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Deasy enters into an unstable school scene

New superintendent reflects on the first 100 days

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Special to the Daily Press

Within John Deasy's first 100 days as superintendent, a whirlwind of change has engulfed the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

Shortly before officially assuming the reigns on July 5, three assistant superintendents resigned from the school district and needed to be replaced quickly. Nearly half the school board turned over in last November's elections. Collectively, in three short months more than half the school district's leadership has changed hands.

But Deasy has shown he is adept at handling pressure and making decisive decisions. Three new administrators were quickly hired and Deasy, along with the three new school board members, went through a dizzying orientation process.

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— TOM PRATT
Former school board president

So far the results have been in Deasy's favor.

For the first time in many years, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified teachers' union and the administration are on good terms. A new contract has been recently approved and union representatives share the stage with administrators and board members at school board meetings.



John Deasy

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Recently, Deasy has been instrumental in planning how the school district will deal with overcrowded classrooms throughout the district. His plan outlines the steps needed to stem the number of permits granted to non-resident students, which encompass nearly 21 percent of the entire student body.

The next challenge for the school district, with Deasy's guidance, is to find a new source of funding to

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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press
A blow-up Santa Claus waves to passerbys on the beach.

President Bush sends out a Christmas message

By the Associated Press

President Bush's Christmas message to Americans:

Christmas is a time of wonder and joy, of generosity and peace, that brings family and friends together in celebration and song. We sing old hymns and familiar carols, we show love for others in the giving of gifts and we observe the hallowed traditions that make the season special. This year in the midst of extraordinary times, our nation has shown the world that though there is great evil, there is a

greater good. Americans have given of themselves, sacrificing to help others and showing the spirit of love and sharing that is so much a part of the Christmas season.

According to the Gospel of Luke, 2,000 years ago, the savior of mankind came into the world. Christians believe that Jesus' birth was the incarnation of God on earth, opening the door to new hope and eternal life. At Christmastime, Christians celebrate God's love revealed to the world through

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In this season of giving, our TV friends shouldn't be overlooked

BY FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — "Subdued" is the word for the holidays this year. Splurging on flashy gifts is out.

But that doesn't mean we didn't pick up a few things for the people closest to us — including folks on TV, who, after all, are never far away.

Some of the items our TV friends should soon be unwrapping include:

— Cocktail swords and swizzle sticks stamped with the NBC peacock ... for everyone in ad sales at the first TV network in broadcasting history to accept advertising for hard liquor.

— A Daisy air rifle ... for Fox News Channel cor-

respondent Geraldo Rivera, who, covering the war in Afghanistan, told viewers he was packing heat — then was criticized by other reporters for his gun-slinger pose.

— A moving van ... for Katie Couric. No, she's not going anywhere. She's staying put as anchor of NBC's "Today" show. The truck is for hauling to the bank her hefty new salary (reportedly \$13 million a year).

— An early Valentine ... for David Letterman, whose heart has beat stronger since his quintuple bypass two years ago, but who showed its full measure with his heartfelt remarks on returning to the air

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Relish the holiday, knowing that you’re genuinely cared for. Someone extends him- or herself to you, whether it is through material and/or emotional self-expression. Understand that some people need “things” as symbols of caring. Tonight: Indulge in the good life.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You beam in what you want. Someone draws you toward them. Your popularity soars, though an older relative could add a mist of chaos to your plans. This person could be quite set in his or her ways. Be spontaneous with those in your life. Others cannot get enough of you. Tonight: The world is your oyster.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Should you choose to , you could make something a problem. Why not lighten up and share with others what it is you really want and need? You might be pleasantly surprised by what someone’s efforts can do. Indulge someone as you would like to be indulged! Tonight: Get a good night’s sleep.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Friends surround you as you naturally make the right choice. Your sense of humor emerges with a loved one or partner who could be a bit askew or off. Laughter binds friendships. Be spontaneous about your feelings and self-expression. Tonight: The party goes to the wee hours.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You’ll possibly need to take over for a mate or friend, as this person might be quite wifty. He or she might not be sharing what is bothering him or her. Give this person time. Your instincts come through for you with an older relative. Be the lead player. Others thank you later. Tonight: Don’t count on an early night!



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Make an effort to twist your plans at the last minute for someone at a distance. What is more important — having everything perfect or enjoying yourself like you want to? Friends help you flow with what is happening. The more people around you, the happier you are. Tonight: Make long-distance calls.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You’re happiest when you take time with people, sharing your news and catching up on things. Deal with a child who might complain that he or she is not getting enough time or didn’t appreciate the gifts he or she got. A parent or older relative delights in your news. Tonight: Enjoy yourself!



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Let someone chatter away. You can’t stop this person anyway! Confusion surrounds family and home. Just pour the eggnog and smile. You’ll find that people are catching your easy-going and happy attitude. Make merry but don’t forget someone at a distance! Tonight: Say “yes” to a loved one.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Your friendly ways make a big difference to those close to you. When you see someone is a bit down, you go out of your way to make him or her happier. Understand what is happening with this person. Don’t make him or her explain. Tonight: Rest up.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Your imagination peaks with today’s happenings. You’ll probably remember this period for a long, long time. Clearly, loved ones go out of their way to make you feel cared about. Express the depth of your feelings. Indulge loved ones as well as yourself. Tonight: Play away.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by the last-minute details involved with your day. Consider what is going on here with someone that you care about. Don’t take a comment personally, you might not have heard that person correctly. Pitch in and help someone out. Tonight: You don’t have to go far.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Reach out to those around you. Invite someone along who might not have plans. This person will think of you as loving and caring because of the invitation. You could worry about someone’s reactions. Dote on a child or loved one. Tonight: Say “thank you” nicely.



WEATHER

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Tonight ... Partly cloudy with a low of 43°F. Winds from the North at 2mph.

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QUOTE of the DAY

“Marriage is a necessary evil.”
— Menander

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Superintendent says challenges lie ahead for school district

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absorb the estimated \$1.4 million annual loss of state funding that will result from cutting non-resident students. Currently, the school district receives almost \$12.3 million a year to educate non-resident students.

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— JULIA BROWNLEY
School board president

Deasy and the teacher's union president Harry Keiley are close to finalizing an historic use of funds received from the Academic Performance Index, a formula used by the state to reward individual schools where standardized test scores improve. They have proposed pooling the funds and targeting schools in the district where the money is needed the most. The move is bold because the state is supposed to decide where the



Nicky Five Aces/Special to the Daily Press

Dinosaurs on the Third Street Promenade seem dangerously close to devouring the menorah put up for Hanukkah.

money goes.

“John Deasy is an exemplary superintendent,” said school board president Julia Brownley. “His commitment is to all students, his successful record of leadership, and his nationally known expertise on educational reform make him a perfect fit to lead our district.”

Before coming to Santa Monica, Deasy was superintendent at the Coventry Public Schools District in Massachusetts for about five years. He has held every position from college professor to a high school vice principal.

“I am very pleased to have moved with my family to this remarkable community,” said Deasy in a prepared statement. “We feel at home and welcomed. People

have been particularly conscious of making our transition smooth.”

In a recent letter to the public, Deasy outlined the challenges he said lie ahead of the district. He said the district must struggle “to simultaneously wrestle with privilege and poverty, to find an ‘equity of achievement’ for all students from all backgrounds, and to reject any belief system that holds that some children can achieve at higher levels than others.

“I believe that my work and the work of my administration will be deeply intense and focused on these priorities,” he said. “I think the struggle will not be in attaining these goals — although that will not be easy — but it will be in not straying from these priorities.”

Television writer gives commentary on Xmas gifts

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after the Sept. 11 attacks.

— A cold shower ... for ABC execs who aired that steamy Victoria's Secret lingerie special last month, and for NBC bosses who have scheduled sexy counter-programming to the Super Bowl halftime show on Fox: a “Fear Factor” segment that promises to showcase the, er, gumption of its participants: Playboy centerfold models.

— A generous service plan from Sprint with lots of anytime minutes ... for Jack Bauer on the Fox thriller “24.” As he dashes around Los Angeles trying to thwart an assassination plot, frantic CIA agent Bauer (played by Kiefer Sutherland) is always on his cellular phone. Maybe he would also like an extra battery.

— A Segway human transporter ... for Ellen DeGeneres. Traveling on one of those new gyro-equipped scooters is the only way she could have moved more smoothly through the delicate task of hosting this year's Emmycast.

— The latest edition of Dr. Spock's child-rearing guide ... for Bernie Mac, who on Fox's “Bernie Mac Show” becomes the reluctant guardian of his sister's three kids. A hilarious proponent of tough love, he won't be reading the book. When the kids act up, he'll threaten to whack them with it.

— A big bottle of Vitameatavegamin ... for every happy, peppy fan of “I Love Lucy” on this, its golden anniversary, so we can spoon our way to health while watching our favorite sitcom for another 50 years.

— A new camcorder, a tripod and a course in moviemaking ... to the uncredited auteur of that fuzzy, jerky, barely audible tape of Osama bin Laden crowing about his despicable acts.

— A Christmas bonus of worthless Enron stock ... for

“It's deja vu all over again” ... for broadcast network programmers who came up with the idea of repeating a show only days after it first airs, rather than weeks or months later, the way things used to be. (Isn't being able to watch “24” on Friday if you missed it on Tuesday what your VCR is for?)

network news bosses who may have overlooked the fact that, despite repercussions from Sept. 11, other stories (like Enron's fall from corporate giant to giant bust) also need attention.

— The host role on a new game show, “Who Wants to Give Me a Little Respect?” ... for Regis Philbin, who last month learned that ABC brass are wavering on whether his current game show — which made the network a fortune the past two years — will be welcomed back next fall.

— Birth control counseling ... for “Law & Order” patriarch Dick Wolf. His latest “L & O” progeny (“Criminal Intent”) premiered on NBC this fall. That makes three “Law & Order” offspring airing each week. Where does this end? Doesn't family planning apply to TV shows?

— A vintage Dumont 12-inch black-and-white console ... to variety-show queen Carol Burnett, whose recent retrospective special on CBS got huge ratings and reminded everyone that, now more than ever, what viewers crave is the old-fashioned, reassuring balm of “comfort TV.”

— A plaque inscribed with that Yogi Berra chestnut “It's deja vu all over again” ... for broadcast network programmers who came up with the idea of repeating a show only days after it first airs, rather than weeks or months later, the way things used to be. (Isn't being able to watch “24” on Friday if you missed it on Tuesday what your VCR is for?)

— A one-way ticket back to England ... for insufferable “Weakest Link” hostess Anne Robinson. Merry Christmas and GOOD-bye!

Bush's message

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Christ. And the message of Jesus is one that all Americans can embrace this holiday season — to love one another.

This Christmas we remember those who are without their loved ones. They continue to be in our hearts and prayers. May they experience peace and may they find hope. And as we again celebrate Christ's birth, may the glorious light of God's goodness and love shine forth from our land.

Laura joins me in wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God's blessings of peace be upon us and upon the world.



NATIONAL

Large theme parks suffer, regional parks hold their own

BY MIKE SCHNEIDER

Associated Press Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — Most of North America's largest theme and amusement parks suffered declines in attendance this year, hurt by fears of air travel after Sept. 11 and a slowing economy.

Most of North America's smaller, regional parks, however, either held their own or experienced attendance gains, in part due to their accessibility by car, according to estimates in Monday's issue of Amusement Business, a trade publication.

"As far as the big parks, it was not a banner year by a longshot," said Tim O'Brien, a senior editor at Amusement Business, who put together the estimates. "The regional parks always say 'We'll do all right in a recession or when the economy is bad.' That kind of was proven this year."

Worldwide, an estimated record 250 million people visited the 50 most popular theme parks in the world in 2001, a 2 percent increase over last year. The attendance increase was fueled by the openings of Universal Studios Japan and Tokyo DisneySea. The most popular park in the world was Tokyo Disneyland, which drew an estimated 17.7 million people, a 7 percent increase over 2000.

In North America, overall attendance at the 50 most popular theme parks declined slightly to 173 million visitors in 2001, down from last year's 175 million visitors. The 10 largest parks in North America, seven of which are located in Orlando, lost more than 7 million visitors from the previous year.

But the fallout from Sept. 11 could have much worse, O'Brien said. Most of the regional parks were closed or only open on weekends in

September, and the fall is considered one of the slowest times of the year for the larger, year-round parks.

One regional park, Knott's Camp Snoopy located in the Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn., saw a 7 percent decrease to 2.4 million visitors because of the terrorist attacks. The Mall of America was mentioned in news reports as a possible terrorist target, which kept visitors away.

Parks owned or operated by The Walt Disney Co. were among the most popular in the world. The five most popular parks in the world were: Disneyland Tokyo; the Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World in Orlando; Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif.; Disneyland Paris; and Everland in South Korea.

In North America, the five best-attended parks were: The Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World with 14.7 million visitors, down 4 percent from last year; Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif. with 12.3 million visitors, down 11 percent; Epcot at Walt Disney World with 9 million visitors, down 15 percent; Disney-MGM Studios at Walt Disney World with 8.3 million visitors, down 6 percent; and Disney's Animal Kingdom in Orlando with 7.7 million visitors, down 7 percent.

Walt Disney World officials had said earlier this year that attendance dropped by 25 percent in the weeks after the Sept. 11 attacks but the parks picked up some of that loss toward the end of the year.

Of North America's largest parks, Anheuser-Busch-owned SeaWorld Florida and SeaWorld California fared the best by diverting its focus to local and regional visitors. SeaWorld Orlando's attendance slipped to 5.1 million visitors from last year's 5.2 million visitors. SeaWorld California's attendance jumped 13 percent to 4.1 million due to brisk sales of season passes.

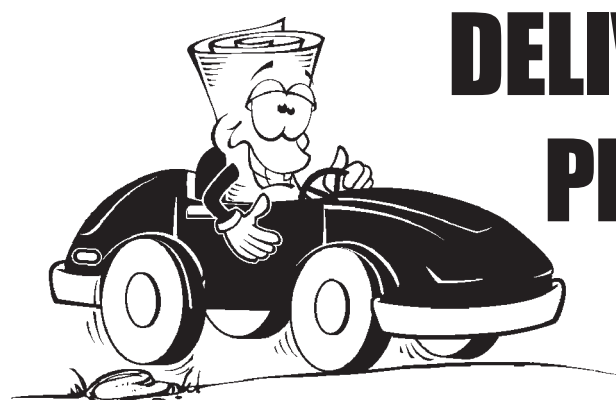
A list of the 15 most popular theme parks in North America

By The Associated Press

Here's a look at the 15 most popular theme and amusement parks in North America, their 2001 attendance and the percentage change from last year as estimated by Amusement Business, a trade publication.

1. The Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World, 14.7 million, down 4 percent
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3. Epcot at Walt Disney World, 9 million, down 15 percent
4. Disney-MGM Studios at Walt Disney World, 8.3 million, down 6 percent
5. Disney's Animal Kingdom at Walt Disney World, 7.7 million, down 7 percent
6. Universal Studios at Universal Orlando, 7.2 million, down 10 percent
7. Islands of Adventure at Universal Orlando, 5.5 million, down 8 percent
8. SeaWorld Orlando, 5.1 million, down 2 percent
9. Disney's California Adventure in Anaheim, Calif., 5 million, opened in 2001
10. Universal Studios Hollywood, 4.7 million, down 9 percent
11. Busch Gardens Tampa Bay, 4.6 million, down 8 percent
12. SeaWorld California in San Diego, 4.1 million, up 13 percent
13. Knott's Berry Farm, Buena Park, Calif., 3.58 million, down 3 percent
14. Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, N.J., 3.56 million, up 1.7 percent
15. Morey's Piers, Wildwood, N.J., 3.4 million, up 3 percent
15. Adventuredome at Circus Circus, Las Vegas, 3.4 million, up 7 percent

Source: Amusement Business



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NATIONAL



Number of countries engaged in conflicts decline in 2001

BY CAROLYN SKORNECK

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks rank as the “most dangerous conflict” of the year in a new report that found nine fewer conflicts around the world than in 2000.

Of 193 countries evaluated by the National Defense Council Foundation, 59 have had serious conflicts this year, from separatist-ethnic violence and political fighting to drug trafficking, religious turmoil and a mutiny by soldiers in Papua New Guinea over army downsizing.

The figure is nine fewer than last year’s 68 countries, but still far more than the Cold War average of 35 countries, when the U.S.-Soviet standoff brought the world some stability.

The annual report found no “high-intensity conflicts pitching one state army versus another.” Instead, most conflicts were “low-medium intensity and were normally fought between the state and one or more sub-state actors such as a rebel force or a terrorist organization.”

The United States gained an unwanted membership on the list after the attacks, the “most dangerous conflict” of the year, due to the possibility of further attacks on American soil.

“There are multiple terrorist groups out there beyond Osama bin Laden,” the report says of the man believed responsible for the Sept. 11 airliner hijackings. It noted that terrorists could take advantage of U.S. vulnerabilities by staging, for example, “a catastrophic attack against one of our nation’s ports.”

Army Maj. F. Andy Messing Jr., executive director of the Alexandria, Va.-based foundation, a nonprofit, right-leaning group, said the reports are done to call attention to dangerous situations worldwide and to help U.S. officials determine how to shape any military response.

“If you don’t identify the problem, you can’t develop a strategy to address the problem,” he said.

Messing, a former Army Special Forces member, said America’s military was ill-prepared for the battle against terrorism because it hasn’t been reorganized to reflect the end of the Cold War.

America should have led with special operations forces, not conventional forces, he said.

Not everyone agrees with the foundation’s list, which is based on a country’s level of disruption to its socioeconomic, political and security fabric by internal and external conflicts.

For example, the CIA’s list counts conflicts, not countries, so one conflict can involve several countries, said spokesman Mark Mansfield. The agency’s number for the year is 30, down one from last year. The specifics are classified, he said.

The Washington-based Center for Defense Information, which has issued reports skeptical of increased military spending, counts major conflicts that have caused at least 1,000 casualties, and separately counts potential hotspots, said chief researcher Ret. Army Col. Daniel Smith.

Major conflicts in 2001 total 38, one down from last year, and more than one-fourth involve Indonesia, India and the Philippines, by Smith’s count.

“I usually restrict it to military operations involving a government versus a force, rebels or some movement that is seeking a political or economic goal,” Smith said in an interview. He also counted 23 conflicts in suspension or areas to watch, the same as last year.

The National Defense Council Foundation also named 10 countries considered most likely to be conflict areas next year.

Topping the list is Somalia, a possible terrorist haven where warlords have been undermining transitional government, the study found. Also on that list are Iraq, Burma, Congo-Kinshasa, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Burundi, Sudan, Comoros and Sierra Leone.

Separatist movements, often along religious lines, was a recurrent theme this year, with Islamic groups wanting to form their own states in Myanmar, the Philippines, Indonesia and China.

“It does seem to indicate there are a lot of disgruntled Muslim groups in the world, frequently using Islam as an excuse for violence,” the study says.

Demonstrating a certain prescience, the organ-



Associated Press

Torchbearer Eric Jones carries the Olympic torch on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington. Jones, a George Washington University student, helped carry wounded victims and the Marine Corps flag out of the Pentagon rubble after the Sept. 11 attacks.

ization last year named Afghanistan the “most dangerous conflict” of 2000, given its ongoing civil war, sponsorship of international terrorism and multiple terrorist bombings, among other things.

Eleven countries, including the United States, were added this year; 20 were removed.

Ghana snagged the dubious honor of “stupidest conflict,” where the foundation found “what should have been a quarrel between two young men over an act of vandalism escalated into a renewed fight between two ethnic groups,” the Mamprusi and Kusasi.

An Oregon family talks about dignity, death and the law

BY CHRISTY KARRAS

Associated Press Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — On a night one year ago, Colleen Rice put her ever-present oxygen tank aside and played cards with her grandchildren, laughing with them. She went to bed and slept soundly.

She awoke before dawn and gathered her husband, two adult children and friends around her. She kissed them and told them she loved them.

As they softly spoke words of poetry and prayer she had chosen, the 67-year-old cancer patient drank a glass of lethal drugs dissolved in water.

Within minutes, Rice slipped into a coma and stopped breathing, quietly becoming one of more than 90 Oregon residents to use the state’s Death with Dignity law since voters approved it in 1997.

Rice’s daughter, Catherine Paul, had to force herself to stay in the room. She supported her mother’s decision, she said, but it was hard to watch her end her life.

Oregon is the only state in the nation that lets physicians help to hasten the deaths of terminally ill patients.

The assisted-suicide law is at the center of a battle of wills between the Bush administration and Oregon.

Last month, U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft said the federal government would withdraw licenses of doctors who prescribed federally controlled drugs to patients who want to use them to die.

Dr. William Petty of Physicians for Compassionate Care, a group of doctors and others against the law, said helping patients die runs counter to medical ethics.

“Federally controlled substances should not be used to kill people,” he said. Instead, he said, physicians and patients should focus on end-of life care and pain management.

Other critics have said Oregon’s law could lead to terminally ill people choosing to hasten their deaths to spare their relatives the costs of months of expensive medical care.

But the state of Oregon insists that terminally ill patients should have the right to decide the circumstances and time of their own deaths. Most Oregon residents agree. The law has been approved by a majority of voters twice.

Oregon and the law’s supporters are fighting for it in court. On Nov. 20, a federal judge issued an injunction keeping the law in effect for up to five months while attorneys prepare arguments.

Behind all the legal wrangling and ideological posturing, Colleen Rice’s family members say they don’t want the human story to be forgotten.

It was hard for some of Rice’s relatives to accept her decision to take her life. They didn’t want to lose her any earlier than they had to, but they accepted her choice to die on her own terms.

“Nobody forced anyone to do anything. It was her decision,” Catherine Paul said.

In September 2000, Colleen Rice thought she had worsening asthma.

She was about to visit relatives in Canada when she said, “I just don’t have the strength to get on the plane,” recalled Scott Rice, her husband of 25 years.

Her doctor ordered a CAT scan. Hours later, she learned she had advanced lung cancer.

“One day we’re thinking of Christmases to come, and within hours, that’s it,” said her daughter, Catherine Paul. “I just collapsed. I couldn’t believe it.”

The tumor in Rice’s lung was inoperable. It was leaking fluid, making breathing nearly impossible. Rice loved to laugh, but laughing caused pain not even morphine could dull.

About a month after the diagnosis, Scott and Colleen Rice met with a lung specialist who told them, “If you have anything to finish, do it now.”

There were many projects to complete. Colleen Rice had always been an active woman — a writer, an actress, a businesswoman.

The family raced to edit a book she’d been writing — a historical novel titled “In the Midst of Darkness.” The first copies rolled off the press two weeks after she died. She had planned ahead, signing labels to go inside for people who might want an autographed copy.

“She became very focused,” Scott Rice said. “She thought, I have some strength and I know there are things I need to do.”

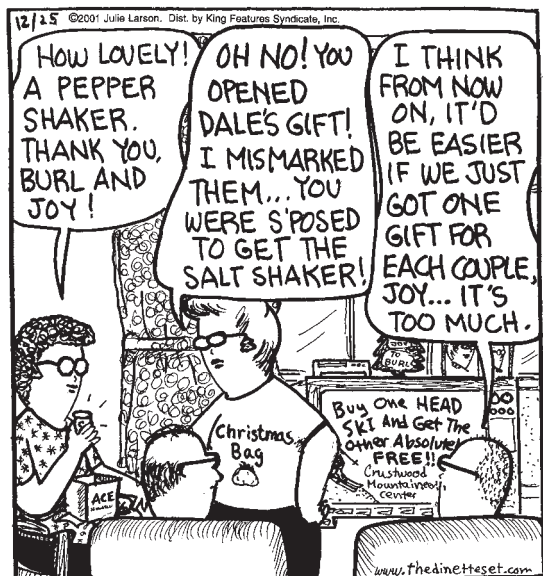
One of those things was planning her own death.

Although the family supported the assisted-suicide law, they never thought they would use it. But the choice was obvious to Rice.

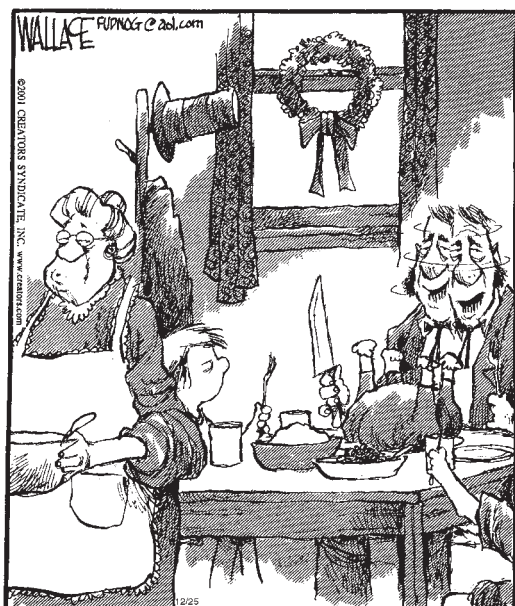
“Years ago, before any of this happened, she would say, ‘I don’t want to suffer,’” Scott Rice said. “She had a fear of drowning. ... You know, with lung cancer, it’s going to be something very close to that.”

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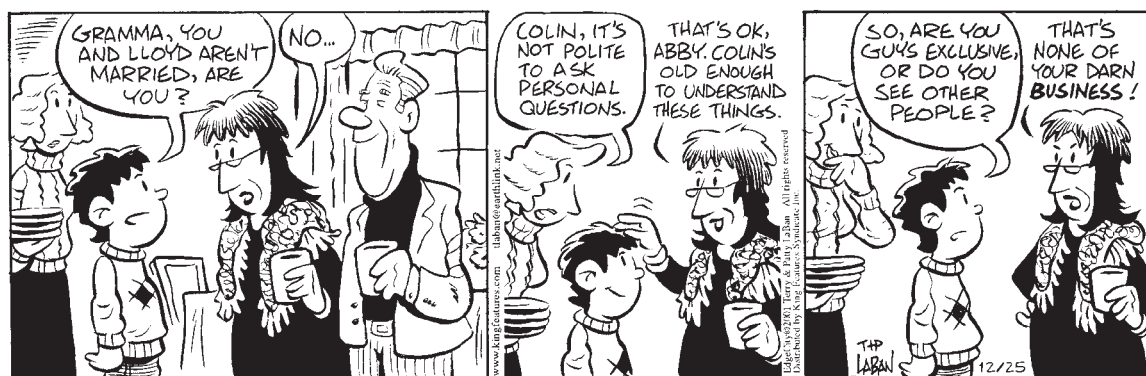
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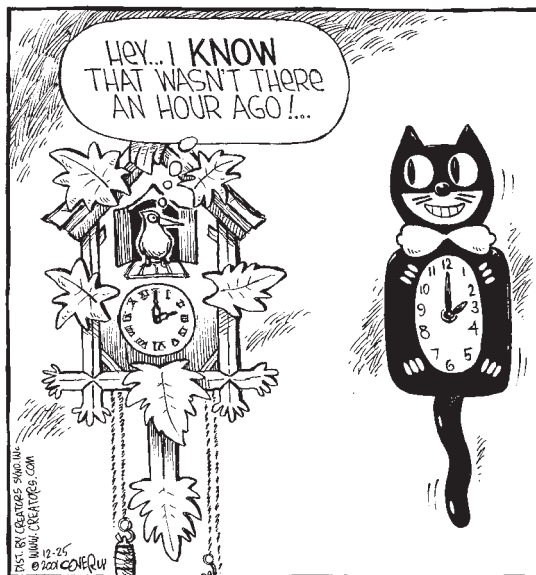
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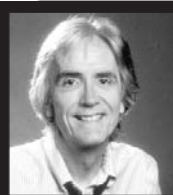
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Businesses cashing in on the spirit of the season

By the Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho — About five years ago, the bigwigs at Merrill Quality Landscapes had a bright idea: Branch out business to include decorating homes for the holidays.

A landscaping company offering to hang Christmas lights is just one aspect of a recent phenomenon of busy Americans handing over Christmas traditions to professionals.

It's convenient, but there's a price.

Merrill is not the only landscaper that will outfit any home or business with lights and festive wreaths. Lone Pine Garden Center and Gift Shop also will handle the task. There's a charity organization with a booth in the mall that will wrap presents while you wait. Some stores sell Christmas trees that have already been decorated.

And countless restaurants and caterers throughout the area are itching to cook a holiday meal for anyone too busy to spend a day in the kitchen.

"You can get somebody to do pretty much anything these days," said Elden Moore, a cook at North Hi-way Cafe, which can take care of the food and drinks for any holiday party, from family size to companywide.

Steve Winegar, Merrill's vice president and operations manager, said the Rexburg-based company added Christmas lighting to its services five years ago to make the winter months a little less harsh on the bank accounts of the company and its workers.

"We used to shut down" during the winter, he said. "We were trying to come up with something to generate

enough money to get through the slow season."

So they bought into Christmas Decor, a franchise with 300 branches nationwide.

"This brings about 2 1/2 more months of employment for our employees," Winegar said. Customers from Ashton to Pocatello, residential and commercial,

"Whatever they want, from a simple wreath up to an entire estate property with over 30,000 lights. We can be on one house for a week, or we could do three homes in a day."

— STEVE WINEGAR

Vice president, Merrill Quality Landscapes

quickly warmed to the idea, he said.

Depending on how much the customer wants to spend, lights can be set up along the ridgeline of a roof and positioned to outline all windows, walkways, driveways, fences, trees and yards.

Wreaths with lights can be custom-fitted to adorn doorways, and garland can be wrapped along handrails inside the house and out. The company will even take the decorations down and store them until they're need-

ed again.

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Patricia and Eric Newell of Idaho Falls got the works, shelling out more than \$1,000 to have their house adorned with more than 1,200 lights.

"My husband had a knee injury in October, and he said he was not going to do it," Mrs. Newell said.

Russel Wilson, who lives on Candy Cane Lane, a neighborhood where nearly every house basks in the splendor of tiny colored lights, said he enjoys hanging the lights himself.

"It's part of the fun of it," he said. "I might consider paying someone to do it; it would depend upon how bitter cold it was."

Having others wrap Christmas gifts is much cheaper than having them climb atop a three-story house in the snow.

A small booth in the Grand Teton Mall's food court offers the gift-wrapping expertise of volunteers who charge \$3 to \$4 for the service. The money raised is used to buy gifts for the elderly through the Santa for Seniors program.

"Most of those we provide gifts for are in nursing homes and don't have family, or they just don't have a means of getting their gifts," said Trina Messmer, a community service coordinator who oversaw four high school volunteer wrappers on a recent Sunday.

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