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## Engineering students take care of business

Sean Tetpon  
Staff

Business classes do not flow with fluid dynamics courses, much less mix with integrated circuit application classes. Consequently, many engineering majors at the University of Idaho graduate with little (if any) background in business.

UI's Center for Business Development and Research is offering engineering majors an opportunity to explore the business world through Business 314, The World of Corporate Business.

Corporate executives from leading Northwest firms visit the class and give presentations on current business issues. "The speakers bring a certain reality," says course instructor Jim Toomey. "It gives students some exposure to the applied side of business."

Students learn how to analyze industries, interpret annual reports and monitor labor markets.

"People are starting to see it is not reasonable to think they can work for one company their whole life," Toomey said. "Seventy-one percent of new business is from people who

have an idea from previous employment. Engineers that tend to come to this course are more entrepreneurial in nature, and may want to spin-off their own ideas once they get going."

1995 UI engineering graduate Kurt Thorne enjoyed the course. Thorne wrote Toomey last October, encouraging him to recruit more engineers for the class.

"For engineers who do not have a business background, this class can be particularly valuable," Thorne wrote. "Information regarding job searching and interviewing was beneficial. The business and industry analyses have proven to be especially valuable."

Toomey says word of mouth has attracted a diverse range of students to the course. "People like variety, and being with others from different disciplines," he said. "As a result, students will come at the course from different angles."

The course has become popular with international exchange students. "They like it because it is a chance to really see American business up close," Toomey said.

Executives from Boise Cascade, Boeing,

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### A dream come true



Bush Houston

Even the Administration Building parking lot had plenty of room during Thanksgiving break.

## Oversold parking permits cause crowded campus lots

Janet Birdsall  
Staff

If you're one of those people who can't seem to find a place to park on campus you're not alone. Parking permits are oversold at the University of Idaho.

Red permits are oversold by 40 percent and silver permits are oversold 20 percent, said Pamela Alsterlund, manager of Parking and Information Services. There is no limit on the sale of blue permits.

"We've never reached the point where we've sold more blue permits than there are blue spaces," Alsterlund said. The paved area west of the dome is the blue lot that usually doesn't fill up. The gravel area behind it is free parking, she said.

The university has about 3,900

parking spaces in nearly 60 lots. There are also about 2,000 free parking spaces on the street and west of the Kibbie Dome, Alsterlund said.

Green permits for family housing are not oversold. Gold permits are oversold by 10 percent, Alsterlund said. Faculty and staff may purchase the gold permits, but students cannot.

"They have always, as far as I know, been prohibited from purchasing gold permits," Alsterlund said.

Campus parking is arranged so that gold lots are located most centrally to the campus core, followed by red lots and blue lots are mostly on the campus perimeter Alsterlund said.

Silver and green permits are located near the residences.

Decisions about what color the parking lots will be is made by a parking committee composed of three faculty, three staff, three students and a chair.

As parking manager, Alsterlund is on the committee but does not have a vote. "It's all reviewed every year," she said of the lot colors.

"We always have an open forum to solicit information from people who are out using the system,"

Alsterlund said. The yearly forum is usually held in March.

Besides the one-year color permits, Parking Services also sells temporary permits. "We offer a 30-day visitor permit. It's \$5," Alsterlund said. Gold 10-day permits are \$15, and red 10-day permits cost \$10. One-day permits are also available.

"We offer temporary disability parking permits," Alsterlund said. For up to three days, no doctor's

signature is required for the permit. Longer permits require a doctor's signature.

Parking permit holders can take advantage of the Motorist Assistance Program at no charge. If you lock your keys in your car, have a dead battery or run out of gas, call 885-6424 for help. Lockout help is available 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and other assistance is available 7:30 a.m. through 9 p.m. weekdays.

## Student gives to the community

Jennifer Eng  
Staff

The holiday season is traditionally a time to share with those less fortunate and to give of ourselves.

Along with sharing with others in the community, we must remember the people that are dedicated to giving of themselves.

Vincent Perez, the Philanthropy chairperson of Alpha Kappa Lambda, is the type of person with this dedication. Perez is a sophomore at the University of Idaho preparing for studies in social work next year at the University of Washington.

Along with his fraternity and running for the track team, Perez has devoted a great deal of his time in the past year to philanthropic events through his position in the house as philanthropy chair. Perez joined the fraternity in his

freshman year and says the thing he likes most about the house is the opportunity for friendship.

Perez said, "The main reason I joined a fraternity was because philanthropy is a big part of it."

During his pledge year Perez was the pledge class president and then moved on to take the position of philanthropy chairperson. Perez said his hand "fit the glove" of this position.

The men of AKL now participate in a variety of philanthropic activities ranging from their work with Habitat for Humanity, the YWCA, adult literacy program and their national philanthropy, Cystic Fibrosis.

Around five to seven AKLs spend their Saturdays building houses and other structures for Habitat for Humanity. The fraternity rotates the men and participates in building every Saturday.

Perez said the Habitat for Humanity program "has been the most fun."

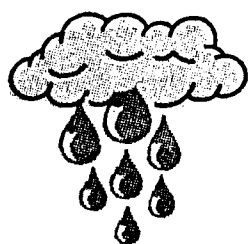
With the adult literacy program, individual AKLs take upon themselves a person to counsel for adult literacy.

Last September the AKLs were the first to take on the challenge of the YWCA to raise food for their empty shelves. In one month the fraternity gathered 850 items of food for the bank.

In late February or early March the AKL's will once again be camping out in the old Jeff's Foods parking lot to raise food for the YWCA.

On a whole Perez believes that the Greek community can do more if communication between the houses can improve. Perez feels the Greek system has a great resource of manpower for philanthropic

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• **Weather** •

Small chance of snow this week, but more likely continued scattered showers and mostly cloudy skies. Highs in the 40s.

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Remember to get your weekly TV listings in Friday's **DIVERSIONS**



## Fox says research shouldn't be funded

LEWISTON—Members of the Idaho Board of Education battled Friday over a suggestion from Schools Superintendent Anne Fox that the state stop funding research that is not socially redeeming.

Fox said she objected to a \$34,000 state research grant that helped finance a film produced by members of the faculty at Boise State University. Fox said it shows direct nudity.

The film, *Not This Part of the World*, also received funding from the U.S. West Foundation, BSU and the Whittenberger Foundation.

Phil Atlakson, an associate professor of theater arts at BSU, said the only nudity in the film is when a character holds up a black and white photograph of a nude person and questions what viewers think about it.

During the board meeting in Boise, Fox asked whether taxpayers get to analyze state research grant applications.

Carol Martin, BSU associate vice president for academic affairs, said the state's Higher Education Research Council has four members who have research expertise outside the universities and Lewis-Clark State College. Four other members who represent the schools serve on the council, she said.

Fox said there is a conflict

between economic development interests and the direct nudity in the film. State-funded research grants should benefit society, not demean it, she said.

She said the research council should pick the middle ground of grant applications, so the money can't go to fringe areas.

—Associated Press

## Craig won't support troops in Bosnia

BOISE—Republican Sen. Larry Craig says at this time, he won't support President Clinton's decision to send American troops to Bosnia on a peace-keeping mission.



In fact, Craig believes the Democratic president has "blundered in a major way" by not conferring with congressional leaders on his plans in Bosnia.

Craig was interviewed Friday for the weekend "Viewpoint" program on KTVB.

Craig said the president apparently has been thinking about the action for some time, but just within the last two weeks sent top cabinet members to meet with congressional leaders.

He said the administration has no

"exit plans," a way to get American troops out if shooting resumes and lives are threatened.

Craig said the United States already is deeply involved in Bosnia, providing air cover and much logistical support. But he said there's a major difference between that and putting troops on the ground.

Although he wants peace as much as anyone, Craig said the new accord is the seventh time that "peace" has been achieved in Bosnia, and each previous time the fighting has broken out again.

—Associated Press

## Mother pleads guilty to leaving son in car

BOISE—An Ada County woman accused of leaving her 23-month-old son in her car in August has pleaded guilty to felony injury to child in the toddler's death.

Authorities said Kimberley Sue Gillis, 26, left her son Andrew in her Buick for up to two hours on Aug. 2, in 93-degree heat.

When Andrew arrived at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, he had a temperature of 105.8 degrees.

He died of heat stroke the following day.

While he was left unattended, prosecutors say, Gillis had called one friend at least twice from her future in-laws' home in Meridian.

"Several witnesses say she had left the children in the car, unsupervised, many times before," Ada County Deputy Prosecutor Robin Marcum had told Magistrate Charles-Hay.

Gillis is scheduled to be sentenced on Jan. 5 before 4th District Judge Robert Newhouse. She faces a maximum of 10 years in prison.

—Associated Press



## National Forest again a graveyard in high profile killing

LOS ANGELES—The rugged terrain of the Angeles National Forest, where the body of model Linda Sobek was found, has held the remains of many victims of high-profile crimes.

Cindy Lee Hudspeth, who died at the hands of the Hillside Strangler, was found there. So was the headless corpse of convicted swindler Arthur Lee Evans, owner of what was once Orange County's largest brokerage firm.

The body of Sobek, a former Los Angeles Raiders cheerleader, was recovered Saturday from a shallow grave in the forest, which spans 1,000 square miles.

A photographer, Charles Rathbun, 38, said he accidentally struck Sobek with a Lexus sport utility truck and killed her, then panicked and buried her. Rathbun is a graduate of Worthington High School in suburban Columbus, Ohio, and of Ohio State University.

So far this year, eight bodies have been found in the forest, authorities said. Three were found last year.

Some bodies are never discovered.

Con man Ron Levin, whose murder in 1984 brought down the Billionaire Boys Club—an investment and social group tied to crime—was believed to have been buried there. However, his corpse has never been found.

—Associated Press

## Token clerk burned in movie-like firebombing; cops seek two suspects

NEW YORK—A subway clerk clung to life with critical burns on Sunday after a firebomb explosion destroyed his Brooklyn token booth in a virtual replay of scenes in the film "Money Train." Police sought two suspects who, they said, may also have been burned in a failed robbery attempt.

Stunned and angered by what Mayor Rudolph Giuliani called "a horrendous crime," officials posted rewards totalling \$21,000 for the pair who set off an explosion by squirting flammable fluid through a window slot—evidently trying to frighten the clerk into opening the door.

The blast occurred at 1:40 a.m. at the Kingston-Throop station, "literally blowing the booth apart," Police Commissioner William Bratton said at a news conference. He said the type of fire "accelerant" had not been established.

Investigators also hoped for a break if one or both suspects sought medical attention for injuries.

The clerk, Harry P. Kaufman, 50, was in critical condition at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center with second- and third-degree burns over 75 percent of his body and internal damage from inhaling fire, hospital spokesman Steve Rubinstein said.

Giuliani said Kaufman, a 22-year Transit Authority employee who lives in Brooklyn with his wife, Stella, and son Adrian, 17, was victimized "for no other reason than he was doing his job."

—Associated Press



## Orthodox Jews pray in streets to protest dig

JERUSALEM—Thousands of ultra-Orthodox Jews prayed in the streets Sunday to protest an archaeological dig at a 2,000-year-old Jewish cave believed to contain the remains of ancient Jewish warriors.

The cave was unearthed two weeks ago northwest of Jerusalem by a bulldozer leveling ground for a new highway. Inside, archaeologists found 24 stone boxes containing human remains.

The bones were turned over to Israel's Ministry of Religious Affairs for reburial, but ultra-Orthodox Jews said any tampering with the remains violates Jewish law.

Archaeologists believe the burial cave at the ancient city of Modi'in might have been used by descendants of the Maccabees or the Maccabees themselves, a tribe of Jewish warriors whose revolt is celebrated at Hanukkah.

On Sunday, thousands of black-hatted men in the traditional black robes and side curls of the ultra-Orthodox filled the streets of the religious Mea Shearim neighborhood, stopping traffic for almost three hours.

At one point all the demonstrators sat on the ground for two minutes, a traditional Jewish act of mourning, then rose and continued to pray. Women, who are not allowed to pray with men, were kept to the side during the protest.

The cave offered the strongest physical evidence so far of the Maccabees, known until now primarily from ancient Jewish writings. The cave includes an entrance courtyard and three small burial chambers built of chalk blocks.

—Associated Press

## Militant group renews threat to kill hostages

NEW DELHI, India—Kashmiri separatist rebels holding four Westerners hostage Sunday renewed a threat to kill the captives if the government continued to reject their demands, a news agency reported.

The threat was conveyed to a government negotiator in Kashmir who spoke over telephone to a guerrilla of the Al-Faran group, United News of India reported. The Westerners, including one from Spokane, Wash., were abducted in early July.

On Thursday, the Al-Faran offered to exchange the hostages for the release of four captive militants, scaling down from the demand for the release of 15 guerrilla commanders in Indian jails. They had given the government until Saturday to reply.

India has refused to swap prisoners for hostages and appealed to the group to release the hostages who, according to the guerrillas, are very sick.

On Sunday, when the government negotiator told the Al-Faran that he would convey their threat to higher officials, the guerrilla threatened to kill the hostages.

The four hostages are Donald Hutchings, 42, of Spokane; Keith Mangan, 33, of Middlesbrough, England; Paul Wells, 23, of London; and Dirk Hasert, 26, of Erfurt, Germany.

—Associated Press

# Announcements

## Academic Year in America looking for host families

The Academic Year in America program—a non-profit organization that houses international students ages 15 to 18—is currently accepting applications from families interested in hosting foreign students for a semester beginning in mid-January 1996.

Interested families may contact the Idaho Regional Director Frank Wright at 800-322-4678 ext. 5410.

## Galileo probe explores a new world

Dr. David H. Atkinson, University of Idaho Electrical Engineering, will deliver his Department of Electrical Engineering Research colloquium today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 26 of the Janssen Engineering building. His colloquium, "The Galileo Probe mission to Jupiter: Exploration of a new World," will focus on the final preparations for the probe's arrival at Jupiter, the probe's experiment payload and the descent mission.

## Loan repayment workshops

A series of Student Loan Repayment Workshops will be held from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 29, Dec. 7, Dec. 13 and Dec. 19 in the Student Union Borah Theatre.

By attending any one of these workshops you will satisfy the federal requirement that all Stafford Loan borrowers receive an exit interview. You should bring with you the names and addresses of your next of kin and your expected employer if you have one.

No reservations are necessary, but if you have questions please contact Student Loan Office or Office of Student Financial Aid Services at 885-6312.

## Christmas Ham Sale

The University of Idaho Meats Judging Team is holding a Christmas Ham Sale and will be taking orders no later than Dec. 4. For more information call Vandal Brand Meats at 885-6727.

## Parks and Recreation co-rec volleyball

Moscow Parks and Recreation's organizational meeting for an Adult Co-Rec Volleyball League will be held Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. at the Eggan Youth Center, 1515 East D St. For more information call Moscow Parks and Recreation at 883-7085.

## Origins of chinese tea ceremony revealed

The University of Idaho International Students are hosting an origins of the Tea Ceremony. Developed in the T'ang dynasty (618 A.D.—907 A.D.), the event

will be held on Dec. 5, at 12:30 p.m. at the UI Women's Center.

## Attention pre-physical therapy students

Dr. Alexander Urfer, Department Chair, Department of Physical Therapy, Idaho State University will meet with interested student at 4 p.m. on Dec. 1 in room 341 of Gibb Hall. He will discuss student's questions concerning physical therapy programs. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Women Scientists and Mentors to meet

"Women Scientists and Mentors," will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Scholar's Residence, 514 Sweet Ave. Several undergraduates in biology and chemistry along with faculty mentors Holly Wichman and Tom Bitterwolf, will share their research academic experience and aspirations. For more information contact Stephan Flores at 885-6147.

## Unicef gifts on sale now to help children

The United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) is selling gifts—notebooks, calendars and puzzle games—starting Nov. 28, 29, 30 in the Student Union. Forty percent of the sales of these gifts goes directly to Unicef.

# As year nears end, GOP has one big win, other disappointments

Associated Press  
 WASHINGTON—Republicans are nearing the end of their first year in control of Congress with the Holy Grail—a seven-year balanced budget plan—in sight but many other goals clouded by disappointment and delay.

GOP lawmakers celebrated their Thanksgiving this year with two giant achievements, passage of their spending and tax cut package aimed at balancing the budget by 2002 and the winning of President Clinton's commitment to their seven-year timetable.

But the heady first days of the 104th session of Congress, when House Republicans marched their "Contract With America" items to passage, has given way to more sober assessments of their legislative achievements.

Among key "Contract" items, a new crime bill calling for tougher sentences and more prisons and a bill to ease federal regulatory burdens are mired in the Senate. A proposed constitutional amendment on term limits failed in the House and another, on balancing the budget, passed the House but was defeated by one vote in the Senate.

"Republicans overreached and their agenda is now considered too extremist by the American people," said Rep. Bill Richardson, D-N.M. "There's been a lot of rhetoric and a lot of press releases but hardly any bills signed into law."

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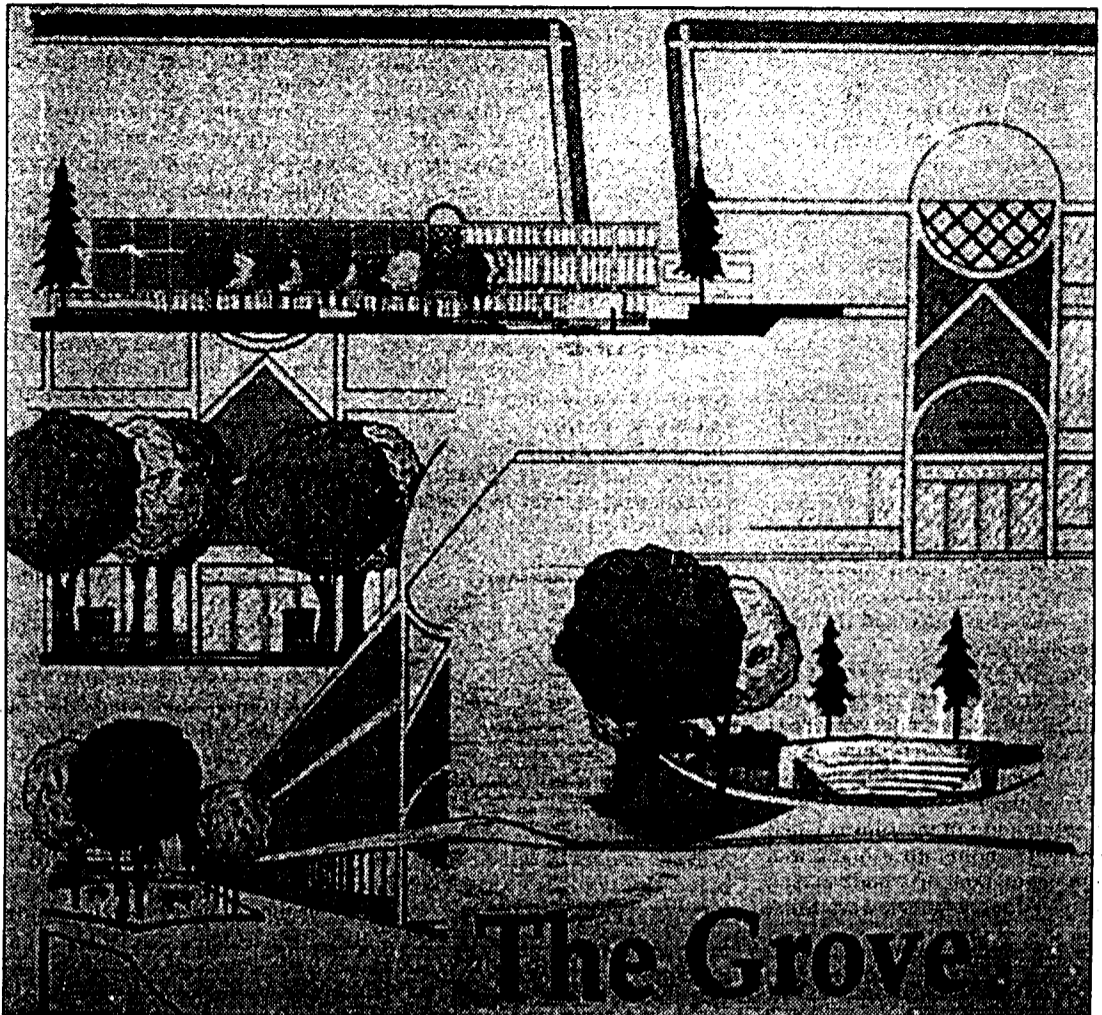
But the House Budget Committee chairman, Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, said the occasional legislative logjam is insignificant compared to the GOP success in creating "a whole different culture" with their budget priorities.

"The budget is really everything," he said. Asking about other issues "is like asking who else besides Babe Ruth was on the Yankees."

There have been other successes. Clinton has signed into law legislation to restrict so-called unfunded mandates—federal rules imposed on local governments that Washington doesn't pay for. Also enacted was a law making members of Congress abide by the same labor laws that other employers must obey.

The House has changed its rules to restrict the receiving of gifts and to limit the terms of the speaker and committee chairmen.

## Get into the 'Grove'



Bush Houston  
 Architecture students displayed their concepts for a new plaza on the west side of the Student Union. The display was featured in the Student Union Vandal Lounge through last Friday.

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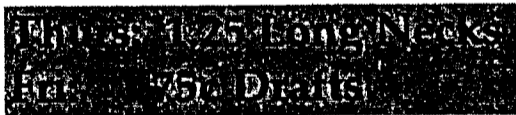
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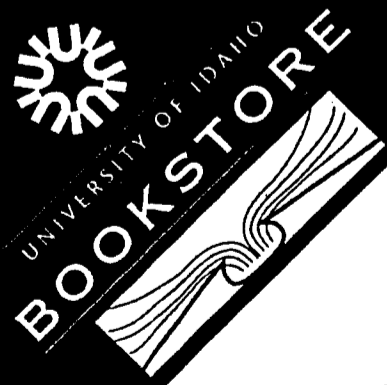
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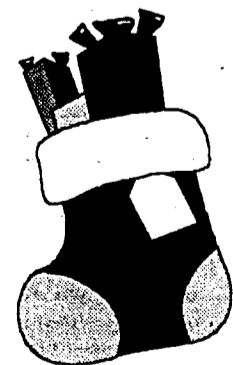
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# Ireland legalizes divorce with close vote

Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ireland—Defying the wishes of their church as never before, Irish voters decided to legalize divorce, but only by the narrowest of margins.

The first count Saturday was so close—50.2 percent in favor of amending the constitution to 49.8 percent opposed—that Ireland's chief election official ordered an immediate recount. The results of that count showed a slightly higher "yes" vote: 50.3 percent.

The margin was only 9,118 votes out of the more than 1.62 million cast in Friday's referendum, making it the closest vote in Irish history. Turnout was put at 61 percent.

Ireland was the only country in the Western world to constitutionally ban divorce, and lifting the prohibition marks the country's sharpest break with its Roman Catholic traditions.

The amendment was to take effect immediately, allowing divorces for couples who have been separated for at least four of the previous five years and can show "no reasonable prospect of a reconciliation."

The government has already approved a host of related laws defining the rights of separated

spouses, children and property.

The ban denied an estimated 40,000 couples in broken marriages the right to remarry. Prime Minister John Bruton, who led the campaign for ending the prohibition, said he was relieved by the outcome.

However, the government "must reflect on why there was such a large 'no' vote," he said. "It wasn't all because of negative campaigning."

He suggested a government commission should develop "a positive agenda to support the family," but he gave no details.

Appeals by Pope John Paul II and Mother Teresa spearheaded the campaign against the referendum in Ireland, where 92 percent of the 3.5 million citizens are baptized Catholics.

Friday's vote marks the most serious rollback in the state's overtly Catholic laws. Voters in a 1992 referendum decided to keep the ban on abortion but endorsed the right of Irish women to have abortions overseas. Lawmakers previously had loosened restrictions on contraceptives.

"I feel shattered," said Eleanor McFadden, organizer of a church-based anti-divorce group, Parishes for Life. "I've been canvassing for

weeks, and this vote today is not like what we heard on the doorsteps of Dublin.

"Our group has been arguing the case for the common good and pointing out what goes wrong in divorce societies like England and America."

The first count released Saturday showed the constitutional amendment passing 818,112 to 810,592, a difference of only 7,520 votes.

The recount began immediately afterward, ending with a total of 818,843-809,725. The initial count had misidentified one set "yes" votes as "nos" from suburban south Dublin, election officials said.

Turnout was higher in the key battleground of Dublin—where the "yes" vote was strong—than in rural Ireland, where traditionalists mostly voted "no."

However, all across the country the vote for legalizing divorce was stronger than in 1986, when the issue was first put to voters. Two out of three voters said "no" then.

Opponents of divorce had been 20 points behind in opinion polls a month ago, but gained support with church leaders' help and with posters that claimed that "You Will Pay" through higher taxes to support broken families.

The shift since 1986 can be attributed to several factors, but political analysts emphasized two: the rising number of broken marriages, and the erosion of the Catholic church's moral authority following a series of sexual scandals.

"The influence of the church has waned substantially," said Roisin Shortall, a Labor Party lawmaker who saw the "yes" vote in her Dublin Northwest district shoot to nearly 60 percent, up 13 points from 1986.

"We aren't going back to a confessional state where people turned to their priests to tell them how to vote," said Shortall, one of 20 women in the 166-member Parliament. "People finally are saying they'll work out their own sense of morality and make their own decisions."

Anti-divorce activists vowed to keep fighting.

"I'd just remind you that Christ lost at the cross as well, but he won in the end," McFadden said.

Some anti-divorce activists threatened a court challenge. They cited the Nov. 17 Supreme Court ruling that found the government had unlawfully spent \$750,000 in taxpayer money on pro-divorce ads and ordered them withdrawn.

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# Grazing measure changed to address critics

Associated Press

**TWIN FALLS, Idaho**—Sens. Larry Craig and Pete Domenici say they have made changes in grazing legislation to answer critics who charge it benefits ranchers only.

The Idaho and New Mexico Republicans released their initial plan over the summer to replace Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt's grazing rules implemented Aug. 21.

It drew criticism from the Interior Department and environmentalists, who said it gave too much clout to the livestock industry.

Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., did not support the bill when it was initially introduced. After the changes were made, however, Baucus cosigned a letter sent by Craig, Domenici and other senators urging the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to review the legislation Nov. 30.

Chairman Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, granted their request.

Significant revisions include inserting a definition of "affected interest." Notices of actions taken on specific allotments would be provided to "affected interests."

Language would be added to ensure the legislation will not prohibit authorized multiple uses of the land. Range monitoring would be allowed in the permittee's absence.

Federal land managers could step in when a failure to act could damage the resource.

The measure also was considerably shortened: about 50 of the original bill's 84 pages were removed, Idaho Cattle Association executive Vice President Bob Sears said.

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They've reduced the verbiage down to something that's liveable.  
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—Bob Sears  
Idaho Cattle Association executive VP

“A lot of people criticized the bill because it was too complicated,” Sears said. “They’ve reduced the verbiage down to something that's liveable.”

Ranchers say the bill is not ideal, particularly with the new changes. But they much prefer it to Babbitt's package.

Castelford sheep rancher Mike Guerry said neither grazing interests nor environmentalists got what they wanted in the bill, which probably means it is a good compromise.

“It's a good step in the right direction, and the bill ought to pass,” said Guerry, who serves on the executive board of the Public Lands Council, which promotes public land grazing.

The bill's backers are hoping to move it onto the Senate floor within two weeks. Meanwhile, the House will be considering companion legislation, Sears said.

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Merrill Lynch, Hewlett-Packard and many other businesses are scheduled to appear in Toomey's class.

There are no exams or out-of-class projects for the class. Instead, research projects related to topics covered by guest speakers will be assigned.

“It is not a technical course, or a quantitative course,” Toomey said. “If people like to research and write, they will do fine.”

Business 314 meets at 3:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays next semester. All majors are welcome in the class, yet students must be in junior or senior standing. The class is three credit hours.

For more information contact Jim Toomey at 885-6611.

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events and there are a lot of things the Greek community can do together to help out the community.

Part of Homecoming traditionally has been a food drive, but due to complications this year the food drive was not held. Perez, who was disappointed by this, mentioned some groups were angry over the AKLs allegedly buying food to win the food drive.

Perez said, “They missed the whole point.” He said people were so concerned over this issue that

they missed the point of just finding food for people that need it.

Perez had a vision in September during the period of time the AKLs were raising food for the YWCA. His vision was to collect food at football games and maybe hold a raffle.

People would come to a sporting event, drop off an item of food and pick up a chance to receive a raffle prize.

The AKLs attempted to implement this, but due to the lack of

time they didn't have enough publicity to make the vision a success in September.

For the basketball season, Perez said he hopes to give this idea another shot. If everybody could organize something like this Perez said, “It could be huge.”

Perez has a great deal of drive and ambition when it comes to helping out the community.

“It's something I have to do. It's real, it's worth something,” said Perez.

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# Norway's mystery boy identified as German runaway

OSLO, Norway— A teen-age boy whose silence since being found half-frozen on a ferry last week puzzled police and captivated the public was identified Friday as a runaway from Berlin.

Police in the southern town of Kristiansand, where the boat docked, said the boy's mother identified him as her son, 14-year-old Natanael Kieckhoefer, after she saw his picture in a German newspaper Friday. Child protection authorities in Kristiansand said he would remain in Norway through the week-

end and be reunited with his family on Monday.

The boy was found Nov. 15, half-frozen in a lifeboat aboard a passenger ferry traveling from Denmark to Norway. He had refused to say a word during his stay at a child care center.

"We are really happy to know where he is," the boy's uncle, Andreas Kieckhoefer, told The Associated Press in Berlin. "He's a real smart boy, but he gives us a lot of worry."

The uncle said the boy had run away toward Scandinavian several times. "It's a

sort of fixed idea," he said. "I don't know why."

Norwegian police had sent a name, which they spelled Natanael Kieckhoefer, to Interpol as part of their efforts to identify him.

Police in Berlin had a second spelling, Natael Kieckhoefer, in a missing person's report filed Nov. 13. The actual spelling is Kieckhoefer, according to the boy's uncle.

It was not immediately clear whether confusion over the spelling delayed identifica-

The boy's silence led to speculation that he was autistic, or too frightened to speak, although his mother told police that he can talk.

"He still won't talk. We confronted him with the fact that we know his identity, but he still won't say anything," said

Thor Pedersen of the Kristiansand police said the boy still refused to talk after being told his mother had called. But later, when alone in a room, the boy spoke to his mother over the telephone, although they gave no details of the conversation.

# Lawmakers thinking about extra tax for junior colleges

TWIN FALLS, Idaho— Lawmakers are talking about adding an extra tax on state liquor sales to help finance junior colleges at Twin Falls and Coeur d'Alene.

That was among proposals discussed Monday at a gathering of legislators, county commissioners and officials of College of Southern Idaho.

The state liquor dispensary now adds a 15 percent surcharge on liquor. Legislators say it could go to 20 or 25 percent, with the extra

money going toward the junior colleges.

North Idaho College at Coeur d'Alene gets some of its money from a property tax on Kootenai County residents. Property owners in Twin Falls and Jerome counties help pay for College of Southern Idaho.

Jerome County's cost for 1994 and 1995 was about \$837,000. Except for Twin Falls, other counties pay according to the number of students attending the Twin Falls college.

Attorney Rob Williams III said Jerome County taxpayers are tired of footing much of the bill for a community college that benefits the region.

"We need to find an equitable way to fund the situation. We're not willing to have this situation where Jerome County taxpayers are subsidizing the rest of southern Idaho for what CSI does," Williams said.

Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, suggested a surcharge for the community colleges. Rep. Ron Black, R-

Twin Falls, said a legislative committee is working on that idea, and meets Wednesday to work out details.

A hearing is planned at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 8 at the Capitol. Proposals could include an extra state tax on beer.

Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly said it wasn't a local issue.

"This has evolved to where three counties (Jerome, Twin Falls and Kootenai) are subsidizing all the rest," Noh said

The president of the Twin Falls

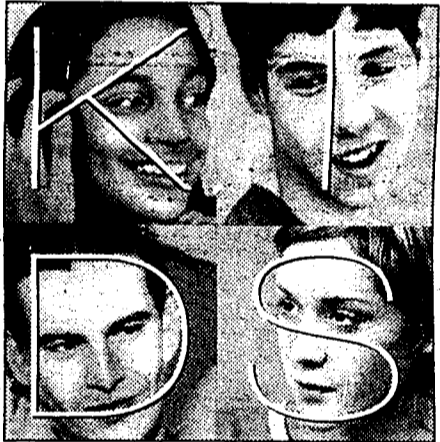
college, Gerald Meyerhoeffer, said it's more of a property tax problem than a Jerome County problem.

"I think property taxes should be reduced. We all agree we should have lower property taxes. This is the first time we've had a governor say, 'We're going to do it.'"

Williams recommended that Jerome County drop out of the College of Southern Idaho funding district but those attending the meeting agreed to see what the Legislature does first.

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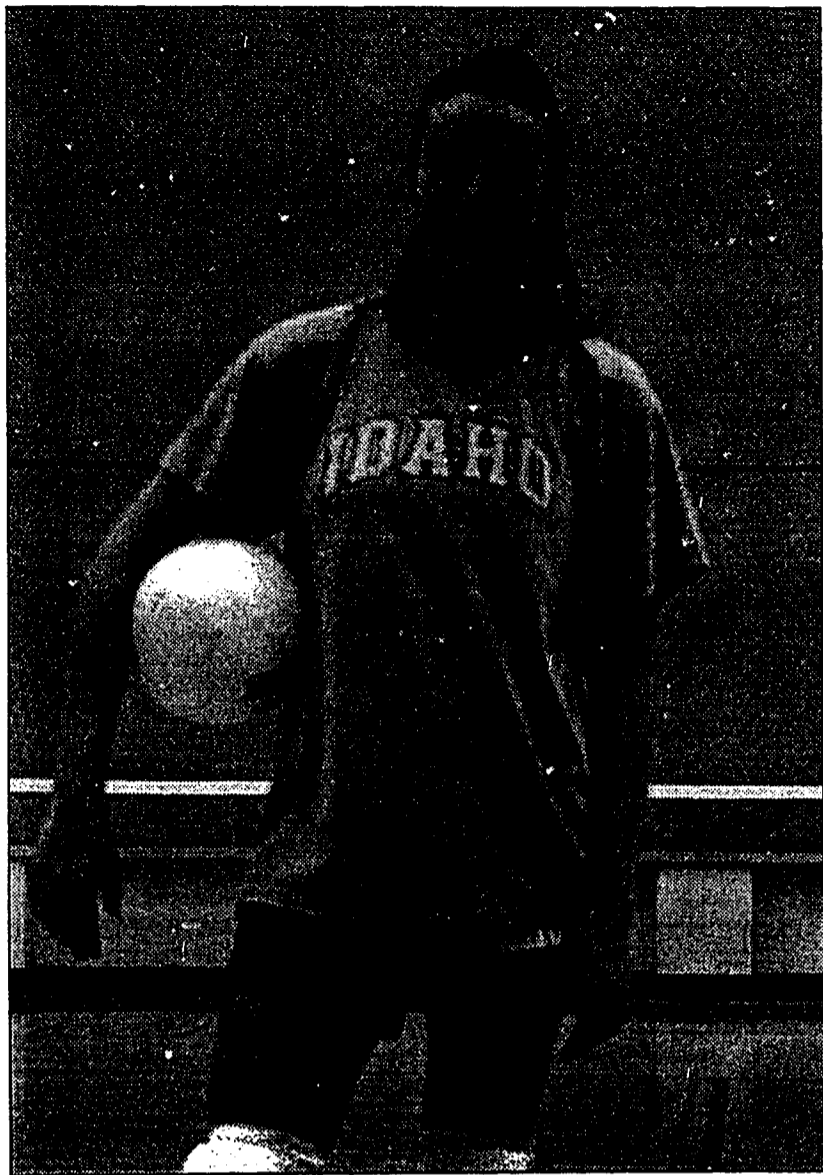



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# Bulgarian looks to become all-American



Idaho outside hitter Lina Yanchulova has been a big hit on the Idaho campus since coming to Moscow in late 1992. Jared Smith

**Mark Vanderwall**  
Staff

With thoughts of trips to Hawaii, Disneyland and Mount Rushmore generating frequent flyer miles for the average Joe, Tzvetelina Yanchulova pursued a different avenue to earn hers.

Coming to the University of Idaho from her native Sofia, Bulgaria, Yanchulova has been right in the thick of Idaho's four consecutive Big Sky Conference titles. With Idaho being an opportunity to pursue her volleyball and academic career in the states, Yanchulova has proven to be a success at both.

Being named to the all-American academic team last season, and the Big Sky Player of the Year this year, Yanchulova has achieved the highest awards in both categories.

"I try to be a success at whatever I do and in this case they go hand in hand, but that doesn't necessarily mean if I do good on a test that I'll have a good game," said Yanchulova.

Traveling nearly 16 hours to go home, Yanchulova has only made the trip twice during her stay here at Idaho. Her father is staying with her until the end of the semester and then returning to Bulgaria.

"It's nice to have family around and it's also nice to return home and be with family," said Yanchulova.

With every article written about Idaho volleyball, three words keep preceding Yanchulova's name, all-American candidate.

Looking to follow in the footsteps of former teammate and current Vandal hoopster Mindy Rice, Yanchulova tries not to think about it.

"I try to think about it as little as possible, it's not a good state of mind to think about it while you're playing," said Yanchulova.

Being named the Big Sky Freshman of the Year in 1992, Yanchulova has collected more awards than Forrest Gump since her arrival on campus. She has also gone 4-for-4 in Conference championships. When asked what she thought about being part of Idaho's dominance, Yanchulova said, "You can't ask for more than that."

Yanchulova currently ranks fourth in the nation in kills and leads the 21-ranked Vandals into action Wednesday vs. Iowa State to open their quest for an NCAA title.

With Idaho being the only school that really recruited Yanchulova with great interest, Tom Hilbert should be commended for finding one of the nation's top athletes. Yanchulova credits volleyball for many of the successes she has encountered over the years, and Idaho in return credits her for much of its volleyball success.

"Volleyball has made me see a lot of things in life before other people do, and because of volleyball I feel that I can achieve anything I put my mind to as I have with volleyball," said Yanchulova.

This senior Biology major has taken full advantage of her

schooling as well and plans to earn a Ph.d. after she receives her diploma in May.

"I want to go into medical research when I'm finished and get a job either in the states or back home, right now I really don't have a preference," said Yanchulova.

As the spotlight falls heavily on Yanchulova right now, she tries not to get caught up in all the attention that surrounds her and just concentrate on the task at hand. With the way she and the rest of the Vandals are playing right now that attention may just mount, but like everything else in her life she'll just handle it and move on.

"I've worked hard all my life to get where I am and right now I am very happy with the way things are going, but I still have a lot of things left to accomplish before it's all over," Yanchulova said.

Yanchulova has been just another star in the string of Vandal volleyballers to take their turn in the spotlight, but she has also taken her turn in the spotlight of the classroom as well. She has proven that there is such a thing as a student athlete, but also recognized that her classroom accomplishments may have gone unnoticed if not for the success of the Vandal volleyball team.

"If I were playing for a 268th ranked team and had a 4.0, I don't think I would have been recognized for the things I do either on the court or in the classroom," said Yanchulova.

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## A general is just what UI needs

Most of you have probably heard by now that there are two generals in the running for the position of president of the University of Idaho. One is a former Air Force general, the other is a former Army general.

I hope one of them gets the position. Think about it: we could transform the campus into a miniature military base.

Residence halls would no longer be called residence halls. They would be barracks. Reveille would be sounded at 0530 (that's 5:30 a.m. for you civilian types) with drill instructors racing through the halls with a garbage can lid and a baton.

Out-of-shape staff and faculty members and students would have to appear in the courtyard by the library for calisthenics and a three-mile run before dawn. In the afternoon, it would be 30-mile forced marches with an 80-pound pack.

And for those annoying students who are always late to class, they'd have to do 50 pushups before they would be allowed into the classroom. And as for those long-haired types—why they'd be marched down to the Student Union for a good ol' flat top buzz cut. Regulations, ya know. No more beards. Mustaches have to be well-trimmed (one-eighth inch above the lip, even with the corners of the mouth).

If the Air Force general gets the position, we could have flybys of F-15s once a week in the missing man formation. That would be cool. Or if the Army general is selected, we could have M1-A1 tanks for crowd control or to scare off those silly religious zealots who occasionally appear on campus with the apparent mission of calling us godless heathens.

We could save money by getting rid of the ROTC programs on campus—every student would be an officer candidate.

We could all wear uniforms. I really like those camouflage fatigues. I especially want to be issued my very own M-16A2 rifle. Or even better: a Mk 19 automatic grenade launcher. We could use these in the games against the Boise State Broncos—not that they had a chance of winning in the first place, but the grenade launcher would certainly make the game more interesting.

Every student would have to learn how to drill (marching for those of you not yet in the know). Some advice: start practicing now. Thirty-inch steps, 120 steps per minute. Swing the arms 10 inches to the front and seven inches to the rear.

Everyone would have to apply for passes to go into town on weekends and put in for leave to go home for Thanksgiving and Christmas. What I'm really looking forward to is the dress uniforms. It's a great way to pick up ladies in the bars. It's too bad one of the generals isn't a former Marine.

Everyone knows the Air Force is a military version of a civilian airline service. And the Army...well, let's just say: it's the Army. They do less by 1800 (6:00 p.m.) than most people do by 0900. We really need a Marine to save the day.

—Russ Wright



## Renaming hall reveals skeletons

And now for a lovely bit of controversy from our neighbor up north: North Idaho College, that is.

Currently, the serene college by the lake is experiencing a debate about the renaming of Boswell Hall Auditorium.

It seems that some people want to name it after former NIC President Barry Schuler. Some other people feel this probably is not a good idea.

The NIC student senate, which has earned something of a bad reputation in the past, has finally done something right in deciding against renaming the hall.

The main reason they cite is that trying to find an auditorium named after Schuler in a hall named after Joyce Boswell might be somewhat confusing. Call me crazy, but doesn't Boswell Auditorium in Boswell Hall work just fine?

Schuler's tarnished reputation also plays a part in the decision against the proposed renaming.

During his prestigious reign, Czar Schuler allegedly had the college make some landscaping improvements in order to get the campus all spiffed up for his daughter's wedding (read, you and I as taxpayers and students, paid for this soiree).

The NIC Sentinel was generous enough to share this information with the rest of the world.

Consequently, the Sentinel was asked not to be so generous with



Corinne Flowers

its facts. They of course refused, only to see invaluable advisor Nils Rosdahl lose his job.

Schuler claimed that Rosdahl's non-renewal had nothing to do with the incident, but somewhere in the back of a lot of heads the word "censorship" was ringing.

This quasi-fascism became even more apparent after Associate Dean Dennis Connors advised Schuler not to try to control the student newspaper and Dean Owen Cargol backed him up. Guess who didn't have their contracts renewed? (Bad, naughty independent thinkers!)

Now, far be it from me to be accusatory, but I think Mr. Schuler made several faux pas in this situation.

I do not know Schuler personally, only the facts surrounding him and the reputation which precedes him.

I know he has done good for the school. But I also know a few negative things can overshadow the positive.

Schuler broke the cardinal rule of journalism, and even though he is not a journalist, it would benefit him to learn it. I myself, being a

young aspiring writer, am forever trying to impress upon myself its importance, and that big important rule is this: do not act upon feelings—make judgments using logic and facts.

Clearly, Schuler let his personal opinions get in the way of his judgment. This is one thing for a 23-year-old college student (I'm allowed); quite another for the president and leader of an institution (he's not).

But again, I do not know Schuler. I do, however, know Nils Rosdahl.

Rosdahl was, of course, hired back, and life at NIC goes on.

It is important that people know a little bit about Rosdahl. To begin with, he is the driving force behind the student journalism program at NIC. For as many nights as I've spent writing, proofing, cropping and pasting, he's done more. He is the most patient, selfless, funny person you'll ever meet. And he does it all not for the money (ha) or the glory (ha-ha), but for the students. He encourages, corrects and inspires his young newsmen and women to achieve new heights.

So here's a thought regarding NIC's little problem, let's allow Boswell Hall to retain its name. And the next time a building on the NIC campus needs a name, how about the Nils Rosdahl Journalistic Excellence Hall. I think it has a nice ring to it.

## Happy holidays...and beware of the yams and kooky relatives

Since the paper is running this column instead of the obituary I submitted before vacation began, you could assume I actually made the trip south and lived to tell the tale.

You would assume wrong.

Aside from rampant dysfunctionality, my family has cultivated many quaint and time-honored traditions which must all be honored around the fourth Thursday of November.

Mom will bake a batch of candied yams. To this date—and this family has been around in one form or another since the 1950s—no one can figure out why she does this. She is the only one who will eat the yams. Since yams rate so high on our list of popular Thanksgiving entrees, many strange things have happened to said yams over the years:

- Yams left in oven and not missed until they set off the fire alarm, 9 years.
- Yams left in unheated oven and not missed until a batch of cinna-



Brian Davidson

mon rolls went into the oven a week later, 8 years.

- Yams fed to pet who backed away from the plate and hid until the yams went into the garbage, 6 years.
- Yams fed to pet who was found dead three days later, 2 years.
- Yams entirely consumed, 0 years.
- Yams eaten by mistake, 3 years (mostly nieces and nephews who thought it was some peanut-butter based product).

Dad will carve the turkey. He will have spent three days beforehand sharpening his knife until the blade is honed to the proportions of a toothpick. Still, the knife will be "dull enough that Santa Claus could ride it on his bare butt to Rome and

not get cut." Dad will also consume every item contained in the "Surprise Yucky Gobbets" packet that comes with every turkey.

Aunt "Jell-O" Yvonne will bring another gelatinized treat (maybe Pistachio Pudding Surprise!) in the traditional red polka-dot bowl passed on through generations of Thanksgiving Jell-O makers.

Sometimes she brings two creations, the traditional "green stuff" and a slab of red Jell-O with what looks like octopus eyeballs solidified inside it.

Nieces and nephews are also good ones to fulfill heartfelt family traditions.

Hurling: Hastily consumed bits of holiday cheer will make sudden, sometimes numerous appearances as the frantic child races from room to room searching out the sibling or cousin who hurled on them last Thanksgiving.

Food Hiding: undesired bits of food are sneaked off plates and surreptitiously hidden throughout the house.

Favorite spots include under couch cushions, in the cookie jar, the cat, random coat pockets and inside the piano. Any rolls left over from the meal are commandeered, bounced without mercy up and down the basement stairs and then returned to the platter for foraging adults looking for post-feast consumables to eat.

Post-Feast Olympic Games: The reigning Unmarried One is quickly dispatched from dishwashing duty to entertain the youngsters. Often, the Unmarried One would rather eat the leftover yams than perform this chore.

Duties include supervising a group of rug rats as they fight for a half hour over which Disney film to watch, watching it with them for five minutes and being summoned a half hour later to get them all out of the upstairs bathroom where they've been playing "Feed the Monster" with leftovers and the new baby. (Note: this is evidence pilgrims never had children because any fool wanting to hold a feast of

this magnitude with every possible member of the extended family ought to have been smart enough to do so when the weather is pleasant enough for the children to play outside without freezing to death.)

The adults, of course, do not let the children monopolize irksome behavior. My sister Sherri will recruit random family members to help sort, sandblast, wash, dry and shelve the mound of soiled dishes that magically appeared in the kitchen.

Those not thusly summoned will retire to the living room to swap funny stories about people who aren't in the room to defend themselves. Favorites include The Aunt Who Went Shopping With Underwear Stuck to the Back of Her Coat, The Morning the Cat Had Kittens on Jeff's Chest the Day After He Saw 'Alien', and the ever-popular Brian: Present-Day Journalist and Childhood Streaker.

My Family. Mental Ward. Funny thing. I can't wait until Christmas.



Student Voice

# Responsibility—not population—the issue behind abortion

I would first of all like to thank Russ Wright for extending me the opportunity to write a guest column in order to elaborate on the issues we discussed previously through this forum of abortion and overpopulation.

In our previous articles and letters, we have both cited news articles, statistics, estimations, reports, opinions and beliefs in order to support our respective positions on these issues. I could continue to cite more statistics to support my beliefs and Mr. Wright could do the same, and in doing this, neither of us would be able to change the others opinion. It is too powerful and controversial an issue to be able to change an opinion through statistics and estimations, partly because the statistics and estimations don't agree one with another.

However, there are some facts to deal with. First of all, the world's population is going to continue to grow. That is a fact and that is inevitable. According to a World Bank projection in the U.S. News & World Report article by Steven Budiansky that both Mr. Wright and I have previously cited, even under the best "family-planning" scenarios, the world population is expected to reach approximately 10 billion people by the year 2050.

Whether we reach the population figure in the year 2040 or 2060 is rather moot. It is going to happen, and that fact lays the responsibility on us to prepare the world for those people that will come into it.

## Guest Commentary George Potter

Wouldn't it be better to have those children born into a world where they are loved and accepted for who they are, instead of being hated and despised by a pessimistic society that tells them the world would be a better place if they hadn't been born?

Mr. Wright and I do agree on one point—the freedom to choose is the most valuable thing on earth. The opportunity to choose for oneself is something that should be extended to all people, regardless of their skin color, sex, country of origin or financial status. But an important part of this moral agency—the right to choose for oneself—that Mr. Wright seems to ignore is that of personal responsibility. We must all accept responsibility for the consequences of our actions.

Abortion is not now used—and globally will not be used—as a "last resort" birth control method. It is used by the selfish and the lazy who want to be free to choose to have sex, yet also want to be freed from the consequences of their decisions and actions. By having sex, even with using birth control, you are taking the chance that a human life will be created. If you are not adult enough to accept the

responsibility for that life that could be created, then you aren't adult enough to be having sex. Abstinence is, and will always be, 100 percent effective.

Family planning is important. Education of the poor and impoverished is also important. Everybody in the world should have the right to choose. Abortion, however, robs the undeveloped infant of the most important choice of all—the choice to live! They are the truly innocent and they are ones whose choices should be protected the most.

Mr. Wright is correct that for a lot of people the world is a truly miserable place. However, overpopulation is not the cause and abortion on demand is not the cure. In the two years I lived and worked with the people of Thailand, I saw a lot of poverty and a lot of sadness. At the same time, I saw a lot of true joy also. Some of the happiest people and most generous people I met and worked with were also some of the poorest. The child prostitution among the hill tribe people in the north does exist. But it is not caused by poverty and lack of food, but is a direct result of their dependence on the opium and heroin they produce to be sent to Europe and America and their desire to be rich just like us in the west.

The starvation and death in Ethiopia and Rwanda are not caused by overpopulation and lack of food—their problems are caused by the inability of different groups of people to live together in peace,

who then use food as a weapon. Advocating abortion does nothing to solve drug dependency, wars or to eradicate diseases. Abortion only teaches people, as Mother Theresa says, "to use violence to get what they want." The time and energy our government uses to advocate abortion could be much better used to help solve these other problems in order to improve life instead of promoting death.

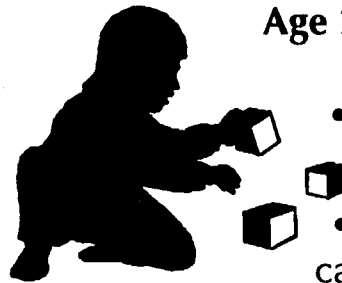
Government mandated family planning is one of the most oppressive programs that can be instituted. Just look at China, where thousands of infant girls are murdered at birth so that a family can have their mandated quota of one child be a son. In Thailand, abortions are

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It's like I stated previously. If we want to help make the world a better place, let's teach people to be self-sufficient not self-centered. Let's teach them to respect life, not destroy it. Let's teach them to love one another, to live in peace and to look forward to the future and the blessings (and challenges) that it will bring. And let's start by practicing these qualities ourselves. Only then will this planet be worth living on.

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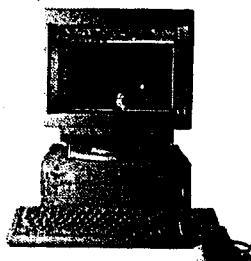
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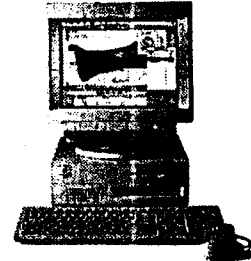
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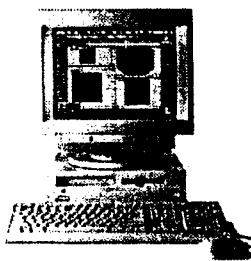
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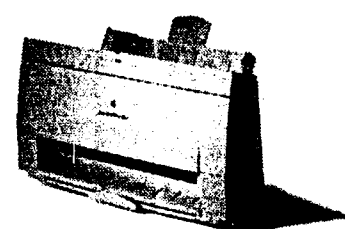
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### OF POWER AND GRACE

One of the country's top female climbers, Bobbi Bensman, will be presenting a slide show presentation "Of Power and Grace," a Celebration of Women and Climbing, highlighting numerous top female climbers Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. This show is free and is sponsored by the Outdoor Program.

### PALOUSE PUMP

The second annual Palouse Pump indoor climbing competition is scheduled for Dec. 9. There are beginner, intermediate and advanced divisions. Prizes have been donated by area businesses and outdoor magazines. There is a \$5 entry fee, \$14 if you want a t-shirt. Pre-registration is requested since different divisions begin at different times. For more info or to request an entry form contact Campus Recreation, 204 Memorial Gym or 885-6381.

#### Erik Marone

Staff

**S**kiing season is here and the Argonaut wishes you an enjoyable and injury-free winter. Keep this list as a reference for information on your favorite ski resorts, or for finding new places to get away for the weekend. If possible call ahead to check snow conditions, especially this early in the season. Most resorts offer lessons, childcare and equipment rentals. Many offer child, senior and group rates as well as multi-day packages. Happy skiing!

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Location: McCall, Idaho  
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Lifts: 7, including 2 triple chairs  
Trails: 44, including 15 black diamond  
Full day pass: \$27 After 1 p.m.: \$22  
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Reservations and information: (208) 634-7462

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Full day pass (Canadian funds): \$33 Student pass (with ID): \$26  
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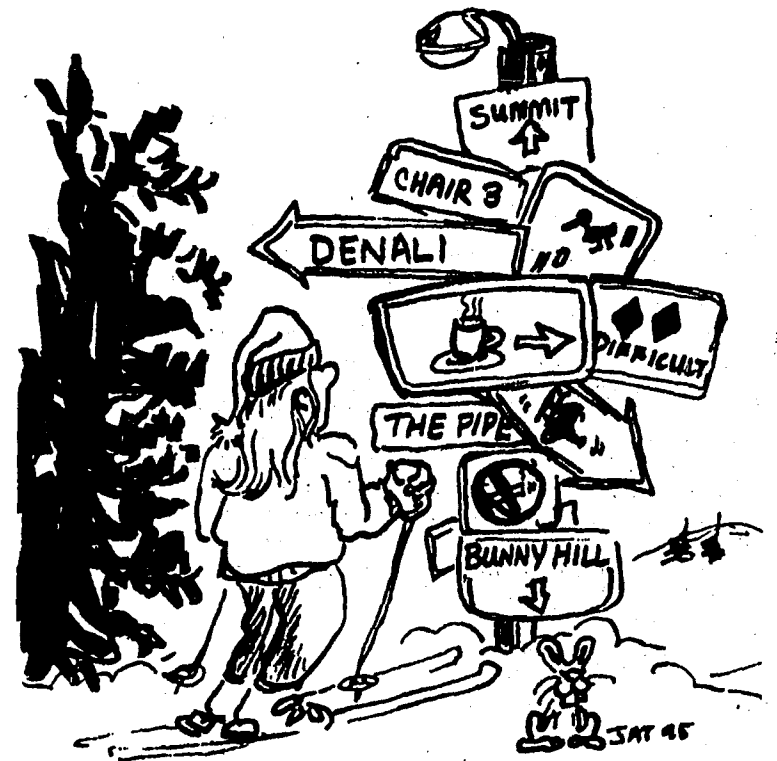
Location: Wallace, Idaho  
Peak elevation: 5,650 ft  
Lifts: 1 double chair, 1 rope tow  
Trails: 12, including 4 black diamond  
Full day pass: \$18 After 12:30 p.m.: \$14 Student pass (with ID): \$16/\$12  
Season pass: \$209  
Snow reports: (208) 744-7701  
Information: (208) 744-1392

#### Red Mountain

Location: Rossland, B.C.  
Peak elevation: 6,688 ft  
Lifts: 4, including 2 triple chairs  
Trails: 55, including 21 black diamond, 12 double and 3 triple black diamond  
Full day pass: \$35  
Snow reports: (509) 459-6000  
Reservations and information: 1-800-663-0105

#### Schweitzer Mountain

Location: Sandpoint, Idaho  
Peak elevation: 6,400 ft  
Lifts: 6, including 1 high-speed quad and 5 doubles  
Trails: 55 including 27 black diamonds and 4 double black diamond  
Full day pass: \$34 Student pass



(with ID) \$26 Late rates start at 12:30 p.m.  
Snow reports, reservations and information: 1-800-831-8810

#### Silver Mountain

Location: Kellogg, Idaho  
Peak elevation: 6,300 ft  
Lifts: 7, including the gondola, 1 quad and 2 triple chairs  
Trails: 50, including 20 black diamond  
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## 26 shopping days 'til Christmas

**N**ow that Thanksgiving is over, I can concentrate on my sportsman's gift list and proper communication (begging) with the people I will give it to.

As I write out my wish list, I dream of sparkling fishing lures dangling from the tree. Small ones for trout toward the top, and some bigger ones for bass down lower. Maybe I could add a new fishing rod to go with the new reel I secretly bought on sale last week.

While wandering down the sporting goods store isles, I fantasize how I would look on the river in that nifty fishing vest, waders and new hat. That float tube would be great at the lake.

That new battery for my electric trolling motor would be nice. Yes, boat accessories, I need lots of things for my boat. Let me see, new padded seats, anchor line, rod holders, lights and a new propeller for the trolling motor. That log did a job on the prop last week.

A bigger tackle box, several of these lures, four or five of that diving bass plug and lots of lead jig heads with replaceable plastic shad bodies. Gee, I could spend hours just listing the fishing equipment. Better get more paper.

I also would look great in one of those new bright colored ski outfits. Everyone could definitely see me coming. Come to think of it, the old skis and bindings are getting a little worn. Maybe I better add some new ski boots too. Heck, it doesn't hurt to ask.



Jerri Lake

Better put down some more insulated underwear. The old ones are worn out and Christmas does come during the winter. Every one likes to get a shirt. Might as well put down this heavy duty wool one. Well, maybe two.

My hunting boots are completely worn out, better write down this new pair with the extra linings in case my feet get cold. Oh yes, those new wool boot socks too. I never seem to have enough socks.

I almost forgot a new scope for my rifle. That fall on the rocks last month put a big dent in it. That scratch on the lens makes it hard to see the cross hairs too. Hmm, I wonder how much that new rifle costs. That fall did not do the rifle much good either.

Boy is this list getting long, and I still have several isles left in this store. I wonder if I could get the sporting goods inventory list.

Wow, these Largemouth bass slippers would be great for Fred. They look like they are swallowing his feet. Jim might even like this tie

that looks like a dead fish hanging from its tail. Becky would surely like this ceramic Whitetail deer tissue dispenser. It makes the tissue stick up like the tail waving by-by as the deer is running away.

Tim would really like this pen and pencil set mounted on a decorated clear plastic base. Besides, the set would help remind him what deer droppings look like.

A hundred and one ways to fix wild game liver. I just have to get this cook book for Jan. Maybe she would also like this one on pickling bird gizzards. This store has some great gift ideas for others.

I better get Bill something really weird. I have to pay him back for the broken bottle of doe-in-heat deer scent he gave me last year. Skunk De Pu 95. This perfume will be perfect for Mary. Besides, it's not as bad as the musk gland cologne she gave me for my birthday.

The list of items we dream about receiving and giving are as varied as the endless varieties of accessories in each sport we may do or like to do.

For some, trying to find that one great gift for someone special is not always an easy task. Make at least one list to help them out. Include the stores, prices and sizes of all you want.

You only have 26 more days to find that special gift that shows how much you love them, or really get them back for what they got you last Christmas.

Tuesday, November 28, 1995

# Guided pheasant hunting has both advantages and disadvantages

**Russ Wright**

*Opinion Editor*

I recently took a few days off from school and drove with my father to north-central Montana to stay at a hunting lodge.

First, let me say this about north-central Montana: it is both boring and beautiful, breathtaking and banal and I wouldn't mind moving there one bit. It's balanced. If you want to do some trout fishing, no problem. Rivers, streams and lakes are not hard to find. If you want to do some big game hunting, no problem. There are plenty of rugged Rocky Mountains within easy driving distance. And if you're an avid pheasant hunter like me, no problem.

The Chinese ringneck pheasant is thriving on the plains of Montana, although I cannot, for the life of me, figure out why. The winters over there are about as harsh as they come in the lower 48 states. However, the pheasants are able to thrive because of the abundance of food and cover available to them in the forms of CRP land and plenty of swampy streambeds.

My father and I stayed in a hunting lodge belonging to Montana Outdoor Expeditions just east of Lewistown, and the hospitality of the couple who were running the place—Bill and Kim Boyce—was fabulous. I never saw so much food cooked up on a regular basis. The guides were flexible about the hunting hours—they didn't really care how early you started or how late you came in as long as you followed state hunting regulations.

The birds were plentiful—we saw lots of both ringnecks and sharpies (sharp-tailed grouse). The only problem was that the guides

weren't shooting the birds, and I kept missing the damned things. That can get to be embarrassing—especially when your father is a crack shot like mine is. It's just a good thing he's so kind and benevolent and doesn't ever mention how many birds I miss (he said if I didn't write that, he'd write me out of the will). But, seriously, missing birds is part of the beauty of hunting: even though we have shotguns and dogs, hunting is still a challenge and quite a few birds get away to produce more for next year.

The great thing about guided hunts is that the guides know right where to take you—most of the time. They handle the dogs, they clean the birds and they drive you around.

The disadvantage about guided hunts is that the guides know where the birds are, they handle the dogs, they clean the birds and they drive you around. It takes about 50 percent of the fun out of it. Half the fun of hunting, for me, is finding out where the birds are, training and handling your own dogs, driving around and cleaning

the birds when you get home... well, okay, maybe cleaning the birds isn't so fun—but the rest of it is. However, the really great part about guided hunting is that someone has your breakfast, lunch and dinner cooked and waiting for you. My dad and I have tried to talk our wives into doing this, and we didn't get any for weeks (food, I meant food!—sheesh, some people never give it a rest, do they?).

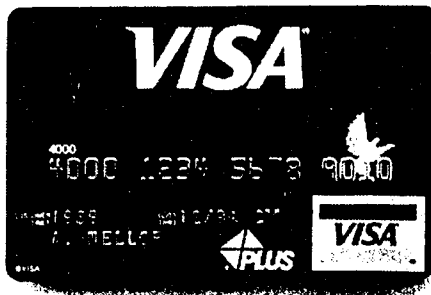
So, if you ever have some extra bucks laying around (yeah—as if) or if your old man is willing to pick up the tab (this is more realistic—I convinced mine to do this for my graduation present), give ol' Bill and Kim Boyce a call. They'd be more than happy to put you up for a few days and take you out to show you where the birds are. And when you come back to the lodge at night, they have a hot tub ready and waiting for you and a satellite system so you don't miss any Denver Broncos football games.

Montana Outdoor Expeditions' address is Box 4280, Guilt Edge Rt., Lewistown, MT 59457 or call them at 406-538-3117.



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Russ Wright and his father, Larry, display their trophies on a recent hunting trip to Montana.

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## Idaho faces Iowa State in NCAA tourney

**Dan Eckles**

Sports Editor

The Idaho volleyball team is making a pretty solid case to become the Big Sky's most prestigious athletic program.

Over the Thanksgiving break the Vandals won their fourth consecutive Big Sky Conference Tournament, received their fourth straight NCAA Tournament berth and to top things off hammered Western Athletic Conference (WAC) power Utah.

Idaho will travel to Ames, Iowa to face the Iowa State Cyclones in the first round of the NCAA tourney Wednesday. The match, which is set for 5:30 p.m. PST, will be broadcast live on 1400 AM KRPL in Moscow.

The unranked Cyclones (21-11) finished second in the Big 8 Conference Tournament, falling to top-ranked Nebraska in three games for the third time this season. ISU finished third in the Big 8 regular season race. Idaho, ranked 21st in the nation, is the only ranked team not to host its first playoff match.

"It's disappointing because we'd like to play in front of our fans again, but we have to go out and win on the road," Idaho coach Tom Hilbert said. "The decision has been made. We have to live with it and take care of business."

Kirsten Hugdahl and Steph McCannon are the Cyclones top killers. The pair provides a solid one-two punch, pounding 3.8 and 3.7 kills per game. Hugdahl and McCannon are also the Cyclones best attackers by percentage, hitting .229 and .245 respectively.

ISU goes with a two-part setting philosophy. Jen Lansink and McGrath dish out nine and seven assists per game in the uncommon scheme. Rachelle Frese is the Cyclones best blocker, putting down 1.1 blocks a game.

The Cyclones are a bit of a mystery to Hilbert, who was to see his first film on the ISU crew today.

"They don't look incredibly overpowering, but they play the game real well," Hilbert said. "They are a good team, but they're not physically domi-

nant to where we need to worry about that."

Hilbert said his squad would continue to rely on its season-long strengths and not throw in any big new wrinkles for the postseason.

"We'll try to serve tough and understand what they do so we can block well. We have to create point opportunities off our serving and blocking and then we have to side out well," Hilbert said.

Relying on season-long strengths means Idaho (28-4) will get the ball to all-American candidate Lina Yanchulova. The Bulgarian native is fourth in the nation in kills per game with a 5.88 average. The 6-foot outside hitter also leads the Vandals in digs, bringing up nearly three balls a game.

Freshman Beth Craig (3.41 kpg), Junior Louisa Kawulok (2.58 kpg, .317) and freshman Jessica Moore (2.47 kpg, .318) provide a well balanced attack for the Idaho offense.

UI setter Lynne Hyland is one of the best in the land, dishing out 13.90 assists per game and is a master at the dump, chipping in almost a kill per game.

The Vandals captured the Big Sky tourney crown with a 15-10, 9-15, 15-2, 15-2 semifinal win over Boise State Nov. 17. UI followed the victory up with a 15-8, 15-11, 15-10 triumph over Idaho State in the championship the next night.

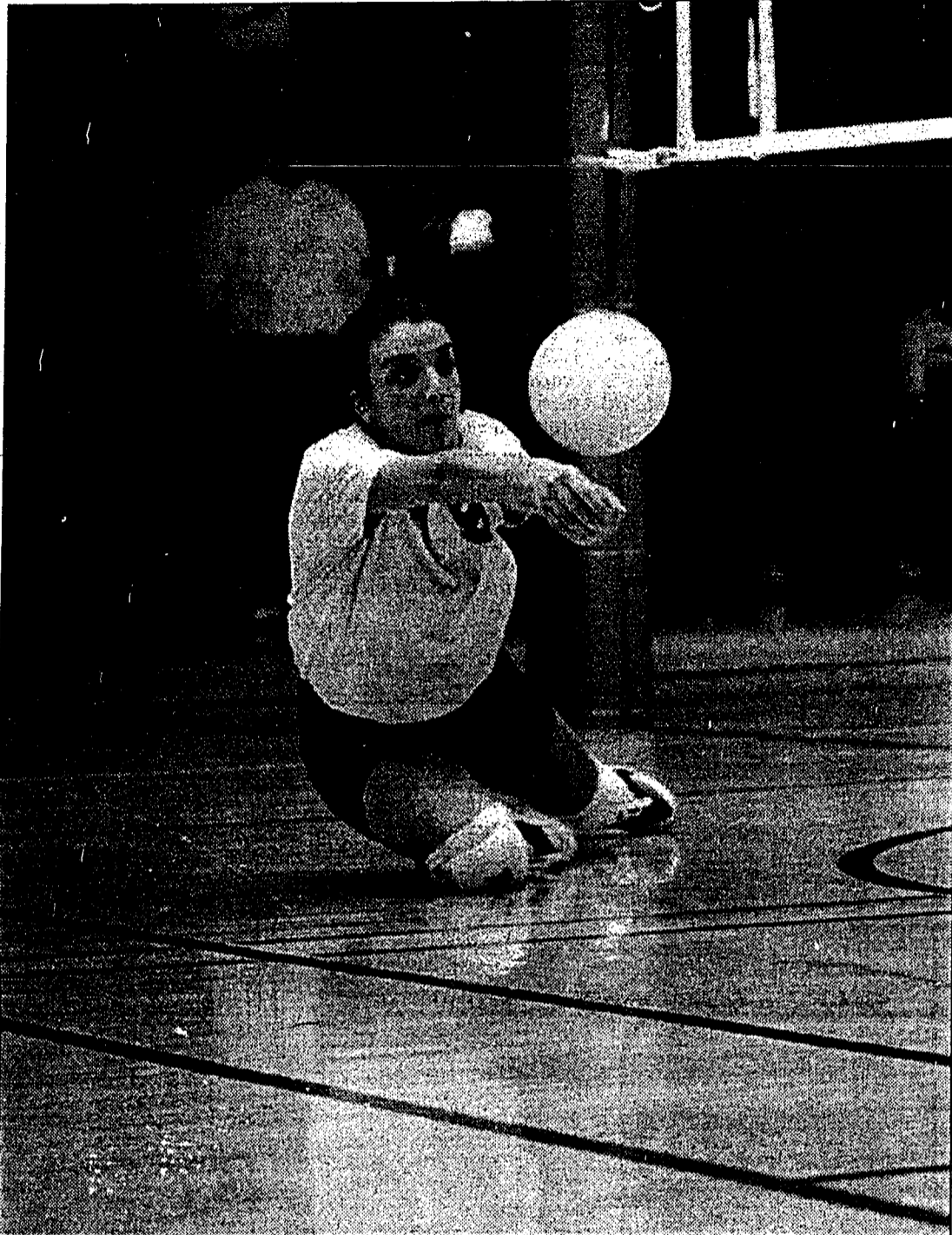
Moore set a tourney hitting percentage record by hitting .525 in the two matches.

Four Vandals were named to the all-tournament team, Moore, Kawulok, Hyland and Yanchulova was chosen as the tourney MVP.

The Vandals wasted no time in disposing of the Utah Utes Friday in Salt Lake City. Idaho used its NCAA tune-up wisely, pummeling the Utes 15-11, 15-10, 15-10.

Utah (14-16) shut down Yanchulova, allowing her to chalk up just seven kills and forcing the senior into eight hitting errors. Craig, Moore and sophomore Kyle Leonard picked up the slack, combining for 32 kills.

The Vandal defense outdug UU 60-44 and did not allow a Ute player to finish with more than nine kills.



Joa Harrison

Idaho's Lina Yanchulova hits the floor for a dig against Boise State in the BSC Tournament.

## Vandals get lassoed by top-ranked Cowboys

**Damon Barkdull**

Staff

Like a fictional bloodbath from an American western, the Cowboys once again came out on top, this time the Native Americans weren't the victim.

The Vandal's momentum coming into Saturday's national playoff was quickly shot down and eventually killed by the top-ranked Division I-AA team in the country—as the McNeese State Cowboys throttled the University of Idaho 33-3 in the opening round of the Division I-AA playoffs at Cowboy Stadium in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

A near sellout crowd of 15,736 saw the Cowboys purely dominate on both sides of the ball and special teams. The Vandals couldn't get things going early in the game and went into halftime down by 30. MSU, the best team that Idaho has played this year, used its quickness and athleticism to knock the Vandals off balance with big plays and by capitalizing on Idaho turnovers.

The Cowboys advance to the national quarterfinals where they will play host to Delaware Saturday.



### NCAA Division I-AA Football First Round

Delaware 38, Hofstra 17  
Marshall 38, Jackson State 8  
Appalachian State 31, James Madison 24  
Northern Iowa 35, Murray State 34  
Stephen F. Austin 34, Eastern Illinois 29  
Montana 48, Eastern Kentucky 0  
Georgia Southern 24, Troy State 21  
McNeese State 33, Idaho 3



Ryan Woolverton

of the past four years.

The first shots were fired early in the game, actually, on the first play from scrimmage when MSU quarterback Kerry Joseph hit receiver Dorian Dunmiles for a 41-yard reception, eventually resulting in

Idaho, which finishes the season 6-5 overall, has been ousted from the playoffs by the Cowboys three out

the first of four field goals by Jose Larios. On the Cowboys second drive, Joseph found receiver Damien Morris wide open, and the two connected for a 54-yard reception. Larios then connected on a 54-yard field goal to quickly put MSU up 6-0.

Idaho quarterback Eric Hisaw followed by giving MSU a present—an interception by a diving Marcus Daniel—giving the Cowboys the ball on the Idaho 22.

"I think we caused a lot of frustration defensively," MSU coach Bobby Keasler said. "I think we played well up front and had great coverage."

Six plays later, Joseph led his

Cowboys down to the 1-yard line where running back Henry Fields ran into the endzone and gave MSU the 13-0 lead late in the first quarter.

Idaho was forced to punt on its next two possessions. While UI lacked in offense, MSU got better. Joseph connected with receiver Terence Davis on a 32-yard pass, which set Dunmiles up with an eventual six-yard touchdown run with 13:53 left in the second quarter. On the Cowboys following drive, Joseph's 35-yard scramble set up another field goal by Larios, this time a 30-yard field goal midway through the second quarter.

"In the beginning we wanted to

try to make some things happen. We tried to open it up and see what could happen," Keasler said.

MSU finished off the first half with yet another score after a tipped Hisaw interception by Clyde Williams gave the ball to Joseph at Idaho's 47-yard line. Immediately, Joseph connected with Davis after UI's Arnold Gunn fell for a pump fake and Davis walked in for a touchdown to give the Cowboys a 30-0 lead heading into halftime.

The hot handed MSU quarterback finished the day 12 of 24 for 245 yards and one touchdown. Joseph's counterpart, Hisaw, finished his last college football game totaling 176 yards and went 19 for 35 with two interceptions.

Idaho coach Chris Tormey obviously said something encouraging at halftime, as the Vandals came out fired up and proceeded to engineer a drive into MSU territory. Idaho finally got on the scoreboard after a 73 yard 13 play scoring drive, capped by a 25-yard Ryan Woolverton kick.

The Cowboys soon countered when Larios hit a 40-yard field goal late in the third quarter, giving MSU a 33-3 lead and giving the Vandals next to no hope of coming back.

**Vandal basketball kicks off tonight against GU**

The Idaho women's basketball team split a pair of exhibition games to open the season, before starting another set of non-conference games tonight.

Idaho earned an eight point win over former basketball Alumni, before falling 78-63 to Simon Fraser. Idaho Head Coach Julie Holt is pleased with her teams progress, but is anxious to get more games under their belt before they open Big Sky Conference play Jan. 12, at home against Idaho State.

Idaho will host a pair of games this week, starting tonight against Gonzaga at 7:05 p.m. in Memorial Gym. They also host LCSC of Lewiston, an NAIA school on Thursday night at the same time and location. Idaho will then hit the road for one game before returning home for 4 more games. They host the UI Tourney on Dec. 8-9 and then Washington State on the 12th and Portland on the 16th.

All games except the Portland game will start at 7:05 p.m. with it starting at 3:00 p.m.

"We really want to win all of our home games to start the season, so that we can get off to a good start," said Holt.

Everyone is encouraged to get in the spirit of Lady Vandal basketball and help Idaho have a successful season.

**Vandals buck BSU**

The year-long state bragging rights came to an end for Boise State, as the Idaho Vandals spanked the Broncos 33-13 in the Kibbie Dome on Nov. 18.

16,295 fans packed the Dome for a shootout in the state's most bitter rivalry. The win eventually gave Idaho the credentials to ride their 6-4 overall record into the Division I-AA playoffs.

The Vandal victory avenged last season's 27-24 loss to the Broncos in Boise.

The Vandals front four on the defensive line kept Bronco quarterback Tony Hilde in check nearly the entire game and eventually forced the junior to leave the game with a broken finger.

UI quarterback Eric Hisaw went 9-for-10 in the first half and engineered a 10-3 halftime lead, connecting with receiver Dwight McKenzie on a 46-yard pass that eventually led to a Ryan Woolverton field goal and throwing a touchdown pass to receiver Robert Scott.

Hisaw finished the day 18-23 for 282 yards.

**Dirden leads UI in win**

**Dan Eckles**  
Sports Editor

The St. Martin's Saints were in the zone Saturday night. Unfortunately for the Lacey, Wash. NAIA school being in the zone didn't mean they were shooting the lights out.

The Idaho Vandals exploited the Saints' 2-3 zone defense time and again for easy buckets and at the same time held St. Martin's to a porous 24-of-62 (39 percent) shooting effort in an 86-63 nonconference basketball triumph.

"They zoned us all but about two possessions and I expect it was probably good for us," Idaho coach Joe Cravens said. "Early in the year it's tough to work on your zone offense. Historically, that's one of the things you put in last."

Despite the fact only 914 fans turned out in Memorial Gym, due in large part to the number of students still off-campus on Thanksgiving break, Idaho won its 15th straight in the old brickhouse and picked up a win in its 11th consecutive season opener.

St. Martin's point guard Mark Hunter drove to the hoop for a lay-up with just over 14 minutes left in the second half to get the Saints within seven at 46-39, but they would get no closer. Idaho's Kris Baumann banked in a three-pointer to cap off a 10-1 UI run, pushing the Vandals' lead to 56-40 less than three minutes later.

Garden City Community College transfer Reggie

Rose buried a driving layup with three minutes remaining in the game to push the Vandals lead to 82-57, its largest of the game.

The two squads traded buckets in the opening minutes. Saints junior guard Elon Randolph knocked down a turnaround jumper in the key four minutes into the first half to give St. Martins its final lead at 9-7. Idaho then reeled off a 14-3 run to take control of the game.

In contrast to St. Martin's feeble shooting night, the Vandals canned 35-68 shots from the field (54 percent). Not surprisingly, Idaho also shot better from behind the three-point arc, making good on 8-19 attempts from trey land. The bigger Vandals used their size advantage to outmuscle the Saints 42-30 on the boards.

The Vandals were led by the 21 points of senior guard Shawn Dirden. The Denver, Colo. native turned in a solid all-around performance, finishing 8-14 from the field with five rebounds, three assists and a pair of steals.

"I thought Shawn played pretty well," Cravens said. "He's setting himself up for a real banner year."

Dixie College transfer Jason Jackman was a force inside for the UI cagers. The 6-foot 9-inch forward contributed 14 points and pulled down 11 rebounds in the winning effort. Juniors Rose and Nate Gardner chipped in 13 points for the Vandals.

The Saints were led by the 13 points of senior forward Tim Borchardt.

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# Selection committee made poor choices

The NCAA Volleyball Tournament Selection Committee has a tough task. Controversy and criticism are an inherent part of the job.

It would be impossible to pick 48 teams, match them up, choose host schools, determine seeding and try to find parity in four brackets without angering someone. The committee can't please everyone but the key to making a wise decision is having sound reasoning behind the choice.

It's awfully hard for me to believe the selection committee had sound reasoning behind its decision not to give Idaho hosting rights in the first round of the NCAA



**Dan Eckles**

Volleyball Tournament. Idaho, which was ranked 21st in last week's AVCA-USA Today Coaches Poll, is the only ranked team which was forced to travel in the first round of the tourney. In fact, 12 other schools are either ranked lower than the Vandals or unranked and still received hosting rights.

Those 12 schools are: #22 BYU (20-8), #25 Northern Iowa (28-1), Louisville (28-5), George Washington (29-5), Georgia (20-8), Texas Tech (20-11), Maryland (21-9), Iowa State (21-11), George Mason (20-10), Ball State (21-11) and Hofstra (21-12).

It's too bad a likely crowd of 1,500-plus screaming Vandal fans won't get a chance to invade Memorial Gym for another go-round in the "House of Death." There aren't many sure things in the world of sports, but you can just about chalk up a victory when the Vandal Spikers play on the Palouse. Idaho has put together a 46-match home-winning streak, dating back to 1992. The streak is the fifth longest in NCAA history and the longest current among all Division I schools.

If you want to play the money game and look at gate sales only one of those schools averaged more fans than Idaho. BYU is the only one of those 12 schools drawing more fans than Idaho. Memorial Gym has brought in an average of 1,009 fans per match, the 19th best home attendance in the country. BYU is 17th. Iowa State, the Vandals' opponent Wednesday,

averages less than 850 fans a match.

I will admit that rankings should not be the lone factor to consider when awarding home-court advantage, strength of conference, strength of schedule and records should also be analyzed.

Now given those criteria a logical case for hosting rights may be made for Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Champion BYU. Georgia won 20 matches and plays in the Southeast Conference (SEC). I will let that one slide. Maryland plays in the tough Atlantic Coast Conference. Hey that only leaves uh...nine other schools which get to stay in their friendly home confines.

Northern Iowa plays in the Gateway Conference, Ball State clashes with foes in the Mid-American Conference and Hofstra...please I'm not even convinced that's a real school. I think someone made that one up. Did some German-Polish guys get together and mean to say Hofbrau University. These schools and conferences are hardly known for their volleyball prowess.

"All I would like to know is what the agenda was for the NCAA com-

mittee," Idaho coach Tom Hilbert said. "Certainly it doesn't make a lot of sense. I could take it if someone would explain it to me."

It's not like Idaho crashed and burned in its previous two NCAA tourney home postseason appearances. The Vandals hammered Appalachian State and Central Florida in three games the past two years and attendance was in excess of 1,500 for both matches.

That, along with the fact that last year the NCAA took two Big Sky schools (UI and Montana) into the tourney proves the Sky is a viable competitive league. The Big Sky champion did not have to play a play-in match this year to get into the tournament, so that says the NCAA thinks something of the conference. So what's the deal?

The past two years the Big Sky has had an administrator on the NCAA Selection Committee. This year it did not. The past two seasons the Big Sky champion (Idaho) has hosted a first round playoff. It doesn't take a rocket scientist, brain surgeon or nuclear engineer to make that link.

Bottom line: the selection committee dropped Idaho's ball this fall.

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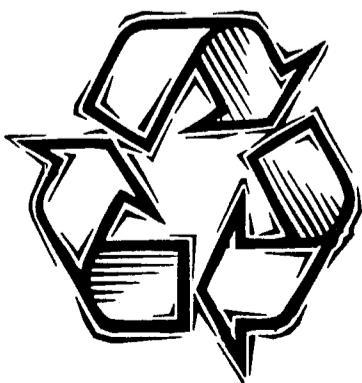
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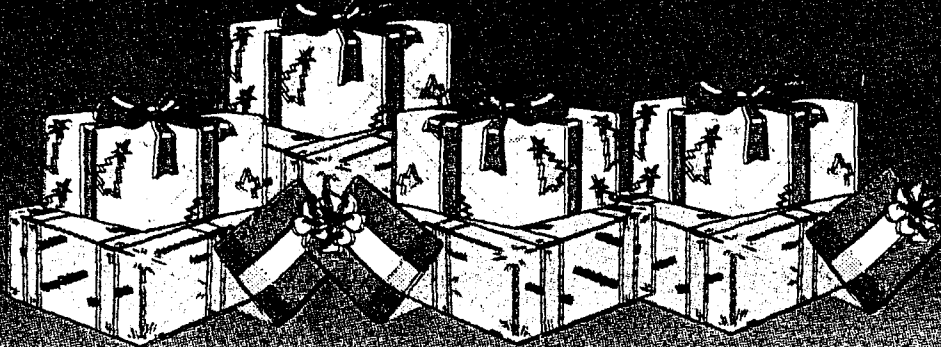
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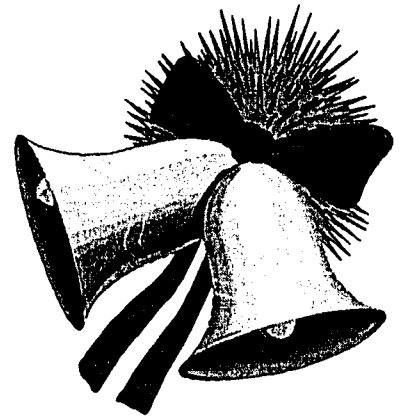


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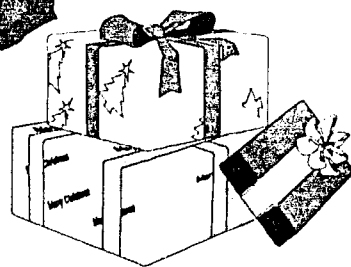
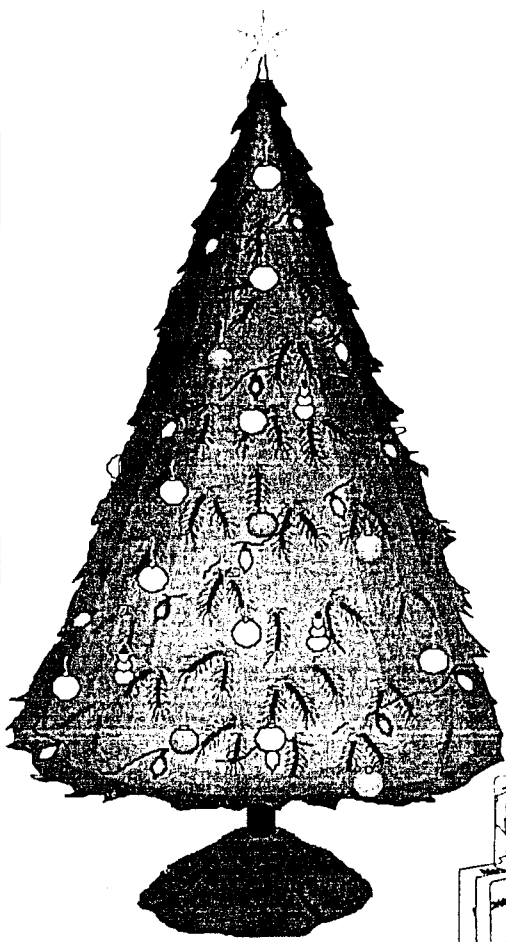
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They have been owned by celebrities such as Dennis Weaver, Don Johnson and Frank Sinatra and have been exhibited at the Hurd Museum in Phoenix, the Millicent Rogers Museum in Taos and the International Folk Art Museum in Santa Fe. They have won awards for craftsmanship and have been featured in National Geographic. And they are great gifts.

Their beginnings go back some 30 years, when Loretta Valdez, wife of Herman, wanted more in life than housework and motherhood. She found it in a book.

"Before we were married," she recalls, "I was an insurance secretary. When we had our second child, I wanted to stay at home. But by the fourth child, I wanted something else. People ... that's what I yearned for."

She began spending time at the family fruit stand. First she made fruit baskets. Then she canned jellies and jams and sold up to 100 dozen jars each spring.

After the Valdez' fifth child was born in 1967, she sought still another creative outlet.

"It was too much canning," she says. "I also tried crochet and embroidery while sitting in the stand."

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• Also celebrating New York City is "Manhattan, With Love" (Glen House Communications, \$50 hardcover), with paintings and text by Dorothy Rice.

• It's the 100th anniversary of the motion picture, and film addicts will be able to wallow in nostalgia with "Chronicle of the Cinema" (Dorling Kindersley, \$59.95 hardcover), with

stills, posters, mini-reviews, profiles of actors and directors, vignettes about the studios, theaters, the business, and a chronology of how it all happened, starting with the introduction of Thomas Edison's kinoscope and the first movie showing in Paris.

• Science fiction fans have their treat, too, with "Science Fiction: The Illustrated Encyclopedia" (Dorling Kindersley, \$39.95 hardcover), by John Clute. The imaginary worlds with galactic empires and alien monsters are relevant, argues the author: "It is, after all, the only genre of fiction that directly addresses the true nature of the times we live in, and describes the powers we now wield."

• Stephen Lyman is an environmentalist who has made at least 35 trips alone into Yosemite National Park. He also is a skilled painter and photographer, and the result is "Into the Wilderness" (Artisan, \$40 hardcover), a portrait of this parkland and its creatures.

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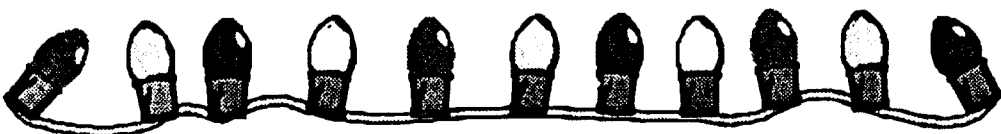


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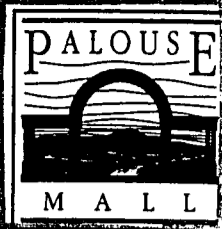
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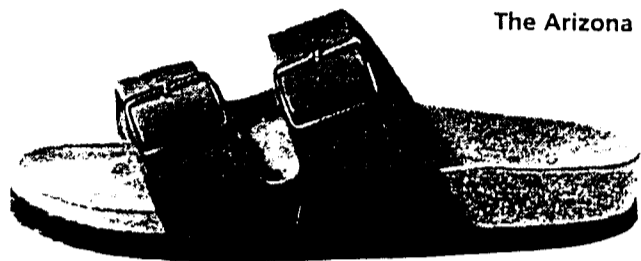
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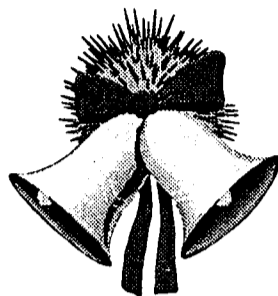
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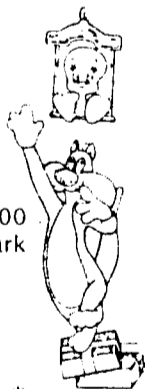
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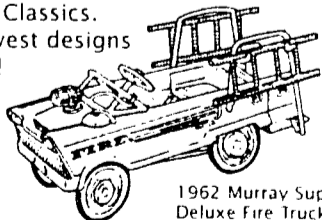
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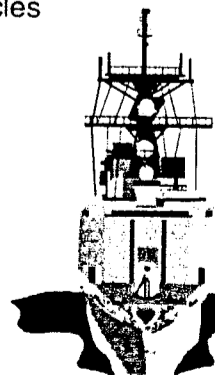
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# Santa Claus comes from Spain, not North Pole

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM — Many children around the world really believe in the merry old man with a long white beard, bright red suit and cap. But they may disagree about where he comes from.

A Dutch child would insist that Santa Claus lives not at the North Pole but in Spain. And there's no need for a sleigh in sunny Spain.

According to the Dutch "Sinterklaas" legend, popular for centuries throughout the Low Countries of Holland and Flanders (now The Netherlands and Belgium), Santa makes his first annual appearance in mid-November, arriving by boat from

Spain.

This year, his first official stop in Holland is Nov. 11 at the town of Doesburg, but he is sure to appear in many additional cities and towns on or around the same date.

Every night after his arrival until Dec. 6 — the Feast Day of St. Nicholas, the historical figure upon whom the legendary character is based — Sinterklaas rides a white horse over the rooftops, tossing toys and other gifts down chimneys.

Everywhere Sinterklaas goes, he's greeted by children singing traditional songs. One goes: "Good Sinterklaas is in Holland

once again,

With his horse and Peter from sunny Spain.

And even if he can't stay long,

We hope he'll stop to hear our song. Dear Sinterklaas, the door is open wide. For you and Pete to step inside. And we're singing, voices ringing, And our hearts rejoice, 'Cause the Saint loves all good girls and boys."

Each night, children place their shoes in front of the fireplace before they go to bed in hopes of finding their footwear filled with some of Sinterklaas' bounty in the mornings. They also leave a generous supply of carrots, sugar cubes and water for Sinterklaas' horse.

The Peter referred to in the song is Sinterklaas' faithful and playful Moorish servant, Zwarte Piet (Black Peter), who dresses in medieval doublet and hose. Peter carries a birch rod to symbolize the sterner side of Sinterklaas, who is as likely to punish naughty children as to reward good ones. Peter also carries toy-filled sacks large enough to be stuffed — once the presents have been distributed — with naughty children who, if bad enough, may be transported back to Spain as punishment.

Holland's much-loved Sinterklaas character is based on St. Nicholas, who lived from 271 AD to Dec. 6, 342 or 343. St. Nicholas' Feast Day is celebrated in many Catholic countries, but it

has special meaning in Holland and Belgium due to the Sinterklaas tradition, today widely celebrated by Christians, Jews and Moslems alike.

Scholars believe Nicholas was born of a wealthy family at Patara, in Lycia, in Asia Minor, and raised a devout Christian. When his parents died in an epidemic, he distributed his family's fortune among the poor and entered the priesthood. He later became Archbishop of Myra, a town not far from his birthplace. His fourth century tomb was discovered in Myra and has been excavated by archaeologists.

Even before his death, Nicholas' fame for good deeds and saintly ways began to spread across the Mediterranean. As soon as he was buried, fact and fantasy blurred into a series of legends: The Good Bishop of Myra becalmed stormy seas when desperate sailors cried for help. He tore down prison walls when the persecuted invoked his name. He dropped dowries into the shoes of penniless maidens who prayed to him. He saved helpless children from the butcher's knife. He became the patron saint of sailors, merchants and children.

After Myra was taken by Islam, sailors carried St. Nicholas' bones to the town of Bari, in southern Italy, where they built a grand mausoleum. The St. Nicholas cult spread from Bari to coastal towns

along the Atlantic and North Sea. By the 13th century, Holland, with its large population of navigators and merchants, had no fewer than 23 St. Nicholas Churches, some of which are still partially standing. Amsterdam adopted St. Nicholas as its patron saint, and Rome decreed Dec. 6, the anniversary of his death, as St. Nicholas' official Calendar Day.

In the 14th Century, when the venerable bishop's name already had been popularized to Sinterklaas, the choir boys of Holland's St. Nicholas Churches were given money and the day off each Dec. 6. At the same time, monks dressed in red suits and caps and wearing long white beards would reward or punish children in convent schools on the Saint's day, thus giving Sinterklaas the image of a stern yet benevolent moralist.

Nobody knows when Dutch and Flemish children began to believe that Sinterklaas makes his home in Spain, but by the 17th century, the Sinterklaas legend and celebrations were so much a part of Holland's calendar that famous Dutch painters and writers based works upon them, and there were countless folk songs on the subject.

At about this time, the Dutch introduced their Sinterklaas legend into the New World, eventually merging with those of Britain's Father Christmas.

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# Ceremony, tradition, festivity abound in holidays

Associated Press

'Tis the season, everywhere, for ceremony, tradition, festivity,

The annual Festival of Trees Dec. 2-10 in Atlanta will be an international celebration, in anticipation of the city's hosting the Olympics next summer.

Staged at the Georgia World Congress Center, the nine-day family celebration will include a cultural corner where visitors can take part in holiday activities from around the world — such as Japanese origami or Ukrainian egg decorating. Hundreds of Christmas trees will be displayed; holiday vignettes, an antique carousel, shops, entertainment and food are part of the festival.

The festival attracts about 130,000 visitors each year and benefits patients at Egleston Children's Hospital at Emory University. The Rainbow Children's Medical Group, a hospital program that provides primary care to underserved children throughout the area, is this year's beneficiary.

Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children and senior citizens. For more information, call the Festival of Trees, (404) 264-9348. The Hunt Country at Christmas<

The Middleburg Hunt Country Christmas Tour Dec. 9 and 10 in and around Middleburg, Va., will offer glimpses of country living with open houses at five properties in the area.

Several of the homes are historic with interesting architectural features; two of them are located at vineyards, so visitors can sample and purchase wines.

The houses and town will be decorated to receive visitors. Middleburg, founded in 1787, has more than 160 buildings listed in the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register.

The self-drive tour is \$12.50 advance purchase, \$15 at the door, and will benefit village beautification and preservation. For information and advance tickets, call (703) 787-9483. Tickets purchased on the days of the tours will be available at the Chronicle of the Horse, 301 W. Washington St. (Route 50). Blithewold Holiday<

Blithewold, once the Rhode Island country estate of Pennsylvania coal baron A.S. Van Wickle, celebrates its 100th anniversary this year, and the mansion will be decorated for the holidays much as it was in the

19th century.

The house, on the National Register of Historic Places, will exhibit an 18-foot Christmas tree, glowing hearths, the family china and crystal on the tables, and lavish floral decorations for its holiday openings Dec. 2-23 and Dec. 26-31.

Located at 101 Ferry Road (Route 114) in Bristol, R.I., the house is surrounded by 33 landscaped acres overlooking Narragansett Bay. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$2.50 for children, and \$15 for families. For information call (401) 253-2707. Connor Prairie Celebrations.

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- The "Miracle Rose," a four-inch red miniature rosebush from Jackson & Perkins arrives in a galvanized tin and also benefits the Better Homes Fund. Cost is \$24.95 plus \$6.50 for delivery; \$5 will be donated to the fund for each purchase. To order (Dec. 8 through Dec. 20), call 1 (800) 325-5345, Dept. 6002-1.

- The "Promise Them Hope" holiday card collection, featuring artwork by patients at Egleston Children's Hospital at Emory University in Atlanta, will help fund the cancer center at the hospital. The cards are a project of Twigs, a neighborhood network of volunteers who raise money and provide services for Egleston. Boxes of 20 cards and 21 envelopes are \$10, with \$7 going to the hospital. For information and orders, call Jackie Kunzer at (404) 315-2009.

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### Tricky trivia about your holiday turkey

Associated Press

CLEMSON, S.C. — There's more to turkey than ending up on your holiday table, says Tom Scott, an expert and source of turkey trivia.

Scott, chairman of the poultry science department at Clemson University, knows a great deal about the bird's pre-roasting pan existence, and offers some odd tidbits to liven up your dinner:

- The red, fleshy thing that hangs from a turkey's nose is called a snood.

- Turkeys are smart. In the wild, they are wily, using keen senses of sight and hearing to evade predators.

- They are, however, nervous. Their blood pressure is high, and spooking them can literally scare them to death.

- A nest full of turkey eggs is called a clutch.

- The turkey got its name by another of Christopher Columbus's naming errors. Besides mistaking America for the West Indies, he thought the turkey was a peacock.

- The black and brown bird Columbus saw, which symbolizes the holidays, is commercially obsolete. Today's turkeys have white feathers before they're plucked; they were bred that way to eliminate the dark pin feathers that showed up on the previous model bird.

- Today's farm-raised birds are produced through artificial insemination. The broad-breasted birds are too large and heavy to mate otherwise.

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# Family celebrates world of friends

Associated Press

GAILLON, Normandy - Visions of caviar might dance in their heads after Christmas eve at George and Rosalie Hook's manor house in Normandy.

But what the kids will always remember is the 17-foot-high Christmas tree, decked out in multicolored lights and droll ornaments.

Children, grandchildren, French neighbors and American guests from as far away as Palm Beach or Palm Springs, Calif., annually converge on the Hooks' Ferme de Bizey for Christmas celebrations in true international style.

"A Christmas tree might be Saxon or German in origin," says Hook, an American francophile who has lived in France for about 48 years.

"I don't think the French go in for decorating home trees so much. But our farm is such a great setting with its high-ceilinged living room that I can't resist trimming a huge tree every year."

He and Henri Brems, his tenant farmer-gardener, spend two full days on the project, teetering perilously on ladders as they unsnarl tricky light connections or delicately hang on a "Miss Piggy" angel.

Christmas for Hook's three young children was already on his mind 35 years ago when he bought a ruined ancient farm (16th-18th centuries) near Giverny in Normandy — about an hour's drive from Paris — and lovingly restored it with native bricks, stones, beams.

"It may have been a big farm connected with a nearby Norman abbey," says Hook, who retired

several years ago from his job as European vice president of the Armco Steel Corporation.

His main interest now is the farm, more like an elegant chateau with garden than a farm as the Hooks run it.

He and Rosalie are into every detail, especially around Christmas.

"We buy the tree from our florist in the local village," says George. "She orders the huge Norway pine, just for us. Nobody around here, even the town halls, have one like that!"

French friends and neighbors are dazzled by the spectacle when they come to lunch on Christmas day. "Nobody does anything like this, except George," says Catherine Testot-Ferry, George's goddaughter and neighbor who never misses a good Hook party.

The Bizey Christmas is based on French traditions of good eating and drinking, and American all-out decor, with the tree, the lights, holly and berries decorating pictures all over the house, stockings for young relatives who turn up from the States or France.

"Anybody under the age of 20 gets a stocking full of funny presents, chocolates and other goodies," says Rosalie, who loves to spoil everybody, from her grandchildren to the honored guests.

Goodies don't lack at Bizey. The Hooks generously honor the French custom of celebrating with luxuriant gourmandise.

And as Rosalie once ran a catering and cookware business in Palm Beach, Fla., she loves to cook up a storm around holiday time.

"Christmas eve dinner for our

few relatives — six to eight of us — is a midnight special," says Rosalie. "We may have been to a mass at one of the nearby churches, though if we were in Paris we'd be at our own parish, the American Cathedral, which has really wonderful music."

"Our feast starts with real caviar, from Petrossian," she explains. "It's served with thin toast, a sliver of lemon and none of that onion-egg nonsense. Just the sevruga, with chilled vodka or champagne."

"Then we'll have a red-wine marinated filet of roebuck venison (filet de chevreuil) with special sauce from the marinade, vegetables, and crispy pan-fried potatoes. We'll serve a good Bordeaux — maybe a Margaux from the Haut-Medoc."

"After that, we could well indulge in a 'trou Normand,' the alcoholic applejack Calvados from

Normandy, that helps our feast to be digested in true Norman style.

"Then, we might follow up with a homemade pear sorbet, drenched in Poire William liqueur, plus langue de chat (cat-tongue) cookies."

Next day presents galore are opened — many more for the children than most French people are used to. "But the in-laws and friends are used to us by now and like the idea," says Rosalie.

Her grand catering moment, accomplished with faithful and talented Edith Brems (farmer Henri's wife), is presented on festive tables for about 25 seated guests — "best-friend" neighbors and the family.

The classic lunch starts out with kirs (white wine and cassis), champagne or something stronger, accompanied with buttery tiny

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croissants and sesame seed canape twists from the local patisserie in nearby Gaillon.

"Our labradors, Urielle and Heloise, enjoy their treats too," says Rosalie. "They have a biscuit with every cocktail hour, a hard candy when we have coffee. And at Christmas, they get a new collar each."

The kitchen is strictly off-limits to the gourmand dogs while Edith, Rosalie and an extra helper cook.

"The dogs could devour a whole turkey or pie with ease," said Rosalie, remembering the time one of them lapped up a whole 3-pound box of chocolates while nobody was looking.

The big Christmas day lunch begins with smoked salmon sent from Norway by friends, served with toast points and Pouilly Fume white wine.

It continues into roast stuffed turkeys, two large birds raised on the farm, killed and dressed by Edith. The accompaniments are green beans, creamed baby onions, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, "usually bought at Fauchon," says Rosalie.

Cheese would be a perfect whole Brie de Meaux, with excellent Bordeaux.

For dessert, there's always an English-style Christmas plum pudding (from Marks and Spencer, with brandy-butter sauce) and another sweet - usually buche de Noel, the rich French Christmas log roll, made from scratch and decorated by Rosalie and Edith.

"That's the traditional French Christmas

dish most of us love, and it's basically easy," says Rosalie.

After all these feasts and the exhausting work they entail, you'd think the lords of the Bizey manor would collapse on a Mediterranean cruise.

But no. They go on giving parties for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The eve is known in France as le reveillon de Saint Sylvestre, which should be known around Bizey as Saint Hook.

"New Year's Eve is small - 12 or so friends," says Rosalie. "Then we do our really big blow-out on the day itself, up to 40 or so guests, featuring enormous platters of fruits de mer (seafood)."

Just an hour from the Norman coast, the Hooks revel in the available shellfish, from langoustines (little Norway lobsters) to mussels, oysters, sea crabs, clams, baby shrimp, winkles - "whatever's available."

Lemon wedges, brown bread and sweet Norman butter are the usual accompaniments, with little bowls of vinegar and chopped shallots. Good Sancerre white wine is de rigueur.

This feast opener is followed by white-bean and sausage "cassoulet," not Norman, but welcome in winter; probably salad and then a sweet like apple mousse, which is very Norman with its calvados-honey sauce.

Exhausted? Not Rosalie and George.

Those 35-odd guests are greeted at a buffet with smoked salmon, cold turkey and

**Save Christmas spirit with Danish cookies**

Associated Press

The reason there are so many Danish cookies in the world at Christmastime is that if visitors to the house during the holidays leave without tasting them, they will carry the Christmas spirit away. Or so the Danes believe.

Decrease your risks by making your own highly spiced versions. No two Danish cooks use exactly the same recipes or the same amount of spice, but these recipes will give you a point of departure. They make huge batches of cookies, to help you get through the holidays:

**PEPPERNUITS (Pebernodder)**

- 1 cup corn syrup

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup sweet butter
- 3 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- grated rind of 1 lemon
- pinch of baking soda

Boil syrup, butter and sugar in a saucepan. When cool, sift in dry ingredients. Dough must be allowed to stand for 48 hours, preferably in a warm place. Knead dough again and roll out to 1/2-inch thickness.

Cut into small pieces and form into balls. Place on greased cookie sheet and bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F) 5 to 7 minutes, or until light brown. Makes 400.

ham cuts, pommes de terre Dauphinoises (creamy au gratin scalloped potatoes), "which the French like best," says Rosalie. "We tried serving macaroni and cheese, but they wouldn't look at it."

More desserts - perhaps several buches, and that great favorite Tarte Tatin, the upside-down apple delight that was invented down in Sologne, the Loire Valley, but is

enthusiastically adapted for Norman use, since apple trees are part of the countryside. :q::

Wines invariably include George's good Bordeaux vintages.

"But don't forget the champagne," says Rosalie. "We go through cases of the stuff at holiday time, even though George doesn't drink it and prefers his Bordeaux."

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