall titles, was awkward Saturday. They didn't talk. They didn't even make eye contact, Racine said. "It's definitely mixed emotions right now," Racine said Saturday. "I definitely want her to support me. She's my best friend."

Racine was hardly rattled, though. She and Johnson never lost a heat in the trials, and won Saturday with a two-run time of 1 minute, 38.17 seconds, barely ahead of Bakken and Flowers, (1:38.31) who had faster push times.

"I'm confident we now have the strongest team that could represent us," said Matt Roy, U.S. Bobsled and Skeleton Federation director.

## Boitano knows what top skaters face

NEW YORK (AP) - Brian Boitano has been in the middle of a burning rivalry that carried into the Olympics. He knows exactly what Russia's Alexei Yagudin and Yevgeny Plushchenko are experiencing. He also knows quite a bit about what Michelle Kwan is going through.

Boitano won the "Battleground of the Brians" at the 1988 Calgary Olympics. It was the crowning achievement of a masterful career in which he also won two world championships and four national titles.

"There are a lot of parallels," Boitano says. "The pressure is huge."

"Remember, though, we were an American and a Canadian skating on North American soil. This is not the same thing for the

Russians. For these guys, it's nice they don't have to deal with that."

But it also should be remembered the two Brians were on friendly terms. Yagudin, winner of three world crowns, and Plushchenko, the defending world champ, don't get along.

"That adds more fire to a rivalry that will enliven the Salt Lake City figure skating competition."

"This will make them sharper," Boitano says. "I think the animosity works better for Plushchenko. From what I know, Yagudin doesn't seem to like them not getting along. Plushchenko doesn't even think about Yagudin."

Maybe he should, because Yagudin ended a losing streak against Plushchenko by beating him this month at the Grand Prix

final. Boitano thinks that was a critical victory for Yagudin.

"I think Yag needed the Grand Prix for his confidence," Boitano says. "He has one win under his belt against his top competition, and you've got to have that."

While Boitano isn't making any predictions for Salt Lake City, he does think it isn't necessarily a two-man show. He believes one of the Americans could "upset the apple cart."

"If these first two guys, Yagudin and Plushchenko do not skate their best, one of the Americans could slip through," he says, mentioning current U.S. titlist Tim Goebel and five-time U.S. champ Todd Eldredge. "I do think they could really put a spin on things. I think the judges look for the clean performances, if the Americans do them."

## Skate

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secure shot. For anybody to medal is going to be a big deal, regardless of what color it is."

Ohno will be joined on the short track team by close friend Shani Davis, the first black to make the Olympic speedskating team.

Davis, a 19-year-old Chicago native, sneaked into the last spot with a controversial victory in the final event of the trials.

Ohno finished third, and some wondered if he let up so Davis could win - the only way he could earn enough points to make the team. Ohno and Davis both denied any wrongdoing.

Davis' victory was just the latest sign that a once-lily white sport is becoming more diverse.

"Is he black?" short-track coach Susan Ellis quipped. "I

guess I never thought about it one way or the other. To us, he's just Shani."

Ohno has a chance to be the biggest speedskating star in Salt Lake, though the perilous world of short-track - think Roller Derby on ice - makes it impossible to call anyone a sure thing.

Even after winning seven of eight events at the trials, Ohno laughed incredulously when asked if it was feasible to sweep gold at the Olympics.

"It's possible, I guess," the teen-ager said. "But I think the chances are pretty slim."

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## Eric and Kelly: 'I'd take 12 more'



**Keeping up**

**T**he drive to Eric and Kelly Jones' home prepares you for the visit. The ride is bumpy, but the view is serene. Hairpin turns give way to calm, straight stretches. Uphill. Downhill. One minute it seems you are almost there. The next minute you aren't even sure you're on the right road.

At the yellow farmhouse, a grinning child answers the door.

"Mom's in her office," the girl says, pointing the way.

An office it is, smack in the middle of a rural Magic Valley house that was recently expanded one more time. It's central, with a wardrobe-size medicine chest, plastic bins for art supplies, labeled laundry shelves and a key ring that appears to weigh five pounds. Windows overlook a classroom and backyard playground.

Kelly Jones is cheerful and gracious. On this crisp fall morning, she is settled on her office sofa, gently rocking a 2-year-old.

"We have eight bedrooms for the kids, and we've turned one bedroom into a sitting room upstairs for my husband and me as a couple," she begins.

She quickly warns that her family doesn't fit into anybody's pattern.

Before she can finish the next sentence, a boy plops feet-first onto the oversized ottoman, and a girl stumbles in, carrying another sibling on her hip.

"It's hot outside," someone says. "Can I go swimming?"

Mom threatens the interloper with an early nap and resumes the conversation.

Such scenes may appear hectic to those who don't have 12 children. But this is nothing like the Joneses' early years.

### The early years — and beyond

Kelly and Eric, parents of three biological children, have adopted nine special-needs kids. Even one such child would be a challenge for most parents.

"At first, we had to have two or three kids at a time in a physical hold for hours at night, with them trying to bite you and scratch you and kick you," recalls Kelly, 43. "I could not explain how insane it was ... the chil-



Tessa Jones, 16, and her brother Joshua, 2, to keep him from getting overexcited. Because of early abuse and attention deficit disorder, these Jones children need a structured and calm environment.

dren destroyed our whole house. We had to put alarms on the doors and windows to keep them off the roof."

Eric and Kelly had always wanted a big family, but medical problems had halted their efforts after three biological children. They agreed to try foster parenting with the goal of adopting through the Idaho Health and Welfare Department.

They knew they would probably be given special-needs children, and that was OK. Eric, 46, is a counselor with a Ph.D. Kelly studied home economics at Brigham Young University.

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A new addition to the Jones house includes a classroom for the home-schooled children. Teacher Diane Hair designs a curriculum for each of the children. Here, she helps Gray, 6, with a math problem. In the background are two social workers, who monitor the children's behavior.



### A dozen little Joneses

- Eric and Kelly Jones have three biological children:
- Tessa, 16
  - Sydney, 11
  - Piper, 10
  - Colton, 9
  - Gabby, 8
  - Gray, 6
  - Sadie, 5
  - Zakery, 4
  - Joshua, 2
- They've adopted nine more:

Some of the adopted children chose their own names. (Zakery wanted to be "Tom and Jerry.")

Brittany is studying fine arts at a college in Utah.

Athen graduated early from Brigham Young University and works at a Utah hospital. Sterling is taking high school/college dual enrollment classes at the College of Southern Idaho.

Eric and Kelly recently received the "Angels in Adoption" award from the Congressional Coalition on Adoption.

with all the Joneses



Jozef, 13, and Magdala, 8, butter a stack of toast for breakfast in the Patrick and LoriAnn Jones house. The children cook the meals and clean the house three times a day.



**Keeping up**

### A baker's dozen

Patrick and LoriAnn Jones have four biological children:

- Jenni-Leigh, 14
- Lucianne, 12
- Merri, 8
- Evan, 5

They've adopted four U.S.-born children through LDS Social Services:

- Claire, 7
- John-Cai, 3

- Katherine, 1
  - Kara-Lyn, newborn
- Since January, they've adopted five Haitian children from an orphanage run by an LDS bishop:
- Jozef, 13
  - Magdala, 8
  - Lara, 6
  - Hiram, 6
  - Lindy, 2

with all the Joneses

## Patrick and LoriAnn: 'The Lord has a hand in this'

**T**o get the inside story on Patrick and LoriAnn Jones, you have to be inside their big white house by 6:30 a.m. That's when the whole family is there, living the first chapter of a busy day, welcoming the sunrise with rousing music.

Concerto for 14, so to speak, with all 14 family members tuning their violins. Most of the time, all of the violins play in perfect harmony.

The violins stairstep in size, to fit each parent or child. They hang neatly on the wall near the big, sleek kitchen of the Joneses' Bahi home. The children play by ear, and are fond of old-time fiddle tunes and bluegrass.

They delight in performing for guests. "We are pretty structured as to how

the day goes," says Patrick, a mild-mannered veterinarian who always has an animal ripe for petting nearby. "But the kids get a lot of free time to play, too."

Modified structure works well in this house. The children, five of them from Haiti, seem to have been born polite and well-behaved.

"Some of the babies may be malnourished and neglected in Haiti, but they are sweet and loving and generally born pretty healthy," LoriAnn explains. She exudes a calm, assuring presence that TV mom Donna Reed would envy.

Patrick, 37, and LoriAnn, who says she's 29 and holding, got interested in adopting because they wanted a big family but were unable to have more than four children.

"I had a dream and saw a very hand-

some, grown-up black man and thought he was 'my son,'" LoriAnn says. Meanwhile, the Joneses had checked with state agencies and concluded that interstate adoptions are difficult.

### Real life, multiplied

When the extra children started arriving, their parents added extra bedrooms to their home. Everyone works together to maintain order.

"We do chatter," LoriAnn insists, glancing around at her nearly spotless home. "So three times a day, for 10 to 15 minutes, we all become the Cleanup posse." That's when each family member tears through the house and does his or her "job of the week" — mopping, vacuum-

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Hair brushing is a family ritual with the Patrick and LoriAnn Jones family. Claire, 7, grimaces in pain while her brother Jozef, 13, earns a nickel by finding another hairbrush for the family to use.

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MAGIC VALLEY

SERVICES

Elsie G. Ruberry of Glenns Ferry, service at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Glenns Ferry; burial will follow at Glenn Rest Cemetery in Glenns Ferry (Summers Funeral Home, McMurray Chapel, Mountain Home).

Yvonne Diane Kindall of Jerome, service at noon Wednesday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln. Burial will follow at the Jerome Cemetery.

Opal J. Bolte of Heyburn, viewing for family and friends will be held from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel; graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Roosevelt Cemetery in Roosevelt, Utah.

Jay Granville LaJeunesse of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary.

George Wilbur Babcock of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Gooding First Christian Church; burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery; viewing will be held from 1-7 p.m. Wednesday at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Mary Armstrong, Johnson of Orem, Utah, and formerly of Buhl,

service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Sharon 3rd Ward building, 445 S. 700 E., Orem, Utah; viewing will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Sundberg/Olpin Mortuary, 495 S. State St., Orem, or one hour before the funeral Thursday at the chapel. Memorial service at 1 p.m. Friday at the Buhl 1st Ward building on East Main Street; burial at the Buhl Cemetery; viewing will be from noon to 1 p.m. Friday at the Buhl chapel.

Rodney Lee Arterburn of Hagerman, service at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Hagerman LDS Church; burial will follow at the Hagerman Cemetery.

Lutie R. Reynolds of Twin Falls, service at 10 a.m. Friday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; burial will follow at the

Falls; burial will follow at a later time at Sunset Memorial Park.

Holly Hernandez of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Pella LDS 1st Ward Chapel; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Glen Panko of Burley, a gathering in his memory will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Dorothy M. Alexander of Shoshone, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Episcopal Church in Shoshone.

Ray Anker Anderson of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

DEATH NOTICES

Rita M. Byram

GOODING - Rita M. Byram, 83, of Gooding died Sunday, Dec. 23, 2001, at her home.

The graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, 2001, at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Family members and friends may call from 1-5 p.m. Thursday at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

A complete obituary will

appear in a later edition.

Ruby A. Little

CALDWELL - Ruby A. Little, 87, of Caldwell died Sunday, Dec. 23, 2001, in a Caldwell care center.

A graveside service will be held at 12 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, at the Wilder Cemetery under the direction of Alden-Waggoner Funeral Home.

NOT YOUR ORDINARY SLEIGH



Santa Claus made his annual rounds in Paul Saturday afternoon, accompanied by local firefighters. The group distributed 1,600 bags of candy to children and adults. Santa's arrival was announced by an advance fire truck sounding its horns and playing Christmas music.

Solid waste district accepts trees

The Times-News

BURLEY - The Southern Idaho Solid Waste District will accept most Christmas trees for recycling free of charge in seven southern Idaho counties. Flocked and artificial trees will not be accepted.

To prepare Christmas trees for recycling, remove all ornaments, tinsel and the plastic or metal stand. Trees accepted for recycling will be ground into a fine mulch that can be used in landscaping or composting.

Some communities will have city crews collecting Christmas trees during the next couple of weeks; others ask residents to bring their trees to a central location. Trees may be dropped off for recycling at the Milner Butte Landfill or any of the waste transfer stations during regular operating hours. Check the dates, times and locations for Christmas tree recycling on the following list:

Blaine County

- Hailey, call 788-4221 for drop-off locations or collections.
- Ketchum, call 726-3841 for

drop-off locations or collections.

- All Blaine County residents can take their trees to the Ohio Gulch Transfer Station on Ohio Gulch Road or the Carey Transfer Station, 1675 S. 1800 E.

Cassia County

- Burley, call 678-2224 for drop-off locations or collections.
- All Cassia County residents can take trees to the Milner Butte Landfill, 1050 W. 400 S.; Albion Transfer Station, 760 S. Idaho Highway 77; Almo Transfer Station, 2480 S. Elba-Almo Road; Malta Transfer Station, 2450 E. 1760 S.; or the Oakley Transfer Station, 985 S. Worthington.

Lincoln County

- Shoshone, call 886-2030 for drop-off locations or collections.
- All Lincoln County residents can take trees to the Lincoln County Transfer Station located two miles north of Shoshone on Idaho Highway 75.

Gooding County

- Gooding, call 934-5669 for drop-off locations or collections.

Wendell, call 536-5161 for drop-off locations or collections.

- All Gooding County residents can take trees to the Wendell Transfer Station, 2743 Idaho Highway 46 (north of Wendell).

Minidoka County

- All Minidoka County residents can take trees to the Minidoka Transfer Station, 325 N. 400 W.

Jerome County

- Jerome, call 324-8189 for drop-off locations or collections.
- All Jerome County residents can take trees to The Gap Transfer Station, 1178 Idaho Highway 25.

Twin Falls County

- Twin Falls City residents are encouraged to drop off trees at the city lot at Sixth Avenue West and Shoshone Street; call 735-7264 for details.
- Twin Falls County residents can take trees to the Hub Butte Landfill, 2900 N. 2800 E.; or the West End Transfer Station west of Buhl.

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TWIN FALLS



Andrew Blaine Gerdes

Andrew Blaine Gerdes, 83, of Twin Falls, passed away December 23, at Sunbridge Care Center in Meridian.

He was born March 21, 1918, the son of Robert Scott Gerdes and Sarah Elizabeth in Youngstown, Ohio. He was the second of three sons, the oldest Robert William and the youngest George Hayden.

The family enjoyed music intensely. The three boys sang as a trio on many occasions. Mother was a concert soloist and Dad was an accomplished pianist.

Blaine graduated from South High School in Youngstown and completed two years at Youngstown College.

He enlisted in the Air Force on February 12, 1942, when on his first day, "a service acquired the nickname of Rip." He was Theda Gerdes in April 1943 and immediately fell in love. He was assigned to the 98th Bomb Group in North Africa. After completing 50 missions as a bomber pilot, he returned to Youngstown where he married Theda. Together they had two children.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Sunbridge care center for their loving care and compassion. We will miss you grandpa!

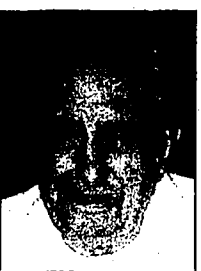
Ruby Carrie Knutson

Beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Ruby died peacefully Friday, Dec. 21, 2001, with her family by her side, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls, ID.

She was preceded in death by her sister and brother, and one great-grandchild. Ruby was born March 31st 1926, in Burns, OR. She married Wally Knutson on March 21, 1947. She is survived by 2 children, Lynda (Jim), and Jim (Leslie), 9 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

She will be greatly missed by her family.

EDEN



William S. Cline

William S. Cline, 80, of Eden, passed away Saturday, December 22, 2001, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Bill was born September 2, 1921, in Kuna, ID, the son of Charles and Carrie Cline. Bill grew up in Kuna and later moved to Ontario, OR, where he farmed with his father. Bill was in the U.S. Army and served his country proudly. After returning from the service, he drew a farm in east and settled in with his wife and five children. He worked at the plants in Burley area during the winter months. Bill loved the farm life and raising his children in the country. When health issues made it impossible to farm, he moved his family to Eden. There he purchased a large tract and started a Trophy Club, and worked up until April of this year. He enjoyed the socialness of his business and made many friends. He looked forward to going to work and seeing old friends and meeting new ones. He loved to play cards, pool, enjoyed gifts that was given to him by his friends, and loved to show them everyone who walked into his place. He proudly displayed his kids, grandkids and others pictures in his bar. He never lacked words of encouragement to family and friends alike. He always saw the brighter side of things, never complaining and enjoying life to its fullest.

During his life, he enjoyed hunting and camping with his sons and friends. He loved fishing, never tiring of it always ready for

that "big one". He enjoyed his daughters. He coached his sons in baseball. He was an avid fan of his kids' and grandkids' sports. He always had a canyoo bar and pool for the children that passed by. He was a kid at heart, full of fun and smiles. He loved to tease his kids and later the grand and great-grandkids. He taught us to love and be loved. He will be missed.

God saw you were getting tired and a cure was not meant to be. So he put his arms around you and whispered, "Come with me."

With tearful eyes we watched you and we saw you pass away. Although we loved you deeply, we could not make you stay. You taught us that "stopped beating, hard-working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best."

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Nola; his children, Judy & Bill Black, Ron & Kathy Cline, Don & Jill Cline, Debi & Jack Riley, and Bob and Bob Wood. His grandchildren number 115 and his great-grandkids 17 with twins on the way. He was so loved by us all. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, sisters, wife Yvonne, daughter great-granddaughter and Cathy Cline.

Memorial service will be held Friday, December 28, at 2 p.m. at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home and Pastor Daniel Amstutz officiating. In lieu of flowers, his family would like donations to made to the Valley Recreation Department for baseball programs in memory of our father.

HEYBURN

Robin Marie Henderson Hale

Robin Marie Henderson Hale, 21, of Heyburn passed away December 22, 2001, after her long battle with Cystic Fibrosis.

She was born April 13, 1980, in Valley Regional Medical Center in Burley to Wayne Henderson and Victoria Anderson both of Burley. Robin married George Hale of Heyburn December 18, 2001, in the University of Utah hospital.

Robin had one son Jeremy Hale of Heyburn and eight brothers and sisters Robert Puckett of Heyburn, Lisa (Mary) Rochford of Rupert, Dolores (Kenneth) Allhouse of Heyburn, Kelly Henderson of Burley, Tina (Ed) Fisher of Billings, Montana, Sonya Willison of Kenewick, Washington and Wayne Henderson II of Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her Grandfather Robert Decker and her Grandparents George and Fay Henderson and one uncle Ray Henderson.

She attended schools in Heyburn, Burley and Declo where she graduated. Her greatest love in life was her son Jeremy and her family. She has always had a loving and generous spirit. She was loved by all. She also enjoyed caring and loving for little children and loved spending time outdoors fishing and hunting and teaching her grand's education with her husband.

Funeral services are being held December 27, 2001, at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel at 2 p.m. with burial after. Friends may call at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel from 6-8 p.m. December 26, 2001.

Farm workers get housing upgrade

HAMMETT (AP) - Rosario Cortes is not dreaming of high-tech gadgets for Christmas. All she wants is a new vinyl floor in her apartment.

The floor she has is so worn that the concrete shows through in her family's living room, hallways and bedrooms.

"It's hard to make it look nice," she said through an interpreter. "I clean it all the time, but it doesn't look good."

The Cortes family lives at Comandante Juan Mayoral, a housing complex for farm workers in Elmore County.

With help from the Idaho Migrant Council, Idaho Power and the federal government, the apartments there are being renovated and - for the first time ever - winterized.

And Cortes will get her new floor, even if it is a bit late for Christmas.

"The economy in this area would take a big hit if these people weren't here," Sam Byrd, the migrant council's interim director, said. "People have the idea that migrant workers come here, do their work and move on. The reality is that they come and stay because there's opportunity here. They deserve a decent place to live."

Some migrant families do move on when the season ends, but many, like the Corteses, are choosing to stay. Byrd said as many as half of the estimated 25,000 to 30,000 migrant laborers who work the fields of Idaho now stay in the state all year.

"People have their kids in

school and don't want to disrupt their lives by leaving the area," Byrd said.

With an average annual income of \$10,000, few migrant workers can afford to buy homes. Along with the apartments at Hammett, the Migrant Council operates housing complexes at Blackfoot, Dubois, Heyburn, American Falls and two in Twin Falls.

Local organizations provide housing in Caldwell, Nampa and Wilder.

"That's not nearly enough to fill the need," Byrd said. The work is being done one by a \$230,000 federal grant, \$65,000 from the El-Aid Community Action Agency and \$10,000 in winterization funds from Idaho Power Co.

Mold causes family's ailments

BOISE (AP) - After spending several years fixing up their three-bedroom home, Jim and Lisa Rector were driven out by a toxic mold that they believe gave them crippling headaches and other ailments.

The Rectors and their three children have been living with Mrs. Rector parents in Meridian since early October while expensive repairs are made to their home, straining their slim budget.

Toxic molds have forced several other Idaho families to leave homes this year. Some of the homeowners may never be able

to return. Molds are everywhere, and many are useful. But some of the microscopic fungi can cause a variety of ills, including allergic reactions similar to those caused by plant pollen, such as coughing and nasal stuffiness.

How mold affects health is not fully understood. Public health experts urge people to rid their homes of mold and repair water leaks that allow molds to grow.

The Rectors bought their home in 1996. It was the first home they have owned, and they set about improving it the way they wanted.

Snowpack levels

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Oakley Basin	197%
Big and Little Wood	125%
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# Eric/Kelly

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A strong man with a warm smile, Eric says he has always known that counseling someone else's children at the office is far removed from parenting your own. Still, he and his wife pondered the decision to adopt.

Kelly prayed: "We are trained for the hard ones, but I'm not going to look going. You will have to bring them to me."

That's where the floodgates opened. The Joneses completed their first two adoptions in 1988 and 1996. Then, in 1998 and '99, they reunited seven siblings who previously had been placed in several foster homes. They adopted all seven.

Some were fetal drug or alcohol babies. Some had been abused. Several screamed all day long and were terrified of adults. All were hyperactive.

"This kind of family involves a huge sacrifice for the bio kids, and they have had problems with it off and on," their mom says.

Even so, some of the older children say they want big families of their own. Brittany, 22, wants to "adopt children from everywhere." She and Aften, 20, take turns coming home to babysit when their parents plan away. "It's mostly about love, Kelly has concluded. 'I'd take 12 more, and my husband knows it.'"

## Celebrations of life

Fast forward the family video to November. Soft music is playing somewhere.

"Mom, where are the pencils?" asks 4-year-old Zakery, gnawing on a huge carrot. Five-year-old Sadie is looking for her cards.

"That paper's due tomorrow," Mother Jones calls to 9-year-old Colton, who isn't looking for anything at the moment. He decides someone has borrowed his social studies book.

"What else could you be working on?" his mother asks.

"Spelling," he says, with a half smile.

"I knew there was an answer somewhere."

The children are pink and healthy, Kelly muses, perhaps visiting the days when they came to her pale and undernourished. Back then, she discovered that just feeding her new family could cost more than \$300 a week.

"Sometimes we would buy 10 gallons of milk at a time," she explains, "and they were so bored that they ate 300 pounds of fruit a week." Health and Welfare provides some funding according to each child's needs,



On Fridays, the children who have earned enough good behavior points get to participate in a fun activity. This day, Coral Chambers came to the house to teach the children about drama and acting.



Kelly Jones hands out the nightly medication that her children's conditions require them to take. A combination of medication, behavior modification and loads of love has accomplished wonders with the children.

along with Medicaid cards.

"The children need medications to help them sleep," Kelly says. "I resisted that for so long, but when the kids slowed down at night, the memories of abuse would flood back and they would do anything

to remain active and avoid the violent nightmares." Meanwhile, Kelly justified her own moods to fit her bustling lifestyle.

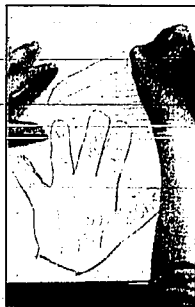
"I don't worry," she insists. "I've had chronic fatigue since I was 14,



Eric Jones spends a precious moment with youngest son Joshua, 2.

and I've had to give up worrying. I don't even get depressed about

feeling bad anymore. It's a total waste of time."



A page from Piper's Journal shows the progress she has made with her self-esteem.

With that, this mother of 12 has talked long enough. She needs to check on the children. As it on cue, 16-year-old Tessa runs in to report that Sadie has put a cat in the bird cage. "She didn't drown it or anything, so it's OK," Mom decides.

Mom tracks down all but two of her brood. She finally finds Josh, 2, with Gabby, 6, on the swing set. All is right with the world.

On Thanksgiving, Eric cooks the turkey, and the rest pitch in to prepare family favorites such as fresh fruit salad with pomegranates and Sprite Jell-O. For Christmas, Santa fills the stockings lined up on the big couch with "necessities" - deodorant, toothpaste, barrettes - and each child composes a Santa list.

"Sidney always wants something outrageous like a limousine," says Kelly, with a laugh. "Then she decides she wants something basic, like her own peanut butter and jelly."

Best of all, the family is together. "It's a joy to watch children who have never had 'firsts,'" Eric says. "The first Christmas, the first fishing trip - children who are 9 or 10 years old and have never been fishing." Suddenly, 10-year-old Piper appears on the scene, wearing glasses and looking studious as she lugs a big dictionary into the room. She is doing schoolwork and looking for a word, she says.

"What's the word?" her mother asks.

"Hopeful," she replies, thrusting the dictionary forward.

"It's right here," Mom says, with a hug for good measure. "H-O-P-E-F-U-L. Hopeful." It's a good word for a child to learn.

# Patrick/LoriAnn

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ing, dusting. One-year-old Katherine will take on some chores soon. But right now, she is smiling and waving and riding around the house on her Big Wheel - and telling everyone her doll is named "Baby."

On this balmy autumn day, the other children are in the side yard - until 8-year-old Merri runs in with the pet-of-the-moment, followed by a few siblings who seem more curious than the cat.

"This cat is in trouble," Merri announces to no one in particular, cradling her very relaxed pet. "It was scratching Cal."

Maggie, also 8, is next to speak. In the chicken coop, she says, "the chickens are putting eggs every single where."

Six-year-old Hiram merely grins, probably to show off his missing two front teeth. He lost them just in time for Christmas.

"We call him 'Hiram by Gum' right now," his mother says, with a laugh.

Dad adds that Hiram loves the trampoline, as do all of the children. "I need a generator to harness all the energy on that trampoline," he says. A month later, during another visit, Hiram is still grinning and still toothless. But he is sitting quietly this time, doing his schoolwork.

Each of the children has a journal with task boxes - finished my math, made my bed, helped in the clinic, practiced music - and spaces to jot down important thoughts. Jenni-Leigh, 14, has written, "What a neat day. I've discovered that all schoolwork is better accomplished in the morning or it doesn't happen."

A 10-year-old Merri-Leigh teamed up with 12-year-old Lucianne to write a book of poems, with titles such as, "Morning Prayer," "If I Were the Color Teal" and "Sophie - My Cat." In her journal, Merri has written, "Jesus loves the little children - Circus life must be fun, but hard and risky."

Thirteen-year-old Josef is reading out loud, but his mom can't say for sure what he's reading.

"Josef is at the stage where he uses a lot of English, but no one can understand him yet," Dad explains. "We did better when he spoke Creole, but the children do learn languages quickly at this age."

Then comes a voice from another



The children often help their father in his veterinary clinic, which is attached to the house. Claire, 7, and Merri, 8, squabble over who will get to put the label on a bottle of medication.

er part of the house: "Mom! Someone is locked in the bathroom and the doorknob is broken!"

## Dearer by the dozen

Lots of people ask LoriAnn how she can nurture 12 children, but she believes big families operate better than small families in some respects.

"Jenni will teach Josef piano, and the big kids read to the little kids and check their grammar," she notes. "Katherine is a little girl with five mothers, so she scarcely got put down the first six months of her life - and she will reap the rewards of having so much attention her entire life."

When children have chores,

Mom says, that gives their mother time to love them and read to them and play with them.

But there are costs, both in the energy expended to tend a densely populated home and in the financial resources to pay for it. Though the LDS Church subsidizes its adoptions on a sliding scale, Patrick says prospective parents pay either \$4,000 or 10 percent of their income. And international adoptions can cost anywhere from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

"Haiti is generally cheaper," LoriAnn explains. "Our children's adoptions cost \$8,000 or \$9,000 each. The Joneses receive no money from government agencies. They say they feel greatly



Merri Jones, 8, looks up an answer in a textbook for an orat school. Schoolwork is a big part of the household routine.



Merri climbs on the kitchen countertop to finish her 'cleaning posse' job, while one of the family's many pets eats its lunch.

blessed, whatever the cost.

"We have felt like all of the kids are spiritual experiences, and we have felt very much directed as to how to find them," explained Patrick, an LDS branch president. "The Lord has had a hand in this." His wife adds, "There has been

very definite guidance." Patrick chuckles. "We kind of hope he stops guiding pretty soon."

In truth, both Joneses are big on adoption, and have also adopted a fitting philosophy: "The more the merrier." On Thanksgiving, the 14 resident Joneses opened their



Patrick and Katherine, 1, make faces to each other as LoriAnn gives the other children a hug goodnight.

## Want to try it?

The Jones families have suggestions for those interested in learning more about adoption. Ask questions and read books, they say. Help is available. State adoptions: For information about Idaho Department of Health and Welfare adoptions, call 1-800-926-2588. Other options: For information about international adoptions and LDS services, call Patrick Jones at 543-9194.

home to grandparents, an aunt and uncle, and assorted nieces and nephews. On Christmas, they open their hearts to strangers, by assembling Secret Santa boxes for the disadvantaged and trekking down streets to deliver them.

"I guess we are a little bit of a spectacle," Patrick says. "When we go to a movie, we take a whole row, and we have almost enough for two baseball teams."

Not quite enough for two teams, but give them time. Katherine's biological sibling, born in Arizona this month, is child No. 13. The newborn is already tucked comfortably inside the Jones home, sleeping like a baby.

Before long, another violin will be added to the wall.

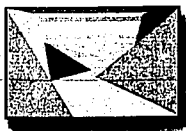








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**The Times-News**

# Snow pushes deer onto interstate

By Robert Moyer  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — A herd of deer fleeing hunters made its escape onto Interstate 84 near the Kimberly exit Wednesday morning, forcing state police officers to slow traffic down as the animals crossed the roadway.

Archery hunters caused the traffic hazard by driving a vehicle

into the middle of a herd — an illegal activity — in an attempt to get at bucks, said Capt. Dave Neal of the Idaho State Police. As a result, about 40 deer jumped the fence that borders the interstate. No one was injured, and the hunters weren't cited, but they were told to stop their pursuits, Neal said.

The state police worked in conjunction with Idaho Department of Fish and Game officials to

ensure no accidents between deer and oncoming vehicles occurred, and to direct the deer toward safely.

"Usually if you get a couple of them to head in the right direction, the rest will follow," said Dave Parrish, regional supervisor of Fish and Game in Jerome.

Still, a handful of deer crossed the freeway.

"The stretch of interstate

between the two Twin Falls exits is particularly concentrated with deer because the city sits in the middle of a migration route, Neal said. Heavy snowfall has pushed more deer into the area than the past several years.

Both Neal and Parrish emphasized the importance of motorists slowing down and remaining vigilant on that stretch of interstate that passes near Twin Falls.

# Bliss family keeps the lights shining

The Associated Press

**BLISS** — When he discusses his family's Christmas extravaganza, Dick Elliott could almost pass for the Grinch.

He talks about the expense of the annual display at the family farm, about how long it takes to put it up, about the traffic jams it causes.

"I tell my daughter-in-law not to tell me how much the December electric bill is," he said. "If I knew, I'd stop doing it."

Don't believe a word of it.

The Elliots have been dazzling visitors with their high-powered light show for about 30 Christmases now. Gawkers have come from as far away as England, Switzerland and Argentina.

Illuminated by thousands of lights that bring school buses and stop long-haul drivers on the shoulders of Interstate 84 for Christmas Eve reveries, the Elliotts' Wood Tick Farm has attained the status of an Idaho holiday institution.

"We say we still do it because the grandkids talk us into it, but they don't," Elliott admits. "If we didn't do it, I'd miss it."

So, from a lot of other people, the Elliots don't get a glowing count of the number of visitors, but it would be in the thousands each year. They discontinued their open house after 1994, when the number of guests that year hit 2,000.

"On a nice clear night, there'll be hundreds of people out here looking at the lights," said Mike Elliott, Dick's son. "The schools send buses. Two years ago, we had high school kids dancing in the driveway."

With the farm economy and power rates being what they are, the number of lights is down this year. Dick Elliott puts it at about 18,000. His grandchildren vie for the honor of turning them on each evening at dusk, using switches on three separate electrical panels.

"You have to do it gradually," he said. "If you don't, the lights go off in the house."

As grandson Clay Schoessler trips the switches, the farm is transformed. Mercury vapor security lights fade as bulbs of every color fill the night.

They light the house, bushes, trees, outbuildings, hundreds of feet of fences, a Nativity scene, a Christmas star and a "Peace on Earth" message. Carols play from outdoor speakers.

"One night we looked out and there were five or six couples dancing," Dick Elliott said. "And these weren't kids. They were old folks like me. For years we had an old guy come and give tours. He brought people in his motor

home and served drinks. He must have died, because we haven't seen him for a few years."

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# Author signs new book in Ketchum

Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

**KETCHUM** — The twinkling Christmas lights on the trees outside Chapter One Bookstore were no match for the flashing lightbulbs inside Sunday night.

Flashes atop one of every type of camera on Earth, it seemed — from Kodak disposables to Olympus point-and-shoots — were going off inside.

They were all aimed at one woman, Maria Shriver, as she photographed her latest book, "What's Wrong With Timmy?"

It was book signing's equivalent of rock and roll bedlam as men and women backed into others standing in line and knocked over books trying to get pictures of family members smiling with Shriver.

"We're here from Tampa, Fla., visiting my son-in-law and daughter who moved here six months ago," Eddie Card told her. "We 'spatch you on the 'Today' show, and we think you're good enough to take the lead here."

Shriver's hour-long book signing was a rare one for the "Dateline NBC" anchor, who also co-anchors NBC's Olympics coverage in Seoul and served as its podium correspondent for the Democratic and Republican conventions.

She did her first signing at the Chapter One bookstore two years ago when she published her first book, the award-winning "What's Heaven?" said Chapter One's headliner Dana Kopher loudly.

"She doesn't sign just anywhere. She does it for us because we're an old-time store, old-time friends, and she's been coming here since the 1950s with her family," Kopher added.

Shriver's first book was inspired by her own attempts to explain her grandmother's death to her four children.

She followed that up with "Ten Things I Wish I'd Known Before I Went Out in the Real World." The book, based on her commencement address to College of the Holy Cross, shares her reflections and confessions about such topics as dealing with "the boss from hell" and being



Maria Shriver shares a laugh as Eddie Card of Tampa, Fla., tells her she'll be the No. 1 anchor on the 'Today' show if he were her boss: Shriver signed copies of her new book, 'What's Wrong With Timmy?' Sunday night at Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum.

asked by supervisors to bend your principles.

In it she describes her decision to postpone an interview with Cuban leader Fidel Castro to get her daughter to her first day of kindergarten, her qualms at deciding to be a journalist despite her family's longtime battle to keep the media at elbow length and even a glimpse at her marriage to actor Arnold Schwarzenegger in a chapter titled "Marriage is a Hell of a lot of Work."

Her latest book, gleaned from her mother Eunice Shriver's long association with the Special Olympics, is a simple telling of a young girl's encounter with a young retarded boy, the initial awkwardness the two experience and the resulting friendship when the two children realize, they have more in common than not.

"It's simply incredible, an incredible story," said Anne Harris of Pocatello. "It's good for me as a parent to see how Kate's

mom explained to her how Timmy was an OK kid."

"This book means a lot to me," chimed in K.C. Leonard of Pocatello. "When I was a kid in school we had three handicapped kids, and I was their bodyguard. This book depicts the way I think everybody should treat people."

A half-hour before Shriver was due to arrive, dozens of people had already crowded into the tiny historic building that served as Ketchum's first national bank when it was built in 1884. Shopkeepers wearing T-shirts emblazoned with "What's Wrong With Timmy?" on the front and "Nothing, Nothing at all" on the back served up complimentary Chardonnay and sold books at a feverish pace.

Holly Welch, daughter of owner Cheryl Welch, had her hand full keeping track of the end of the line.

Marilyn Moran, who splits her time between Las Vegas and Sun Valley, was the first in line to

great Shriver, who was dressed in a long, black velvet dress that covered her laced-up black boots.

Moran had an armload of books, including some earmarked for three little girls who had just lost their grandmother and others destined for three families with newborn sons.

"They're such great books for children," she said.

Saul Turreltaub, a comedy writer who has written for "Cosby" and Carol Burnett, among others, had his own book signing for "The Grandfather Thing" at Chapter One just a few months ago. As with Shriver, it was one of only three signings he did throughout the country. Despite Ketchum's small size, he sold 200 books that night.

"We like coming out and doing signing here because it feels like our town, it feels like neighbors," he said as he bought a couple of Shriver's books. "Maria will do very well because she's a celebrity. And, more than that, she's a lovely woman."

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## SONGS OF THE SEASON



The Sun Valley Carolers from Utah State University were among those who performed at Sun Valley's annual Christmas Eve Ice show. The carolers have a variety of twists to traditional Christmas songs, including a reggae version of "Mary's Boy Child."

# Historical society might change fate of old building

**LEWISTON (AP)** — The Idaho State Historical Society has entered the debate over the fate of Lewiston's Hurlbut Mansion even as demolition workers are planning to raze the building.

The turn-of-the-century mansion was the location of the Children's Home Finding and Aid Society of North Idaho for more than 50 years but has been used as storage for decades.

Hercio Inc. began demolition work on the large building Tuesday.

Dorlan Hergesheimer, director of the Lewis-Clark Early Childhood Program, which uses other buildings on the site and leases the property, said the dilapidated structure had become

a hazard and cannot be repaired.

The owner of the property, Roy C. Burke of Clarkston, Wash., agreed.

But the state historical society was never consulted about the project Susan Netzelt, deputy officer of the state organization, said.

She said a concerned citizen called her office Friday to complain that the building was being torn down.

"At this point, we haven't done anything," she said, but added that the agency was investigating the situation.

The demolition work is being paid for by a \$47,000 federal grant, Hergesheimer said. A parking lot is planned for the site.

# High school students find ways to help others

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** — Burley and Rupert high school students are making Christmas bright for some needy families this year.

Students at both Minidoka County High School and Burley High School raised money to provide Christmas dinner, presents and Christmas trees — if needed — for families who might not otherwise have had much for Christmas.

Through the "Gift of Green" program, Minico High School students helped more than 30 families in the area, said Jamie Hansen, student council public affairs representative.

Students raised \$1,800 at the Gift of Green assembly, Hansen said. Students paid \$5 to attend the assembly and were entertained by members of the school music department and dance team, along with other students.

Each school club is assigned a family, Hansen said. This year students had about \$55, along with donated items, to create Christmas for their families. That was to include dinner, presents and, in some cases, a tree. Students delivered the items to their family on Friday.

"It's a cool thing," Hansen said. She participated in the program last year and said it was fun to see the excitement of the family receiving the gifts.

"It kind of gave you a different meaning of Christmas," Hansen said.

The school finds families who might need some extra help by calling elementary schools and churches.

The program is an annual tradition at Minico, Hansen said. More



MAUR CHANEY/The Times-News

money was collected this year than in previous years, she pointed out.

"Everyone was in the Christmas spirit, I guess you could say," Hansen said.

Art Silva, BIS student council advisor, said the same trend of collecting more money was seen at Burley. Silva "gestimated" students raised about \$1,400.

Each class — freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors — was given a family to buy dinner and presents for, Silva said. Students gathered supplies to donate to the Helping Hands Christian Outreach Center in Burley also. Clubs were assigned to supply materials to meet different needs at the shelter, such as toi-

let paper, soap or razors.

Cans of food were also gathered, Silva said. Some will be donated to Helping Hands, and some were given to the families for their dinners.

The students are responsible for contacting the families and finding out what they need and what they want, Silva said. Items such as warm clothes come first, but toys and fun things are included as well. The students then buy, wrap and deliver all the gifts.

They see the effect of their work firsthand, Silva said.

The students have been gathering items since Dec. 3, Silva said. When students reached certain goals, some teachers and

students did embarrassing things, Silva said, such as swallowing three raw eggs or swallows shaving their legs and dressing like girls. Silva said he sang karaoke in front of the student body.

Most students help raise money and donate canned goods because they want to, Silva said, although some teachers offer a little extra credit.

The program has been in place in Burley for more than five years, Silva said.

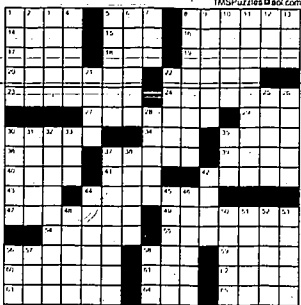
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# Parade host Philbin picks Miami to win Rose Bowl

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Regis Philbin, grand marshal of the Tournament of Roses parade, predicts a Miami victory in the Rose Bowl.

But he said Nebraska may come out on top when the two teams face off on "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" on Dec. 27.

"Nebraska has all those academic All-Americans, they might be pretty good," Philbin said.

"We've had athletes on the show before and some are very good," Philbin said. "Some you have to remind to breathe."

Among those competing for Nebraska will be Academic All-American tight end Tracey Wistrom and Academic All-Big 12 players Chris Kelsay, Dave Volker and Jamie Burrow.

Philbin will conduct the coin

## People in the News

flip before the start of the Rose Bowl Jan. 3.

**Bluegrass legend's estate goes on the auction block**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — It was the bark of an auctioneer rather than the chirp of a mandolin that entertained fans of bluegrass legend Bill Monroe Saturday.

Some 100 items from Monroe's estate were auctioned off at the Country Music Hall of Fame, including his pearl-inlaid Gibson mandolin and his 50th anniversary Grand Ole Opry ring. The mandolin fetched \$22,000 and the ring brought \$6,500.

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# Christmas babies will welcome the new year

IF DECEMBER 25TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you enjoy a "magic show." You are sensitive to degree of being psychic. Pisces, Virgo individuals play major roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names: G, P, Y. You will welcome the new year; pressure will be removed and you will be stronger as result. During January, there could be change of residence, marital status. Do not have newfound freedom.

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you intend to do the "impossible." Imprint style, get to heart of matters. Avoid heavy lifting. Leo plays role.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Lunar cycle begins to move up. Take advantage of delays. Concentrate on those who surround you with admiration. Have fun tonight, but don't forget basic meaning of holiday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will be complimented on your graciousness. Popularity rating high. You will find plenty to laugh at and appreciate. Gemini, Sagittarius play entertaining roles.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Some persons behind scenes attempt to manipulate you be wary. Scorpio and Taurus will figure prominently. Within 24 hours circumstances take dramatic change in your favor.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep options open. Enjoy this holiday by reading, writing and getting story behind story. What was lost will be retrieved; you could discover "missing link."

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Domestic adjustment featured. You will entertain and be entertained. Christmas carols sound; appreciate them and dance to your own tune. Your "romantic nature" comes to forefront.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Steer clear of arguments with bibulous individual. Define terms and be willing to make amends. See people, relationships as they exist. You are especially glamorous tonight.

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# Pennies from heaven symbolize tokens of life

**DEAR READERS:** Because today is Christmas and a celebration of faith for so many, I am devoting today's column to "Pennies From Heaven," a subject my readers have taken to heart.

Merry Christmas, everyone!

**DEAR ABBY:** I have twin sisters who are a few years younger than I. Our mom usually baked them a double-heart birthday cake, since they were born the day after Valentine's Day.

Mom passed away suddenly in 1993. There was no warning. Of course, the three of us were devastated. It took a long time to get over the shock and pain.

This year we got together on the twins' 55th birthday. After opening the gifts that I got them, my sister Marilyn tried on the black fleece jacket. She put her hands in the pockets to model it and felt something. Removing her hands from the pockets she asked, "Sue, did you put these in here?" In each hand she held a penny, dated 1993!

That's our "pennies from heaven" story - strange, but true. We feel these pennies were from Mom, letting us know that she was with us on her twin daughters' birthday.

-SUE REICH, KANSAS CITY, KAN.

**DEAR SUE:** Perhaps your mother was putting in her 2 cents' worth on that happy occasion.

**DEAR ABBY:** Back in 1936 or 1937, I was living at home and driving a junky old car. One day I casually mentioned to my mother that I needed to give the steering wheel a good cleaning.

She went out and cleaned it, and as a joke I paid her a penny for it.

After she passed away and went to heaven, we discovered that she had wrapped the penny in a little piece of paper upon which she had scribbled, "The penny Carl gave me for washing the steering wheel of his car. Signed, Minnie Blatch." (I'm enclosing a photocopy.)

I had the nicest parents, and have a wife who is just as nice. We were married on my birthday, Oct. 8, 1939. We now we have been married for 62 years.

I hope you enjoyed my penny story.



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abby VanBuren

P.S. I'm still kickin' - but I'm not making much dust.

-CARL BLAICH, ZEPHYRHILLS, FLA.

**DEAR CARL:** Your penny story touched my heart. Obviously, your dear mother treasured the memory of that event, which is why the penny meant so much to her. I'll bet she wouldn't have parted with that penny for any amount of money.

**DEAR ABBY:** When my daughter was 10 years old (she's 14 now), we sent cupcakes to school on her birthday. Later that evening, I asked her how school went that day. "Oh, Mom," she said, "it was the best day I ever had at school." I smiled, and she continued: "Except for the shooting." "Terror struck at my heart, and my smile froze into fear.

Apparently, some idiot across the street from her school had shot his gun into the air while the kids were playing in the school yard. The playground supervisor immediately ordered the children to drop to the ground, and the police were called.

My little girl went on with her day: "But I got to pick out a prize from the 'good behavior box' - and this is for you." She handed me a bookmark about guardian angels, attached to which was a penny with an angel cut into its center. It is priceless to me. To this day, I carry it on my key chain and say a little prayer for her safety when I'm reminded of its meaning.

-SHARON IN MINNEAPOLIS

**DEAR SHARON:** If anyone ever says, "A penny for your thoughts," share your story with him or her. It's an important reminder of how precious life is.

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## HOLIDAY SPIRIT



Carry Munro, a Hermiston, Ore., firefighter dressed as Santa, meets Rodney Cearns, 9, left, and Kyembele Pullum, 6, as Tabitha Cosper looks on. Munro was part of an annual convoy of volunteers that delivered Christmas gifts, food and good cheer to about 500 needy families in the Hermiston area Thursday.

# Hemingway feared being afraid more than anything

Q. How much time has to go by before a deceased person stops being referred to as "the late?" A. Most experts say "the late" is a courtesy to survivors in the same age bracket as the deceased. It's used, if at all, until survivors likewise are no longer survivors.

Oldest known fruit is the fig. Q. You said the most popular monogram initial is "M." What's the least popular?

A. "X."

Q. Why is a Bridge hand containing no card higher than a nine called a "yorkborough?" A. Because England's Second Earl of Yorkborough habitually bet opponents 1,000 to one he'd not be dealt such a hand. Mathematically, it was a fairly safe bet.

Pennsylvania outlawed the scalping of Indians in 1951. You don't often hear the word "furfuraceous," do you? It means "covered with dandruff."

Q. Who was the greatest influence on writer Ernest Hemingway?

A. Philosophically, it might have been Montaigne, who wrote: "It is fear that I stand most in fear of, in sharpness it exceeds every other feeling." Hemingway was so scared of being scared he worked the theme into almost everything he wrote.

Client asks, "Isn't 'Yo-Yo,' the spinning toy on a string, a patent-



**REVISITED**  
L.M. Boyd

trademark? It was. One David F. Duncan named it in 1929, but when his company went broke in 1965, the name moved into the public domain. Now it's "yo-yo," lower case.

Before Burma became Myanmar, a judge in Yangon, then called Rangon, refused to hear the defense arguments in a case against a streetwalker. Didn't need to hear them, he said. He knew she was guilty, he said, because before he'd been appointed to the bench, he'd earned his living as her procurer. Then maybe anybody could be a judge there, anybody except a lawyer.

Writes a client: "How different the son from the father! My husband dug a grease pit in our garage with a hydraulic rack and overhead lift for his car repair hobby. He died, and I moved. Our son lives there now. He converted the grease pit into a hot tub, built a small lighted stage on half of the rack, and turned the overhead lift into a video camera boom to record home movies, none of which I've been permitted to see."

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# Israel wants demand met before admitting Arafat

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) - Despite European and U.S. intervention, Israel said Monday it would not let Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat attend Christmas Mass in Bethlehem unless he arrests the assassins of an Israeli Cabinet minister.

In Bethlehem, Christmas festivities got under way in the afternoon without the Palestinian leader for the first time since 1995. Scouts playing drums and bagpipers marched in a Manger Square procession led by Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah, the top Roman Catholic clergyman in the Holy Land.

An Israeli settler, meanwhile, was shot and seriously injured near the West Bank town of Nablus, officials said - the first such victim in about a week.

In Bethlehem, the mood was somber, with only local Christians attending the scout march. Manger Square was decorated with Palestinian flags, an Arafat poster and a large banner

## Leader must arrest assassins or be barred from Christmas Mass in Bethlehem

reading: "Sharon assassinate the joy of Christmas," in a reference to the Israeli prime minister, Ariel Sharon.

Arafat, a Muslim, has said he is determined to make his annual pilgrimage to Bethlehem, but it was unclear Monday afternoon if he would try to defy the ban and make it to the town for Mass at midnight (5 p.m. EST). He has been confined to his West Bank headquarters in the town of Ramallah, 12 miles north of Bethlehem, for weeks by an Israeli blockade. Israeli troops tightened the closure Monday to prevent Arafat from getting out.

"No one can humiliate the Palestinians or make them lose their determination," Arafat said Monday of the Israeli ultimatum. When reporters asked Arafat whether he intended to defy the

Israeli ban, Palestinian Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo answered for him, saying: "Yes, yes, of course, see you tonight in Bethlehem."

The Israeli ban is a new blow to one of Arafat's symbols of authority - his annual appearance at the Mass near the site where tradition says Christ was born - and it highlights the restrictions Israel has placed on Palestinians' movements.

Earlier Monday, Arafat met with Christian leaders, including Sabbah. "The dignity of President Arafat is the dignity of all of us," said Sabbah, a Palestinian. "The occupation situation is unfair to the Palestinians and they have to have their freedom. This is the message of Christmas."

Senior European Union diplomats said Monday they were trying to persuade Israel to rescind

the travel ban. "We believe that this decision spoils a lot of positive points that Israel has gained in European opinion in the past few weeks," said the Belgian ambassador to Israel, Wilfried Geens, speaking for the EU.

Geens said Arafat is the only Muslim leader who makes a point of attending Christmas Mass in a show of religious tolerance. "It would look very bad if Arafat were prevented from attending the Mass," Geens told The Associated Press.

American officials spoke by telephone from Washington on Sunday with the Israeli Foreign Ministry to try to get the ban rescinded, an Israeli official said on condition of anonymity.

The Vatican also said it was pressing for Arafat to be allowed to Bethlehem. Spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said that "a diplomatic step has been made to avoid this arbitrarily imposed ban," without elaborating.



Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, right, holds the hand of Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah, the top Roman Catholic clergyman in the Holy Land, as they leave Arafat's office in the West Bank town of Ramallah Monday. In a new ultimatum Israel said it will only allow Arafat to attend Christmas Mass in Bethlehem if he arrests the assassins of an Israeli Cabinet minister by sundown.

# Christmas Greetings



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**TRENTEN SKYLAR GRACIA**  
Merry Christmas. You are our little angel. Love Mama & Papa



**ANDREW REX TILLEY**  
God Bless America & Peace on Earth Grandpa, they know how the Penntson, I can help fix it.



**ROVANNE LAKE**  
Merry Christmas to my great granddaughter-Bill Hornaday



**HAILEY & SHERIDAN**  
Merry Christmas to all our families



**ALYSSA JOHNSON**  
Merry Christmas Always Loving You - Mom & Dad



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Merry Christmas - We Love You Mom & Dad



**ROBBY CODY**  
Merry Christmas Son Love, Mom & Dad

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Firm: Party behavior could get out of hand

It's been a stressful fall, with check of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and a deep economic slump, and that could trigger unusually heavy drinking at some company parties this holiday, according to outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc.

"Human resources executives are concerned that party behavior could get out of hand if preventive measures are not in place to keep parties on an even keel," said John Challenger, chief executive officer of the Chicago-based firm.

What's the harm of a little overindulgence? Lots: It can lead to embarrassing exchanges and gestures, and may expose employers to lawsuits over accidents, fights or sexual harassment, even if the party isn't held at the office.

Companies can limit the number of alcoholic beverages each guest drinks by distributing tickets or hiring bartenders, Challenger suggested. They also may consider providing paid taxi service and hotel rooms for those who can't drive or persuading employees to volunteer to be designated drivers for the evening.

A good way to ward off misbehavior: Allow to bring their spouse or a date.

### Marketing company says bosses won't get gifts

As Americans rein in spending this holiday season, bosses aren't as likely to be included on their gift lists, says Maritz Research Inc., a St. Louis-based marketing research firm.

A recent Maritz poll of 999 adults about holiday spending showed that 70 percent don't plan to give their boss a present this year.

"Americans are picking and choosing very carefully who they will spend their valuable holiday dollars on," said Phil Wiseman, Maritz's vice president of marketing. "For most people, the boss just doesn't make the cut."

But 38 percent said they plan to buy gifts for their colleagues. Of that number, 25 percent said they would spend \$25 or less on their co-workers and 18 percent said they plan to budget between \$75 and \$100.

Wiseman said the harsh economic climate, terrorist attacks and the war in Afghanistan probably have led workers to demonstrate camaraderie at the office by giving holiday gifts to each other.

### Housing crunch persists for poorest

WASHINGTON — The average janitor earns enough to rent a one-bedroom apartment and pay for life's other necessities in just six of the nation's 60 largest cities. A retail salesperson can make ends meet in half that many locations. Both can forget about buying a home.

The conclusion from the National Housing Conference, a nonprofit coalition of industry experts, advocates and academics, mirrors the findings of several reports since the summer documenting the struggles of working families to find affordable housing.

The results suggest a worsening of the affordable housing shortage affecting the working poor, even before the recession pushed thousands out of work and squeezed family budgets even tighter.

At a Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee hearing last month, lawmakers said the situation has reached crisis proportions.

"These families live one unexpected medical bill, one car repair, one bout of unemployment away from possible homelessness," said Chairman Paul Sarbanes, D-MD.

Rising wages from the long economic expansion landed record numbers of Americans in bigger, fancier homes and helped more of the very poorest put roofs over their heads. But it also contributed to the shortage of affordable housing.

Escalating land prices made it more probable to build new low- and moderate-priced housing. As a result, there still are 5 million fewer apartments nationwide than are needed for people with the lowest incomes, according to the Washington-based National Low Income Housing Coalition.

Compiled from wire reports

# Agency will mull Dell note

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — One of the incentives that will bring a Dell Computer Corp. technical support operation to town is expected to take a new shape Thursday.

Twin Falls' Urban Renewal Agency won't have to keep its earlier promise of issuing bonds to buy the former grocery store it will lease to Dell.

City Hall's understanding with Dell calls for the Texas-based computer giant to buy the former Albertson's grocery store on Pole Line Road itself. Well, practically.

Dell now plans to loan the Urban Renewal Agency \$3 million which the agency will use to buy the former store from Boise-based Albertson's Inc., said

### Meeting

Twin Falls' Urban Renewal Agency meets at 7:30 a.m. Thursday in City Hall's council chambers, 321 Second Ave. E. The public is welcome.

Dave McAlindin, City Hall's economic development director.

He said Urban Renewal plans to buy the building, transfer ownership to the city — so the building's occupant will be exempt from property taxes on the real estate — then lease the building to Dell.

Over the intended 10 years of the lease, the lease payment from Dell to Urban Renewal will be the same size as the debt payment on Dell's loan to the agency — no

money will change hands. At the end of 10 years, Dell can either take possession of the building or continue to lease it.

But the new arrangement requires the agency's formal approval in a public meeting Thursday.

McAlindin will ask Urban Renewal Thursday to approve up to a \$3.2 million loan from Dell of up to 20 years to finance the building purchase.

"We put it up artificially high," he said. "The intention is 10 years and \$3 million, but he and Dell negotiators don't want to call another agency meeting if they settle on 11 years, for instance, or if fees push the purchase price above \$3 million. But whatever the loan payments and loan term, they'll exactly match the lease payments and lease length.

McAlindin said Dell and City Hall settled, in principle, on lease conditions Wednesday. But they'll have to execute the lease — and an agreement for a new parking garage for Dell's use — after the first of the year, when the concept has been turned into a clean document ready for signatures.

Dell spokeswoman Cathie Hargrett recently said Dell had filled its January training classes with 130 new hires. They'll be on the payroll as trainees in January and start fielding customers' calls in February.

The company wants to fill a second round of company training, planned for February, with another 100-120 hires. That would mean a total of 230-250 employees by the end of February, she said.

# THE COMFORTS OF HOME



Software engineer Marcella Parsons takes in the view of Diamond Peak ski resort from her balcony on the north shore of Lake Tahoe in Incline Village, Nev., Tuesday. After 20 years in the Los Angeles area, Parsons moved immediately following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to fulfill a lifelong dream.

## Telecommuting interest grows since Sept. 11

The Associated Press

Until Sept. 11, software engineer Marcella Parsons worked long days at the office for a Silicon Valley networking company and dreamed of retiring to the mountains someday.

The terrorist attacks changed her attitude toward life, and work. She's now a full-time telecommuter, spending those 12-hour workdays at the alpine condo she moved to near Lake Tahoe, where she's happier and professes to be just as productive.

"I find that I get more done working at home," says Parsons, 43. "I don't have to be in as many meetings, and I can sit on phone conferences and look up at the mountain slopes lined with pine trees."

Telecommuting, long touted as a way to improve employees' quality of life and save companies space and office costs, remains an unlikely option for most American workers but is gradually gaining a foothold in the workplace. Pro-telecommuting organizations report a surge in inquiries since the attacks as employers and employees alike re-examine their options in a world of changed priorities.

The federal Bureau of Labor Statistics said there were 13 million to 19 million telecommuters in the United States last year, up from an estimated 4 million in 1990 who worked from home or other remote electronic locations.

As with many workplace trends, this one seems most

prevalent among baby boomers, those born from 1946-64.

The typical telecommuter lives in the Northeast or West, is college-educated, age 35 to 44, married, a manager or salesperson, employed by a large company and earns at least \$40,000 a year, according to the International Telework Association and Council.

Businesses are more open to telecommuting than before. A survey by Lincolnshire, Ill.-based Hewitt Associates found that 29 percent of the nation's 1,020 largest companies offered it last year, up from 19 percent in 1995.

Interest is particularly high lately among New York-area firms that lost office space in the attacks, particularly for traumatized employees who want to avoid working in Manhattan.

Yet the wide majority still resist the practice, contending that workers need regular supervision and the benefits of "face time."

Bill Mahoney, president of Mahoney & Associates in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., allowed a half-dozen staffers of his employee benefits firm to telecommute for two years. He stopped the practice after concluding that not only did it not save money, employees were losing their feel for the company's culture.

Besides, he adds, it's hard to know what people are doing at home. "In the back of every employer's head is, 'Is he at home or is he picking the kids up from school? Is he as efficient at home?'"

## Irrigation industry plans show, outlook session

The Times-News

BURLEY — If irrigation is your thing, Burley's the place to be.

The latest about irrigation equipment will be on display at the Idaho Irrigation Equipment Show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 8, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 9, at the Best Western Burley Inn & Convention Center, 800 Overland Ave.

The Idaho Irrigation Equipment Association event is free to the public.

More than 50 irrigation equipment manufacturers, dealers and distributors of landscape and agricultural irrigation products will be in Idaho to show off their equipment and services.

This is a great chance for growers and landscape irrigation contractors to come and see the latest developments in the industry and talk with manufacturer-representatives face-to-face," said Bruce Beck, show co-

chairman.

The event also is a chance to learn about an all-important economic issue: water.

The Idaho Irrigation Equipment Association will sponsor a "2002 Water and Power Outlook for Idaho" session, from 8 to 10 a.m. Jan. 8 at Century Cinemas, 464 E. Fifth N.

That morning, representatives from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Idaho Power Co. and Bonneville Power Administration will give streamflow and reservoir storage data, discuss the power outlook and irrigation-related programs and provide weather forecasts.

The association also will present free technical seminars for turf irrigation and agricultural irrigation. Some classes provide recertification credit for Idaho's private applicator license. Here are the lists:

Agricultural irrigation education classes:

- "Chemigation Update"

- "Irrigating Grain, Sugarbeets and Beans with Minimum Water"

- "What's New in Pivot Application Packages and When to Use What Packages"

- "A Simple Method of Determining When and How Much to Irrigate"

- "Pesticide Residues in Groundwater — Using Soil Moisture Sensors and Data Loggers to Prevent Pesticide Leaching and Stretch Water"
- "Center Pivot Management: Power-off Diagnostics, Maintenance, Rutting Prevention"

- "Worker Protection and Safety/Licensing: When an Inspector Calls"
- "Scheduling Fall/Winter Land Application of Lagoon Effluent/Sprinkler System Modification for Application of Lagoon Effluent"

- "Inexpensive Repairs to

Save Power and Water"

- "Diesel Engines and Other Alternatives for Irrigation Power"

Turf irrigation education classes:

- "Certified Landscape Technician Program Overview"
- "Ponds and Waterfalls"
- "Valve Wiring and Controller Programming"
- "Water Management/Plant Soil Types"
- "Valve Repair and Trouble Shooting"

- "Business/Collections/Liens"
- "Backflow Application"
- "Plan Reading"
- "Basic Hydraulics and Precipitation Rates"

For more information, call Beck at Butte Irrigation, 438-8103; Dwight Davis at Rain For rent, 438-5065; or Tondee Clark at 377-8188.

## Center offers array of classes

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Training in supervision, tax planning and computerized accounting is on the January schedule at the Idaho Small Business Development Center.

Preregistration and prepayment are required for all of the classes. Call the center, at the College of Southern Idaho, at 733-9554, Ext. 2455, to reserve seats.

Here's the schedule:

- Supervision Series I-IV, offered by CSI in partnership with Boise State University.

Supervisors today face a world of tremendous change and challenge, the ISBDC said. The increasing complexity of work, continually changing customer expectations and the need for higher productivity and employee commitment all combine to require supervisors to perform in new ways.

The series is designed to build practical basic skills, as well as confidence and understanding. Each participant will develop an individual action plan and the skills needed to lead employees to greater individual, team and organizational performance, program promoters said.

Call the ISBDC for a syllabus of all four sessions.

The \$365 fee for each program includes all instruction and program materials. Those who sign up for two programs, or enroll three or more people from a company, save 10 percent off the cost.

The trainer is Colin Randolph, a CSI professor and financial aid director. "Basic Supervision I — Supervisory Roles and Responsibilities" is scheduled for 6 to 9 p.m. Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29 in CSI's Taylor 200.

- Mini-Cassia Small Business Tax Planning Workshop.

The class is meant to help business owners better understand the taxes they pay and learn about techniques to reduce them. The secret to effective tax planning, the tax laws that affect planning strategies that best fit the business' and owner's unique circumstances.

The class will cover recent changes to federal and state tax laws, and financial aid deferral, reduce and shift taxes; structuring a business entity; choosing and maintaining a record keeping system; travel, transportation and entertainment expenses; and employee, payroll and independent-contractor issues. The workshop is set for 6 to 9:30 p.m. Jan. 10 at the Burley CSI Center's Room B14. Cost is \$20 per person, or \$10 for a participant's spouse. Instructor is accountant Dennis Tilly of Tilly & Co. CPAs.

- Intro to Quick Books Pro 2001.

Designed for small businesses, this workshop will teach how to set up a company; accounts payable and receivable; tracking and aging; reconciling bank statements; and financial aid deferral; audit files; and more. "Instruction in this accounting software package will help you save time and organize your business finances," an ISBDC statement said.

The first night of class will be spent setting up a company on Quick Books Pro 2001. Prerequisites for the class are familiarity with accounting terms and experience in Windows 95 or higher. Class will be 6 to 9 p.m. Jan. 17, 24 and 31 in CSI's Evergreen CSJ. Cost is \$100 per person, and the class is limited to 15 people. The trainer is Teresa Christensen, a certified public accountant.



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# Christmas trees bring big bucks in Hawaii

By John Woestendiek  
The Baltimore Sun

HONOLULU — Richard Tajiri sits in the air-conditioned trailer parked on his Christmas tree lot. "Come on, it's cooler in here," he insists and recalls a customer who spent two days choosing her tree.

"People here live for that Christmas tree," he says. "It's very important to them, and they are very picky. Money is not a matter."

Good thing. Like much else in Hawaii — with the exception of pineapples, sugar, leis and macadamia nuts, to name a few — Christmas trees are neither inexpensive nor indigenous. They have to cross an ocean to get here.

Every year, about a quarter million make the trip. The trees, mostly from the Pacific Northwest, are harvested, bundled, trucked to ports and placed in refrigerated containers for the weeklong boat ride. Upon arrival, they are subject to an arduous inspection process that includes being frisked and shaken. Only then do they head for lots where they are sold for \$100, \$200 or more.

Hawaiians seem to take that, like most things, in stride. Even in a state whose economy is reeling from sagging tourism, many residents consider the hefty price of trees a small one to pay when it comes to having a Mele Kalikimaka.

In Hawaii, it begins to look a lot like Christmas when the ships roll in.

Inspectors from the state Agriculture Department meet the boats not with a red carpet, but with a white sheet.

A few trees from each container are pounded on the ground over the sheet to ensure no critters are along for the ride — part of the state's continuing effort to keep non-native species from entering the islands' ecosystem.

"We're mainly looking for snakes and other pests," says Janelle Saneisha, a department spokeswoman. "We're particularly concerned about the brown tree snake."

A feature, believed to have been introduced on Guam from New Guinea via military cargo planes after World War II, is blamed for wiping out 12 species of birds and catastrophically altering that island's ecosystem.

Although some shipments have been delayed or even returned to the mainland because of pests, that is becoming rare, Saneisha says, because most companies shake their trees before shipping them to Hawaii.

Based on shipping and census numbers, more than half of Hawaii's households put up a tree imported from the mainland. About 250,000 trees come in each year for Hawaii's 400,000 households.

For the most part, the kind of conifers that make for a respectable Christmas tree aren't grown in Hawaii. Norfolk pines, while plentiful here, are spindly and sparse and — even though known as Hawaiian Christmas trees — they are generally disdained.

Some Monterey pines are grown on the higher elevations of the Big Island and Maui, but in most locations, Hawaii's warm earth tends to rot the roots of evergreens, and attempts to farm trees have not been commercially successful.

That left an opening for people such as Tajiri.

"There were three of us — two body-and-fender shop owners and me," says Tajiri, who owned a Japanese restaurant. "We were sitting in a bar back in 1976 and the idea came up — let's go make some side money, what can we do? Jokingly, I said let's go sell Christmas trees. We brought over one container that first year — three or four thousand trees. We didn't make any money at all."

His partners pulled out after the first year, but Tajiri, who grew up on Maui and now lives in Washington state, went on to become one of Hawaii's largest tree dealers.

"I probably got a tree for \$40 at Wal-Mart, but it's a lower grade," says Tajiri's assistant, J.R. Costa. "You have your bargain shops, and you have your Neiman Marcus. This is kind of like Neiman Marcus."

# It's a wonderful life in Santa Claus, Ind.

Dec. 25 means everything to this town

By Chris Rodell  
Knight Ridder News Service

SANTA CLAUS, Ind. — Do you believe in Santa Claus? Answer no in this small southern Indiana town and you'll be considered more than a Grinch: You'll be an obstacle to civic advancement.

That's because the village of 1,800 merry souls is the only place in America officially named after St. Nick.

Townfolk are so crazy for Christmas that every street is named in honor of the holiday: There's Candy Cane Lane, Mistletoe Drive, Arctic Circle and Balthazar, Melchior and Kasper drives, named after the Three Wise Men.

"You wouldn't believe some of the funny questions you get from the catalog people when you ask them to deliver your package to Jingle Bell Lane in Santa Claus, Indiana," says resident Mike Johannes.

And that's not all. People drive here from all over the country for the Santa Claus Festival of Lights, when each home is lavishly decorated and each street has its own Christmas theme. The competition is so fierce that neighbors who are too busy to decorate put up signs apologizing for not participating.

Each December, the normally sleepy Santa Claus Post Office, ZIP code 47579, goes from handling 3,000 pieces of mail a day to more than 50,000. This Christmas alone, postal workers will help deliver more than 500,000 pieces of mail from all over the world.

Residents have been known to host impromptu Christmas parties for strangers whose tour buses break down in front of their homes.

The town is home to a theme park dedicated primarily to Christmas. Holiday World draws about 625,000 tourists a year who come to sit on Santa's lap in the dog days of summer.

The three fire trucks in the Santa Claus Volunteer Fire Department garage are named Rudolph, Dasher and Blitzen.

The town recently dedicated a church named, you guessed it, St. Nicholas. Parishioners used to worship in an abandoned sleigh factory.

The origins of Santa Claus date to a frigid night in 1852 when a writer called Sante Fe. Local farmers called in obtaining a post office for the town were told that

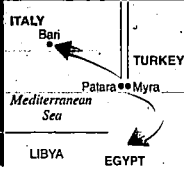
## The story of Santa Claus

The figure of Santa Claus evolved from St. Nicholas, a fourth-century bishop who served in a small town in Turkey and was known for his generosity and kindness.

### Born in Lycian

According to tradition, St. Nicholas was born in the ancient Lycian seaport city of Palara.

Later he became bishop of Myra.



### Later, in America

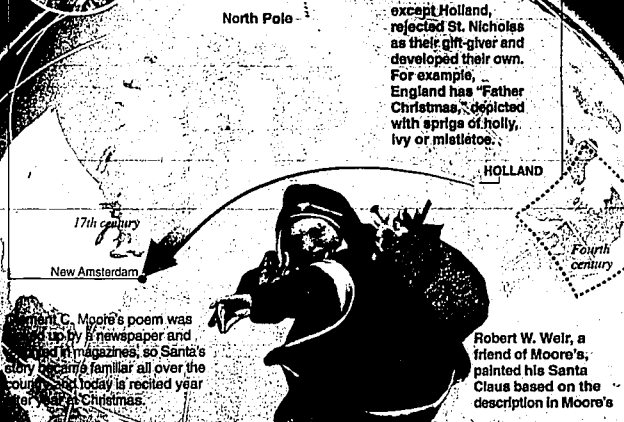
Dutch colonists took the legend of St. Nicholas, or "Sinterklaas," with them to New Amsterdam (now New York City) in the 17th century. In America "Sinterklaas" was pronounced Santa Claus!



Thomas Nast's drawing titled "Merry Old Santa Claus," published in an 1881 edition of Harper's Weekly.

He traveled to the Middle East and Egypt.

After the Reformation, many Protestant countries, except Holland, rejected St. Nicholas as their gift-giver and developed their own. For example, England has "Father Christmas," depicted with sprigs of holly, ivy or mistletoe.



Robert W. Weir, a friend of Moore's, painted his Santa Claus based on the description in Moore's poem.

SOURCES: The New York Historical Society; American Revolution Museum; Encyclopaedia Britannica; Associated Press town postmaster since 1989. "Just then, the wind blew open the doors of the church and the children, all impatient to get home, shouted, 'Santa Claus! It must be Santa Claus!' Well, the adults all smiled and looked around at each other. They knew it was the perfect name: Santa Claus, Indiana." That decision would end up having a dramatic influence on the holidays of Sandra Collignon, already taken. "Everyone that works here during Christmas learns you have to have all your shopping and wrapping done by October and your cards done by Thanksgiving," Collignon says, "because after Thanksgiving, we're all buried in an avalanche of letters for Santa Claus." "And that's not even the hardest part. The hardest part is that so many of the letters are written

# Mistletoe is key for birds and bees

By Seth Borenstein  
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Scientists are discovering that mistletoe has more to do with the birds and the bees than just kissing.

New research indicates that the romantic Christmas plant, best known for hanging above the head of someone you want to kiss, is essential to several species of birds, bees and animals.

The plant is a parasite that attaches itself to trees. But when researchers recently looked at areas where mistletoe had run amok, they found increased populations of bees and birds that feed on the plant's whitish berries.

A study published this fall in the scientific journal "Oecologia" found that mistletoe-heavy areas had three times as many Townsend's solitaires, a gray bird common in the West. Now the U.S. Geological Survey — which also does biological research — will go high-tech with satellite tracking to help explain why.

Mistletoe blooms in the Southwest in February, and for a time it's the only food available for bees. Through the winter, its berries are also practically the only food for the silky flycatcher, a beautiful black bird common in the Southwest. "Without the desert mistletoe, they would have to go elsewhere or the population would decrease," said researcher Diane Larson of the Geological Survey.

"We saw more birds and more species in mistletoe-infested areas," said USGS research ecologist Rob Benmets of Gainesville, Fla., describing mistletoe's effect across the country. "It's a food source for a lot of species," including small mammals such as squirrels.

For humans, the allure of mistletoe may have started in



Biology professor Thomas Hemmerly holds a card with mistletoe from his collection of pre-World War I postcards. Most see mistletoe hanging above a doorway as an opportunity to steal a kiss. Hemmerly sees it as a fascinating parasite worthy of study.

Norse mythology, which describes it as the sacred plant of Frigga, goddess of love. In the ancient Celtic language, mistletoe means "all-heal," but an old Anglo-Saxon translation is less flattering — "dung on a twig."

For the birds and the bees, however, the attraction is real, not mythical. "Mistletoe has more of a role than we might imagine in our ecosystem," said USGS bee researcher Eric Erickson of Tucson, Ariz.

# Traditional kissing plant can be kiss of death for trees

PHOENIX (AP) — Mention mistletoe and most people think of hanging a small, green branch over the doorway and sneaking a kiss beneath it. Few realize the same mistletoe can be the kiss of death for trees it lives on.

Sprigs of the white-berried greenery may look benign, but when seeds are deposited on a tree branch by birds, mistletoe takes root, stealing water and minerals from the host tree. "It's like having a thousand leeches sucking water out of you. Over time, it will weaken the tree. Bark beetles will come in and finish the tree," said Robert Mathiasen, a forest pathologist and associate professor at Northern Arizona University.

The typical holiday mistletoe can grow so thick it can kill the soft-bark trees it grows on in the South, parts of California and the Southwest. Across other parts of the West, the smaller dwarf mistletoe has been the bane of foresters for years because it can be lethal to pine, spruce and fir.

Still, the Yulifide sprigs have enchanted people for centuries. Mistletoe got its name in medieval days when scientists believed it grew spontaneously from bird droppings on a tree branch. "Mistel" is the Anglo-Saxon word for dung.

In pre-Christian folklore and religions, the plant was thought to have magical powers and was used as an antidote to poisons and to cure sterility. The Celtic Druids considered mistletoe sacred, using it to ward off disease. People in the Middle Ages hung it in their homes to dispel evil spirits.

Even now, extracts from the mistletoe berry are marketed in Europe and Asia as a possible cancer treatment; the extracts haven't been tested or approved

with crayon or chalk and you can't even read them. But we know that inside each of those envelopes is the most important thing in the world to some child somewhere: a letter to Santa Claus. That's worth all the mayhem of being here for Christmas."

Each of those letters is answered by a volunteer group, Santa Elves Inc. Says chief elf Pat Koch: "Kids all around the world think if they drop a letter to Santa Claus in the mailbox, he's going to get it. It's our job to see that Santa answers his mail, because all the Christmas lights in the world don't matter more than making a difference in one child's life. And, really, that's what Santa Claus is all about."

The U.S. Postal Service manages to deliver the mail with the barest of addresses, often reading no more than "Santa, North Pole." Some have handwritten stamps or children's stickers for postage, and many of the letters are full of cookie crumbs, the result of long rides in postal trucks and pouches.

The town, about an hour west of Louisville, Ky., brims with the kind of good cheer you'd expect from the people who reside in a town named after a symbol of love and giving. Friendliness and kindness are considered civic duties.

And because of aggressive new marketing and growth plans, residents here are as cheerful and optimistic about their future as a child on Christmas Eve.

"Really, not that many people know about us, and that's something we want to change," says Bob Phillips, owner of the town's only hotel, Santa's Lodge. "Holiday World is so successful, that they've taken care of our off season, summer. Now we all need to build and let the world know that Santa Claus is the place to come to celebrate Christmas. I really believe we're on the verge of becoming one of America's top tourist attractions. I mean Disney World has Mickey Mouse, but we've got Santa Claus."

Tourist attraction or not, most residents are happy just to call it home.

"It's the greatest place to live in the world," says resident Pat Davis. "We keep our decorations up all year and you can come by our house and hear Christmas carols on the Fourth of July. Anywhere else and people might think you're crazy, but in Santa Claus that kind of behavior is encouraged. For us it's heaven. Every day is Christmas in Santa Claus."

For information, contact the Spencer County Visitors Bureau at 888-444-9252.

for use in the United States.

Most U.S. experts warn parents to keep mistletoe away from children, saying ingesting the small, bitter berries can bring on severe stomach cramps, vomiting and diarrhea.

"That's why you hang mistletoe high," Mathiasen said. "Most people don't know they're poisonous."

"It's the old rule with any wild berry," adds Terry Mikel, a University of Arizona horticulturist. "If it's white, don't eat it."

Scientifically speaking, mistletoe doesn't just grow on trees — it attacks them. Foresters trying to keep mistletoe at bay often plant buffer zones of trees the plant doesn't infest, such as white fir, blue oak and Gambel oak, or try chemicals or pruning to remove infestations. And during the holiday season, mistletoe sellers pitch in as well.

Dean Labadie, a flower shop owner in Yolo County, Calif., west of Sacramento, spent 20 years harvesting mistletoe and selling it at flower markets in San Francisco.

His crews would handpick mistletoe for three weeks, selling about 15,000 small bags a year. But when harvesting costs rose a couple of years ago, Labadie left the business.

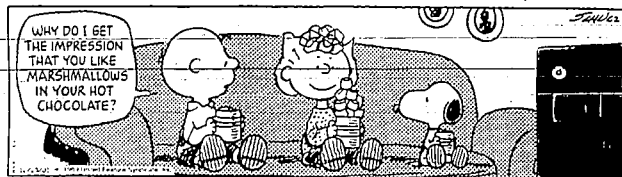
"We saved a lot of trees picking it out," he said. In addition to the better-known mistletoes, Arizona's lower desert areas have yet another species, but it isn't the sort to be found hanging over doors. It "looks like an old broom" and grows in ironwood, mesquite and other trees, but it doesn't harm them.

"Birds go crazy eating the red-dish berries when they're ripe," Mikel said, "but nobody would be romantically stirred by the desert mistletoe."

# COMICS

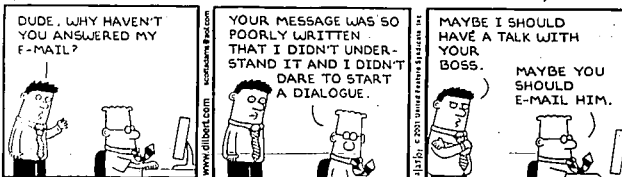
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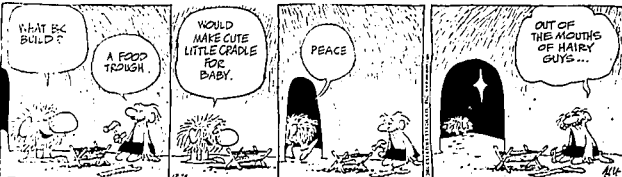
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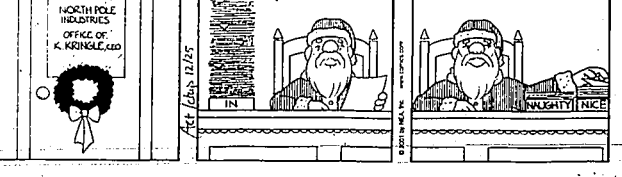
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## CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

### Jerome man's memorabilia spans the 20th century

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** — David Freshour's home stands out. Antique treasures of milk cans, planter boxes and flower pots, advertising signs and hand plows are displayed prominently on his porch and front door step.

His home is like a miniature museum. His many and varied collections include Christmas ornaments and cards, some frilly, some lacy, dating back to 1907. Cards are suspended like mobiles on string from the ceiling. One Christmas card has Egyptian hieroglyphics wishing health, happiness and long life.

His Christmas collection is considerable, and cards are easy to store in a fairly small space.

Freshour, 61, says he sends more than 100 Christmas cards to friends and relatives each year and gets back close to the same amount.

He started collecting things when he was a kid, like kids do. He just never out grew that tendency. The collections grew and multiplied as he got older.

"Once a collector, always a collector," Freshour said.

He has scrap books filled with news clippings of historic and other interesting events from in and around Idaho and Jerome County. He has old photographs and picture post cards. A photo of Sun Valley circa 1950s would be nearly unrecognizable except for the surrounding mountains.

Plates depicting different states are hung on the walls near the ceiling. Freshour bought many of them while traveling, and friends and relatives mailed more to him.

Shelves, curio cabinets and china hutch bulge with dishes, ceramic figurines, and other memorabilia line the walls.

His favorites are the lights and lamps, ranging from candlesticks to kerosene lamps. He even chose a lamp theme on his tombstone on his plot at the Jerome Cemetery. The scriptural quote says, "My word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

Freshour said his family came to Idaho from Tennessee in the early 1900s. The undeveloped and unpopulated Idaho desert was a stark contrast to the wood-



David Freshour started collecting when he was a kid. Among his favorite collections are lamps and Christmas items.



Christmas cards from David Freshour's collection date back to the 1900s.



ed hills and hollows of Tennessee.

"When my aunt got off the train in Shoshone she looked around at the sagebrush and said if she'd had the money she would have gotten right back on that train and gone home," Freshour said.

But the family stayed and thrived. They learned to love the desert. Freshour was born in the Canyon side area of Jerome County near Sugar Loaf in the 1940s.

When not collecting, he volunteers at the Jerome County Historical Society, researching

old newspapers for birth and death dates and other statistical information.

Freshour said he frequents antique shops, flea markets, craft shows, yard sales, thrift stores and auctions looking for that special treasure that calls to him, "Take me home."



The Twin Falls High School cheerleaders members are Noelle Jensen, Alyssa Johnson, Erin Gittig, Hannah Greaves, Megan Garber, Sharon Bokma, Ashli Hartman, Tara Donney, Desarea Hemplman, Stacie Brown, Brianna Hall, Cassie Frew, Ashley Watkins, Amanda Guyer, Mandy Krumbach, Catrina Mueller, Ashley Untland, Haley Charlton, Renli May and Katie Standley.

## Bruin cheerleaders go to Nationals

The Times-News

### Want to help?

If you or your business would like to donate, call advisers Denise Gasser at 734-9138 or Marcia Jensen at 734-7148 or send donations to Twin Falls High School.

**TWIN FALLS** — Bring it on. The Twin Falls High School cheerleaders have earned a chance to compete at the Universal Cheerleaders Association Nationals in Orlando, Fla. on Feb. 8-12.

This is the first time a cheer squad from the Magic Valley has qualified for the national contest, Twin Falls cheerleader advisers say. But the squad is still \$5,000 short of its \$20,000 to make the trip.

On Dec. 1, the Bruin cheerleaders attended the first UCA Idaho Regionals ever held in Boise and took first place in the Large All-girl Varsity competition. The win qualified the group to go to the UCA Nationals.

"This is huge," said Denise Gasser, one of the squad's advisers, about the competition. "You don't just get a bid to go to national, to go to UCA."

The Twin Falls squad has a regular class for the activity, but to prepare for the regional competition, they practiced two to three times per day since about September, Gasser said.

"They have to do it in-between cheering for the school," she said.

The Bruin squad will compete for 2 minutes and 15 seconds in Florida. Its routine includes tum-

bling, stunts, dance and cheering to 14 cuts of different music.

"They are pretty darn impressive," Gasser said.

Because these competitions are not sponsored by the Idaho High School Activities Association, funding for the trip is not available through the school, the adviser said.

As a result, each girl in the 20-member squad must come up with between \$300 to \$500. The money will be used to pay air fare and travel and hotel expenses.

So far, response has been good.

"People just keep calling," Gasser said. "We have really kind people who have come to us and

ask, 'How can we help?'"

Squad members and their supporters are seeking community support and sponsors, and will conduct fund-raising, such as selling hot dogs and raffle tickets for gift baskets and holding bake sales.

A balance of the money needed for participation in the national competition is Jan. 5, advisers say.

## STORK REPORT

### Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Javen James Adam, son of Nickolle Lea Schouten and Michael John Adam of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2001.

Hannah Joy Buschhorn, daughter of Khrista Michelle and Erich James Buschhorn of Hazelton, was born Thursday, Dec. 6, 2001.

Ahrea Robert Neff, son of Caryn Leigh and Robert Charles Neff of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2001.

Cooper John Tolbert, son of Caroline and John Ernest Tolbert of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2001.

Rose Louise Davies, daughter of Christy Ann and Robert George Davies III of Buhl, was born Thursday, Dec. 13, 2001.

Madelyn Kate Houser, daughter of Gina Marie and Todd Edward Houser of Coeur d'Alene, was born Friday, Dec. 13, 2001.

Jonas Anderson Plew, son of Arin Christine and Jacob John Plew of Kimberly, was born Friday, Dec. 13, 2001.

Madison Mae Sheridan Johnson, daughter of Carrie Ann and Kenneth Darryl Johnson of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Dec. 13, 2001.

Milana Aliceon Runser,

daughter of Suzie L. and Joseph John Runser III of Wendell, was born Saturday, Dec. 14, 2001.

Allison LeAnn Shepherd, daughter of Jana LeAnn Shepherd and Travis Leroy Shepherd of Kimberly, was born Saturday, Dec. 14, 2001.

Sydney Lynn Ohlensehlen, daughter of Wendy Lynn and James Robert Ohlensehlen of Jerome, was born Monday, Dec. 15, 2001.

Eve Mary Beth Liles, daughter of Casey Jo and Richard Travis Liles of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2001.

Job Mibael Coria, son of Elena Lugo and Fausto Coria of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2001.

Ashton Kenneth Kauffman, son of Brandi Nichole and Joseph John Kauffman of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2001.

### Casalia Regional Medical Center

Tabitha Ann Holt, daughter of Jeremy and Cindy Holt of Heyburn, was born Friday, Dec. 14, 2001.

Grace Marie Robides, daughter of Joel and Lori Robides of Burley, was born Saturday, Dec. 15, 2001.

Joshlyn Grace Adams, daughter of Joshua and Shannon

Adams of Paul, was born Monday, Dec. 17, 2001.

Jose Manuel Solorio, son of Alicia Rodriguez and Hipolito Solorio of Burley, was born Monday, Dec. 17, 2001.

Micah Nicholas Nava, son of Froilan and Connie Nava of Rupert, was born Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2001.

Daniel Ernest Patterson, son of Ted and Beth Patterson of Burley, was born Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2001.

Kane Von Edwards, son of Misty Pratt and Daniel Edwards of Rupert, was born Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2001.

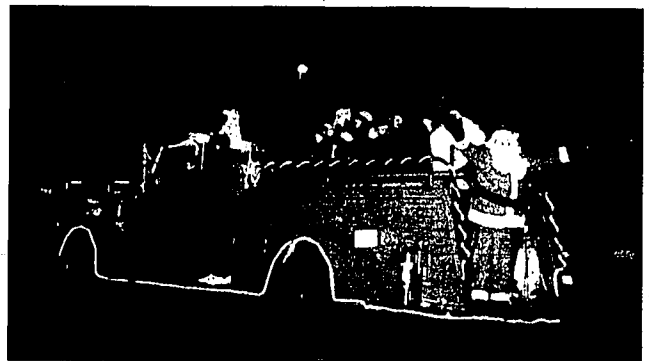
Eilee Ann Cranney, daughter of Arden and Heidi Cranney of Oakley, was born Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2001.

Bailey Jean Loughmiller, daughter of Kenneth and Chelsey Loughmiller of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2001.

Yreec Noel Thomson, daughter of Tye and Jessica Thomson of Heyburn, was born Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2001.

To have a birth announced, send a copy of the birth certificate to Melissa Morgan at The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303 or fax it to 734-5538. Deadline for publication Tuesday is noon Friday.

## LIGHT PARADE BRIGHTENS BUHL



Santa greets the crowds at the Buhl Light Parade. The Idaho Youth Ranch entry won the Commercial category. Other parade winners are: Civic category: Adult category, Buhl Calvary Chapel for a nativity scene; Civic category youth, Part of the Ark 4-H Club with its Santa on sleigh 'Dreaming of a White Christmas'; Music category, Buhl High School and Middle School Choir; and Private Group or Individual category, Buhl Arts Council with a truck resembling a locomotive.

Judges for the Dec. 15 Buhl Light Parade are, from left, front row: Carolyn McCoy, Deb McLaughlin, Joyce DeFord and Marimell Rogers; back row: Dixie Trischler, Claire Thomas and Nelda Hanna.



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## FBI warns XP needs extra safeguarding

### Hackers can take advantage of major flaws

The Associated Press

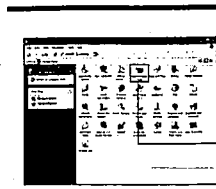
WASHINGTON — Consumers and corporations using Microsoft Corp.'s new Windows XP software are being warned by the FBI to take added steps against hackers who might try to take advantage of major flaws.

The bureau's National Infrastructure Protection Center said Friday that, in addition to installing a free software fix offered by Microsoft on the company's Web site, consumers and corporations using Windows XP should disable the product's "universal plug and play" features affected by the glitches.

The FBI did not provide detailed instructions how to do this. Microsoft considers disabling the "plug and play" features unnecessary.

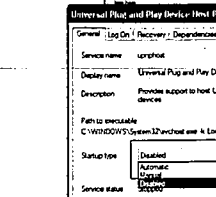
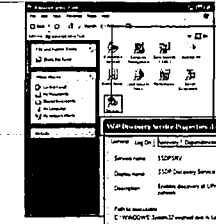
The company acknowledged this week that Windows XP suffers from serious problems that allow hackers to steal or destroy a victim's data files across the Internet or implant rogue computer software. The glitches were unusually serious because they allow hackers to seize control of all Windows XP operating system software without requiring a computer user to do anything except connect to the Internet.

Outside experts cautioned that disabling the affected Windows XP features threatens to render unusable an entire category of high-tech devices about to go on the market, such as a new class of computer printers that are easier to set up. But they also acknowledged that disabling it could afford some protection against similar flaws discovered in the future.



### A fix for the Windows XP breach

A flaw in Microsoft's Windows XP allows hackers to connect to a victim's computer through the Internet and steal or destroy data. The company has offered a free fix on its Web site, but consumers can safeguard their computers by following these steps.



1. Open Control Panel and double-click the "Administrative Tools" icon.
2. Double-click the "Services" icon.
3. Scroll down the list until you can double-click the item for "SSDP Discovery Service." In the "Startup type" box, select "Disabled." Click OK.
4. Scroll down the list until you can double-click the item for "Universal Plug and Play Device Host." In the "Startup type" box, also select "Disabled." Click OK.
5. Restart the computer.

SOURCE: Associated Press

The FBI also warned professional computer administrators to actively monitor for specific types of Internet traffic that might indicate an attack was under way.

It acted after bureau and Defense Department officials and some top industry experts sought reassurance from Microsoft that the free software fix it offered effectively stops hackers from

attacking the Windows XP flaws. The government's rare interest in the problems with Windows XP software, which is expected to be widely adopted by consumers, illustrates U.S. concerns about

risks to the Internet. Friday's discussions came during a private conference call organized by the National Infrastructure Protection Center.

During the call, Microsoft's experts acknowledged the threats posed by the Windows XP problems, but they assured federal officials and industry experts that its fix — if installed by consumers — resolves the issues.

Microsoft declined to tell U.S. officials how many consumers downloaded and installed its fix during the first 24 hours it was available. Experts from Internet providers, including AT&T Corp., argued that information was vital to determine the scope of the threat.

Microsoft also indicated it would not send e-mail messages to Windows XP customers to remind them of the importance of installing the patch. It said a new feature of Windows XP can automatically download the free fix, which takes several minutes, and prompt consumers to install it.

"The patch is effective," Steve Lipner, Microsoft's director of security assurance, told The Associated Press.

Officials expressed fears to Microsoft about electronic attacks launched against Web sites and federal agencies during the Christmas holidays from computers running still-vulnerable versions of Windows, participants said.

Several experts said they had already managed to duplicate within their research labs "denial of service" attacks made possible by the Windows XP flaws. Such attacks can overwhelm Web sites and prevent their use by legitimate visitors.

Another risk, that hackers can implant rogue software on vulnerable computers, was considered more remote because of the technical sophistication required.

## Point, click to get slides on screen

By James Coates  
Chicago Tribune

Q. I would like some advice about how to move the many 35 mm slides we took while our five boys were growing up. With vacation trips and all, I have a large library of slides kept in Kodak Carousel trays. I'd like to pick the

best (in the thousands) and convert them to digital images so I could prepare a slide show in the computer (and then make videotape copies) to give each family. I run a Dell Dimension L computer with 256 megabytes of RAM, a 40-gigabyte hard drive and a CD-RW drive. I do not have a scanner, although I do use an Olympus 3400 digital camera. I believe it is possible to have someone else scan my slides, but this is probably very expensive, and I am on a limited budget.

A. A great many hobbyists use a down-and-dirty trick that you should at least consider. Set your camera on a tripod and project each of those slides on the screen that came with your Kodak Carousel slide projector. Then take a picture of each screen using that fine Olympus digital camera you own.

You can use whatever methods you already employ to move the Olympus images onto that computer. Although this will sound just terrible to professional photographers, it is a fact of life that computer screens can only display a resolution of about 80 dots per inch, far less than the resolution of a film strip but better than a television set. Since all you want to do is look at photos on the PC or videotape, you very well may find that this little-trick meets your needs. Certainly the price is right, since you own all of the equipment.

If you are willing to spend a couple of hundred dollars, there are a wide variety of scanners that will accept those cardboard slides used in projectors. Canon's \$300 CanoScan D1230UF flatbed scanner uses a sweet system of holders to scan high-resolution images of negative strips and color slides onto one's hard drive.

## Cell phone users abandon ringtones for favorite songs

Knight Ridder News Service

Cellular ringtones are like noses: Everyone's got one. And no one's is particularly special — or recognizable in a crowd.

But suddenly, cellular phones are changing their tunes, as a growing number of users abandon generic ringtones for customizable tunes that express

their quirky individuality.

Take Kevin Oates. Whenever a college pal calls, his phone rings the University of Southern California fight song. When it's the boss, it keeps the funeral march.

It's part fashion statement; part sanity saver.

"You know how, when the Nokia tone rings, you can eliminate for their phone? You can elim-

inate that," said Oates, a 24-year-old Los Angeles marketing executive. "More than anything else, it's just nice not to reach for your phone every time you hear a familiar tune."

Downloadable ringtones are already golden oldies in Europe and Japan, which regularly pass the United States on the early-adopter curve when it comes to

cellular-phone innovation. It's a \$350 million business in Japan, where teen-agers race to become the first in their group to download the latest hits.

Distinctive ringtones are considered an accessory that says as much about the user's personality as the cartoon characters that dangle from the phone, keychain-like, or its custom faceplate.

Catchy ringtones are even more popular in Europe, where consumers are expected to shell out nearly \$1 billion this year alone so their phones ring with the James Bond theme.

VoiceStream — started offering ringtone services this summer. Others, such as Sprint PCS, are reportedly poised to offer custom ringtones later this month.

## High-tech scooter offers reason for optimism

By Dan Gillmor  
Knight Ridder News Service

I doubt that I'll buy a Segway Human Transporter, the stand-up scooter that has been the topic of the most shameless hype-fest since Windows 95. And unlike almost everyone else who has spent any time pondering the thing, I have no idea whether it will revolutionize personal transportation.

But I'm absolutely certain of this: The Segway is proof of an even more significant concept. It demonstrates how powerful computers have truly escaped from boxes — how they're moving into all kinds of new places and devices that can sense and react to their environment, in something close to real time.

The applications can be, or soon will be, found everywhere in our lives.

The battery-powered Segway, as you probably have heard by now, is a lot smarter than your average scooter. Among other innovations, it uses a solid-state system of sensors and gyroscopes. The scooter's computers, communicating with the mechanical components, monitor and react to a rider's center of gravity 100 times per second.

To an almost eerie degree, say people who've ridden it, the

Segway understands where you want to go and reacts accordingly. It almost seems to read your mind.

What you have, then, is a thinking machine on wheels that has an almost ideal human-machine interface. Several trends, the combination of which has broad application, contribute to its existence.

First is the growing power and shrinking size of computers, not a new phenomenon. Moore's Law, the idea that transistor density on a given piece of silicon doubles every 18 to 24 months, means we can add more and more intelligence to almost everything we touch.

Second is the advent of extremely small machines, including the devices in the Segway's balancing system. Scientists in corporate and university research labs are putting the functions of mechanical devices onto silicon chips, embedding them in other devices and in general moving manufacturing into new ways.

Now, isn't that a new idea. A pacemaker, implanted in a heart patient's chest, is a wonderful example of added intelligence to sensing. But it's a long distance from monitoring the roughly one-per-second heartbeat to calculating a center of gravity, and reacting to it, more than 100 times a second.

The addition of sensing to computation will make computing ubiquitous in the future, says Paul Saffo, a director of the Institute for the Future in Menlo Park, Calif. "Unless computers can observe and interact with the environment, there's no point to ubiquity," he says.

Transportation has been a big beneficiary of this blend. The average new automobile is full of sensors and computers, all working more efficiently. The benefits are higher mileage, lower emissions and better reliability.

Air travel, too, is being transformed. Today's airplanes rely on sensors and computers to measure just about everything. If the Segway is a thinking machine on wheels, tomorrow's planes will be thinking machines of the skies.

Tiny sensors, computers and machines will transform medical diagnosis as researchers develop products — some already in the first in their group to download on chips. Put a drop of blood or other tissue into a handheld device, and out will come an array of diagnostic data.

National security may someday rely on this notion. In a world where malevolent chemists and biologists will have the ability to do enormous harm, we will need devices that can sense the environment for deadly agents, and factories that can create antidotes and vaccines in a hurry.

There are so many reasons to be pessimistic these days. But technology's potential for improving our planet, and our lives, should be a sustaining ray for optimism.

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108 Professional Services	402 Music Lessons	602 Furnished Apts./Duplexes	708 Hay, Grain & Feed	818 Miscellaneous For Sale	1000 TRANSPORTATION
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## 50 LEGALS

**FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA) FARM FOR SALE**  
The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is selling a farm-in "as is" condition, located in Cassia County, Idaho, described as follows:

The farm consists of 54.13 acres, including a dwelling and general purpose building. This includes 44.1 acres of crop land, with 48.8 acres within the Burley Irrigation District. Irrigation equipment consists of a pump and motor, aluminum mainline, and handline lateral sprinkler lines. The farm is located at 61 South 1650 East, Debo, Idaho.

The property is being offered for sale to those individuals FSA considers to be qualified beginning farmers or ranchers, and all prevailing claimants in the civil action *Piggard vs. Chickman*. Beginning farmers or ranchers who are prevailing claimants will be given priority consideration in the purchase of this property. If more than one beginning farmer or rancher who is a prevailing claimant submits an application, priority within this group will be determined by lottery. Qualified beginning farmers or ranchers must be in need of FSA credit assistance either in the form of direct FSA financing, an FSA guaranteed loan, or a participation loan. For other require-

ments and information on how to qualify as a beginning farmer or rancher, you may contact your local FSA office.

**THE SALES PRICE** will be \$160,100. An "offer" for beginning farmer or rancher is defined as one who has materially and substantially participated in the operation of a farm or ranch for at least 3 years but not more than 10 years and meets the eligibility requirements outlined in FmHA instruction 1943-A. FSA can make a direct loan up to the \$160,000 purchase price. If there are no FSA funds available at the time of purchase, a beginning farmer or rancher may lease the farm for up to 18 months while waiting for funds.

Offers must be in writing on form FmHA 1955-45, "Standard Sales Contract" and must be submitted along with a complete application to the FSA Office in Rupert, Idaho, by 4:30 PM on January 11, 2002. Offers received after that date will not be considered. The government reserves the right to cancel the sale at any time and the right to reject any or all offers.

For additional information, a "Standard Sales Contract" form and application package, contact the FSA Office at 98C South 200 West, Rupert, Idaho. The phone number is (208) 456-4777.

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For information or return of my manjquin tank from my front porch. CALL 736-5890.

**LOST Madonna & Child**  
camao brooch. Lost 12/14 04. Call 644-9052

**LOST 2 dogs** vicinity of Anderson Lumber. Siberian Husky with 1 brown eye and 1 blue eye. Beagle Lab X. Margit answer to Nick Marshall. Call 731-7362.

**LOST 3 yr. old female**, white German Shepherd. Comes to the W R name of 541 yr or R V A R D I. Call 733-2850.

**LOST male Siamese X cat**. Vicinity of 11th Ave. E. Twin Falls. Call 734-5344.

**LOST male Vizsla**. (Russet) 3 yrs. old, last seen FT area. Reward. 736-7650.

**102 CARD OF THANKS**  
Reynolds Funeral Chapel and W/VA Mortuary. Thank You for the Christmas Goodies Holiday Holidays. Ramona, Melissa and your friends at The Times-News

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for Box 150 prayers, phone calls & financial support through the last 4 months while Mark was in St. Luke City, Utah, for treatment of leukemia. We're really appreciative everyone. Sincere thank!! Mark & Debbie Williams Dale & Delta Ann Williams Pats & Kathy Peterson Curt & Susie Fleming Eric & Jonny Williams

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Full time, benefits. Class A CDL, HazMat, dtls. & trip. Copy of MVR. A drug free work place. Contact Jim Gibson at 733-0381. Gem State Paper & Supply Company

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Both positions require extensive experience in Lodging or Lounge/Restaurant industry. These are year round, full time positions with excellent benefits. Salary is D.O.E. It is anticipated that both positions will be promoted to manager within one year. Applicants must have a valid driver's license and successful experience with full knowledge of sales building, cost control and personnel management. E.O.E.

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Now hiring a cook, exp. view apply in person. North Buhl, 1239 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

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Sliding and window salesperson. Training avail. Average income \$60,000. No overnight. American Remodeling. 1-800-228-9278

**SALES**  
Vaux Auto Parts is looking for an aggressive, motivated, professional service oriented salesperson in Twin Falls, who wants an opportunity for growth and recognition in a fast growing company.

• Competitive wage  
• Plus bonus  
• Medical benefits  
• 401K plan  
• Paid vacation

The successful candidate will have the following qualifications:

• Outstanding communication and customer service skills  
• Desire for growth within the organization.  
Apply in person in person.  
1880 Kimberly Rd. TF

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Federal employment information is free. Remember, no one can promise you a federal job. For free information about federal jobs, call Career America Connection, 1-878-757-3000

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**BLISS-HAGERMAN MOTORCYCLE (610)**  
The Times-News is currently looking for an Independent Motor Route Carrier in the BLISS-HAGERMAN area. Valid drivers license & reliable vehicle a must.

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If you live in the Bliss-Hagerman area & are interested in being a Newspaper Carrier, please contact the Twin Falls Times-News office at 733-0931, ext. 348, or stop by 132 3rd St. W. Twin Falls, Idaho

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JEROME (6)
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The Times-News is currently looking for carriers for independent junior routes available in the Jerome area.

TWIN FALLS (7)
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The Times-News currently has the following independent newspaper routes on the East side of Twin Falls.

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100-400 7th Ave. W
300-400 3rd Ave. W
100-400 W. Main St.

ROUTE 719
1200-1500
Evargren Dr.
1200-1400
Evargren Dr.

ROUTE 526
100-400 7th Ave. E.
100-600 8th Ave. E.
500-1011 N. Fillmore

ROUTE 715
1800-1900 Blinnard Dr.
1700-1800 Dora Dr.
1800-1900 Targhee Dr.

ROUTE 529
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200-300 W. Ave. I
900-1200 S. Lincoln Ave.

ROUTE 718
1100-1400 7th Ave. E.
1100-1400 8th Ave. E.
1100-1400 9th Ave. E.

ROUTE 533
100-600 7th Ave. W.
100-600 8th Ave. W.

ROUTE 729
1100-1400 4th Ave. E.
1100-1400 5th Ave. E.
1100-1400 6th Ave. E.

ROUTE 532
100-400 Jackson St.
100-400 Blk. Quincy

ROUTE 743
100-200 Juniper St. N.
1700-1800 Maplewood Dr.
400-500 Sophomore St.

ROUTE 534
1700-1800 Glendale Ave.

ROUTE 792
100-400 Blk. Vandenberg St.
100-400 Blk. Hartson St.

ROUTE 535
100-400 Blk. Adams St.
500-600 Blk. Jefferson St.

ROUTE 845
500-600 Blk. Madison St.

ROUTE 536
100-300 Meadows Ln.
500-700 Blk. Monroe St.

ROUTE 846
100-300 Meadows Ln.
500-700 Blk. Monroe St.

ROUTE 537
100-300 Meadows Ln.
500-700 Blk. Monroe St.

ROUTE 847
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500-700 Blk. Monroe St.

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Continental Loans
\$100 - \$900
Phone applications welcome
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501 OPEN HOUSES
We are working to make our classified section free of any errors.

502 HOMES FOR SALE
We are working to make our classified section free of any errors.

503 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
ACCESS TO A COMPUTER?
Put it to Work!

A GUARANTEED AD
Buy the Guaranteed package and The Times News guarantees to sell merchandise...

514 INCOME PROPERTY
TWIN FALLS "Tired of staying in the same old place?"

515 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY
TWIN FALLS PROFESSIONAL OFFICE CENTER DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM CSI

518 MOBILE HOMES
REBURNED Finishwood 36' x 44' x 13' 3/4" mobile home

Please check your ad for correctness on the first day it runs, as the Times-News is not responsible for errors after the first day.

HUD - VA Homes
Bank Owned Homes
TheHessTeam.Com
Ready to Sell Your Home?
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THE TIMES NEWS Classified Department
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high thru Fri.

TWIN FALLS \$53,900
3 bdrm garage, Full bath, 800-318-53 ext. 17522

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, split level, 3 bdrm, 2 bath on 4 lots of 24,400 sq. ft.

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, partial unfinished basement, oversized 2 car attached garage with 1 bdrm, appl.

TWIN FALLS 1905 vintage, exc. cond. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 302, 543-8928

TWIN FALLS Priced Reduced! If Beautiful
5 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, on fully landscaped lot

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208-677-4543 (BURLEY)

602 UNFURNISHED HOUSES
BUHL 2 bedroom, 1 bath, mobile home, no pets, 2 car garage, 1/2 acre lot

BUHL 2 bedroom, 1 bath, mobile home, no pets, 2 car garage, 1/2 acre lot

BUHL 3 bedroom, 2 bath, mobile home, 5475/mo. + dep, Long term lease, 543-8342

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Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2001
THE ACES ON BRIDGE
Bobby Wolff

All of us do not have equal talent, but all of us should have an equal opportunity to develop our talents.
— John F. Kennedy

A special Christmas present, readers have two chances to shine in the play of today's spade game. Your first opportunity comes at trick one. As East, what do you play on West's lead of the diamond king?

When West leads the diamond king, it is tempting to signal with a high card, asking West to continue. Unfortunately, the continuation doesn't work. South ruffs and draws trumps, ending in dummy. Switch now to the South chair and play the rest of the deal. How would you proceed?

The first step is to ruff dummy's last diamond, reducing your trumps to the bare king. Next, you cash your top hearts, hoping for a 3-3 split. If they split, you can discard a club from dummy to help your losses to only two clubs and a diamond.

When hearts fail to break, what next? To succeed, you lead your fourth heart to West's jack. However, instead of ruffing, you discard a club from dummy to end-play West. West must lead from his club ace or offer a ruff and play. Either way, you score your 10th trick.

How about East's play at trick one? Instead of asking for a diamond continuation, East should overtake and switch to a club. This breaks the timing for South to end-play West, and the game goes one down.

A happy holiday season to all my readers.

NORTH
A Q J 7
A K Q 9 3
9 4 3
9 7 6

WEST
5
8 5 2
K Q 2
A Q J

SOUTH
K 10 9 8 7
A K Q 6
J
K J

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South
The bidding:
South West North East
1NT ... Dbl. 2+ ... 2NT ... All pass

Opening lead: Diamond King
BID WITH THE ACES
12 25 11
South holds:
5 3
K Q 2
A Q J

ANSWER: Three no-trump. Opener promises a minimum. Settle for the no-trump game.

Send bridge questions to The Aces, P.O. Box 3161, Hamilton Park, Twin Falls, Idaho 83402. Please include return address. Standard rates for reply. Copyright 2001, United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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Blue Lakes and Fire
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TWIN FALLS OFFICE, SHOP, WAREHOUSE
375 sq. ft. w/ Kimberly Rd
200 sq. ft. w/ Kimberly Rd

605 ROOMS FOR RENT
JEROME Holiday Motel
Under new management
Nice, clean, comfortable
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606 MOBILE HOMES
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doublewide, all appls
Fenced yard. No smoking
\$575/mo. + \$300 dep.

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BUHL Winter horse
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Please call 208-543-8073.

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**616 ROOMMATES WANTED**  
TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm. apt. \$220 + w. utils. Close to CSI. Call 736-2875  
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Christmas Schedule  
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*Have a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!!*  
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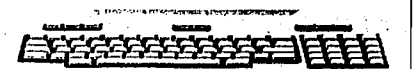
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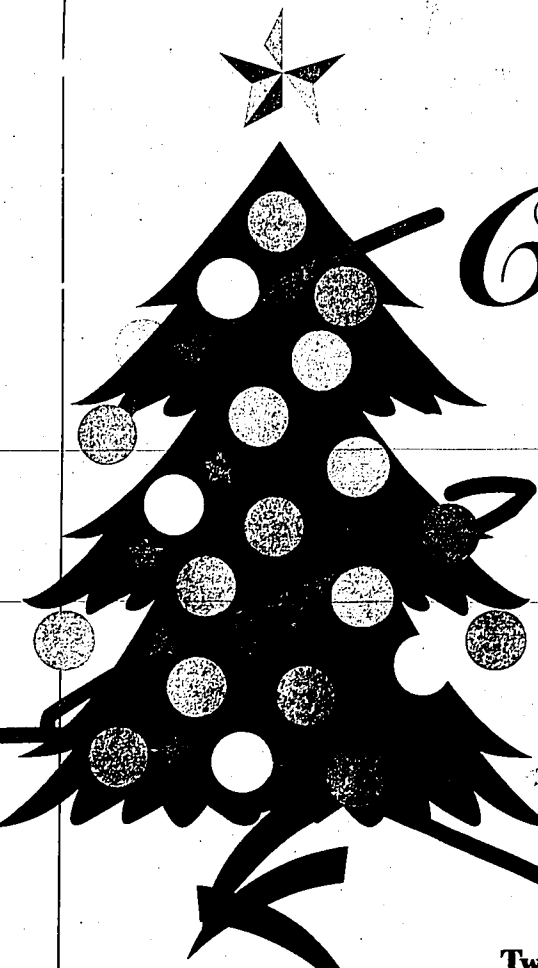
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