

Good morning

Today's forecast:
Partly cloudy with and patches of fog.
Highs 35 to 45. Lows in the teens.
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Avonmore expanding

Avonmore Food Inc., which owns cheese plants in Gooding and Richfield, has announced a \$2 million expansion.
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Bah, humbug

It'll be a brown Christmas in the Magic Valley, Santa Claus is spending Christmas Eve in the property room at Twin Falls County Courthouse and that wreath on your front door may contain illegal, noxious weeds. Happy holidays.
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Recognition of Russia by U.S. near

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States will extend diplomatic recognition to Russia as an independent country this week and support it for the Soviet Union's seat on the U.N. Security Council, a senior administration official said Monday night.

The United States will also recognize the independence of the other former Soviet republics that have broken away from the Soviet Union and formed a new Commonwealth of Independent States, the official said.

But it will establish full diplomatic relations with only about half of them at this juncture, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The United States began notifying its

allies in Europe and elsewhere Monday of the diplomatic moves, which will be formally announced later this week, the official said.

Word of the decision came after President Bush spoke with Russian President Boris Yeltsin by telephone for nearly a half-hour Monday morning. He also conferred with Secretary of State James A. Baker III, just back from a mission to Russia and, four other republics, and National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft.

Robert Strauss, the U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union, will become ambassador to Russia, the official said.

Bush has decided that Russia is what is known in legal parlance as "a continuation state" to the Soviet Union, the official said.

"That means basically you recognize the fact that they are taking over for the Soviet Union," the official said.

The announcement could come as early as Thursday, he indicated.

The United States is likely to offer diplomatic relations to the other republics that Baker visited and will judge rest of the breakaway republics based on their adherence to democracy principles, respect for international treaties and other principles that Baker has spelled out.

The official said the United States would recognize the independence of all the republics that have declared their independence from Moscow, "and then we would start immediate discussions on diplomatic relations."

Full diplomatic relations include the

appointment of ambassadors and the opening of embassies in capital cities.

"About half of them we would move to assert diplomatic relations in a relatively short period of time, and about half we would wait until we've had a chance to examine their records and their purposes in light of the Baker criteria," the official said.

At the moment, Mikhail S. Gorbachev remains president of the Soviet Union, although there have been suggestions that his resignation could come soon. The official said one factor holding up the announcement is that Washington is still awaiting "the final resolution of President Gorbachev's situation."

Bush left Monday evening by helicopter for Camp David, Md., and a three-day Christmas holiday.

They like the smiles



MICHAEL SALSBERG/The Times-News

Spending their first Christmas in the United States here, from upper left, Harry, Larisa and Victoria Bagdasaryan, Lidija Raznikova and, in front, Alan Arutyunov.

Strangers in a strange land

East Europeans rediscover Christmas in Twin Falls

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — At age 9, Victoria Bagdasaryan has never had a Barbie doll. Back in Armenia, 8,900 miles and two months ago, she didn't know what a Barbie doll was. Now it's on her Christmas list.

But that was then. This is home. Home, for now, is a cramped rented house on Addison Avenue West. She

lives with her parents, her uncle and her grandmother, and the only sign of Christmas is the green baize cover on the sofa.

Most Americans sitting in Victoria's chair would despair of such a Yuletide, but for Victoria it's an adventure.

"I like her," she said through her uncle, Alan Arutyunov, the only English-speaking member of the family. "Everything around is interesting. I

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Gorbachev, Yeltsin talk of nuclear control

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and Boris Yeltsin on Monday discussed giving the Russian leader control over the defunct Soviet Union's arsenal of 27,000 nuclear weapons, an aide said.

Gorbachev later gave British Prime Minister John Major "a great deal of reassurance" that the weapons were under tight control and would remain that way, Major said.

The issue of who controls the nuclear "button" has been one of the most pressing questions since Gorbachev's central government collapsed.

The aide to Gorbachev, Vladimir Tumarkin, also told The Associated Press that the Soviet Union's eighth leader is expected to make an announcement about his resignation by Wednesday. Major said Gorbachev planned a statement "in two days."

In the strongest indication yet about what Gorbachev would do, the respected daily newspaper Izvestia said Monday he "was considering" chairmanship of a 4-month-old research foundation.

The Fund for Socio-Political Research employs about 200 people and has mainly

prepared analyses for Russian and former Soviet officials. Gorbachev would open it up to other world leaders, Izvestia said.

Illustrating the problems facing the country's new leaders, meanwhile, a second day of fighting raged in the former Soviet republic of Georgia, where the elected president is battling the forces of an opposition that calls him autocrat. At least 23 have died in the clashes in Tbilisi, the capital.

On Saturday, 11 of the 12 former Soviet republics proclaimed a new Commonwealth of Independent States to replace the Soviet Union.

Lawmakers in Kazakhstan ratified the agreement on Monday. Russia, Ukraine and Byelorussia already have signed the pact, and ratification was expected soon by parliaments in the other seven republics.

Fiercely independent Georgia was the only former republic, along with the Baltics, that refused to join, although Georgia's president told the BBC he was considering joining.

The alliance will assume control over the Soviet military while letting other central government functions die or be handed over to republics.

New policy puts drug suspect back on street

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Buhl police arrested a man last week whom they suspected of selling drugs to teen-agers and they seized two "eight-balls" of cocaine he was carrying.

Eight hours after the bust, the man was back home with no felony charges filed against him.

The officer who arrested him says he's disappeared, probably setting up shop somewhere else.

Why?

Under a new policy implemented by the Twin Falls County prosecutor's office, felony drug charges won't be filed until the prosecutor receives drug sample results from the state crime lab in Boise — a process that takes up to three weeks.

"If this indeed is the policy, it's a hell of a poor policy," said Bill Fullmer, a reserve officer with the Buhl Police Department. When Fullmer booked his drug suspect — a citizen of Mexico carrying valid immigration papers — into the Twin Falls County jail, he expected the man would at least be required to post bond before being released.

The new policy is in response to a couple of recent drug cases that were thrown out because state lab tests of suspected drugs didn't arrive in time for the preliminary hearing, Twin Falls County Deputy Prosecutor E. Scott Paul said in a memo to Buhl Police Officer Dan Lewin.

But the state lab results aren't necessary to get a drug case past a preliminary hearing, according to two of the county's magistrate judges.

In a preliminary hearing, a magistrate decides if the prosecutor has enough evidence to send the case to district court for trial.

If state laboratory results verify the identity of suspected drugs is not available, prosecutors can use the results of the officer's field test.

"The reason our office has chosen this policy is that we have had problems with the field test being accepted at preliminary hearing," Paul said Monday.

"Maybe we could do a little better job in presenting that evidence," Paul said.

A field test consists of one or more vials containing chemicals that change colors when they come into contact with certain drugs, like cocaine or marijuana.

"This lets the officer know that what he has discovered is indeed cocaine instead of, say, baking soda or flour."

When an officer spots something he suspects of being an illegal drug, he performs the test, Buhl Police Chief Ron Romero said.

If the test is positive, the drugs are sent to Boise for verification by the crime lab. Romero said he has never seen state lab results contradict a field test.

The county's magistrate judges say they don't toss out the field test results because they aren't reliable, but prosecutors have to

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... AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!

1 shopping day to Christmas

Please recycle this newspaper

Rexburg ranch reindeer may be subs for Santa

The Associated Press

REXBURG — If Blitzen, Dasher or Prancer the tonight, Santa Claus could borrow one of Curtis Ferney's reindeer. Maybe Mattie or Stumpy.

There aren't many places, besides Ferney's ranch a few miles west of Rexburg that Santa will find reindeer in the lower 48 states.

Raising elk and deer is popular around the country, but reindeer farming is rare.

There are only about 600 in the continental United States, Ferney said.

Ferney was a cattleman for years but always wanted to raise something more exotic. He considered elk but settled on reindeer farming because it is unique, he said.

Because it is such a new enterprise, took about nine weeks of haggling with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to get

the right permits and certificates.

He started his herd more than a year ago with two bulls and six cows from Alaska. In the spring, five calves were born. About a month ago, Ferney got another 10 animals from Colorado, part of a herd of 110 animals shipped there earlier this year from Alaska.

The newcomers are easy to pick out — they're skittish and avoid Ferney as he scatters grain in the field. They also have no antlers because its too dangerous to

transport the animals with them.

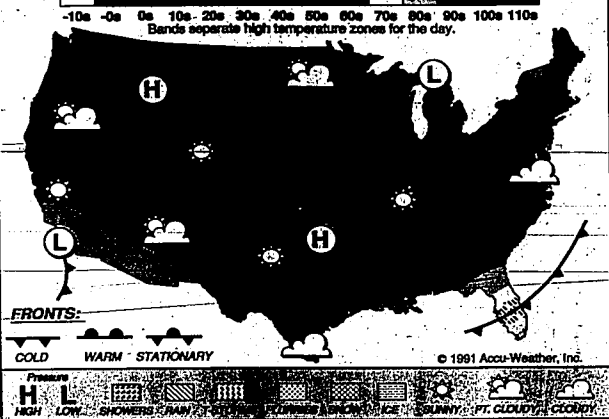
"Without their antlers, they're homely looking creatures," Ferney said.

With antlers, which adorn both sexes and are shed and replaced every year, reindeer are in great demand for Christmas promotions. Ferney said he can make more money in two months with reindeer than in a year with cattle. This year he got calls from people who wanted to use the animals in commercials or for sleigh rides.

Weather

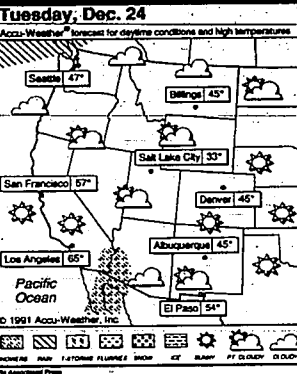
NATIONAL Weather

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, December 24:



REGIONAL Weather

Tuesday, Dec. 24



Temperatures

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	46	27	—
Atlanta	65	50	—
Boston	45	38	0.2
Chicago	38	30	0.3
Dallas	51	46	—
Denver	45	27	—
Des Moines	39	30	0.6
Detroit	39	34	0.7
Honolulu	83	72	—
Houston	66	55	1.7
Indianapolis	43	37	0.8
Kansas City	44	34	—
Las Vegas	56	36	—
Los Angeles	73	54	—
Memphis	64	57	0.4
Miami Beach	77	64	—
Milwaukee	38	28	—
Minneapolis	33	22	—
New Orleans	74	64	0.8
New York	44	38	0.1
Oklahoma City	45	40	—
Omaha	39	30	0.3
Phoenix	64	45	—
Pittsburgh	45	37	0.2
Portland, Me.	37	28	0.1
Portland, Ore.	48	37	—
Reno	45	19	—
St. Louis	47	38	0.4
Salt Lake City	31	26	—
San Francisco	65	44	0.2
Seattle	45	41	0.2
Spokane	24	31	0.1
Washington	45	32	1.2

Weather summary

High pressure aloft and at the surface will bring dry weather with smog through Christmas in Idaho, the National Weather Service says.

A weather system off the coast Monday moved east, bringing a small amount of snow to northern Idaho mountains. High temperatures Monday ranged in the 20s and 30s.

Snow depths in the mountain communities of Idaho are generally a foot or less although Dixie reported 31 inches Monday.

The warmest temperature in the state Monday was 43 degrees at Hagerman. Fairfield reported the coldest at 6 degrees below zero.

Elsewhere in the nation Monday, the highest temperature was 81 degrees at Homestead, Fla. The lowest was 16 degrees below zero at West Yellowstone, Mont.

Visible planets

Morning: Venus, Jupiter

Rain, freezing-rain fall across wide sections of East

Rain fell across large sections of the East on Monday while freezing rain iced highways from the Ohio Valley to the middle Atlantic Coast.

At midday, rain extended from the central Mississippi Valley across the Ohio Valley and the Appalachians into Virginia, and from the Florida Panhandle into the Appalachians.

Freezing rain fell over central Vermont. During the morning, freezing rain slowed traffic in parts of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland and Illinois, and in Montana. Thunderstorms were scattered over the lower Texas Gulf Coast, but elsewhere in the state

Forecasts

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding: Today and Christmas day partly cloudy with light winds and areas of fog. Highs 35 to 45. Lows in the teens.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley: Today and Christmas day partly cloudy with areas of fog. Highs 35 to 45. Lows 0 to 10.

Extended forecast: Southern-Idaho — Fair, with valley fog. Highs in the upper 20s and 30s. Lows 15-25 west and 5-20 east.

Northern Utah and Nevada: — Today and Christmas day low clouds and fog. Locally dense night and morning fogs. Isolated light snow possible at times. Highs in the lower 30s. Lows in the low to mid-20s.

Elko County — Fair skies through tonight except patchy valley fog west. Mostly sunny north and partly cloudy south today. Mostly sunny entire area on Christmas. Lows through tonight from near 5 above in the east to near 20 in the west. Highs both today and Christmas day in the mid-30s to mid-40s.

... rivers began receding after flooding caused by five days of heavy rain.

At least 14 deaths had been blamed on the floods and hundreds were forced from their homes.

Light snow was scattered over northeastern Kansas in the morning and across south-central and southeastern Iowa.

In the West during the afternoon, rain extended across the Pacific Northwest and snow was scattered across northwestern Utah.

Monday's low for the Lower 48 states was 9 below zero at Jackson, Wyo.

Temperatures around the nation at 3 p.m. EST ranged from 6 at Jackson, Wyo., to 78 at both Key West and West Palm Beach in Florida.

Court upholds logging ban to protect spotted owl

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court on Monday upheld a three-state ban on logging in national forests inhabited by the northern spotted owl.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said

the ban would remain in effect until the U.S. Forest Service prepares a plan to preserve the owl. That plan is due March 5.

The ban, imposed in May by U.S. District Judge William Dwyer, forbids the sale of timber from 17

old-growth forests in California, Oregon and Washington.

The Bush administration argued that the Endangered Species Act was the only law applying to the owl because it was classified as a threatened species in June 1990.

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December flood ruins Christmas for some Dallas neighborhoods

DALLAS (AP) — In some places, last-minute Christmas shoppers packed stores Monday, but Victoria Howard hoped only to provide shelter for her family, driven from their home by a flood that also took away their gifts.



Gary Robinson, right, and Evette Jackson talk about flood waters keeping him out of his home in the Rochester Park section of Dallas.

"I could live without the other stuff," she said Monday at a Red Cross relief center. "But it's a shock after having bought all this stuff to lose it."

"The tree was floating down the street."

She was one of hundreds driven from their homes last weekend, flooding in the south Dallas neighborhood of Rochester Park. Across the state, hundreds more were forced from their homes and at least 14 deaths were blamed on the flooding, caused by a five-day rain storm. Three people were missing.

Most victims in central Texas had risen out of their banks.

A section of Interstate 45 remained closed because of high water in Freestone and Navarro counties about 90 miles south of Dallas, said the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The sky was clearing on Monday, but the storm had dropped 9 inches on San Antonio since Wednesday, drowning livestock and washing out many rural roads.

The Red Cross set up a temporary office Sunday at a south Dallas YMCA and volunteers provided food, clothing and shelter for more than 80 families.

Red Cross spokesman Greg Hill said the agency already had doled out \$33,000 just to Dallas families and expected to spend \$150,000

before the operation was complete. Rochester Park, located on the Trinity River flood plain, has been flooded before. The community, populated mostly by low-income residents who don't want to move because they own their homes, has been flooded by spring rain the past three years.

But the rare December deluge, which sent the Trinity nearly 10 feet over flood stage, caught residents off guard.

"The spring is when we expect it,"

Hill said. "We're always prepared for it but we don't expect it."

A levee is scheduled to be completed next summer and should provide relief in the future.

But this flooding was so sudden that Ms. Howard and her neighbors had no time to save Christmas presents and other belongings.

"The only thing you could get out is your life," said Ms. Howard, who lives with her three children, two grandchildren, her elderly mother and an uncle.

Strangers

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wonder about the toys everywhere.

"And," she added, "Everyone is smiling all the time."

go to church. Those are things you can't appreciate unless you come from somewhere they don't exist."

clashed with their Armenian neighbors in months of bloodletting that followed the 1989 earthquake in Armenia.

Welcome to Twin Falls, where two dozen families from behind that city are to live in return are spending their first Christmas.

"It's not that hard to adjust," said Lilly Catana, a former Romanian refugee whose first Christmas in America came four years ago.

"When you're leaving someplace that is not meant to be the starting point in America is not hard."

But Catana, whose mother and sister arrived from Romania two months ago, says the little things make a big impression.

"One thing I remember was how many ornaments and colored lights there were," she said. "I was amazed. Another was the freedom to

Pauline Day, who runs the College of Southern Idaho's Red Cross Service Center, says Twin Falls' 450-strong emigre community makes the transition easier.

"People adjust, and I'm amazed at how soon," she said.

With the help of donations, the center tries to bring a little Christmas into each newcomer's life. On Monday, a representative of the center sat in the honoree-guest's spot on the green sofa in the little house on Addison trying to translate Armenian wishes into American trinkets.

In turn, she asked each what he wanted for Christmas. The question seemed almost superfluous.

"I've been trying to get out of Soviet Union since 1989, and my brother-in-law for almost as long," said Arutyunov, an electrical engineer by training.

"You threatened us on the telephone," Arutyunov said. "I took my mother and went to Moscow, and my brother-in-law took his family and went to (the Armenian capital of) Yerevan."

For Arutyunov, there followed two years of waiting in a cold-water apartment about half the size of the living room where he now sits.

"You couldn't get a job, because to get a job you had to have (an) internal passport," he said. "The police would demand to see your permit, and if you didn't have one they would beat you and shout at you to get out of Moscow."

In October, they got permission to leave, and when the wheels of the aircraft that brought them to Twin Falls touched down last month, Arutyunov said he no longer felt himself a stranger in a strange land.

"It's very quiet here," he said. "Everyone smiles."

Smiles, Catana says, are something most Americans can't appreciate.

"People who live in a country where there is no food, no money and no freedom don't have much reason to smile," she said.

Idaho road report

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation Monday reported some wet highways with snow at higher elevations.

Road conditions:

- U.S. 95 — Riggin-Whitebird Hill, dry; Whitebird Hill, icy spots; Grangeville-Lewiston, wet; Lewiston-Mooreville, dry; Weiser-New Meadows, icy spots, broken snow floor; Marsing-Oregon line, dry.
- Interstate 90 — Wet.
- Interstate 84 — Dry.
- Idaho 45 — Horseshoe Bend-Donnelly, icy spots; Donnelly-New Meadows, icy spots, broken snow floor.
- Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, icy spots; Idaho City-Vernon Summit, icy spots, broken snow floor.
- U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, icy spots; Fairfield-Ashdon, dry; Ashdon-Montana line, broken-snow floor, snow floor for.
- U.S. 26 — Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, broken snow floor; Blackfoot-Arco, dry.
- Idaho 51 — Dry.
- U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Arco, dry; Arco-Salmon, dry, icy spots; Lost Trail Pass, icy spots, broken snow floor.
- Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, dry; Gulem Summit, broken snow floor.
- Interstate 86 — Dry.
- Interstate 15 — Utah line-Dubois, dry; Monida Pass, icy spots, broken snow floor.
- U.S. 91 — Dry.
- Idaho 28 — Dry, icy spots.

Call these numbers for the latest road and travel information:

- Shoshone, 886-2266; Boise, 376-8028; Pocatello, 253-6724; northern Nevada, 702-738-8888; Utah, 801-964-6000; statewide Idaho, 208-336-6600.

Back in Baku, the capital of the former Soviet republic of Azerbaijan, the government used to give everyone a token Christmas gift, something cheap and impersonal, Arutyunov said.

But that was before the money ran out and before chaos descended on Baku when its Muslim majority

policy gives drug suspects a chance to skip town before charges are filed, but few do, he said.

"It's a risk we take," he said. "It's hard to let 'em go. It really is."

But the alternative of having the case thrown out altogether is even less palatable, Paul said. In reality, relatively few suspects flee prosecution, he added.

The policy may be short-lived if prosecutors can meet with the judges and iron out the problems in getting field-test results admitted as evidence, he said.

"I could always do a better job than I'm doing," Paul said.

The person who implemented the new policy and who will have the final say on whether it stays or goes is Twin Falls County Prosecutor K. Ellen Baxter. She was not in her office Monday afternoon and wasn't expected back until Thursday.

Efforts to reach her at home were unsuccessful.

Drug

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do a better job of presenting the evidence.

To have the results entered as evidence, "you have to jump over all the necessary hurdles," 5th District Magistrate R. Michael Redman said. "And that's not always so easy."

Depending on the case, some judges are more strict than others about how much of a foundation must be laid before the evidence is admissible.

Even though the tests are quite reliable, evidence to that effect must be presented every time the issue comes before the court, Redman said.

Without the evidence that whatever was seized was an illegal substance, a prosecutor often has no case. And a suspect can't always be held until the crime lab sends the results from Boise, because the law guarantees that person a preliminary hearing within 14 days.

Paul acknowledged that the new

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Personal incomes continue down for 2nd straight month

WASHINGTON (AP) — Personal incomes fell 0.1 percent in November, the government said Monday in a report that raised new questions about the viability of the economy's struggling recovery from the recession.

"It is the second month in a row that wages and salaries have fallen," said economist Sandra Shaber of the Futures Group, a Washington management consultancy. "That's no way to keep a recovery going. That's what people spend."

The Commerce Department also reported that consumer spending rose 0.7 percent, but more than three-fourths of the gain was in the service sector for necessities such as utilities and medical care — not for goods.

Still, the small increase in goods and non-essential services means "we seem to be running into a situation where people are trying to maintain their standards of living," said John

Recession hits home even at northern Kentucky strip bars

COVINGTON, Ky. (AP) — The recession has done what police crackdowns, get-tough ordinances and waves after waves of civic morality could not do to the gritty nightclubs and strip joints of northern Kentucky.

"It has affected the dollar figures," said Lloyd "Gooch" Wallin, owner of Goochie's in Covington, just across the Ohio River from Cincinnati. "Customers are just not there. The money figures are just not there."

Down the street at the Piano lounge, owner Melvin "Red" Brandenburg pulled a few folded bills from his pocket and struggled when asked about the downturn. During good times he used to carry a wad of cash.

Nude or nearly nude dancing for years has been a moneymaking proposition for many young women in Covington and Newport in this northern extension of Kentucky. In recent years, local officials have tried to make it increasingly difficult to allow liquor and nudity in the same establishments.

Mild recessions in the past didn't seem to hurt. But in the current recession, dancers and club owners alike say they're taking home less than a few years ago.

Paula McKinney, 22, described herself as a professional stripper who has been dancing in public for six years.

She dances under the name "Strawberry," taken not from her strawberry-blond hair but from a tattoo on her right breast. She said she makes about \$800 per week at Angels, another Covington strip bar.

It's good money, but way down from the \$3,000 a week she says she made a few years ago. She said she gets to keep half the receipts from what drinks she encourages men to buy while she's talking with them, or "mixing," as dancers call it.

Wallin doubts that many dancers make as much as McKinney claims. He said dancers used to average \$200 to \$400 in his bar, but hard times have cut that in half.

Silvia, an economist with Kemper Financial Services in Chicago.

"People are trying to consume, but without the income growth to support that kind of gain," he said, calling it

"an unsustainable situation."

As a result, Americans' savings rate plunged to 4.7 percent in November from 5.5 percent a month earlier. Consumer spending

represents two-thirds of the nation's economy and thus is a major element in any rebound.

The report said incomes totaled a seasonally adjusted \$4.88 trillion,

down from \$4.89 trillion in October. It was the first decline since a 0.3 percent drop last July. Disposable incomes — incomes after taxes — fell 0.2 percent after a 0.3 percent

advance in October. A key component of the income category — wages and salaries — fell \$500 million after falling \$5.1 billion the previous month.

The spending and income figures were not adjusted for inflation. When adjusted, spending rose just 0.4 percent while disposable incomes fell 0.5 percent after remaining virtually flat the previous two months.

"For all of 1991, real disposable income will decline a little bit," Ms. Shaber said. "That would be the first time that's happened since the 1974-75 recession. It looks like consumers are stripped and that's a key to why attitudes are so poor, why retail sales are so poor this Christmas."

The Commerce report said consumer spending totaled \$3.95 trillion at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, up from \$3.93 trillion in October when spending fell a revised 0.1 percent.

Briefly

AIDS-infected man convicted of assault

CINCINNATI — An AIDS-infected man was convicted Monday of assault for allegedly spitting blood at sheriff's officers and bloody saliva at a jail nurse in an effort to infect them.

In his decision to convict Steven O'Banion of lesser charges, the judge said the officers probably were too rough with O'Banion after he was brought into jail on charges of jaywalking and disorderly conduct.

"It's a case which unfortunately should never have happened," Common Pleas Judge Gilbert Bettman said. "I didn't have to happen if those involved had used some common sense and restraint."

Prosecutors had accused O'Banion of trying to kill three Hamilton County deputies and the nurse by infecting them with the AIDS virus. O'Banion said the jail officers beat him, drawing blood, and taunted him for being a homosexual.

O'Banion denied the charges, saying officers came in contact with his blood because they beat him up after arresting him Sept. 3.

Maxwells begin leaving Daily News

NEW YORK — Kevin Maxwell resigned Monday as publisher and chairman of the Daily News.

His brother, Ian, will also resign from the paper's board on Jan. 1, the newspaper said in a statement.

Kevin Maxwell said Editor James Willse would replace him. The Daily News filed for bankruptcy protection on Dec. 5, a month after the worldwide Maxwell media empire began to collapse financially under a \$4 billion debt and allegations of financial misdeeds.

Kevin Maxwell has been implicated in some of the financial improprieties, which included questionable stock transactions and improper transfers of pension funds to prop up ailing companies.

Work begins on flooded nuclear plant

NORTH PERRY, Ohio — Crews worked Monday to decontaminate areas of a nuclear power plant that were flooded by a broken water pipe.

An official said it might take several days to find the cause of the break. The 36-inch fiberglass pipe, carrying water from a cooling tower, broke Sunday at the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, along Lake Erie 30 miles northeast of Cleveland. Some of the water inside the plant became contaminated when it surged through floor drains, said a plant spokesman. No one was injured or contaminated, and no radioactivity was released, a Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman said.

Treasury bill rates continue down

WASHINGTON — Interest rates on short-term Treasury securities fell in Monday's auction to the lowest level in 19 years.

The Treasury Department sold \$10.2 billion in three-month bills at an average discount rate of 3.75 percent, down from 4.14 percent last week. Another \$10.2 billion was sold in six-month bills at an average discount rate of 3.85 percent, down from 4.19 percent last week.

The three-month bill rate was the lowest since they sold for 3.69 percent on May 15, 1972. The six-month bill rate was the lowest since they averaged 3.796 percent on March 6, 1972.

In a separate report, the Federal Reserve said Monday that the average yield for one-year Treasury bill rose-fell to 4.35 percent last week, down from 4.44 percent the previous week.

Agent denies coverup in Noriega case

MIAMI — A top U.S. drug agent says nothing was covered up about Manuel Noriega's anti-drug cooperation because the former Panamanian dictator provided little help to federal agents.

"We are trying to find nothing," said Thomas Cash, special agent in charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration in Miami. "We have hidden nothing."

Prosecutors expressed surprise last week that the DEA told them a file existed on Noriega's cooperation in a program called "Operation Negocios." After the disclosure, U.S. District Judge William Hoever recessed Noriega's drug and racketeering trial two days early to give the defense more time to review the documents. The trial resumes Jan. 6.

Defense attorneys claim their case has been prejudiced, because prosecutors should have informed them earlier of any evidence that could help Noriega defend himself.

Compiled from wire reports

Mayor shot during gas station robbery

MONESSEN, Pa. (AP) — The mayor of Monessen was shot during an apparent robbery at a service station he owns and where he was substituting for an employee, authorities said.

Robert Lewis, 48, was shot in the stomach late Sunday at Eastgate Exxon, City Administrator John Swann said. He was in serious

condition Monday following surgery at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, about 30 miles north of Monessen.

"So far, what I've heard has been encouraging," Swann said. "He was conscious en route to the hospital."



Flames burst from a tanker early Monday near Everett, Wash., where a Burlington Northern train derailed. No injuries were reported although about 100 homes were evacuated.

Officials leave derailed butane tank car to burn

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) — A railroad tank car filled with butane that derailed early Monday and caught fire was left to burn itself out after about 100 nearby homes were evacuated.

No injuries were reported in the 10-car derailment in a rural area about 30 miles north of Seattle. Fears of explosion were subsiding, but Red Cross officials said about 100 people were kept from their homes.

A 33,600-gallon butane tanker from the 42-car Burlington Northern train was engulfed in flames that rose 50 to 60 feet into the air, said Elliott Woodall of the Snohomish County sheriff's office.

It might take 12 to 36 hours for the fire to burn out, Woodall added.

A second car initially appeared to have flames on its skin. But Woodall and railroad spokesman Howard Kallio said it was determined after daybreak that the fire was only near the second car.

The closest rail car to the burning tanker was about 25 to 30 feet away, and three other butane tankers were farther away, Kallio said.

"They were concerned about it. It looked from some distance like it was venting, or steam may have been coming off it," he said.

Railroad and investigators made periodic flyovers in a helicopter to monitor the fire.

Butane, a byproduct of petroleum refining, is a highly flammable liquid used as a fuel or aerosol propellant.

The fire erupted immediately after the derailment about 12:30 a.m. PST near Smoky Point, a small community about 10 miles north of Everett, a town of 55,000. The train

speed and cause of the derailment were not immediately determined, Kallio said.

The first car to jump the tracks was 21 cars behind the engines in a southbound freight train that was passing a siding switch on a straight section of 50-mph track, Kallio said.

The tankers were carrying butane from Shell Canada to oil refineries in northwest Washington state. The train also was hauling lumber and had some empty rail cars, Kallio said.

The accident blocked Burlington Northern tracks that carry half a dozen freight trains a day between Seattle and Vancouver, British Columbia, he said.

Once the fire burns out and the wreckage is cleared, "we can rebuild the railroad in relatively quick fashion," he said.

At least seven fire and police departments were at the scene, along with a railroad hazardous materials team, Woodall said.

No homes were threatened, and traffic on Interstate 5 about a mile away was unaffected, Woodall said.

"A few miles down the track there could have been a real serious problem as far as the residential areas involved," he said.

Government offers deal in securities case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators are offering a deal to the many banks and securities firms that, in the wake of the Salomon Brothers Inc. scandal, admitted inflating customer orders and other wrongdoing.

Meanwhile, the Federal National Mortgage Association, or Fannie Mae, announced major changes Monday "to restore integrity" in the way it sells its bonds to banks and securities firms.

The SEC — one of the nation's biggest government securities traders, shocked Wall Street in August when it admitted making illegal bids for such bonds at several Treasury auctions, which finance the nation's \$3.5 trillion debt.

A Securities and Exchange Commission investigation widened after a large number of banks and securities firms acknowledged inflating their customer orders when bidding for the securities of quasi-government agencies like Fannie Mae. The firms said the practice was common throughout the industry.

Lawyers for several firms under investigation said they received letters from the SEC on Friday offering, in the words of one lawyer, "sort of a blanket proposal" to settle the SEC suit.

The SEC said it wants promises from the firms — without admitting or denying wrongdoing — to refrain from future suit violations.

Warhol suit settled

NEW YORK (AP) — The wrongful-death suit filed by pop artist Andy Warhol's estate against the hospital where he died has been settled for an undisclosed sum.

James McCarthy, an attorney for Warhol's estate, said both parties agreed not to reveal the amount of the settlement, which was reached Friday, ending a trial that began Dec. 4. McCarthy said Warhol's family was "very happy" with the settlement, and a spokeswoman for New York Hospital called it "fair and equitable."

Warhol died in 1985.

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to correct recording-keeping procedures, and to pay an unspecified fine to the U.S. Treasury.

In return, the SEC would avoid the enormous amounts of time and money needed to prosecute each and every firm individually.

"In the event this matter is not resolved at this time, the staff reserves the right to continue the investigation and/or to recommend enforcement proceedings which are so poor this Christmas."

The SEC declined comment on the settlement, first reported in Monday's editions of The Wall Street Journal.

Several defense lawyers said the settlement could solve the widespread problem of inflated customer orders in a system where the amount of bonds allotted to a dealer is based on the number of customers he can guarantee.

"This is an industry problem, not unique to one or two firms and so therefore the solution that is being proposed makes sense," said Theodore Levine, a Washington securities lawyer.

"I think it's a responsible way of dealing with the problem. Logistically, it could be difficult, but it's doable."

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Nebraska poet laureate's daughter unwraps '92 Christmas poem

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The daughter of poet John G. Neihardt unwrapped a family holiday heirloom this month: a little-known Christmas poem her father wrote for her 69 years ago.

Nebraska poet laureate of Nebraska, best known for his memoirs of an Ogala Sioux holy man called "Black Elk Speaks," Neihardt typed out the poem "Concerning Christmas Hilda's Piece" in 1922.

"I came home from second grade and told my mother I had to have a Christmas piece for school. She told me to go ask my father," said Hilda Neihardt Petri.

She said her father told her there weren't any Christmas poems for

John G. Neihardt left daughter gift in 1922

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — John Neihardt wrote this Christmas holiday poem for his daughter, Hilda, in 1922.

This holiest of all the nights,
I wonder what it means.
It's surely more than candle-
lights
On tinsel evergreens.

It's more than toys that make it dear
And eating pleasant things;
For if you'll listen right you'll hear
A murmuring of wings.
My grandma says it's more than fun
And hanging up your stockings;

It's knowing any needy one
Might be the Savior knocking.
It's helping those who feel the rod
Of grief and heavy labors.
I guess it's being nice to God
By loving all your neighbors.

children, and her mother suggested that she write one.

The result awaiting the 6-year-old the next morning was the two-stanza, 16-line poem she memorized and

recited for her class.

She said she wasn't surprised to find the poem: "We just thought our dad could do anything."

president of the Neihardt Foundation, based at the Neihardt Museum in Bancroft 60 miles northwest of Omaha.

She's kept the poem in her memory

and the typed version pasted in the back of a book of poems ever since. Her father died in 1973 at age 92, and the poem appeared in a calendar a few years later.

Her brothers and sisters, her three children and six grandchildren all know the poem, she said.

It's recited at family holiday gatherings and it once appeared on a family Christmas card about 20 or 30 years ago, accompanied by a drawing by her mother, Mrs. Neihardt Petri said.

Members of the foundation board urged her earlier this month to share the poem, saying its message of the meaning of Christmas is needed now, Mrs. Neihardt Petri said. "The

message really hasn't dimmed, though the poem talks about candlelight instead of electric lights. But they're going back to candlelight now."

Mrs. Neihardt Petri said she took the poem's words and phrases quite literally when she was a child. "When you're that age, you take things very concretely," she said.

A line in the poem about "helping those who feel the rod of grief and heavy labors" was to her "a real stick that someone is being hit with," she said.

The initials J.G.N. are typed at the bottom of the poem, but scrawled across the page's margin is "Love from Daddy."

A 2nd chance

A year after near death in snowbank, toddler shows few ill effects

ELKINS, W. Va. (AP) — A year after she was found nearly frozen in a snowbank, with her heart stopped and eyes open, 4-year-old Brittany Eichelberger counts to 10, says the alphabet up to "G" and loves to dance.

"I'm just glad she's OK," said Melinda Eichelberger, Brittany's mother. "She didn't even lose some of her fingers or toes like the doctors said she might."

"I've learned not to underestimate little kids. It's really miraculous. There will be a lot better Christmas than last year. That's for sure," said Brittany's grandfather, Mike Eichelberger.

Last Christmas Eve, Ms. Eichelberger went looking for her daughter and found her blue-limbed body, dressed in only a T-shirt and underwear, outside a neighbor's back door.

"The snow had partly covered up her legs," said Ms. Eichelberger, 21. Doctors estimated Brittany had been outside for about three hours. Her body temperature had fallen to 74 degrees, stopping her heart, doctors said.

The temperature that morning was in the mid-20s with snow, fog and wind blowing at 16 mph, according to National Weather Service records. Brittany's blue eyes had frozen open and her hands and feet were cured and frostbitten, according to paramedic Brenda Dalley.

Neighbor Paul Owens heard Ms. Eichelberger's screams and gave Brittany cardiopulmonary resuscitation until help arrived 20 minutes later.

Doctors at Davis Memorial



Brittany Eichelberger, 4, tells a visitor about a drawing she made on a chalkboard received as a Christmas present.

Hospital continued CPR, wrapped her in blankets, used heat lamps and pumped warm fluids into Brittany's body for 3 1/2 hours.

As her body warmed, Brittany's heart resumed beating.

That evening, she was flown to Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, where doctors said she would lose the tips of her fingers and toes. They also predicted Brittany would need months of therapy to walk normally.

"At first, we didn't think she had a chance," Ms. Eichelberger said. "Then they told us not to get our hopes up. They wanted us to keep her up there at a rehabilitation facility. We said absolutely not."

The family didn't think she needed to stay there, and Brittany was insisted on going home.

Brittany came home Jan. 7. She was walking in early February and was moving her fingers normally by the end of April, according to her mother.

"She had physical therapy for about three months but she did a lot of the work on her own," said Ms. Eichelberger. "She'd just sit in front of the television and try to move her fingers and toes."

"See!" Brittany told a visitor as she proudly pulled off her red socks and wriggled 10 normal-looking toes.

An occasional loss of balance is the only lingering effect of Brittany's exposure, her mother said.

The night before Brittany's exposure, Ms. Eichelberger said, she had fallen asleep in the living room while watching Christmas cartoons with her father, Steve Robinson. Ms. Eichelberger said she decided to let Brittany sleep on the couch rather than put her to bed.

She said she last checked on her daughter at about 6 a.m., but when she awakened several hours later the door was wide open and Brittany was gone, apparently drawn outside by the fresh snowfall.

"No one really knows what happened for sure, she doesn't talk about it," Ms. Eichelberger said. "She doesn't remember anything after going outside. Not even being in the hospital intensive care unit."

But Ms. Eichelberger's aunt Bonnie Daman said Brittany pointed to a picture of Jesus last February and said he had told her to go home.

"Then she pointed to a picture of my father, who she never met, and she had led her down a hall of bright lights to Jesus," Daman said. "It really gave me the chills when she told me that."

Now Brittany refuses to discuss the hallway, even with her mother.

But Brittany is quick to protest when someone calls her "the miracle baby."

"I'm not the miracle baby, I'm just a regular baby," Brittany said when a videotape of a TV reenactment of her plight was played on the family's VCR.

Washington OKs Santa for cross-country travel

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government placed its tongue in the cheek Monday and granted Santa Claus official permission "to engage in air travel to points throughout the United States ... to serve various roof top markets."

In its order, the Department of Transportation noted that Santa anticipates using a miniature sleigh to be powered by eight tiny reindeer, with exception of a possible ninth reindeer with a special air navigation warning light in its nose in the event of fog or heavy snow," the order said.

While the equipment to be used has not been certified by the Federal Aviation Administration or any foreign government, "it has operated for centuries without any accident and therefore most be airworthy," the department said.

"Although the applicant admits that there will be some noise exposure associated with landings and takeoffs — primarily a clattering of hoofs," he is not aware of any complaints having been filed in response to this noise, the department said.

"He maintains, therefore, that the proposed operations will not have any significant adverse environmental impact."

Troubled holidays greet some Arabs in Holy Land

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank (AP) — Some of George Nasser's relatives will have to get Israeli army passes to come to the traditional Christmas Eve dinner.

"Christmas should somehow be better here because it's Bethlehem," Nasser said. "Unfortunately, because of the situation, it isn't."

Despite hopes raised by Mideast peace talks, Christmas remains a bitter-sweet holiday for Arab Christians in the Holy Land.

In the central places of Jerusalem — Bethlehem, Nazareth and Jericho — celebrations have been dampened by the Israeli-Arab conflict over control of the land captured by the Jewish state in the 1967 Middle East war.

And the Arab Christian minority, some of whom claim descent from Christ's first followers, feel increasingly vulnerable as emigration depletes their ranks.

Church officials estimate there are fewer than 140,000 left in Israel and the occupied West Bank and Gaza

Strip, down from 150,000 in British mandatory Palestine before Israel's founding. Recently, Christians have been leaving the Holy Land at a rate of 2,000 a year, Christian lay leaders say. Israel's population is 5 million, and 1.7 million people live in the occupied territories.

Nazareth, where Christ grew up, is holding its first real Christmas celebration since the Palestinian revolt against Israeli occupation began four years ago. Although inside Israel, the town had cancelled past Christmas activities in solidarity with the uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza. Now, to underscore its ties with the Israeli-Arab peace talks will decrease, Nazareth has decided to "redecorate its main streets with colored lights and to reinstate its Christmas reception."

In a break with tradition, Orthodox churches in Nazareth will celebrate Christmas with the Latin rite churches on Dec. 25, rather than their customary Jan. 6, in effort to show greater unity.

Economy keeps Japanese home for holidays

TOKYO (AP) — Christmas in this non-Christian nation used to be another excuse for workers to get smashed in the name of social obligation, or the big night for lovers splurging on an expensive dinner and hotel.

This year, trend watchers say, the party at home brought on in part by the economic slowdown.

Potluck gatherings, Christmas clothing such as red mini-skirts and veranda lights are in the air this year. Even the Christmas trees are bigger, growing from the usual tiny foot-high to six-foot-tall retailers say.

"The common standard that city restaurants and plush hotels are the trendiest places to spend Christmas is breaking down this year," the national Asahi newspaper said.

Many youths are trying to celebrate the season in their own way, "rather than going to the places recommended in magazines like everyone else," it reported.

That's a big shift for a mostly Buddhist and Shintoist nation whose past treatment of the holiday has centered around gift-hawking commercialism and rowdy drinking sprees.

Studies by the Seiyu supermarket chain show an increase in "families who enjoy parties at home," said the chain's Hiroshi Noda. One study showed that 85 percent of 600 housewives surveyed gave Christmas parties, spending \$75 to \$150 on the event.

A similar tendency was detected among the young. A study of 219

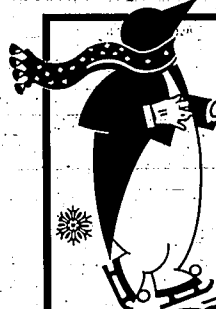
shoppers, ages 18 to 32, at the Seibu department store found that although restaurant outings were still favored by one-third of the respondents, one-fifth said they planned to attend a party at a home.

This year's economic slowdown has put a damper on spending. But retailers prefer to say the trend mainly reflects a greater emphasis on family life.

According to a Seiyu pamphlet, the proper father can no longer hop around the giddy Ginza on Christmas Eve, only to totter home with a purchased "decoration cake" donned with candied Santas to wipe away his guilt.

Wearing a big smile, he must toast with champagne his family and friends at home.

The pamphlet urges families to throw potluck parties, and gives instructions on what to cook. Because roasts are too big for the average oven, turkey chicken, meatloaf and a fir-shaped salad are recommended.



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Bush urges economic push

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, in a Christmas message to the nation, urged Americans on Monday to tackle domestic economic problems with the same determination that liberated Kuwait and spread democracy around the globe.

"Now we must capture that same spirit of belief in ourselves as we overcome hard times at home," Bush said in a satellite television address from the Blue Room.

Bush said 1991 was a year when "the impossible became history." From the victory in the Gulf War to the opening of Middle East peace talks to the collapse of Soviet communism.

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Eagles' White tops NFL All-Pro list

The Associated Press

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NEW YORK — A dream backfield of Thurman Thomas and Barry Sanders, former teammates at Oklahoma State and now the premier running backs in the NFL, highlights the 1991 Associated Press All-Pro team.

Thomas, the NFL's all-around yardage leader, and Sanders, No. 2 in rushing, were the leading offensive vote-getters for the team, selected by 82 media members and announced Monday. Each former

Oklahoma State Cowboy got 79 votes, and defensive end Reggie White of the Philadelphia Eagles was the top vote-getter with 80.

"There's not a rivalry between me and Barry," Thomas said.

"The rivalry is made up by the media. They write 'Who's the best?' Barry and I, when we get together in Hawaii (for the Pro Bowl), we never talk about who the

best running back is. We talk about our friendship, our relations we had in college, those things. Who's the best isn't something we argue about."

Sanders was one of four Detroit Lions named to the team. He was joined by nose tackle Jerry Ball, inside linebacker Chris Spielman and kick returner Mel Gray.

"This is a major honor for these players, because the award comes from the writers," coach-Wayne Fontes said. "I have become wary the past few years of the voting by some of the players. I think you see a

situation there, on the Pro Bowl selections, for instance, where they keep on voting for a guy just because he got it the year before.

"The voting by the writers for Chris is a prime example of that. If you look at the film week after week, my God, the man covers the field from sideline to sideline. He throws his body around. He's just a hell of a football player. It's gratifying to know that some people see those things."

The Los Angeles Raiders also had four

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Golden Gophers look at Boise State's Hall

BOISE — Boise State football coach Skip Hall is reportedly one of four finalists for the head coaching job at the University of Minnesota.

Matt Biondi, former sports reporter for Boise television station KBCI and now sports anchor for KPVT in Portland, told The Idaho Statesman that Hall interviewed for the position Sunday with the Minnesota search committee.

Hall's wife, Virginia, said late Sunday that "Skip did meet with the search committee on Sunday."

Other reportedly in the running for the job are Jim Whicker of Texas Christian, Glenn Mason of Kansas and Bill Lewis of East Carolina.

Motta, burdened with dubious record, sets retirement date

SAN ANTONIO — Dick Motta, who became the losingest coach in NBA history on Saturday, said on Monday he will retire as coach of the Sacramento Kings at the end of this season.

Motta would not elaborate on his reasons for retiring except to say, "It's just a family decision. It's time. That's all I'm going to say about it."

Motta, 60, who joined the Kings in January of 1990, brought a career record of 849-845 into the 1991-92 season. The Kings were 7-17 before meeting the San Antonio Spurs Monday night.

When the Kings lost 109-85 in Dallas on Saturday night, he passed Gene Shue as the coach with the most losses in NBA history, with 862.

Motta also is the third winningest coach in the NBA, trailing only Red Auerbach (938 wins) and Jack Ramsay (864).

Chargers fire Henning, look at former Vandals mentor

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Chargers fired Dan Henning today, one day after he completed his third straight losing season and seventh overall as an NFL head coach.

Henning's entire staff also was dismissed, although general manager Bobby Beathard said he would encourage Henning's replacement to interview the assistant coaches.

Henning finished the third and final guaranteed year of a five-year contract he signed when he became the Chargers' coach in February 1989. The Chargers finished this season 4-12, giving Henning a 16-52 record in San Diego.

Beathard said the decision to fire Henning was his, with input from owner Alex Spanos. Beathard said it was a "very, very tough, emotional decision," to fire Henning. Beathard said that Georgia Tech's Bobby Ross and Miami coach Dennis Erickson are among the leading candidates to replace Henning.

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“**Three of them, we've already played ... and it's the same thing with Philadelphia, we'd already played them and already beaten them. You better button up, because they're going to be looking at that film and how you beat them. Human nature being what it is, they're going to come out hard.**”

— Washington Redskins Coach Joe Gibbs on who — Detroit, Dallas or Atlanta — they might face in their first playoff contest the weekend of Jan. 4.

All tied up



Olympic gold medalist Mark Schultz, top, demonstrates a wrestling move on John Hyde of Homedale Saturday afternoon in Kimberly.

Olympic gold-medalist schools valley youngsters in wrestling

By Ron Gatz Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — A small, but enthusiastic group of high school wrestlers were treated to something special at a clinic in the Bulldog gym last Saturday.

Foremost in a group of prominent grapplers was Brigham Young University assistant coach Mark Schultz, an Olympic gold-medalist in the 1984 Summer Games held in Los Angeles.

A two-time world and Pan American champion as well, Schultz has seven national titles to his credit.

Those credentials aside, Schultz has no problem relating to aspiring prepster, for whom he had conducted as many as 60 clinics in a single year.

"I beat a guy, Ed Banaek of Iowa, in 1982 who was a four-time NCAA champion to be," he said. "That and the Olympics were really big for me. But winning the state championship in high school was probably the biggest deal for me."

A senior at Palo Alto High School, Schultz had beaten some top notch opponents, but not fared well in tournaments before garnering consecutive district, regional and state titles.

"It was like a miracle," he said. "It

makes you believe in God. Before, I was going to go in the Marine Corps and kill people like Rambo, but instead I got a scholarship for college."

The college experience send Schultz south a ways, to the University of California at Los Angeles where he wrestled in his freshman year, redshirted the next, then — disenchanted with internal problems in the Bruin wrestling program — transferred to the University of Oklahoma.

Since his Olympic triumph he served as an assistant at the Air Force Academy, Villanova and Stanford before landing in Provo. A stint at Villanova was all it took for him to decide where he wanted to live.

"I hated it," he said with a knowing grin. "I would never live back east again. Nobody cares about anyone but themselves."

Though his avocation pays little Schultz, a 31-year-old whose been in organized wrestling for more than half his life, enjoys his association with youngsters and he understands what the relationship means to them.

"I come in here and sell my wares, but there's not any money in it," he explained. "And I try to take everything I've ever learned and crunch it into a couple of hours.

"The kids get to associate with somebody successful," he continued. "And I've got to be a role model. The type of individual that they feel they could be. That's what I did."

Mark's idol? Why brother Dave of course. A winner in that same Los Angeles Olympics whose credentials match his siblings and whose ferociousness is legendary.

"Dave wrestled a guy from Greece who was supposed to win it," said Jerome Coach Leon Madsen, who witnessed the brothers in action. "He snapped his arm in the first round. Mark hurt his opponent in the first round too. They both had an extra official watching them for the rest of the competition. They were amazing. Tough as nails."

No more so than normal everyday life in the Schultz household according to Mark, the recipient of anything and everything Dave wanted to try out.

"I remember once when I made him mad," he said. "All of a sudden there were bells ringing and birds singing. Then I woke up with him standing over me sweating. I was drooling and trying to regain my senses and there he is standing over me sweating in my mouth. It was a living hell."

Bears lose game, chance for early bye

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The Chicago Bears saw a division title and a first-round bye in the playoffs ripped from their grasp Monday night by the San Francisco 49ers.

Steve Young threw three touchdown passes, two to Jerry Rice, and ran for another score as the 49ers beat the Bears 52-14, the most points San Francisco has scored and Chicago has allowed in 26 years.

The loss by the Bears (11-5) in the league's regular-season finale handed the NFC Central Division title and the first-round playoff bye to Detroit (12-4). Chicago held a tie-breaking edge over Detroit but needed to win Monday night to match the Lions' record.

Instead, the Bears must play host to Dallas in a wild-card game Sunday.

Young, starting after a six-week absence due to torn left-knee ligaments, had touchdown passes of 3 and 69 yards to Rice and a 2-yarder to Jamie Williams as the 49ers rocketed to a 24-0 halftime lead. Young added a 2-yard touchdown run on the first play of the fourth quarter.

In the rivalry game, the defense-minded Bears held the opposition to 17 points or less.

San Francisco (10-6) finished the year with six straight wins but missed the playoffs for the first time since 1982 despite the surge. The 49ers were eliminated a week



Chicago safeties Mark Carrier (20) and David Tate stop San Francisco tight end Brent Jones after he catches a pass from Steve Young Monday.

ago when New Orleans beat the Los Angeles Raiders to clinch the final NFC playoff spot.

The Bears, who lost 52-24 at San Francisco — the 49ers' regular-season club record for scoring — on Sept. 19, 1965, continued their recent history of futility at Candlestick Park, falling to 1-4 since 1984.

Duke stays atop mixed Top 10 list

The Associated Press

Four losses by Top Ten teams last weekend jumbled the order of the poll on Monday, but the 25 teams remained the same.

Duke (5-0) was one vote shy of a unanimous No. 1 with 64 first-place votes and 1,624 points from the nationwide panel of sportswriters and broadcasters. UCLA (5-0) moved up one spot into second, a position the Bruins held last week as well.

Oklahoma State (10-0), Kansas (6-0) and Connecticut (5-0) were 5-6-7 last week and moved to third through fifth this week. Connecticut received the other first-place vote.

Arizona (5-1), which lost 65-59 at then-No. 19 Arkansas on Saturday, dropped to second to sixth and was followed by Ohio State (6-1), which lost that same day at Southern Cal, 79-77 in overtime. North Carolina (7-1), which is on a basketball holiday, including games in the Canary Islands and Germany, moved up one spot to eighth and was followed in the Top Ten by two Big Ten teams — Michigan State (8-0) and Indiana (6-2).

Michigan State moved up three spots with an easy 75-51 win over Illinois-Chicago and a 90-89 squeaker over Cincinnati. Indiana advanced from 14th with an 82-77 road win over then-No. 10 St. John's.

Michigan, the team of the fabulous freshman, led the Second Ten and was followed by Seton Hall, Georgia Tech, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky, St. John's, Utah and Alabama.

Kentucky was the fourth Top Ten team to lose on Saturday when the Wildcats (6-2) were beaten 81-80 at Atlanta by Georgia Tech, which held 13th from last week.

The final five teams are the same as last week with the order altered slightly: Louisville, Wake Forest, Iowa, Georgetown and North Carolina-Charlotte.

The losses figure to mount for ranked teams come the holidays are over and conference play begins.

Twenty of the ranked teams come from just five conferences. The Big Ten is tops with five — Ohio State, Michigan State, Indiana, Michigan and Iowa — and four are in the Top 11. The Big East, Big Eight and Atlantic Coast conference have three each, and the Southeastern Conference has three. The Pac-10 and Metro have two teams each, leaving Utah of the Western Athletic Conference as the lone representative from the other 26 Division I conferences.

Barkley says punch was self-defense

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia 76ers forward Charles Barkley, known for his hard-charging attitude on court, wasn't at all about defending his role in a weekend altercation that ended with his arrest.

Barkley admitted he threw the punch that broke a Milwaukee man's nose early Sunday morning, but said he was defending himself.

Barkley, an eight-year pro and member of the U.S. Olympic team, was arrested about five hours after the 2:30 a.m. incident and released on \$500 bail, police said.

"The man follows me for a block and a half, messes with me and harasses who I'm with," Barkley said Monday at Philadelphia's practice. "I can only ignore so much, and I wasn't going to fight the guy. But when he walks up to me with his fist balled up saying he wants a shot at me, I'm going to defend myself ..."

"It's unfortunate what happened," Barkley said. "I felt like I was defending myself. I don't think I'm wrong."

According to Milwaukee police, Barkley, 28, and a woman were leaving a downtown tavern when 25-year-old Joseph McCarthy



Barkley

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Ehlo gives Cavs wild win

RICHLAND, Ohio (AP) — Craig Ehlo's 3-point basket at the buzzer capped a wild first 25 seconds that included four lead changes and a tie.

Cleveland won its third straight overall and improved to 12-1 at home. Utah lost the last three games of its five-game road trip.

Pro basketball

The Cavaliers trailed 112-110 after Blue Edwards made a layup with 1.3 seconds remaining. Following a Cleveland timeout, Ehlo inbounded the ball to Brad Daugherty, who immediately passed it back to Ehlo on the left side for a quick shot.

Heat 113, Magic 102

MIAMI (AP) — Rony Seikaly, playing with a fractured finger, had 27 points and 11 rebounds as Miami handed Orlando its 11th straight defeat, 113-102 Monday night.

Nets 105, Hawks 93

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Derrick Coleman had 27 points and 11 rebounds for New Jersey, which held off a late Atlanta rally.

Hornets 114, 76ers 106

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Kendall Gill scored a career-high 31 points as Charlotte ended a four-game losing streak.

Knicks 97, Timberwolves 91

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Patrick Ewing had 25 points, 14 rebounds and a season-high six blocked shots as New York won its fourth straight.

Mavericks 105, Rockets 85

HOUSTON (AP) — Rolando Blackman and Derek Harper



Utah's John Stockton fouls Cleveland's John Williams in the second quarter Monday in Ohio.

each scored 27 points and Dallas used a 16-0 fourth-quarter run to beat Houston.

Spurs 101, Kings 90

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Rod Strickland returned after an 80-day holdout and had 12 points and six assists for San Antonio.

Strickland missed the first two games, because of a contract dispute. He settled with the Spurs on Sunday.

Trail Blazers 105, Pistons 95

Portland won its fourth straight game, beating Detroit 105-95. Portland's Steve Nash had 25 points and 11 rebounds.

Levy says holding out was simple

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) —

For the second year in a row, Marvin Levy faced a dilemma when the Bills' final regular season game turned out to be meaningless. Should he play his stars — or rest them for the grueling playoff schedule ahead?

As it turned out, Levy said it wasn't that tough a choice to make. "Rarely is there ever a decision that you make that is so totally clear-cut," Levy said Monday.

His decision was to hold out Thurman Thomas, Jim Kelly and James Lofton, and to take out Bruce Smith and Andre Reed early. Thomas, Kelly, Lofton and Smith were all injured, although none serious enough to keep them off the field if the game was important.

It was similar to Levy's decision to pull most of the Bills' stars out of last year's season finale against Washington by the third quarter.

Levy said he didn't think it was the wise thing to send two guys in who had to come out of the previous game with an injury — who hadn't practiced all week because of it — into a game that didn't mean that much to us," Levy said.

Kelly has a sore knee, Thomas a sore ankle, Lofton a strained foot and Smith a buildup of fluid on his knee. "In a crunch, they could have played yesterday," Levy said, adding all are likely to play in Buffalo's first playoff game in two weeks.

The league on Friday issued a letter to coaches urging them to "do nothing less than a fully competitive and focused effort on the final regular-season weekend."

"As NFL professionals, you owe it to the public, your opponents and yourselves to continue the all-out effort in which you gave throughout the year," the memo read.

Parcells viewed as Pack's frontrunner

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) —

Santa Claus is coming to town, but it is Bill Parcells.

Parcells, the former New York Giants coach who spent the last year as a commentator for NBC, is considered the top candidate to replace Lindy Infante as head coach of the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League.

Infante was fired Sunday after a 24-40 record in four years, joining a line of coaches who failed to return the Packers to their glory days under Vince Lombardi.

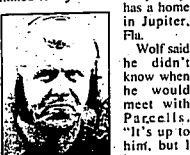
The 50-year-old Parcells, like Lombardi a New Jerseyan, directed the Giants to two Super Bowl victories. The mere mention of his name has the NFL's smallest town buzzing.

In fact, there was already a Parcells sighting Monday at Green Bay's Austin-Straubel Field, where a ticket agent claimed he spotted Parcells.

Some are currently with playoff teams.

Packers general manager Ron Wolf has already said Parcells, who is an acquaintance, is on his list of candidates. Newspaper reports say Parcells would command an annual salary of between \$1 million and \$1.5 million.

Wolf said Monday that Parcells was not in Green Bay. "He could be here but I don't know about it," Wolf said. "I've had some calls



Parcells

from Florida so that might indicate something."

Parcells, whose name has been linked to a job with Tampa Bay, has a home in Jupiter, Fla.

Wolf said he didn't know when he would meet with Parcells. "It's up to him, but I have yet to talk to him."

Wolf reiterated that his search could take a couple of weeks because he wants to make sure he considers all qualified assistant coaches.

"You study what has transpired in the 1980s, you have to say you probably have five guys who have dominated — Joe Gibbs, Bill Walsh, Mike Ditka, Dan Reeves and Parcells," Wolf said.

"They were all quality assistant coaches before making it to the big time. I think it behooves me to examine those possibilities. That's why I don't think it's necessary to rush into it."

A year away, Couples plans repeat victory

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica (AP) — Fred Couples had three quick questions immediately after his runaway victory in the World Championship.

Even before he signed his card for \$66 or collected his \$525,000 prize, Couples asked: "Does this qualify me for the tournament next year? And where and when is it going to be played?"

The answers he received were "yes," to the first and "nobody knows," to the other two.

"Well," Couples said, "wherever it is and whenever it is, I'll find a plane to get me there."

The tournament organizers, International Management Group, and the sponsor, Johnnie Walker, said it will be at least a month before negotiations are complete concerning the site and date of the 1992 event. There was no question, however, about the continuation of the tournament which is not part of any major tour.

Such a tour — with events in Europe, the United States, Australia and Japan and composed only of the world's leading players — has been suggested and promoted by Seve Ballesteros, Greg Norman and Ian Woosnam.

"I don't think so," McCormack said Sunday when asked if the World Championship was the first step toward establishing such a tour. "I think it just emphasizes the international nature of golf."

And more such events could be in the making, he suggested. "I think the 72-hole, stroke play, 154-man field events that are played around the world on the major tours are boring," he said. "I think the public enjoys and appreciates and supports the specialty events like this."

As examples, he suggested "alternate shot competition, best-ball competition, match play competition. This is all very appealing to the public."

But McCormack, whose group serves as agent for many leading players and organizes tournaments around the world, stopped short of suggesting the World Championship may be the forerunner of a new world tour.

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Unknowns pack rosters for Blue-Gray game

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — There aren't a lot of big names in the Blue-Gray college all-star game. In fact, some are downright obscure.

Have you ever heard of Northeast Oklahoma running back Derrick Moore? How about Bobby Wright, a running back from Nebraska Wesleyan?

"We're the underdogs here," said Wright, whose school is an NCAA Division II member. "We really don't have any pressure on us. We've just got to perform up to the best of our capabilities and hopefully things will turn out for us."

Turning out for the best means just impressing the pro scouts who have been watching the 73 teams taking part in the 54th annual game on Christmas Day. Kickoff is set for 11 a.m. CST at

Cramton Bowl. "I don't think I have to prove anything," said Moore, the second-leading rusher in NAIA with 1,502 yards and 16 touchdowns. He and Wright are two of the Blue team's running backs.

Moore doesn't look at this as a chance to prove he can play with the big-school guys. Personally, I know I can play with them. Obviously I have to prove that to other people."

Moore and Wright both realize, though, that this is a different level play. "Everybody is bigger, stronger and faster," Wright said. "Everything is a little larger on this. It's just a step up."

The Blue-Gray doesn't get as many big-name players as the other all-star games since its talent pool is limited to NCAA Division I-A schools that

don't go to a bowl and the small schools whose season already is over.

But Michigan State coach George Perles, who is handling the Blue team's defense, said it doesn't matter where the players are from — whether it's Nebraska Wesleyan or a school like Southern California, which has three players in the game after an uncharacteristic 3-8 season. "There's not a whole lot of difference," he said. "Our motive is to help all of these kids expose their abilities."

The Blue team will be directed by quarterback Matt Venatch of San Jose State and Mark Barcott of Fresno State.

Venatch, a junior college transfer, threw for almost 3,500 yards his two seasons at San Jose State.

Scores and stats

Football

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE	
Team	W-L-T
Buffalo	13-3-0
Cincinnati	11-5-0
Cleveland	10-6-0
Dallas	10-6-0
Indianapolis	11-5-0
Houston	11-5-0
Kansas City	11-5-0
Los Angeles	11-5-0
Minnesota	11-5-0
New England	11-5-0
New York	11-5-0
Pittsburgh	11-5-0
San Diego	11-5-0

NFL box score

Team	Score	Time
San Francisco	7	0:28
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Baseball

NFL standings

NATIONAL CONFERENCE	
Team	W-L-T
Washington	14-2-0
Philadelphia	14-2-0
Atlanta	14-2-0
Denver	14-2-0
Los Angeles	14-2-0
Minnesota	14-2-0
New York	14-2-0
Pittsburgh	14-2-0
San Diego	14-2-0

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San Francisco	7	0:28
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Basketball

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE	
Team	W-L-T
New York	17-7-0
Philadelphia	17-7-0
Washington	17-7-0
Atlanta	17-7-0
Charlotte	17-7-0
Chicago	17-7-0
Cleveland	17-7-0
Dallas	17-7-0
Denver	17-7-0
Indiana	17-7-0
Los Angeles	17-7-0
Memphis	17-7-0
Minnesota	17-7-0
Portland	17-7-0
San Antonio	17-7-0
Seattle	17-7-0
Utah	17-7-0
Washington	17-7-0

NBA box scores

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College sports

College scores

Team	Score	Time
San Antonio	58	17:00
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College scores

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Barkley

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called out to him: "Charles, I hear you're one of the baddiest dudes in the NBA."

Barley said police that McCarthy and friends of McCarthy's companions then approached him and McCarthy raised his fist saying: "You're so tough on the court. Show me how tough you are."

Police said Barkley then punched McCarthy in the face with his left fist. Police said Barkley told them McCarthy's companions had surrounded him and his friend when two bouncers intervened and took him to his friend's car.

"He had a couple guys with him, and I didn't trust those guys," Barkley said Monday. "I thought they were going to jump me."

According to police, McCarthy said he told Barkley that he'd heard the player was "one of the baddiest dudes in the NBA," but denied saying anything else.

McCarthy refused to comment Monday on the incident. "I'm just not talking about it," he said.

"McCarthy sustained cuts to his forehead and was treated at a Milwaukee hospital and released, police Capt. Thomas Petlewicz said.

"I prefer things like this don't happen," Philadelphia coach Jim Lynam said. "There are all kinds of distractions and you have to deal with them."

Barley said that since the incident occurred off the court, it had nothing to do with the 76ers. Lynam disagreed. "When Charles takes his uniform off, he's still a representative of the 76ers," Lynam said. "That goes with the turf."

In his current autobiography, "Outrageous," Barkley writes that he does not like to socialize with strangers when traveling.

He wrote, adding there are "loons out there who resent a kind of money that's made — and who think I'm supposed to be different from what I am. I've met a lot of real knuckleheads since I came to the NBA, a lot of people who look like they might want to make a name for themselves by assaulting Charles Barkley."

All-Pro

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All-Pro safety Ronnie Loft, guard Steve Wisniewski and both kickers, placekicker Jeff Jaeger and punter Jeff Goff.

"Here at the Raiders, we consider the special teams game to be a field position game," said Raiders special teams coach Steve Otmayer. "We consider the special teams play as a series of battles within a war. It's not just a game, it's a war that creates instant field position for you — is just invaluable... They've both unquestionably had that kind of season."

Joining Thomas from the Bills are quarterback Jim Kelly and center Kent Hull. Kelly has been the highest-rated passer in the AFC all season.

Aside from Ball, the other defensive line positions went to members of the Eagles' top-rated

defense. Ends White and Clyde Simmons and tackle Jerome Brown were selected.

Houston also had three All-Pro linemen in big play cornerback Chris Dishman, receiver Haywood Jeffries and guard Mike Munchak. Jeffries led the NFL in receptions with 100.

Despite dominating the NFC all season, the Redskins had only two All-Pro, cornerback Darrell Green and tackle Jim Lachey.

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NFL seeks stop to braindrain

The Associated Press

At least a few owners are out there trying to stop the NFL brain drain, if you'll pardon an expression that may not be entirely appropriate.

In the past three years, NBC has plucked two Super Bowl coaches — Bill Walsh and Bill Parcells — away from the league and turned them into broadcasters, or tried.

Now, the San Francisco 49ers want Walsh back, and everybody with a coaching vacancy, it seems, wants Parcells, the former New York Giants coach.

Football people are saying that Parcells' two most likely destinations are Tampa Bay or Green Bay. While the folks at NBC would like to add their network as a third distinct possibility, they also admit it's hard to figure out what Parcells might do.

While he seems to have no trouble settling on a quarterback, Parcells is known among colleagues as a man who waffles when it comes to making his own career decisions.

There was some speculation that NBC would offer Parcells its top analyst's job, currently held by Walsh, as an inducement to stay at the network, but that's the problem with that — it's a thinking man's job. First of all, NBC says flatly: "Bill Walsh is our No. 1 NFL analyst, and we will not comment on rumors to the contrary."

Although NBC will move Parcells out of its NFL booth eventually, he could move up to No. 1. Only if Walsh bared himself into a coma or was taken off the NFL beat for some other reason.

That other reason could be Edward DeBartolo Jr., who has offered Walsh a job as a player personnel specialist. If Walsh takes the job, he'll have to limit his TV work to college football games to avoid a conflict of interest, Walsh did analysis for NBC's Notre Dame home games last season.

Walsh, however, said he was happy with the network and added: "I'm under contract to NBC, and I don't expect to be leaving."

NBC believes him. If Parcells said he was staying, NBC executives probably would start looking for a new analyst now. But they believe Walsh.

Besides, even if Walsh left the network, Parcells still might not be the No. 1 analyst. NBC thinks very highly of Paul Maguire and Bob Trumpy, both of whom have more experience.

Todd Christensen also is in line with Parcells, although he could well be Parcells' replacement on NFL Live some day. Christensen likes the idea of working in the studio but says, tongue-in-cheek, that host Bob Costas "is an inadequate foil for me. I don't know if we could co-exist together."

That's the coach's way out. Mr. Christensen would have to listen to a host he shouldn't yell at.

OUT TAKES: CBS has only one New Year's Day bowl game — No. 5 Florida State vs. No. 9 Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl — but there's a good reason to believe it will be a sell-out, considering the opposition.

The Cotton (1:30 p.m. EST kickoff) is one of three bowls in the early afternoon time slot. Also at 1:30 p.m. is ABC's Citrus Bowl between No. 13 Clemson and No. 1 California. NBC has No. 17 Syracuse (7 p.m.) and No. 25 Ohio State in the Hall of Fame Bowl at 1 p.m.

CBS announcer Jim Nantz admits the Cotton Bowl isn't "nothing at all in terms of a national championship," but then neither is either of the other two early games.

"I think, though, that it's a good matchup between a Florida State team coming off some late-season disappointments and A&M, which is a lot of people think will be a national championship contender in '92 and '93," Nantz said.

Early next year, ESPN will move Bob Ley off its late-night "SportsCenter" to become a regular anchor, along with Charlie Steiner, on the 7 p.m. EST show.

Walsh's departure from the sports issues coverage, we are formalizing a role for Bob that we have been planning for some time," ESPN managing editor Steve Anderson said.

Teams ponder 1st-round field leaders

The Associated Press

Even when the NFL playoffs are set they aren't.

Particularly at quarterback. Though the Los Angeles Raiders lost to the Chiefs 27-17 on Sunday for a playoff game next Saturday, they discovered Sunday they had a good young quarterback in Todd Marinovich. Now coach Art Shell — and owner Al Davis — have to decide whether to start Marinovich or Jay Schroeder, who rested his sprained ankles on Sunday.

Dallas, meanwhile, goes to either Chicago or Detroit undecided between Troy Aikman and Steve Beuerlein, who has led the Cowboys to five straight wins since Aikman injured a knee against Washington. Beuerlein seems to have the edge.

The schedule for this weekend's first round was announced Monday by the NFL.

The playoffs open at 12:30 p.m. EST in a wild-card game pitting the Raiders (9-7) at Kansas City (10-6), a reprise of Sunday's game in play in Los Angeles.

The only other time since the current format was established in 1970 that teams played back-to-back was in 1988, when Cleveland beat Houston at home in the final game, then stayed home and lost to the Oilers in a wild-card game a week later.

The Chiefs and Raiders will be followed by Atlanta (10-6) at New Orleans (11-5) at 4 p.m. The Saints won the NFC West by beating Phoenix 27-17 in the Super Bowl in Houston last to Dallas 31-27.

Sunday's first game will pit the Cowboys (11-5) at either Detroit (12-4) or Chicago (11-4) going into Monday night's game at San Francisco, if the Bears win, they get a week off and the wild-card game is at Detroit; if they lose, they play Sunday and the Lions get a week off.

The wild-card weekend ends with the New York Jets (8-8) at Houston (11-5) and the second round games will be hosted by the four teams with byes — Washington (14-2);

Buffalo (13-3); Denver (12-4) and either Chicago or Detroit.

But first come the quarterback decisions. Marinovich, the Raiders' first-round pick last April, created the problem in Los Angeles by going 23 of 40 for 243 yards and three

in its 25 years of existence thanks to another quarterback, Bobby Hebert. He came back after missing six games and led the Saints to wins in their final two, breaking a four-game losing streak and keeping New Orleans from becoming the first team ever to lose a division title

competing with the Lions for the NFC Central title and a week off in the playoffs.

But the league saw no violation of collusion in that. Tom Irahie's letter to all teams urging them to play hard this week no matter what their status.

"I think the Bills went all out," Joe Browne, the league's vice-president for communications, said last week. "That was evident by the fact that they led 7-0 going into the final quarter and took the game into overtime."

Why are the New York Jets in the playoffs?

Why do the Houston Oilers have to play the Jets instead of getting a week off?

Two words: Raul Allegre. Allegre got the Jets into the playoffs Sunday, kicking a 44-yard field goal on the final play of regulation to tie Miami, then a 30-yard field goal in overtime that won the winner-take-all showdown for the final AFC spot. He had been signed last Monday after Pat Leahy reinjured his back.

Allegre, who spent most of the last six seasons with the Giants, played three games this season for the Jets' co-tenants in the Meadowlands while Matt Barnun signed a pulled groin muscle.

But prior to that, he had a tryout with the Oilers, who instead signed Ian Howfield. "They said I took over get the kick up," Allegre said.

On Nov. 3, Howfield missed a 33-yard shot that would have beaten the Redskins and was in favor of Al Del Greco. Had the Oilers won that game, they would have finished 12-4 and gotten a first-round playoff bid.

Allegre, meanwhile, is the experienced kicker that every contender needs.

As he proved Sunday, he's used to clutch situations — he had two game-winners in the Giants' 1986 season. He kicked a 53-yarder on the last play of the 1989 opener to beat the Redskins.



The last thing a team wants before a playoff game is controversy. I'll just do what the coach says.

— Todd Marinovich, Raiders quarterback

touchdowns against the Chiefs. Will he start over Schroeder, whose five playoff starts with the Raiders and Redskins represent four more games than Marinovich has played in his pro career?

"The last thing a team wants before a playoff game is a controversy," Marinovich said. "I'll just do what the coach says."

What the coach says will probably be made in consultation with Davis, who has considerable input in major decisions for the Raiders. Shell said after Sunday's game: "I'm not going to discuss that right now. We'll take a look at it and see where we are."

Dallas' decision is a little more clear cut — probably Beuerlein, himself a former participant in the Raiders' quarterback-go-round.

Coach Jimmy Johnson said Monday that Beuerlein, who was traded to the Cowboys after losing the Raiders' starting job to Schroeder, is "our projected starter."

"We'll evaluate it in practice this week and see if there's any change," he said. "We've got Steve Beuerlein 100 percent healthy and playing well. If Troy's not 100 percent, it doesn't make sense not to make the player in the game who's not healthy."

New Orleans is in the position of celebrating its first title of any kind

after holding a four-game lead. The difference seems clear — New Orleans was 9-1 under Hebert; 2-4 under Steve Walsh.

Four more Detroit starters got hurt against Buffalo Sunday — linebackers Dennis Gibson and George Jamison; safety Bennie Blades and wide receiver Willie Green. And the Lions still won, 17-14.

So what else is new? "I can't believe all the adversity this team has overcome," says coach Wayne Fontes.

Going into the game, the Lions had lost quarterback Ronney Pette and two Pro Bowl-caliber players, linebacker Mike Cofer and nose tackle Jerry Ball for the season along with offensive linemen Eric Sanders and Mike Utley. Utley was paralyzed making a block in a game against the Rams.

Green should be back for the playoffs but, the other three are a question mark, at least for the early rounds.

All this came in a game in which the Bills, who had clinched home-field advantage in the AFC, rested Jim Kelly and Thurman Thomas to keep them healthy for the Super Bowl run. That wasn't very popular in Chicago with the Bears

Jets stagger into playoffs despite rick

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Like an astronaut getting his land legs, like a baby taking its first tentative steps, the New York Jets wobbled. Then they righted themselves and, now, firmly stand on their own — in the NFL playoffs.

Sure, they are 8-8, the worst record of any playoff qualifier. And, as certainly, if the Jets are an inconsistent bunch that hadn't beaten a winning team until their 23-20 overtime victory at Miami on Sunday.

Still, it can't be ignored that the Jets are making progress. Perhaps New York hasn't improved as much as Dallas and Atlanta — two other 1989 tailenders who have risen to contention the last two seasons. But the Jets are getting better.

"It shows we've got a lot of character," coach Bruce Coslet said Monday in the aftermath of his biggest victory with the Jets. "It's a reflection on the players. They've learned never to quit. They haven't quit all year and I don't foresee that as a problem."

"We feel real good about ourselves. But as I told the guys, 'Don't be patting yourselves on the back, you'll break your arm.'"

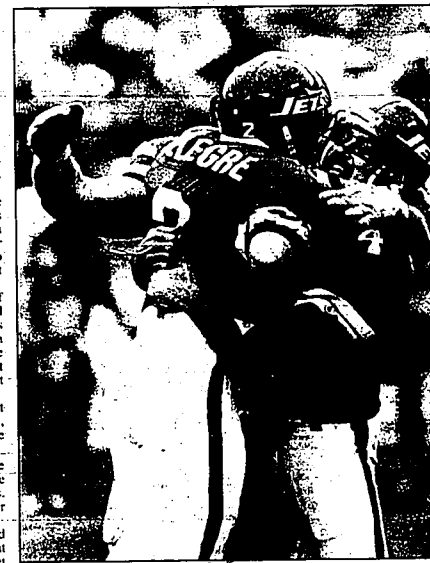
"We haven't arrived yet. We've reached one of our goals. Now we will have to set a little loftier goal. You hope it will carry into next year and the year after."

Before next year comes — and most observers felt it would arrive at Joe Robbie Stadium — the Jets get to take another big step. On Sunday, they'll play the AFC Central champion Houston Oilers, who beat New York 23-20 this season at the Meadowlands.

"I'm sure we'll be underdogs, like always," cornerback James Hasty said. "This is something—we can cherish a long time."

But not for too long.

"Now every game gets bigger,"



New York Jets punter Louie Agular and another player hug kicker Raul Allegre (2) after he kicked the winning field goal.

Jerry Lagman said, "We've got some time to let this sink in, but that doesn't mean we'll take a different approach for Houston. It's still 11-30, San Diego. But the Dolphins blew a 23-10 lead and lost."

"Then Miami's defense couldn't hold the Jets in the final 44 seconds

of regulation, when New York drove to a tying field goal as the clock expired. And the Dolphins couldn't stop New York in overtime.

It must be remembered that the Jets often play to the level of their opponent.

"That's great when you have Buffalo, Chicago or Houston on the other side. The Jets tested all three of them and should have beaten the Bears."

"But they also lost at home to Indianapolis — the Colts' only victory — and New England, and fell to Seattle (7-9) this season. New York was hard-pressed to beat alternans Tampa Bay, Cleveland and Green Bay, too."

"We're not a great team," GM Dick Steinberg said. "I didn't expect us to be in the playoffs in our second year."

When Steinberg took over and fired Joe Walton, the Jets were 4-12 and had no direction. Coslet was hired and immediately set about changing the mood of the team often beaten by Walton for its shortcomings.

The Steinberg-Coslet tandem has upgraded the team's speed and athleticism. Unlike the Walton years, the Jets show enthusiasm and determination every week.

They also show inconsistency. Coslet has much to learn about strategy and in-game decision making.

The improvement has not been mercurial. Yet the Jets are on the rise.

"As soon as we came in this year to training camp," defensive tackle Scott Mercereau recalled, "Bruce said he was looking for the playoffs this year. We accomplished the goal we set out for in July."

"The win goes a long way for forgetting some of that negative stuff. We're in the playoffs and we get to wipe the slate clean."

Never mind 1954, Indians reprise World Series win

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Indians haven't won the World Series since the Truman Administration, so a local radio station is giving fans a special present for Christmas: a rebroadcast of the 1948 World Series.

WKNC-AM, an all-sports station, will broadcast one game a day from Christmas through Monday.

"That was a great team," said Hank Peters, who retired next week as president of the Indians. "They were both great teams. It was exciting."

Peters, 67, was in his second year of pro baseball when the Indians beat the Boston Braves behind the pitching of Bob Lemon.

"I watched with fascination all the things that went on in Cleveland," Peters said. "The huge crowds and dramatic way-in which they won the pennant."

Peters doesn't recall hearing the Mutual Radio broadcast by Mel Allen and Jim Britt from Oct. 6-11, 1948, but had a chance to hear about it in detail from Lou Bourdau, the Indians' Hall of Fame shortstop. He later managed Peters at the major league level.

"It was one of those things that left a great impression on me in my tender baseball age," Peters said.

It was only Cleveland's second appearance in the World Series and third overall. The Indians beat the Brooklyn Dodgers 5-2 in a best-of-nine series in 1920. The Indians won the AL pennant in 1954, but were swept by the New York Giants.

In 1948, the Indians and Braves split in Boston and the Series moved to Cleveland Stadium, where Games 3-5 drew crowds averaging 79,497. Cleveland won two at home and won the sixth game at Boston.

Martin Tucker, 42, is president of the Wahoo Club, the Indians' booster group. He's too young to remember the 1948 Series.

"It's too bad we have to go that far back to get some excitement," Tucker said. "To be a true Indians' fan, you have to be a baseball purist and love baseball. Obviously, it's more fun when your team wins."

Peters, who never had a winning season as president of the Indians, said he regularly heard from fans about their frustrations.

"I get letters from fans. 'Do you realize I'm 30 years old and the Indians have never won?' Are we ever going to win in my lifetime?"

"At such times," Peters said, "he sometimes felt like responding with the question, 'How long are you going to live?'"

Here are how the 1948 World Series went:

Game 1: Future Hall of Famer Bob Feller threw a knockout but Boston won 2-0. (Friday 7:05 p.m.)

Game 2: Cleveland's Steve Gromek beat Stan Cain. (Saturday 7:05 p.m.)

Game 3: Lemon pitched a five-hitter and had two hits as Cleveland won 2-0. (Friday 7:05 p.m.)

Game 4: Cleveland's Steve Gromek beat Stan Cain. (Saturday 7:05 p.m.)

Game 5: Bob Feller pitched a five-hitter and had two hits as Cleveland won 2-0. (Sunday 1:05 p.m.)

Game 6: Cleveland's Steve Gromek beat Stan Cain with a 4-3 victory. (Monday 1:05 p.m.)

Olympic skater overcomes addictions

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Mary Doctor says it is straight now, free of the drugs and alcohol that blurred her U.S. Olympic speed skating achievements as well as years of her life.

And now, she is proving she can compete drug-free, too.

Doctor, 30, won the women's 5,000-meter Olympic time trials here this weekend, qualifying for her fourth Olympic team.

The 1992 Olympics in Albertville, France, will be much different than the 1988 Olympics in Calgary, she said. Doctor said that in 1988, she was as concerned about having a good time as she was about skating.

"The minute I got to Calgary, it was like 'Let's hit the town,'" she said Sunday. "I was so unprepared when I got to the line for those races. My addiction was my excuse for not being better at what I was doing."

She said her first goal is to stay straight until the Olympics in February.

Doctor said the last time she used drugs or alcohol was March 17. The day she checked into a drug rehabilitation center in Center City, Minn. "Once in Hazelton, I started learning about who I am, I guess," Doctor said with tears in her eyes. "It was real, real hard to accept. It was hard to accept it was a drug addiction, but it's a disease and a lot of people have it."

Before checking into Hazelton, Doctor said she had spent years abusing alcohol, marijuana and cocaine. She smoked marijuana all day, including before classes at the University of Wisconsin and before and after training. She estimated her addiction cost her at least \$3,000 annually.

Doctor said she tried to quit every

time she ran out of marijuana. She also said she abused alcohol — especially on the weekends and drove drunk and had several blackouts. "It was a serious addiction," she said. "I thought I enjoyed it."

Doctor, who went to her first Olympics when she was 14, said fellow students and advisers at school convinced her to seek help. She quit marijuana use and was fine for four months.

But Doctor said she relapsed at the World Team Time Trials in Milwaukee in early January. She said she skated the races stoned but wasn't caught in the urine tests because marijuana isn't considered a performance-enhancing drug and because she finished fifth.

Doctor said she denied she had a problem during the four months she didn't use drugs or alcohol.

"I appreciated getting straight, but I wanted to drink normally and use marijuana once in a while," she said. "I fought the whole time."

But Doctor was reprimanded through school and that's when she checked into Hazelton, where she learned to accept the resentment she harbored against her family, friends and classmates. "It was nice to meet people there who had the same problems. It was nice, like a vacation, like a get-to-know-Mary-Jims."

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Opinion

Editorial

'Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus'

Nearly a century ago, young Virginia O'Hanlon sent the editor of *The New York Sun* a question that still perplexes parents: "Is there a Santa Claus?" Her letter was turned over to Francis Pharcellus Church, and his eloquent reply was published that Christmas of 1897. *The Times-News* is pleased to reprint its wisdom once again.

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of *The Sun*:

"Dear editor:
I am 8 years old.
Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.
Papa says 'If you see it in *The Sun*, it's so!'
Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

Virginia O'Hanlon -
115 West 95th Street"
Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect - an ant - in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give

to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable the existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight.

The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus; but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory behind it. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to "make glad the heart of childhood."

An 'assault' on the holiday senses

Each year during the holiday season I take a few hours off at lunchtime to stroll through the downtown shopping throngs. It is an assault on the senses: the warm aroma of chestnuts roasting on the grill; the lilting melody of the Caribbean kettle drums bonging out familiar Christmas tunes; the delighted cries of children tugging their mothers into the huge department stores, anxious to partake of the largest within.

And each year the same thought occurs to me: Is Christmas Necessary? What's unequivocally good about Christmas? The money-grubbing Democratic candidates aren't on TV; that's a plus. A few of the more useful credit-card companies allow you to skip a payment. And if you've successfully postponed sending out Christmas cards, December 25 is a pretty good day to put the whole project off until next year.

What's bad about Christmas? In the manner of Santa's sprightly elves, I've made a little list:

- Tension among the world's great religions.
- At Christmastime, the words Judco-Christian evoke the camaraderie of, say, Serbo-Croatian. Many Jewish families go bananas at the sight of a Christmas tree, while the Christian kids are busy checking out this cool religion that has an eight-day

Alex Beam
holiday. When informed about the long hours in Hebrew school, most reconsider.
• Tension between church and state.

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Inevitably, the ACLU embarks on its nationwide creche-bashing campaign and reminds its members of the horrors of school prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, etc. As a result, schoolchildren congregate around the Channel One altar to watch disco-news and Burger King ads beamed in by high-minded television entrepreneurs.

• Tension between parents and children. Expectations run high among today's youth. It's quite an experience, having invested your Christmas bonus in a video game called *Nintendo Battletoads*, to hear

Junior exclaim: "It's not 16 bit!" Sorry, son. Maybe Santa's fax machine ran out of paper after Page 10 of your list.

- Tension between husbands and wives. While she's consoling the boy, who wants to phone the Pentagon to rewire the *Battletoads*, she casually unwraps your gift. Time to shovel the driveway! - or else you'll have to sly the following words with a straight face: "Honey, Isotoner gloves are really quite elegant."
- Tension between the eardrum and aural-neural receptors.

- Bob Hope plus Garrison Keillor plus department store muzak plus John Denver plus Alvin and the Chipmunks' Christmas Album plus Norman Schwarzkopf and the Desert Storm Christmas Album equal the best Christmas present ever: earplugs.
- Tension between intestinal tract and major arteries.

- Fruitcake plus eggnog plus roast beef plus mulled wine plus mince pie equal: You're under cardiac arrest! Coming next: Angioplasty performed by bone-weary, tingly medical residents on New Year's Eve. Have a Happy!
- On the plus side, I forgot to mention: Christmas comes but once a year. Wake me up when it's over.

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General was 'obsessive' and 'complained' a lot

I would like to address Mr. Richard Byrd's letter of Dec. 13, "Nothing to apologize for" concerning the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II.

Mr. Byrd quoted a statement made by an American general, saying in effect that drastic measures must be taken to prevent subversion by ethnic groups loyal to their homeland.

The general Mr. Byrd is referring to would be Gen. John L. Dewitt, head of the Western Defense Command, and responsible for the evacuation. He was a man whose prejudices were not confined to Japanese-Americans but extended to all other persons and soldiers of color.

Fellow officers of Dewitt noted his lack of leadership, his absence of combat experience, and his erratic emotional thinking. In the autumn of 1943, the War Department relieved him of his Western Defense Command because of his obsessive fears and complaints.

Fifty years later, Mr. Byrd still reflects the attitudes responsible for internment 110,000 Americans. He bases his argument on the fact that some of his neighbors who were near the camp heard the internees screaming whenever there was a Japanese victory.

James Hawks
Reader comment

had withstood Allied Assaults for five months. In seven major campaigns the 442nd suffered 9,486 casualties, won 18,000 decorations for valor, among them a Medal of Honor, 52 Distinguished Service Crosses, 560 Silver Stars and nearly 9,500 Purple Hearts.

Perhaps you should weigh that against what a couple of good ol' boys in Jerome told you about those mutinyers, Mr. Byrd.

In the Pacific, the Nisei did not receive the publicity or glory that their counterparts in Europe received mainly because of the secret classification of their missions. Both Gen. Willoughby, chief of intelligence, and Gen. MacArthur concurred that the Nisei Military Intelligence Service shortened the war in the Pacific by up to two years and saved tens of thousands of American lives.

Among that group's achievements were breaking Japanese codes, translating documents from Guadalcanal providing a complete listing of the Imperial Japanese Navy's ships, air squadrons, and bases. Another was the translation of Japan's entire battle plan for the defense of the Philippines.

In Burma, China, and India, assigned to Merrill's Marauders, the Nisei had double duty as infantrymen and translators interrogating Japanese prisoners of war. They crawled on their stomachs behind enemy lines into the midst of enemy troops in order to confuse the enemy with misleading orders. Their capture by the enemy meant death by torture.

Mr. Byrd, when you say that the many brave Americans who fought and died in World War II don't get the gratitude they deserve, are you only referring to white Americans?

I'm afraid, sir, that you will have to count me as one of those "misguided go-gooders" because I still believe that everything this country is about begins and ends with the Bill of Rights.

James Hawks lives in Boise.

Letters

Stop! Look! Recycle!
To the people of Twin Falls:
We all know that it is Christmas time, and that it is time for joy and happiness for all.

Alas, some people are not as fortunate as others, and they will probably not have a very good Christmas this year for lack of money, food, or shelter from the cold. So, we kind, good people here in Twin, and Idaho for that matter, have donated to Toys for Tots, Coats for Kids, and other charities around the valley.

Because of us and the charities, many needy people will enjoy Christmas this year.

Another reason why I am writing to you people is that the year of '91 is coming to a close, and '92 is about to arrive. We all know about the famous New Year's resolutions, like quitting smoking, drinking, taking drugs, and becoming a happier person.

Well, what about helping the environment by recycling, and by preserving energy and water? Do we really think about it? I mean, come on! Be honest.

How many times a day do we think about saving our Earth? Three times, five times, 10 times?

Actually, most of us good people have other things to worry about anyway, right? Well, think about this.

The children of the future are depending on us to keep us and the world a safe, clean place to live. I mean, which would you rather have - a smelly, dirty, radiation-filled planet or a clean, fresh, air-pure place to stay and live?

DAISY STOLTENBERG
Twin Falls

Don't blame the ranchers
I have always understood that the cattle business was a legitimate, honorable profession.

If so, why are ranchers being targeted by so-called environmentalists as villains and range rapers, with both hands held out for subsidies?

In the many years our family has run cattle on the desert, I have never seen a subsidy check in our mailbox. After all these years, it would certainly come in handy to pay excessive taxes with, since the public, including ranchers, have the burden of providing environmental groups with millions of dollars of tax monies to pay for government studies of the environment.

These studies have been done

repeatedly, throughout the years. They are not only excessive, but if the reports do not agree with the environmental groups, they are discarded.

I also wonder how many board feet of timber are used for the paper required to make these reports, and the jillions of copies that are thrown in the garbage? Will the legitimate, honorable environmentalist please stand up!

MADELINE WALTERS
Jerome

Ground Robbie's rocket
We send men to the moon and the space shuttle blasts off and returns. What is so great about building a little rocket to boost you across a quarter-mile of canyon and parachute softly down?

If Robbie wants to jump the canyon as he does the cars and buses, using nothing but ramps and motorcycle speed, then let him.

Otherwise don't call it a jump. Are we so starved for excitement we need this farce?

JIM LACKEY
Mesa, Ariz.

INEL is a benefit to Idaho
Open letter to Gov. Andrus:
As a citizen of Idaho and of the United States, I would like to have a better relationship between the two.

The patriotic thing for Idahoans to do would be to help the nation solve the problem of the radioactive by-products of our energy, defense and medical research and development.

The economic result would be to enlarge on the chemical plant at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory and the waste calcining facility at the INEL,

thereby increasing the industrial base in Idaho.

The basic need for these actions are apparent in the nation and in Idaho.

The need to process the waste and the used fuel rods is well known. The ability to do that at the INEL is only questioned by the uninformed. The opportunity for Idaho is obvious.

The danger to the people of Idaho is minimal. After all, there has never been a transportation accident in which the radioactive nature of the cargo has harmed anyone in 45 years or more of moving these materials across the United States, nor is there any evidence that radioactive waste has ever harmed anyone.

Some contaminated items, especially from medicine, are trash.

However, the by-product of power and research reactors should not be classed as waste or trash but valuable recyclable material.

Nuclear power is proven to be the safest, cleanest, most environmentally benign way of producing meaningful amounts of electricity. Nuclear medicine has saved thousands of lives and the use of radioactivity in industry is continually increasing.

Idaho has the best potential for moving in a positive direction on this national problem.

A cooperative and nationalistic stand would be much more appropriate than blocking the DOE from increasing Idaho's role in the atomic future. It would benefit the nation as a whole and Idaho in particular.

Let's get with it.

GEORGE D. WOOD
Pocatello

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Georgian government troops, opposition exchange 'hellish fire'

MOSCOW (AP) — Opposition forces and government troops exchanged "hellish fire" Monday for a second day in the former republic of Georgia, reports said.

Georgia's besieged president offered to share power but vowed he would not resign.

At least 18 people have been killed in two days of battles in the capital of Tbilisi, the Georgian Health Ministry said, while the Tass news agency said as many as 50 may have died. Independent confirmation of the toll was impossible due to the level of fighting.

Georgian President Zviad Gamsakhurdia, who has been engaged in a

sometimes bloody power struggle with an increasingly strident opposition since September, reportedly was hauled up in the parliament building.

In an interview with the British Broadcasting Corp., he said he was willing to share power with opposition leaders but said "they do not want negotiations." Gamsakhurdia flatly rejected their demand that he resign.

He also said he was not opposed to joining the new Commonwealth of Independent States that was proclaimed over the weekend by 11 of the 12 former Soviet republics to replace the dissolved Soviet Union.

"I am studying this question," Gamsakhurdia told the BBC.

Fiercely independent Georgia was the only former republic besides the Baltics to refuse to join the commonwealth.

Gamsakhurdia told the BBC that the resurgent political tensions in Georgia may be linked to the commonwealth's creation, but said he could not say how. "It is not clear," he said.

Fierce street fighting erupted Sunday in the Caucasus Mountain nation between forces for and against Gamsakhurdia, a former political dissident whose power base has eroded since his landslide victory in the country's first direct presidential elections in May.

Clashes resumed after dawn Monday, and was stepped up with exchanges of rocket and artillery fire, according to news reports from Tbilisi.

The independent Interfax news agency said the right wing of the parliament building was destroyed, and the Tass news agency said both sides were trading volleys of "hellish fire" in the afternoon.

Mirab Kvitashvili, Georgia's deputy health minister, said 18 people had been killed and 140 wounded in the fighting.

Hundreds of people stood in the streets watching the carnage, witnesses said by telephone.

Tbilisi's airport was closed due to the danger to passenger aircraft, according to aviation officials in the center of town.

The fighting capped a week of growing tensions in Tbilisi and was part of the power struggle under way since the fall between Gamsakhurdia and a loose coalition of democratic groups, ex-members of Gamsakhurdia's government and rebel National Guard soldiers.

His critics accuse him of shutting newspapers, denying the opposition access to television, stifling the Ossetian minority in northern Georgia, and refusing to release political prisoners.

The United States says Gamsakhurdia violates human rights.

The commander of the Georgian National Guard, Tengiz Kloviani, broke with Gamsakhurdia in August and took hundreds of men with him to form an opposition army.

A smaller unit of soldiers remains loyal to Gamsakhurdia. Soviet troops in Georgia have stayed out of the fighting.

The president has refused to negotiate with his opponents, calling them "criminals" who are directed from Moscow by Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, an ethnic Georgian. Shevardnadze has denied any involvement.



A British rail employee inspects a train at the Ilford depot Monday where an incendiary device ignited and two firebombs went off in the London Underground.

Subways close after 2 firebombs explode; IRA might be involved

LONDON (AP) — Two firebombs went off in London subway trains early Monday, forcing the closure of the entire Underground for the morning commute.

A third firebomb was found smoldering in an empty railroad car.

No one was hurt and there was no immediate claim of responsibility. However, suspicion fell on the Irish Republican Army, which has been waging a bombing campaign in England and Northern Ireland this month.

The IRA has planted at least 75 firebombs in stores and trains in Britain since its Christmas bombing campaign began Dec. 1. Twenty-eight devices have ignited, including the two today. There have been no injuries.

A week ago, a bomb exploded near Britain's busiest commuter railroad junction in south London, causing no injuries but prompting the closure of all British Rail stations in London for the morning.

The explosions today forced tens of thousands of people who normally use the subway system to find other ways to get to work.

Hours after the blast, the IRA announced that it would cease attacks for three days. In a statement issued in Dublin it said: "As of midnight Monday, active service units of the Irish Republican Army will be instructed to suspend hostilities for a period of 72 hours. The IRA announced a similar three-day cease-fire last Christmas — its first in 14 years.

One of Monday's firebombs ignited aboard a Metropolitan Line train at Harrow, a section in north London.

A London Underground spokesman said none of the passengers aboard the train was hurt by the fire, put out by subway staff.

The second firebomb went off in an empty subway train at a depot in the Neasden section in north Lon-

don, the spokesman said. Denis Tunnicliffe, managing director of London Underground, told British Broadcasting Corp. radio, the bombs seemed "of modest proportion."

He said the subways were shut for about 3½ hours while a search was made, but no other devices were found.

The subway system normally carries 2.75 million passengers a day, but Tunnicliffe said fewer were expected today because this is Christmas week.

The firebomb on the British Rail passenger train — which did not ignite and caused only minor smoke damage — was found by a rail worker at the Ilford depot north of London, Scotland Yard said. British Rail stations remained open.

The IRA has timed previous bombings for Monday morning to cause maximum disruption.

Polish troubles end with election

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — The 2-month-old government crisis ended Monday when Parliament narrowly voted to accept a Cabinet that is likely to loosen up on the tough economic austerity program of President Lech Walesa.

Last week, legislators gave Prime Minister Jan Olszewski a vote of confidence by rejecting his resignation, which he filed after saying his feud with Walesa made it impossible to select a Cabinet.

The Sejm, or lower parliament chamber, then faced the option of accepting Olszewski's Cabinet or leaving the question unresolved until January. Poland has been without a Cabinet since Oct. 27 elections.

The Sejm voted 235-60 with 139 abstentions Monday to accept the government. Olszewski needed 218 votes to approve the choice.

With the decision, Olszewski is now free to follow through on his pledge to relax Walesa's economic reforms, which has slowed inflation but raised prices and put many people out of work. The new prime minister said Saturday he would also try to rescue state enterprises brought to the edge of bankruptcy.

After the vote, Walesa told reporters the new Cabinet's chances for success in solving Poland's overall problems were 50-50.

"We have a government ... and it is encouraging that everyone is settling

about governing immediately," Walesa said. "However, the question remains about how we will solve the problems."

Olszewski's government will be the third since the Communist Party relinquished power in August 1989. He succeeds former Prime Minister Jan Krzysztof Bielecki.

Minutes before the vote, Olszewski made an appeal to deputies.

"The government should be formed quickly and ... it should be a government capable of solving our incredibly difficult problems," he said.

Kidnap kingpin in Tehran

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — The reputed leader of the Shiite Muslim extremists who held Westerners hostage in Lebanon has moved to Tehran, apparently for safety, after freeing the last of his captives, a knowledgeable Shiite source said Monday.

Imad Mughniyah, already wanted by the United States for air piracy, left Lebanon for the Iranian capital before the Dec. 4 release of the last American hostage, journalist Terry Anderson, the source said.

The informant, who has close contacts with Shiite fundamentalists in Lebanon, spoke on condition of anonymity.

His information has previously been accurate.

Abdul-Hadi Hamadi, leader of a Shiite clan allied to Mughniyah that is believed to be holding the last two Western hostages, was also in Tehran recently but returned to Beirut, the source reported.

The Sunday Times of London on Dec. 8 quoted Israeli intelligence sources as saying 30-40 of the kidnapers had fled to Iran for protection and new identities.

The Shiite source could not confirm that.

But he said Mughniyah, a 29-year-old Lebanese, moved his wife Saada, and two children, Fatima, 7, and Mustafa, 4, to Tehran in September.

That was when the final phase of the hostage saga got underway with negotiations by U.N. mediator Giandomenico Picco.

The source said Mughniyah's family appeared to be settling in for a long stay in Iran's capital.

"The children have been installed in school," he noted.

Mughniyah was for years chief of security with Lebanon's Hezbollah, or Party of God, the Iranian-backed fundamentalist faction considered the parent organization for hostage-holding groups.

Former hostage, family set to take trip to Bahamas

LONDON (AP) — Former hostage Terry Waite and his family plan to vacation in the Bahamas this winter, the British High Commissioner for the islands of Florida said Monday.

Roger Church said Waite, his wife Frances and their four children were expected to arrive in the capital, Nassau, late Tuesday.

The Waites will be the guests of Bahamas Prime Minister Sir

Lynden Pindling and the Anglican Church during their 2½-week trip, paid for by the government of the Bahamas, Church said.

Waite, 52, a Church of England envoy, was abducted Jan. 20, 1987, and freed Nov. 18.

"It is basically a purely private visit but there is likely to be one official call on the prime minister in the first week of January," said a spokesman for Pindling.

2 Mormon chapels damaged by bombs

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Leftist guerrillas set off at least six bombs during the night at two Mormon chapels and other targets, causing damage but no victims, police said Monday.

Five of the bombs exploded in Santiago, Chile's capital and largest city, and one in Valdivia, 515 miles to the south. Police said the Santiago bombs

damaged the headquarters of a right-wing political group, an automobile dealership, a court office and the chapels.

In Valdivia, the city hall sustained minor damage from the blast.

Police said the Lautaro Front, a radical leftist group, claimed responsibility for the bombings in a telephone call to the Santiago newspaper.

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GROOT-AMMERS, Netherlands (AP) — About 80 rare young storks were feared headed for Christmas dinner tables after disappearing from a preserve, an official said Monday.

Their empty cages were discovered Friday when volunteers arrived to feed the birds at Liesveld Stork Village, one of the few breeding grounds for the endangered Western European stork, preserve director Koos Vos said Monday.

Goose, duck and turkey are typical holiday fare in the Netherlands, and Vos feared the storks may have been stolen for sale as a rare Christmas dish.

"If you consider all the possibilities you get to thinking that this may be the case, and it would have had to have been a group of unconscionable thieves," he said.

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Idaho/West

Collections rise above expectations

BOISE (AP) — Income and sales tax collections surged well beyond expectations in November, rebuilding a potential cash surplus that could restore multimillion-dollar budget-balancing spending holdbacks. Gov. Cecil Andrus ordered last summer.

"The broad-based strength in Idaho's recent economic data is being reflected," administration chief economist Michael Ferguson said.

The latest monthly financial data released by the Division of Financial Management on Monday showed total collections through the first five months of the current budget year running \$5.6 million above the projected level.

And Ferguson said that it has become apparent that the administrations mid-year forecast for sales tax receipts was low and will be increased when the governor releases his budget message in January.

Personal income tax payments, a key indicator of the economy's underlying strength, exceeded the expected level for November by \$2.3 million. That growth was augmented by another \$1.5 million in additional withholdings payments from employees at 15 major companies issuing paychecks every two weeks because the collection period included three, rather than the usual two, paychecks.

Going into the final month of 1992, income tax receipts were running more than 9.6 percent ahead of the year-earlier level. The administration has been predicting receipts for the entire year to be up only 8.3 percent.

Revenue from the sales tax exceeded projections by another \$1 million in November, leaving total collections through the first five months \$6.6 million higher than anticipated.

The trend indicated that the Legislature's forecast

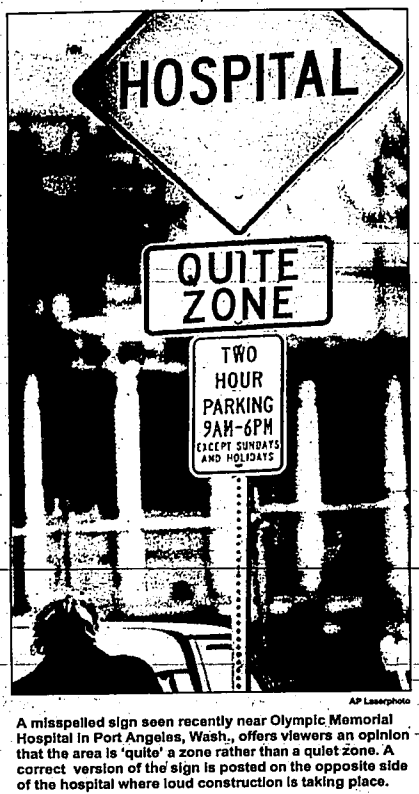
for an increase of more than 6 percent over the previous year's collections was probably more likely than the modest 3.7 percent increase the administration made last summer.

The solid growth in both major tax categories more than overcame continued sluggishness in corporate tax collections, and the deterioration of invested state money as the Federal Reserve keeps pushing interest rates lower in a bid to lift the rest of the nation out of the recession.

Corporate tax collections did rebound modestly in November, coming in \$200,000 above expectations.

But with major Idaho businesses still affected by the economic problems throughout the country, receipts through the first five months of the spending remained \$1.9 million below projections.

Quite an error



AP Wirephoto

A misspelled sign seen recently near Olympic Memorial Hospital in Port Angeles, Wash., offers viewers an opinion that the area is 'quite' a zone rather than a quiet zone. A correct version of the sign is posted on the opposite side of the hospital where loud construction is taking place.

State high court overturns sanction, award for \$618,862

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Court of Appeals has overturned a finding of contempt of court, and the subsequent award of \$618,862 in a Bear Lake County lawsuit over the sale of the Fish Haven Resort.

Richard and Lucille Harlin won the judgment in a lawsuit against Max Arnold, Denver, over the resort's sale and subsequent operations. Court records said Arnold failed to comply with a pre-trial scheduling order, and later didn't appear at a show-cause hearing.

District Judge Wallace Transtrum found Arnold in contempt of court and ordered that his pleadings, or answer to the lawsuit, be struck. He awarded judgment to the Harlins.

Arnold produced letters from doctors that due to failing kidneys, his health was precarious and would be jeopardized by a trip to Idaho.

The Court of Appeals said sanctions such as the contempt of court are extreme, and should not be applied unless lesser remedies were inadequate.

"We hold that the court should have considered lesser sanctions prior to the striking of the answer and counterclaim and should have made findings showing why lesser sanctions would not have been appropriate," the court said.

The court also noted that Arnold's attorneys asked to withdraw from the case, because they hadn't been paid for several years, just before trial began which also made it hard for Arnold to comply with the pre-trial scheduling order.

In another decision released Monday, Execulines Limited, an Idaho partnership, won reversal of a lower court ruling in favor of Tel-America of Salt Lake City for \$41,058.

Execulines sold its long-distance telephone service to Tel-America in 1986. A supplier, Morrison Knudsen Corp., received a credit from its supplier. The Court of Appeals ruled the credit was not an "asset" as covered by the sales contract and thus the \$41,058 belonged to Execulines, not Tel-America.

The court also upheld a jury's ruling in favor of Wade Lambert and against Brent Hasson in an Ada County personal injury case.

Lambert won a judgment of \$150,379 in a lawsuit claiming injuries when Hasson's station wagon struck the rear of Lambert's truck near Idaho Highway 55 and Hill Road.

The Court of Appeals rejected Hasson's argument that District Judge Robert Newhouse improperly instructed the jury.

Not much interest in report card

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The most recent attempt to inform parents about their children's schools doesn't seem to be working, says a high-ranking state education official.

Every public school in Idaho produced a School Accountability Report Card this fall, as required by state law. So far, interest in the booklets has been slight and superintendents are disheartened, said August Hein, associate state superintendent of public instruction.

Parents aren't happy with response to the annual reports, either. At Idaho Falls, North Bonneville Junior High School Principal William Berrett said people haven't shown much interest.

"We printed 100 copies, and more than 60 are sitting here in the school office," Berrett said. "We have had very little demand for them."

But many parents apparently don't even know the booklets exist. Berrett said his school and the Bonneville School District have tried to make the report cards available, but interest hasn't picked up.

Other local educators are similarly disenchanted. Idaho Falls School District Superintendent Jerry Jacobson described community interest in the report cards as dull. Jacobson said, "I felt the report cards themselves were just responses to the required questions and really didn't do more than that," Jacobson said.

Gov. Cecil Andrus kicked off his "Prime State" education improvement program in September with a news conference at Longfellow Elementary in Idaho Falls. He cited that school as an example of quality public education.

But Longfellow PTO President Charles Christensen said the didn't know the accountability report cards existed.

"I would think that if parents are at all involved with the school, they would know pretty much what kind of school it was, anyway," she said.

The report cards were mandated by the state Legislature during its 1990 session. They require each school to compile information in 16 categories, including student test performance, money spent per student, average class sizes and attendance.

The report cards also contain more subjective assessments, including quality of school leadership, teachers and curriculum. Each school also must outline its goals.

The legislator who sponsored the report card bill said he was disappointed in the communication between parents and schools. Sen. Mike Burkett, D-Boise, said the report cards are similar to a business's annual report.

Idaho County commissioners want sheriff to turn in badge

BOISE (AP) — The ramifications of Idaho County Sheriff Randy Baldwin's alleged role in a Nampa burglary began to emerge Monday as the county commissioners called for his resignation.

And Canyon County Prosecutor Richard Harris says he plans to bring the case before a grand jury.

"It is my feeling that when you deal with someone in law enforcement who goes to the other side, nobody you should pursue a little more aggressively than someone else," he said.

Baldwin's fellow sheriffs also are in disbelief that a respected law officer could become tangled in an conspiracy which targeted Canyon County drug dealer.

"I'm heart sick about it," said Madison County Sheriff Lionel Koon, first vice president of the Idaho Sheriff's Association. "I'm sure stress will do a lot of things. But to go from the county's top elected law officer to a common thief is a terrible thing."

A drug task force investigating a suspect robbing drug dealers waited early Friday morning around a Nampa home they believed would be the next location for a burglary.

Nampa police detectives and task force member Alan Creech said the agents from half a dozen departments sprung the trap to find not only Lamont Duane Jack of Boise, but Baldwin, too. Both men were carrying semiautomatic pistols but no shots were fired.

Jack was arrested first; Baldwin was taken into custody after running



Baldwin

to near the Nampa bus depot. Shortly after the Idaho County Sheriff's Office was notified of the investigation.

All three suspects attended initial court appearances last week in Caldwell and are slated for another hearing on Friday to determine if they have attorneys and can post bail. They also were scheduled for a preliminary hearing before 3rd District Magistrate Gregory Culet.

Harris indicated he would take the matter to a grand jury. No officials in the U.S. attorney's office in Boise or federal Drug Enforcement Administration were available for comment on Monday. Creech referred the matter to the FBI in Boise, but agents there declined comment.

Baldwin was the target of an earlier grand jury for wiretapping the telephone of a former Kooskia sheriff's deputy. Baldwin admitted he had been scheduled for a hearing on the wiretapping, but was doing so to ensure the deputy was not abusing the use of the phone. Baldwin was absolved in the proceedings.

Lt. Richard Ziegler is Baldwin's second-in-command and has stepped into the office for now. Ziegler is a Democrat and lost to Republican Baldwin in 1988.

Baldwin, 34, is perceived as a young sheriff, but enjoying plenty of support from county residents as he watches over the state's largest county. Each year, he mounted extensive searches for lost hunters in the county spanning much of Idaho's wilderness area.

The Idaho County commissioners have not prejudged the guilt or innocence of Sheriff Baldwin. However, in the best interest of the citizens of Idaho County, the commissioners urge him to immediately file his resignation so the official operations of criminal justice can continue.

Baldwin and vonBargen allegedly

Fire destroys Weiser home

WEISER (AP) — A Weiser was left with almost nothing — including Christmas presents — when fire destroyed its rented home.

But the local community has been quick to help.

"A lot of people have helped," said Berta Camacho. "I think God that there are people like this in the town."

Camacho and two children, 3 and 5, scrambled to safety Friday morning when fire swept through their rented home. Two other children were in school and father Johnny Camacho was at work.

The family lost everything and their possessions were not covered by insurance.

"We had a lot of sentimental value in things," said the 41-year-old woman. "I bought for my daughter, but everything else got messed up."

Firemen said the fire may have been caused by a wood stove and apparently started in the attic. They closed doors near Saturday morning.

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, DISTRICT OF ARIZONA Chapter 11, Case No. 91-5025-PHX-GJB (US-91-5025-PHX-GJB)

IN RE: The Clark Corporation, Clark & Conventioe Stores, Inc., Clark Management Company, LaeLin, Inc., First Circle Properties, Inc., UxueM, Inc., UxueM Stores of Arizona, Inc., UxueM of Alabama, Inc., UxueM of Colorado, Inc., UxueM of Michigan, Inc., The Six Systems, Inc., Western Properties, Inc., Sharyn Co., Inc., Clark General Co., Clark Hawaii, Inc., Combined Aviation Co., Charter Marketing Company, Charter Marketing Company (Connecticut), Mr. B.Y. Oil Co., Inc., Mr. B's Food Mart, Inc., NFI Corporation, Old Colony Petroleum Company, Inc., New England Petroleum Distributors, Inc., and 44th Street & Camelback Limited Partnership, DEBTORS.

NOTICE OF BAR DATE FOR THE FILING OF PROOFS OF CLAIM

NOTICES HEREBY GIVEN THAT, PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF THIS COURT dated November 21, 1991, and in accordance with Bankruptcy Court, 20010, all persons and entities, including individuals, partnerships, estates, trusts, and governmental units (except those persons described below) who are creditors who have not been sent any previous notices from the Debtors of a bar date for filing proofs of claim and who assert or contend that they have a claim against the Debtors that arose on or before May 15, 1990, the date of the commencement of the above-captioned chapter 11 case, MUST FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM on or before 4:00 p.m., mounting standard time, on January 23, 1992 (the "Bar Date") by mail or delivering a proof of claim form to the Clerk, United States Bankruptcy Court, 230 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85025, so that it is actually received on or before the Bar Date. SUCH PROOFS OF CLAIM WILL BE DEEMED FILED ONLY WHEN THEY ARE ACTUALLY RECEIVED. The Debtors include the entities listed in the above case caption.

ALL PERSONS OR ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS NOTICE WHO FAIL TO FILE PROOFS OF CLAIM ON OR BEFORE THE BAR DATE SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE WAIVED THEIR RIGHTS TO VOTE, TO REORGANIZATION FOR ANY OF THE DEBTORS, AND WILL BE FOREVER BARRED FROM ASSERTING ANY SUCH CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTORS OR THEIR SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS UPON CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN OR PLANS.

As used herein, "claim" shall mean (a) right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured or unsecured; or (b) right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured, or unsecured. Any creditor affected by this Notice having a claim or potential claim against any of the Debtors, no matter how remote or contingent, must file a proof of claim on or before the Bar Date. Claims affected by this Notice include, but are not limited to, claims concerning, directly or indirectly: (1) the cleanup of environmental releases; (2) damages caused by environmental releases; (3) workers' compensation claims; (4) closed workmen's compensation claims that may be reopened at a later date under applicable state workers' compensation law; or (5) outstanding money orders issued by any of the Debtors before May 15, 1990.

The following persons or entities who may be affected by this Notice shall nevertheless not be required to file a proof of claim: (1) any party who has already filed a proof of claim against the Debtors with the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona; (2) any debenture holder desiring to preserve its undisputed secured debt claim for the amount of the debt; (3) any stockholder desiring to preserve its undisputed secured stock interest; or (4) any party who elects instead to present, or has already presented for payment, any outstanding money order issued by any of the Debtors before May 15, 1990.

THE BAR DATE CONTAINED HEREIN DOES NOT APPLY TO THE CLAIMS OF CREDITORS TO WHOM A PREVIOUS OR SIMULTANEOUS NOTICE HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT BY MAIL. IN SUCH CASES, THE BAR DATE SET FORTH IN SUCH PREVIOUS NOTICE SHALL BE BINDING UPON SUCH CREDITORS.

Proofs of claim shall conform substantially to the official bankruptcy forms. Such proofs of claim must include copies of any invoices, statements, or other documents establishing the amount and the basis of the claim.

Efforts of the Debtors to obtain the filing of proofs of claim pursuant to this Notice or any other notice shall not imply that the Debtors will accept such proofs of claim as valid and allowable, and when they are filed, treated as such, and will be, a complete reservation of all defenses and objections to any proof of claim (including, but not limited to, all defenses and objections arising from the expiration of any statute of limitations applicable to any such claim).

Additional information concerning the filing of a proof of claim may be obtained by contacting The Clark Corporation, Bankruptcy Department, P.O. Box 52084, Phoenix, Arizona 85072. Telephone: (602) 225-8882.

Dated: December 24, 1991.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT:
THE HONORABLE GEORGE B. NIELSEN, JR.,
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

Magic Valley

Bureau, salmon must follow proper channels

By N.S. Nokkerved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If the Bureau of Reclamation wants to send water down the Snake River to help flush young salmon to the ocean, it should go through the proper legal channels, state water users say.

That's just what the bureau says it is doing. In November the bureau applied for a temporary change in the water rights for its reservoirs. The change would allow it to move 427,000 acre-feet of water to help flush salmon past federal dams on the lower Snake River.

"It is strictly to cover us if the water is made available for flushing salmon," said John Keys, the bureau's Pacific Northwest regional director. The water would come

strictly from willing sellers, he said.

The bureau hopes to find enough willing sellers of storage space or water from state water banks on the Boise, Snake and Payette rivers.

"If we don't find them I don't know what's going to happen," Keys said. The Idaho Water Users Association Inc. has challenged the change.

"We don't necessarily disagree with the use of Idaho water for salmon recovery," said Sherl Chapman the association's executive director. But state water users want to be sure that before the water leaves the state, it will actually do some good, he said.

State law requires the bureau to demonstrate that the use of that water will actually benefit the fish, that it is in the public interest and that sources in the other

states have been developed, Chapman said. "We want to make sure there is some measure of success," Chapman said.

In 1991 the bureau supplied water leased from water banks on the upper Snake and Payette rivers as part of the Idaho Water Rental Pilot Project. The project is a cooperative effort by the Bonneville Power Administration, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and Idaho Power Co. to study the effectiveness of using water leased from water banks to increase flow through downstream reservoirs.

Idaho sockeye salmon have been listed as a federal endangered species by the National Marine Fisheries Service. Three runs of chinook salmon also have been recommended for listing. Federal dams on the Snake and Columbia rivers have been

blamed for all but wiping out these runs. The Northwest Power Planning Council, which is charged with protecting fish and wildlife jeopardized by hydroelectric dams on the Columbia and Snake river systems, has called for Idaho, BPA and other parties to secure 427,000 acre-feet of water through purchases or water conservation projects.

(An acre-foot is the amount of water needed to cover one-acre a foot deep, or 325,872 gallons.)

The 427,000 acre-feet is part of the council's salmon recovery plan, which includes shifts in flood control storage in Brownlee and Dworshak reservoirs to provide more water during the spring and a limited reservoir draw down program, Keys

Please see SALMON/B2

Around the valley

Ex-Kimberly teacher pleads guilty to abuse

TWIN FALLS — A former Kimberly High School teacher has pleaded guilty to sexually abusing one of his students.

Michael S. McInerney, 32, was charged with statutory rape and lewd and lascivious conduct one year ago when a 15-year-old girl told police she had sex with McInerney at his home.

McInerney resigned his teaching job and has since moved to Rock Springs, Wyo. As part of an agreement with prosecutors, McInerney agreed last week to plead guilty to the lesser charge. He remains free on his own recognizance until sentencing.

3 more indicted on drug charges turn themselves in

TWIN FALLS — Three more people indicted on drug crimes by a grand jury turned themselves over to authorities Monday.

Twin Falls residents Carmen Miller, Alfredo Urena and Chris Chouinard all showed up at the Twin Falls County Courthouse and had their first appearances in 5th District Court.

Miller, 28, was released on his own recognizance, while Urena, 35, and Chouinard, 27, were able to post bond. A formal arraignment for all of those indicted is scheduled for Jan. 6.

A grand jury handed up 40 indictments last week on 39 Twin Falls County residents, charging them with a variety of felony drug offenses. Police arrested most of the suspects during a day-long operation Friday.

The grand jury has not been discharged, but will continue working for several months, looking into sex abuse cases and a murder, according to prosecutors.

Wisconsin truck driver faces drunk driving charge

KIMBERLY — A 45-year-old Wisconsin man remained in jail Monday on charges that he drove his tractor-trailer rig through Kimberly, "slamming" into signs, automobiles and even a building.

Raymond Ledoux of Superior, Wis., faces charges of drunken driving and eluding a police officer in addition to five counts of leaving the scene of an accident.

In an affidavit included in Ledoux's court file, Kimberly police officer Pat Bermingham said Ledoux used his truck to overturn a telephone pole and several signs.

He then drove into a car and a pickup, sidestepped a second power pole and took out the corner of building as he drove down an alley, Bermingham said in the affidavit.

Bond was set at \$5,500 for the seven misdemeanor counts.

4 Magic Valley residents spend night in South Hills

HANSEN — Four Magic Valley residents spent a chilly Sunday evening in the South Hills before being rescued by the Twin Falls County Sheriff and Rescue team.

Charles Thompson, 35, and his 13-year-old stepson drove to the Cottonwood Canyon area to try out Thompson's new four-wheel drive vehicle but got stuck in a snowbank, said reserve deputy Bill Tilson Jr., of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

Kimberly residents Trevor Dowd and Ben Buntington, both 20, were coyote hunting south of Indian Springs when they got stuck, Tilson said.

The search-and-rescue team was called out at 9:30 p.m.

All four were located within six miles of each other and everyone was home by 7:30 a.m. Monday, Tilson said.

Power company, water bureau conduct workshops

BOISE — Idaho Power Co. and the Idaho Department of Water Resources will sponsor a series of workshops next month to teach irrigators to be more energy efficient.

One workshop will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at Connors Cafe in Burley, a second at the Jerome County Courthouse on Wednesday, Jan. 29, and a third for the Buhl Senior Citizens' Center the same day. Registration will start each day at 8:30 a.m. with the workshop to begin at 9 and last until 3:30 p.m.

Further information can be obtained by phoning Linda Cawley at the water resources department, 1-800-334-SAVE.

Compiled from staff reports

Horrific holiday happenings



After failed efforts to blow up Santa Claus, Twin Falls County Sheriff's Deputy Bill McDaniel discovers a leak in the inflatable St. Nick Monday afternoon.

Inflatable Santa in sheriff's office, to be released in time for the holidays

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Santa Claus was arrested for trespassing over the weekend, but he'll be released in time for Christmas.

Although the portly, 3-foot-high inflatable St. Nick apparently was doing no harm, Twin Falls County Sheriff's Deputy Bill McDaniel had to put him in custody Sunday morning after he was spotted lurking on someone's front lawn.

"We received a call from a gentleman ... who was quite upset when he woke up and saw this Santa in his yard," McDaniel said.

Turns out that Santa was not making a pre-Christmas visit, but was missing from his second job as a holiday decoration down the street.

Grinchy vandals struck the Agri-

Holiday closings - B2

Service store at 3205 Kimberly Road E. swiping Santa and two of his reindeer sometime Saturday night, McDaniel said.

One of the inflatable reindeer and the hindquarters of the second were found a short distance away.

"If we catch whoever did this, they'll be charged with hunting reindeer out of season," McDaniel said, adding that he was unsure which of the eight reindeer had perished.

"It was the first two," he said. That would be Dasher and Dancer, according to Agri-Service owner Cleve Butters. Another reindeer blew a seam some time ago, so the four-deer herd has dwindled to one.

Santa was deflated and placed in a holding sack in the courthouse basement.

He apparently suffered some minor injuries from the ordeal, as deputies were having some trouble blowing him up prior to his release Monday afternoon.

"He was punctured," Butters said later. Because tire repair shops are short-staffed for the holidays, it's unlikely Santa will resume his post atop the lighted manure spreader in time for Christmas Eve, he said.

"It's devastating," Butters said, noting that the 2-year-old Santa would have been eligible for the company pension policy next year.

Butters took his family for a drive past the Christmas display after the vandals struck.

"There was a long silence," he said. McDaniel said there are no suspects in the attack; Butters said, however, that he'll be keeping an eye on his competitors.

It will be a brown Christmas in the Magic Valley

By N.S. Nokkerved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Santa and his reindeer should have no trouble finding the Magic Valley this year. The weather will be bright and clear.

But he might have to replace the runners on his sleigh with wheels.

"We're not going to have a white Christmas," said

Bill Galkin of the National Weather Service station in Kimberly. A high-pressure system over the Great Basin will keep out any chance of moisture for southern Idaho.

But that's not unusual. It generally doesn't actually snow on Christmas, Galkin said.

White Christmas here usually is from snowfall before Dec. 25, such as last year's glacial weather that lasted through Christmas and then some.

The high pressure will keep Magic Valley skies clear,

but it may also bring temperature inversions with fog and haze through the end of the week, he said.

But southern Idaho could use the moisture. So far the water year, which started Oct. 1, is 45 inch below the average with 2.05. The average precipitation is 3.47 inches by the end of December.

October was dry low, November wet and December, so far, has been dry.

This is, after all, a desert.

Avonmore to expand Richfield cheese plant

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

RICHFIELD — Avonmore West Inc. will spend nearly \$2 million to expand its Magic Valley operations in 1992, most of it on the company's Richfield cheese plant.

Avonmore West President Dave Thomas made the announcement Monday, saying the company would buy and install an evaporator for its whey processing facility at Richfield, upgrade the company's trucking fleet, enhance its waste water system and buy testing equipment for the company's laboratory.

"The whey solids available to us, not only from our own facility in Gooding, but also from other cheese processors

in Idaho, make this investment in our whey plant essential at this time," Thomas said. "The timing couldn't be more ideal as whey protein concentrate prices and lactose prices continue to firm."

Avonmore West spent \$10 million last year buying a former meat-packing plant in Gooding and upgrading it. The facility opened earlier this year.

The company had no estimates Monday of the number of jobs, if any, the expansion would create.

Thomas said Avonmore West wants to install the evaporator project to alleviate pressure on the company's waste water system. When it is installed, the device would process whey solids and put them in bags for sale, thereby reducing the solids in the effluent from the plant.

The company's ability to extract value from all the milk solids by processing the whey enhances its ability to pay its milk suppliers more, Thomas said.

Avonmore West sells whey solids as whey protein concentrate and refined edible-grade lactose. The protein concentrate is sold domestically as human food and animal feed ingredient. The lactose is marketed primarily in Japan and South Korea.

The company was fined \$5,000 by the state in February of this year and agreed to improve its waste water system after the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare charged the Richfield facility had dumped waste water into the

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United Way meets its goal

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The United Way of Magic Valley met its 1991 fund-raising goal two days before Christmas.

United Way's 1991 donations added up to \$286,765 Monday afternoon, acting campaign chairman Dan Brizez said. That was over the campaign's \$275,000 goal and matches last year's \$286,000 in donations.

Brizez predicted that between \$14,000 and \$16,000 more will

into United Way's coffers, possibly bringing the year's collections to more than \$300,000. The campaign officially closed on Thanksgiving.

The 1992 campaign's success was in part due to special events, such as a fund-raising barbecue in September and a shopping-and-dancing event at the Magic Valley Mall, which raised more than \$19,000.

But Brizez said the campaign's success may not mean more money for its member agencies.

People donating to this year's campaign specified which agencies they wanted the money to go to, which would lower the amount of money United Way's allocation committee could work for.

"There probably won't be any more money to give out at allocations time than last year," Brizez said.

Before 1990, United Way had gone through nearly a half of a decade without meeting its fundraising goals.

Many stores, offices close early

By Karen Irwin Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If you have Christmas shopping left to do today, do it early.

Most Magic Valley stores will dial back their expanded holiday hours on Christmas Eve and close early tonight.

Banks will stop doing business at 3 p.m., and so will many government offices and most legal and financial service offices through the valley.

It's all in preparation for Christmas, the quietest day of the year in the Magic Valley.

All schools, businesses and government offices will be closed Wednesday, along with most restaurants.

Three exceptions will be Weston Plaza and North's Chuck Wagon in Twin Falls and Cactus Pete's in Jackpot, all of which will plan to serve Christmas dinner.

Most gasoline stations and convenience stores will remain open Wednesday.

Trash pick-up schedules valleywide will be pushed back by one day.

Several local organizations have announced special Christmas events and free meals.

The Burley Mission, which is located on the corner of Miller and Thirteenth streets, will serve a free meal from 2 to 5 p.m. on Christmas Day.

Those who have special transportation needs may call the mission at 678-9140 from noon until 2 p.m. Christmas Day to arrange a ride to the meal. Those who are unable to attend but would like a hot meal delivered to a home may call George Mas at 436-0151.

In Twin Falls, St. Edward's Catholic Church at 161 S. Ave. E. will serve a free Christmas dinner tonight from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Kids raise \$1,000 for homeless shelter

CALDWELL (AP) — More than 300 of the \$2,000 raised this month for a planned Caldwell homeless shelter has come from elementary and high school students — and an organizer said that's putting adults to shame.

"These children are leading the way, trying to show adults how to help the homeless," said Elaine Chapin, vice president of the Turning Point, the non-profit corporation that would operate the facility.

Slightly more than \$7,000 of the \$30,000 needed to purchase a century-old home has been generated since the fund-raiser began in November.

Students at Caldwell High School pooled lunch money and lobbied their parents to help generate \$1,095 for the home.

At Roswell Elementary School in Parma School District, a fourth-grade class raised their piggy banks and forked over \$53.

There has been no facility for Caldwell's homeless since Maranatha House closed Oct. 15, Chapin said.

"There is a tremendous need," she said. "It's been so cold and we've got so many people, and so many children, sleeping in garages."

Just how many homeless are in Caldwell isn't known, she said. Chapin said several Treasure Valley corporations have told her their charitable funds for this year have been exhausted.

Avonmore

Continued from B1 Little Wood River in the spring of 1990 failed to qualify state funds. Company officials at the time said that snowmelt overwhelmed the cheese plant's holding ponds, causing the overflow.

In October 1989, the Lincoln County Commission vetoed a special-use permit issued by the county's planning commission that would have allowed the plant's previous owner, Ward's Cheese, to dump waste water on ground north

of Richfield. Avonmore West, a subsidiary of the Irish-owned Avonmore Foods USA, Inc., bought all of Ward's Cheese stock in August 1990. The company employs 140 people at its Gooding and Richfield plants.

Salmon

Continued from B1 said. Lowering the levels in the lower Snake and Columbia river reservoirs would increase water velocity, speeding the young fish on their spring migration.

"We're not convinced that downstream interests are willing to do that," Chapman said. "We haven't seen any movement yet in that direction."

Water supplied by Idaho would not make any difference, Chapman and Keys agreed.

Chapman wants to make sure that the bureau isn't just throwing water at the problem with the assumption that it will work.

Biologists ought to be able to tell whether the 427,000 acre-feet from Idaho would actually help the fish, he said.

is available. In dry years the bureau may be able to round up only 100,000 or 200,000 acre-feet, Chapman said. Would that, he wondered, be enough to do any good?

Before any water is sent out of the state, the state needs to make sure that the water will actually be put to good use and that moving it will not harm local economies and water rights holders in Idaho, he said.

Centennial Park moves 2 steps closer to reality

By Phil Selman Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County got two steps closer last week to building the waterfront portion of Centennial Park.

Twin Falls County commissioners signed a lease to use 20 acres of Bureau of Land Management-administered land for the park and the Idaho Water Resources Board exempted the project's boat ramp from the Middle Snake River development moratorium.

"The county needed the exemption to build a boat ramp for the park. The lease, with the BLM, had several stipulations, including one that said the county must enact the regulations passed last week. February, restricting boat speed and noise in the park."

"About the only thing that needs to be done now is set up the ordinances. We should probably get those operating by spring," Commissioner Marvin Hempleman said.

The commission has restricted boat speeds to 5 mph downriver and within 600 feet upriver of the boat dock and to 25 mph beyond 600 feet upriver. Powerboats must be muffled and cannot exceed the state limit of 82 decibels. After much discussion, commissioners also banned jet- and water-skiing from the park area.

The BLM also required the county to invite various state and local agencies to help monitor the area for two years to look at how the park might affect wildlife and the river. These agencies could

include Jerome County, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Idaho Department of Lands and the BLM.

"At the end of that time we'll take another look at the situation, to see if anything needs to be changed," said BLM spokesman Scott Barker.

Idaho Department of Fish and Game workers wanted boat speeds limited to 5 mph the length of the park to protect birds nesting on the river. And the Fish and Wildlife Service had suggested that the park be closed November through March to protect wintering bald eagles.

But the BLM did not enforce those suggestions. If needed, changes can be made in two years, Barker said.

The Idaho Water Resources Board voted Friday to exempt the boat ramp from the moratorium, board member Clarence Parr said Monday.

Board members had to decide if building a boat ramp in the river would harm the stream bed. A lot of people sent written comments on the merits or demerits of the project, but none on the question the board addressed, Parr said.

The board decided that the ramp would not harm the values of the river, that caused the river to be protected, he said.

The waterfront portion of the park includes rest rooms, a parking lot, boat ramp and docks. The county won a \$57,000 grant from the state Waterways Improvement Fund to build the facilities.

The county must spend the money by May, Hempleman said.

Scrutiny increases on foundation fund for coaches, athletic directors

BOISE (AP) — The state Board of Education may soon ban direct payments of private foundation money to coaches and athletic directors.

"It is something that has to be very thoughtfully worked out. I don't think there is any kind of consensus at this point on how to handle it and be fair," said Diane Blyue, chairman of the board's Finance Committee.

"We don't want to hurt any athletic programs." The board banned direct payments of private foundation money to college presidents last week.

Blyue, President, announced that no decisions have been made concerning the payments to coaches and athletic directors.

Bob Fritsch, executive director of the BSU Foundation, said he hopes the board moves cautiously. "I would hate to see them place the universities at a competitive disadvantage," he said. "I'm sure in their wisdom, they will give every consideration to this."

The BSU Foundation has funneled Bronco Athletic Association money directly to the athletic director and coaches.

For example, head basketball coach Bobby Dye received supplemental retirement payments of \$155,160 and a season bonus of \$5,000 through the foundation.

Contacted in San Jose, Calif., on Sunday, Dye said: "I'm sure that the State Board will do what they think is best. I really haven't thought about anything but our team since the start of the season."

Since the controversy involving direct payments to former BSU president John Keiser, no payments have been made to the athletic director or coaches.

Blyue said the board's goal is accountability.

"One of my biggest concerns is we are dealing with public institutions, and the people of the state deserve to know what the incomes might be."

"The most important issue, it seems to me, is what an appropriate salary is, regardless of the source of funds."

— Elisabeth Zinser, U of I president

"Openness — that's what I really think it's about."

The board's next meeting will be in mid-January, probably in Boise, she said. No decision is expected at the January meeting.

"I think the foundation people themselves should be heard from on that question, and certainly representatives of athletic departments," said board member Roy Mosman.

Openness was a key issue when the Board of Education fired Keiser in October. Keiser was less than truthful about salary supplements he was getting from the BSU Foundation, board members said.

In more than a decade as BSU president, Keiser received tens of thousands of dollars in salary supplements, retirement benefits and leased cars.

Among Keiser's benefits was a \$17,500 annual stipend paid directly to him by the BSU Foundation. Under the board's new directive, Keiser's replacement won't get that money.

The money supplemented Keiser's annual \$102,871 salary from the state.

The directive will not affect the \$15,000 University of Idaho President Elisabeth Zinser receives to supplement her \$108,681 annual salary from the state.

Zinser's supplement is transferred from the U of I Foundation to university accounts. Then it's paid to Zinser.

At BSU, the money went straight from the foundation to Keiser.

Fritsch was uncertain whether his foundation would consider following Idaho's example. "That is something the board would have to give considerable thought to," he said.

The Board of Education might consider amending its directive to stop Zinser from receiving that supplement, Blyue said.

"If that is a loophole, then we should, but in no way to punish her," Blyue said.

"Whatever the state can afford to pay, the state should be paying it. That's who she's working for."

"The most important issue, it seems to me, is what an appropriate salary is, regardless of the source of funds," Zinser said last week. She declined to comment further.

If the board decides to prohibit direct contributions from university foundations to coaches and athletic directors, it will have no impact at Idaho, Zinser said.

All bonuses and other supplements paid to athletic staff are transferred first to the university. At BSU, the foundation money is paid directly to coaches and athletic directors.

The difference isn't just academic, Zinser said. The university needs to know, she said.

Death notice

Benjamin M. Hoyle
GOODING — Benjamin Martin Hoyle, 58, of Nampa and formerly of Gooding, died Sunday, Dec. 22, 1991, in a Nampa hospital.

The memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. today at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding with the Rev. Andrew Morris officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Service

Marie A. Gyer, of Twin Falls, Mass. of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9 a.m. today, St. Edward's Catholic Church, Twin Falls (Reynolds) Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

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Released
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Obituaries

Zylpha J. Vecera
BUHL — Zylpha J. (Sophie) Vecera, 70, of Buhl, died Monday, Dec. 23, 1991, at her home.
She was born Nov. 30, 1921, in El Paso, Texas, the daughter of George and Ella Ball. She graduated Hawthorne. After graduating from high school, she came to Idaho to marry Charles R. Vecera on Aug. 12, 1940, in Twin Falls. They lived in Nebraska and Texas before moving to Buhl. She was a member of the Buhl Duzin Club.
She is survived by her husband of Buhl; two sons, Patrick and Michael Vecera, both of Twin Falls; three daughters, Rosa Mary Sower of Boise, Kathleen Dawn of Buhl and Linda Kibble of Buhl; two brothers, Vernon Hawthorne of San Diego, Calif., and George Hawthorne of Silver Bay, Minn.; three sisters, Inez Webb of Duncan, Okla., and Margarete Stewart and Mai Smith, both of Dallas, Texas; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.
The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. Burial will follow at

the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral chapel. Memorials are suggested to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Home Hospice, Service.
Ruth M. Kimball
BUHL — Ruth Marie Kimball, 74, of Buhl, died Monday, Dec. 23, 1991, at her home.
She was born Feb. 7, 1917, in Hastings, Neb., the daughter of Harry and Elizabeth Pammen Facknitz. She married Arthur Kimball on April 28, 1979, in Kimberly.
She is survived by her husband of Buhl; three daughters, Nancy Fighmaster of Wheat Ridge, Colo., Roberta Road of Jerome and Lana Smalley of St. Louis, Mo.; a sister, Gladys Juet of Grand Island, Neb.; nine grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister.
A private family memorial service was held Monday evening. Cremation took place under the


direction of the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Ruth I. Snodgrass
TWIN FALLS — Ruth Irene Snodgrass, 85, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 20, 1991, at West Magic Care Center in Twin Falls.
She was born Feb. 22, 1908, in Tillamook, Ore., the daughter of Edmond D. and Phoebe Snodgrass. She moved with her parents to California, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Wyoming before coming to Idaho in 1928. Her father was a well-known gunsmith here until his death in 1939.
Surviving are one sister, Maxine Risbon, of Prescott, Ariz., and formerly of Salmon; Idaho; four nieces; and three nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters.
The graveside service was held Monday, Dec. 23, 1991, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, with the Rev. Robert Smith officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of White-Moruary in Twin Falls.


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Idaho/West

Census survey: Fewer Idahoans finish high school, college

BOISE (AP) — Idaho trails neighboring Western states in the percentage of adults who have completed high school and college, the U.S. Census Bureau reports.

Idaho educators said they were puzzled by the differences, but that improving the rate of high school and college completion is part of the state's school reform plan.

"We are developing a different attitude toward the importance of students completing high school," Capital High School counselor Carolyn Rapp said. "We're more aware of how difficult it is for

students who don't have a high school diploma. The future is very bleak."

States in the West and Northwest generally led the nation in completion rates of both high school and college.

But Idaho trailed its neighbors on both counts. The Census survey indicated that 77.3 percent of Idahoans had completed high school and 17.1 percent had finished college.

In Washington, 88.2 percent finished high school and 24.1 percent college. Oregon's figures were 83.9 and 20.2, Mon-

tana's 83.6 and 21.1, Wyoming's 85.6 and 21.9, Utah's 88.2 and 24.2 and Nevada's 84 and 17.2.

Nationally, the Census Bureau found in its survey of 58,000 households that 76.9 percent of all people over 25 have completed high school and 21.1 percent have completed at least four years of college.

Jack Craven, director of curriculum and instruction for the Boise School District, said he was puzzled Washington and Oregon had higher high school graduation rates than Idaho.

"I would have to question that data, in particular for Washington and Oregon, because they have the large cities — Seattle and Portland," he said.

"The research shows that large urban areas tend to have higher dropout rates than rural areas."

Boise is the state's only urban area and it has a low dropout rate. Of the 1991 senior class, the graduation rate was 93 percent in Boise, the district reports.

Idaho Superintendent of Schools Jerry Evans said he did not think there was any

single reason that would account for the differences in graduation rates.

Rapp, the school counselor, said more preschool programs and alternative education for students who have difficulty with school would keep kids in class and pay off in the long run.

"It costs money, but it's a lot less expensive than paying out of our taxes for people on welfare or people in prisons," she said.

"We want productive citizens who can add to society."

Winter washers



Two window washers strike similar poses while working in tandem against the wavy reflection of another building in Portland Monday.

Stallings: Bush will cut agriculture

POCATELLO (AP) — Agriculture again will suffer big budget cuts next year as President Bush scrambles to bolster a sagging economy, Rep. Richard Stallings predicts.

Stallings said "scrounging for a few dollars to put into some kind of economic growth package and they are going to take it out of the hide of agriculture again."

"I think they are going to transfer the Bush recession from the East Coast into rural communities and that will be absolutely awful. They are already suffering."

When it comes to budget cuts, Stallings contends, agriculture has taken the largest hits every year —



Stallings

and he doesn't see the trend ending anytime soon.

"The last couple of budget packages the White House submitted to Congress had dramatic cuts in agriculture spending," he said. "The talk out of Washington and the talk out of the White House right now is in order to help this economy and to stimulate it, we are going to have to redirect some funds and Bush again

sees agriculture as a source of some of those funds."

Stallings does not argue that agriculture must share in the budget cuts but he believes all programs, especially defense, must be hit the same way.

"Let's not just single out agriculture to try to salvage this economy," he said.

Stallings believes, however, that a greater danger for agriculture is just around the corner.

"The real crisis, I think, will be once we have a new Congress, because this reapportionment is going to shift representation away from rural areas and into the cities," he said.

Idaho vet receives (late) medal

SPOKANE (AP) — A Korean War veteran received a Purple Heart this past Thursday, four decades after he was wounded and 21 years after he learned a piece of the bullet was still in his left leg.

Raymond Garland, 70, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, said a pain in his lower leg that got progressively worse forced him to a doctor who spotted the fragment with an X-ray.

"He said, 'Were you in the service? Well, they put it in there, we'll let them take it out,'" Garland recalled.

The problem was, that Garland could not convince the Veterans Administration that he was shot in battle, so it wouldn't pay to remove the bullet. Once he was asked where his Purple Heart was to prove he had been wounded in the war.

But it took a hearing before the Veterans Administration in Boise and a ballistic test of the fragment before the government accepted the injury as a war wound, said Disabled American Veterans director Virgil Barnett.

Barnett said federal regulations require proof that the injury was received in the war.

At the time, the Purple Heart wasn't important. But after the hassle of getting the bullet removed and the wound recognized, Garland said he wanted the medal. "Just to prove a point, I guess." The award was made in a ceremony in Spokane.

The medic who treated Garland on Dec. 1950, and many other witnesses, were dead.

Some 4,000 casualties were reported as 60,000 Chinese encircled the 1st Marine Division and forced its withdrawal to the south of the Chosin Reservoir that winter.

But Staff Sgt. Garland didn't know he was shot. He remembers feeling a little pain in his leg as he jumped into a hole and nearly landed on a frozen Chinese soldier.

"I didn't realize at the time that I'd gotten it," he said.

Because it was so cold — 10 below zero — and the regiments were on the

Tacoma police prepare re-enactment show

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — Authorities here are hoping the public appetite for true-crime TV shows will translate into higher arrest rates.

City police, the Pierce County Sheriff's Office and the Crime Stoppers program are jointly producing a crime re-enactment program for cable television modeled after a show in the Los Angeles suburb of Torrance, said Mark Pease, manager of Tacoma's Municipal Cable TV.

Pease said he proposed the idea based on the success of Crime Stoppers and other police call-in programs, and because the city will have a full-service studio when the agency moves its headquarters to the old TCI Cable building.

Arrest rates from other true-crime shows have been impressive.

Of the 28 fugitives profiled since "In Hot Pursuit" debuted in September 1990, seven are in custody, said Michael Ellington, the show's producer and host.

The fast-moving 30-minute show offers crime

safety tips and spotlights some of the more difficult cases facing police agencies in the suburbs south of Los Angeles.

The program, which claims viewership of 400,000, has become so popular that the all-cable network, "The Crime Channel," has proposed taking it national, Ellington said.

"What makes us work is that we're so localized," he said. "We let people know, if you see this person, he's a dangerous person. Stay away from him."

Fox Television's syndicated series "America's Most Wanted," reports an arrest rate of about 40 percent since it went on the air in February 1988.

Police in Jersey City, N.J., arrested 54 suspects in the first 18 months of their cable TV show, "Jersey City's Most Wanted."

Tacoma Police have enjoyed some success with their phone-in Crime Stoppers program, which broadcasts information on specific crimes and does some re-enactments.

Police were stunned by the response to one recent re-enactment.

"Twenty minutes after the show aired, the man's girlfriend called in and said, 'The guy you're looking for is hiding in the closet. Where do I get my \$1,000?'" Tacoma police spokesman Mark Mann said.

Mann said, "We went there, and sure enough, the guy was still in the closet."

After arresting the man, officers asked the woman why she decided to turn in her boyfriend.

"She said, 'You can always get a boyfriend. You can't always get a thousand bucks. She was probably right,'" Mann said.

Mann hosts a monthly informational TV show titled "Behind the Shot." He believes in the screen as a law enforcement tool.

"For some reason, people who don't feel obliged to report a crime report it when they see it on TV," he said.

Horseshoe Bend residents, communities oppose hydro plans

HORSESHOE BEND (AP) — Residents of Horseshoe Bend, Emmett and surrounding communities say they oppose plans for a hydroelectric development on the Payette River that will sharply decrease water flows in a

fork of the river. An environmental group, Friends of the Payette voiced opposition to the project and other planned developments on the western Idaho river at a news conference on Monday.

Among those attending was Mill Idaho, to protect the Payette, but it doesn't go far enough.

"I support legislation that would protect all of Idaho's rivers and streams from any new dams," Erhart prepared by Rep. Larry LaRocco, D-

Quake hits remote Utah area

PANGUITCH, Utah (AP) — University of Utah Seismograph Stations experts on Monday discovered that an earthquake measuring 3.8 magnitude on the Richter scale hit a remote area of southern Utah over the weekend.

Spokeswoman Sue Nava said seismic monitors show the quake occurred at 1:26 p.m. Saturday. The

epicenter was located 19 miles south-southwest of Panguitch under the Paunsaugunt Plateau just west of Bryce Canyon National Park.

The quake was reported felt by a few residents of Henry and Tropic, and by several employees of the park.

The quake occurred in an area of sparse seismic activity.

Loan will help start packing plant

POCATELLO (AP) — The Eastern Idaho Development Corp. has approved a \$250,000 loan to Duffin Potato Co. of Aberdeen to start a potato packing operation.

Total financing for the plant is more than \$600,000.

Two family farms will supply potatoes for the new packing operation, which also will pack and ship potatoes received from other area farmers.

The new Duffin venture is owned by Vern and Marilyn Duffin, and their three sons Glenn, Jeff and Jim.

The Duffin families have grown potatoes for more than 40 years, and have focused on fresh-pack potatoes for more than 10 years.

The packing operation will hire more than 50 employees, with about 35 operating equipment and working on sorting and packaging lines.

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Valley life

Debt squashes mother-daughter relations

DEAR ABBY: Three years ago, I lent my daughter and her husband \$30,000 to start a business at home. I told them that they could pay me back when they were financially able. (No mention was made about "interest.")

After two years, there was nothing said about repaying the loan, so I asked them when they intended to pay me back.

They just looked at each other, then changed the subject. By the way, their combined incomes come close to \$100,000 annually.

Now they tell me that they consider the money they owe me as a loan, not as a gift. Needless to say, we are not speaking. Is there anything I can do to get my money back? Can I take them to court?

—**BESIDE MYSELF**

DEAR BESIDE: You can take them to court? Of course you can, but in the absence of a written note stating that the \$30,000 was a loan, you not only bought them a house,



Dear Abby
Abigail VanBuren

you bought yourself a headache. Your first order of business: Call your lawyer.

DEAR ABBY: I am 14 years old, and my best friend just died. Her name is Beeper. She is a bird — a finch, to be exact.

Beeper died all of a sudden. She wasn't even sick. Yesterday, she was fine. It really hurts to lose a pet without any kind of warning. Some people might think losing a bird is nothing to feel miserable about, but Abby, Beeper meant the world to me, and I can't even weep for her because I'm not afraid people will laugh.

I just had to write you to express my feelings. I hope you won't think I'm silly. I am really sad. Please say, "Get another bird — it will help you

get over losing Beeper." Abby, do you think I should get another bird? —**APRIL SOLOMON**

DEAR APRIL: Yes, but don't try to replace Beeper with a finch that looks like Beeper. A pet — like a human friend — can never be replaced.

DEAR ABBY: You often hear from people who feel trapped into "competitive grandparenting," feeling they must match the in-laws gift for gift.

The same sort of competition can develop between parents and step-parents. The kids encourage it because of all the goodies they get.

I recently heard my mother deal with the issue in a wonderful way. My sister's 5-year-old was visiting my mother and asked, "Are you going to take me to the toy store? Grandma Johnson always does."

I was horrified because my parents are nowhere near as well off as the "Johnsons." But Mother didn't get defensive. She just said, "Different grandmas are good at different

things. Grandma Johnson is your shopping grandma; I am your cooking grandma." And they went into the kitchen and made brownies! Isn't that beautiful? I don't have any grandkids yet, but I have already decided to be their "reading grandma."

AUNTIE M IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR AUNTIE M: I admire your mother's sense of values. Every child should be so lucky as to have a "cooking grandma."

DEAR READERS: Have a merry Christmas, but to ensure that it will be a merry one for all — if you're driving, don't drink; and if you're drinking, don't drive!

Want your phone to ring? Get Abby's booklet, "How to Be Popular" is for people of all ages. To order, send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.

New magazine will teach us more about the planet on which we live

By Nancy Ross-Fleming
Knight-Ridder News Service

A cat's-eye gem and a stint on a junior high newspaper started Steve Zabunov down the road. It wound through a Colorado cement company, past quarries and coal mines, down the corridors of Kalmbach Publishing Co. to his seat behind the editor's desk of a new magazine called Earth.

Zabunov, who grew up in Jackson, Mich., and graduated from Michigan Technological University, didn't exactly set out to be a magazine editor. But then... Kalmbach didn't exactly set out to publish a magazine about the Earth. As publishers of Astronomy magazine, the Kalmbach Co. kept getting free-lance articles about our most familiar planet. Some were so good the publishers decided to start a separate magazine.

When 42-year-old Zabunov heard of an opening for an editor at the new magazine, he figured his background as a field geologist and

writer and photographer for a coal industry magazine fit the bill. Kalmbach agreed.

With the premier issue of Earth on newsstands, Zabunov took a breather to talk about the readers he hopes to reach — "curious, educated people who just want to know more about the planet they live on."

Through photographs, informational graphics and articles, the magazine aims to "provide the big picture — how everything interacts with everything: the oceans, the atmosphere, the rock beneath our feet... right down to the core of the Earth."

Every issue will have at least one article that will help readers understand "why that mountain is the way it is, why there's a hill here and why Ohio is so flat."

Subscriptions to the bimonthly magazine are \$14.95. For subscription information, call 800-533-6644 any time or write Earth Magazine, Dept. NR2, P.O. Box 1612, Waukesha, Wis. 53187-1612.

Installation of new Job's queen set for Saturday

TWIN FALLS — Heidi Leichter, daughter of Jim and Anita Leichter of Twin Falls, will be installed as honored queen of Bethel No. 43, International Order of Job's Daughters, at 2:30 p.m. Saturday (Dec. 28), at the Masonic Temple, 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

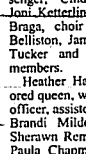
Other officers to be installed include: Jamie Mitchell, senior princess; Katie Stroberg, junior princess; Courtney Campbell, guide; Samantha Rowe, marshal; Danae Tuley, chaplain; Shannon Hayes, treasurer; Michelle Langdon, recorder; Randee Sturtin, assistant recorder and Sunshine; Cami Stroberg, librarian; Jamie Garrett, senior custodian; Amy Palmer, junior custodian; Toni Hacking, inner guard and Julie Leir, outer guard.

Also: Heather Hacking, musician; Emily Redman, first messenger; Kelly Clow, second messenger; K.C. Mitchell, third messenger; Susan Nelson, fourth messenger; Alison Redman, fifth messenger; Cindy Callison, lights; Joni Ketterling, flag bearer; Telli Braga, choir captain; and Kari Belliston, Jamie Eslinger, Wendy Tucker and Liz Benton, choir members.

Heather Hacking, retiring honored queen, will serve as installing officer, assisted by Wendy Tucker, Braden Mildon, Julie Eslinger, Sherawn Remaley, Jamie Mitchell, Paula Chapman, Dawn Eslinger, Debbie Koutnik and Mary Nelson. Kimberly Lawrence will narrate "The 23rd Psalm Ceremony." Musicians will be Jennifer Kulk, Beckys J Dodds, Brady Martin, Lorelei Juntunen and Cindy Cowger.

Bethel No. 43's project is the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital.

Heather and Bobette Coates will serve as host and hostess and Tony and Becky Tucker will serve as co-host and co-hostess. The public is invited to the installation and the reception following the service.



Leichter

WILD workshop for teachers earns graduate credit

BUHL — Teachers in the Magic Valley have the opportunity to enroll in a Project WILD workshop for a unit of graduate credit at an Idaho university of their choice.

The 16-hour course will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. Jan. 17 and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 18.

Pre-registration is required and should be completed by Jan. 15. Enrollment is limited to 25 teachers.

Project WILD is an interdisciplinary course for kindergarten through 12th-grade teachers and has been adopted in all 50 states, Canadian provinces, Iceland, Sweden, India and Czechoslovakia.

It is a popular workshop in Idaho with almost 6,000 teachers having completed the course since it began in 1984.

For more information or to pre-register, call Stu Murrell at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at 324-4350.



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The Times-News

Experts agree: Tips are proper during holidays

WASHINGTON (AP) — 'Tis the season to be guilty.

Here come the newspaper carrier, the baby-sitter and the garbage collector, hands outstretched for Christmas tips. The firefighters are selling calendars. The cops are hawking jams and jellies. School kids are ringing the doorbell for candy orders.

What to do?

Turn them away with a "bah humbug," and risk a gift-wrapped guilt trip for the holidays. Or crumple the pocketbook with a "ho-ho-ho" for everybody, even if it means busting a family budget already squeezed by the recession?

'Give more to somebody who has served you longer than the others, and give even more to somebody who performs an especially meaningful, personal service, like a baby-sitter or a nurse.'

— Letitia Baldrige, etiquette authority

Of course, she said, she gives Christmas tips because they help the virtually inescapable social custom.

Martin refused to discuss how much she tips, but says it's always in cash. "What am I going to do, go out and knit them a sweater?" she said. "I don't know these people."

A national survey of maid services, newspapers and garbage collectors in the Washington area indicated that most of their employees receive modest Christmas tips — if anything — from the customers.

Larry Edwards, president of AAA Disposal, which has 150 employees from 75,000 homes in the Virginia suburbs, said his truck crews receive occasional gifts of fruit, cookies or cash. They are forbidden to accept alcoholic beverages.

"A \$5 tip for a two-man crew is more than most," Edwards says.

The usual Christmas tip is \$5 for each house cleaner dispatched by the Maid Brigade firm, said regional owner Emily Adams. Homemade cookies and low-priced jewelry or decorative figurines also are welcome, she said.

Incidentally, the Postal Service says nobody should feel guilty about falling to leave a Christmas tip for the mailman.

Spokesman Lou Eberhardt said postal regulations forbid any employee to solicit or accept gratuities. "But it's an imperfect world, and I'm sure some people leave \$5 or a box of cookies for their letter carriers."

"I keep telling my wife that they're well-paid and don't need any gratuities, but she probably sticks something in a blank envelope for our letter carrier when I'm not looking."

It's a dilemma that is debated in millions of American households every holiday season. For many, the seems tougher in Christmas 1991 because of worries about the stagnant economy, job layoffs and an uncertain future.

But Letitia Baldrige, a widely read authority on social etiquette, says it's a good time to tip the spirit of Santa Claus rather than Scrooge, if people can afford it.

"My advice is to give as generously as you can this Christmas, considering everyone's economic plight," she said in an interview.

Give more to somebody who has served you longer than the others, and give even more to somebody who performs an especially meaningful, personal service, like a baby-sitter or a nurse."

On her list of Christmas tips, Baldrige recommends \$10 to the kid who delivers the morning newspaper, \$15 each to the mailman and the garbage collector, up to \$100 for a longtime maid and up to \$50 for a weekly hairdresser.

She also would give checks or gifts — like a sweater or box of candy — to such people as the health club trainer, regular barber, travel agent, dry cleaner, apartment superintendent, garage manager, secretary and masseuse. "They're all part of making your life worth living. Without them I could not function," said Baldrige, former chief of staff to First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy and author of five books on good manners.

"Another etiquette expert, however, offered a different view.

"I lose the whole practice of tipping. I find it highly undignified," said Judith Martin, who writes the syndicated column, "Miss Manners."

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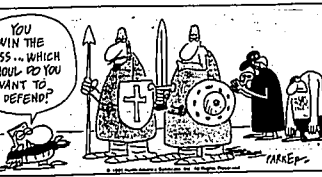
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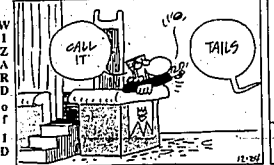
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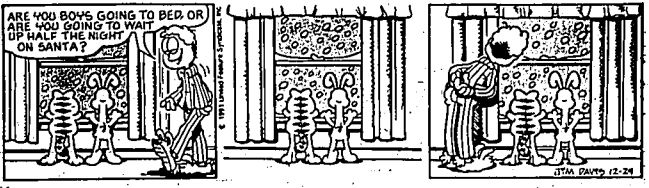
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Sydney Omarr
Astrological Forecasts

IF DECEMBER 24 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have unusual voice, sense of drama, are musical, appreciate art and luxury, can be self-indulgent to point of "giving" to "sweet tooth." Taurus, Libra, Scorpio persons play significant roles in your life. You are an idealist where romance is concerned. Often, however, your smile is bitter-sweet. You have decided that life without romance is no life. Being vulnerable, you attract those only too willing to take advantage. You'll be happier, more prosperous in 1992.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Opportunity exists to perfect techniques, to revise plans in constructive manner. Young person will waxer. "I feel like Christmas because I'm with you!" Diversely, accent humor, Gemini featured.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Persons who previously resisted your attempt to be "friendly" will now undergo "melting process." Emphasis on home, security, family, feeling that indeed you are "adored."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Invitation list, other written material, figures prominently. Focus on variety, trips, visits, recognition with recalcitrant relative. Voluble friend sincere but could be "sincerely" uninformative.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stick close to home if possible. Long distance call from loved one due prior to 11 p.m. Emphasis on music, spirituality, recognition of "true meanings."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Questions concerning theology will be answered. Emphasis on spirituality, seeking of perfection, drawing line between reality, wishful thinking. Private celebration for out-dinances (formal party).

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be lenient with young person whose curiosity can be expurgated. Be open-minded but avoid being gullible. What seems to be "something for nothing" is actually worth nothing. Cancer native involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look beyond the immediate, perceive potential; accent spirituality, plans for journey. Love relationship will be back on track. Creditability, credit rating restored.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Relationship survives crisis, spark of attraction reignited. Emphasis on fresh start, innovation, strong love exemplified by words of young person. Creative process heightened. Aquarius involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll feel, "At last I am back home where I belong!" Emphasis on security, love relationship, family reunion. You'll perceive "wonder" of holiday. Sense of direction restored. Capricorn involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Burden lifted. You'll truly appreciate gift, holiday spirit, expressions of love. Humor rampant. Family member says, "You can Sagittarius me laugh through tears!" Gemini, Sagittarius persons in picture.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): What had been "roadblock" will be transformed, mis-relationships toward-ultimate, goal; emphasis on improved health, dependency; ability to get things done. Scorpio person says, "You inspire!"

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Communication received prior to 4 p.m. enables you to "fit" machinery." Clock that had stopped running will again be in operation. You'll be well prepared for holiday festivities tonight. Cards!

L.M. Boyd
What's what?

TIPPING AT LUNCH
Women at a social lunch tend to leave small tips. Women at the business lunch tend to leave big tips. So says a server of same.

Your assignment today. If you'll accept it, is to come up with the name of at least one country that does not have a native method of making liquor. I took the assignment, and failed.

Put this one to the conversationalist on the next stool: If you were to mate an African elephant with an Indian elephant, which sort would the dominant genes produce?

Trick query. The two don't cross breed.

Ever, Does that not make them different species? Believe so.

Can you confirm the claim that the dog called the husky will eat almost anything, when starving, except the flesh of a wolf?

HOBBY
Q. What good would a hobby do me?
A. If you're like most of us, you're more interested in yourself than in anything else.

Unrelieved, that can get depressing. Trick is to find something that interests you even more than you interest you, at least from time to time... something you can get lost in for awhile.

You pretty much have to make a trial-and-error purchase of the search.

There are people, it might be noted, who never can find hobbies. This, according to the experts.

That sage Storm Jameson said: "Life is too short to stuff a mushroom."

Q. Does the robin smell the worm in the grass?

A. Not if the bird expends her irtight. They say the bird is the only bird that finds food with the sense of smell.

Q. In hockey, was a goaliender ever slammed the puck the full length of the ice to the opposing team's cage to score?

A. Once. At least, only once in the National Hockey League.

Ron Hextall of the Philadelphia Flyers did that thing in 1987 against the Boston Bruins. Flyers won, 4-3.

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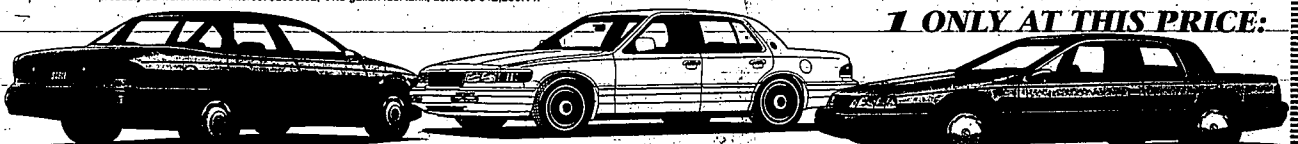
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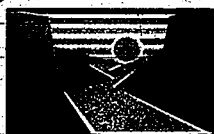
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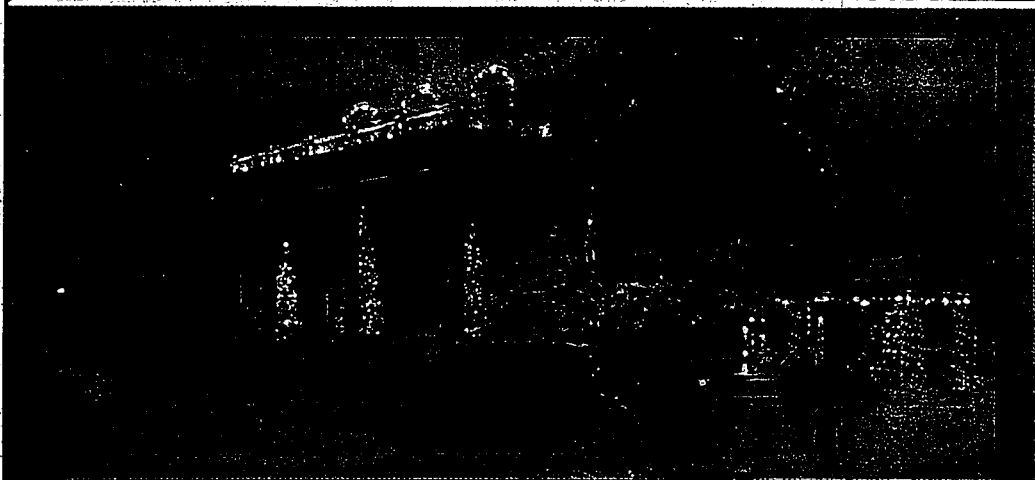
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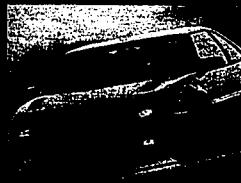
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Hit The Road



Celebs

Omar Sharif back on screen

Knight-Ridder News Service

Q. Has Omar Sharif quit acting?

A. Actually, the star of such classics as "Dr. Zhivago" and "Lawrence of Arabia" recently worked his way out of a five-year dry spell. "I just wasn't getting any good work," said Sharif, 59, who appeared last month on the syndicated-TV miniseries "Memories of Midnight." "I was in transition."

You know, at some point you have to go from younger person to older person." His "The Rainbow Thief," with Peter O'Toole, awaits release, and he will appear in the French film "Mayrig," with Claudia Cardinale.

Q. Is Mike Wallace as tough and combative as he appears on CBS's "60 Minutes"?

A. Wallace frankly admits to being "demanding," "excessively abrasive," occasionally hyperbolic and "mean" to the extent that "once or twice a year, I do a mea-



Omar Sharif

Just wasn't getting work.

culpa session with groups or individuals." But he does suffer periodically from clinical depression, which popped up again last winter, when "I felt like a fraud and a fake," said Wallace, 73.

But he's proud of what his on-air role-playing elicits. "You try to establish a chemistry of confidentiality. You want to give (a

subject) a psychological excuse to reveal himself."

Q. Whatever happened to perky "Mork & Mindy" co-star Pam Dawber?

A. She's fishing. Dawber, 40, who is married to actor Mark Harmon, has been trying to get back on-series television since CBS's "My Sister Sam" ended in 1988. Recently, she made two unsuccessful CBS series pilots.

Q. Doesn't the actress who plays the bisexual associate C.J. Lamb on NBC's "L.A. Law" have a funky past?

A. British actress Amanda Donohoe's previous claim to fame was as the girlfriend of '70s pop star Adam Ant. She was known as "Mandy Ant," with her post-punk coiffure and wardrobe. But at 16, she was stifled by his identity.

So she broke off the relationship and headed for drama school. Now 29, she is consorting with British director Nick Broomfield. They live in L.A. and London.

Nobody asks Jackie O to help out on movies

Knight-Ridder News Service

Q. What was Jackie Onassis paid or did she have any say in the TV movie of her life story?

A. John Kennedy's PT movie shown before or after his death?

A. Mrs. Onassis is neither paid nor does she have any input in the various versions of her life: If she did have a say, it would be to nix the enterprises entirely. "PT-109" based on Kennedy's exploits in the South Pacific early in World War II, was made in 1962 and was in release in 1963 before he died.



Jackie Onassis She would say nix

Arnold's sister sues for big bucks

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The sister of Roseanne Barr Arnold sued the television star for \$70.3 million Wednesday, alleging Roseanne said she would pay her half of everything she made from her "domestic goddess" character.

The lawsuit, filed in Los Angeles Superior Court by Geraldine Barr, alleges breach of contract.

Miss Barr says that she helped invent Mrs. Arnold's comedy character in 1981 and entered into an verbal contract to split profits generated by the persona now depicted in the ABC sitcom "Roseanne."

"Roseanne's talents were as a stand-up comic, actress and performer," the lawsuit alleges. "Geraldine's talents were as a writer, organizer, accountant, bookkeeper and confidante. The creation of the domestic goddess took years of testing, revision and sacrifice."

The lawsuit asks for \$70.3 million in damages and asks for additional punitive damages.



Roseanne Barr Arnold "Where do you end?"

David Brokaw, a spokesman for Mrs. Arnold, replied: "Given what Roseanne did for her sister, the lawsuit is just plain preposterous."

"When people learn the facts, they'll see that Geraldine's claims are really silly," Brokaw said.

The lawsuit says Miss Barr quit her accounting job to devote her time to Mrs. Arnold's career, earning "a minimal income."

"She handled virtually all of the business aspects of Roseanne's life, including the hiring and firing of managers, lawyers, agents, accountants and employees," the lawsuit said.

Also named as a defendant was Tom Arnold, Mrs. Arnold's husband of two years, because he allegedly conspired to exclude Miss Barr from Mrs. Arnold's "inner circle" of advisers.

Mrs. Arnold, the lawsuit says, dedicated her book "Roseanne — My Life as a Woman" to Miss Barr with the inscription: "For my sister, Geraldine, for being intense, passionate, committed, brilliant, fierce — for creating a large part of me, my career, my world. Where do you end, where do I begin?"

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Parade goes around the world

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — It's doubtful the fun — at least — is not one, but two parades highlight the annual Christmas day festivities at Walt Disney World to be telecast live on ABC-TV.

Former parade man-on-the-street reporter Regis Philbin ("Live with Regis & Kathie Lee") will "move up" to the anchor booth to join co-host and parade regular — Joan Lunden ("Good Morning America") for the extravaganza.

The traditional Christmas floats, including reindeer, snowmen and toy soldiers will be taking a new route this year, proceeding past 1940s-vintage Hollywood storefronts at the Disney-MGM Studios Theme Park. Meanwhile, the brand-new "Surprise Celebration" spectacle, featuring inflated Disney characters will roll through the Magic Kingdom. Viewers also will get a close-up look at the incredible new "SpectroMagic" nighttime pageant.

Other highlights of the two-hour telecast include "a special greeting by President George Bush; a moving tribute to his 'Thousand Points of Light' by singers — Sandi — Patti — and — Lee Greenwood, and a look back at 20 years of Disney memories.

The Sincerals of the ABC prime-time comedy "Dinosaurs" stop by for a wistful look at Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Belle and the "Beast" from the new "Beauty and the Beast" and a couple of "surprise" guest stars. The "Disney Girls" offer a unique musical tour of the many resort options at Walt Disney World.

Throughout the program, view-



Regis Philbin joins Joan Lunden to co-host the festivities.

ers will be transported around the world — Walt Disney World and the globe. Entertainment segments from the "Vacation" Kingdom in Florida, Disneyland in California, Tokyo-Disneyland and the new Euro-Disney-Resort near Paris will prove that the sun is always shining on a Disney theme park!

From the west coast, a special version of "The Nutcracker" will take center stage at Disneyland in Anaheim. Greetings from the east come in the form of a festive holiday spectacular at Tokyo Disney-

land.

neyland just months away, workers — and Disney characters — are busy getting everything "just right" for the special. A pre-opening tour will bring to light exactly what's taking shape in the French countryside — and why Europeans are anxiously awaiting the opening on April 12, 1992.

Travelers to Walt Disney World celebrate the resort's 20th birthday through December 1992 with 20 new reasons to visit. Following all-too-obvious clues, fans watching the Christmas special will have a chance to match wits with co-host Philbin guessing.

Eden gave lessons

on marrying money

By Betzelou Peterson
Knight-Ridder News Service



Barbara Eden Had Monroe role

Q. I think I remember a show from the 1950s with Barbara Eden and Merry Anders and whether I can't remember. The name of the show escapes me too. — W.G., E. Haven, Conn.

A. It was a syndicated show, "How to Marry a Millionaire," seen 1958-60. It was based on the 1953 movie of the same name with Marilyn Monroe, Betty Grable and Lauren Bacall. Eden had the Monroe role, Lori Nelson the Grable role and Anders the Bacall role.

Discovery celebrates

To capture the spirit of the holiday season, the Discovery Channel will air festive Christmas programs throughout December.

Two daytime series will air special holiday episodes. The Low Country Gourmet Christmas Special, hosted by Lynn Fischer, provides viewers with instructions for preparing delicious holiday meals that are low in cholesterol, fat and sodium. "Great Chefs: A Holiday Table," set for Thursday and Saturday, features chefs from around the world preparing traditional holiday foods from their home countries, including a French Yule log, German roast goose, Yugoslavian stuffed cabbage, and Christmas pudding from the United Kingdom.

"A Hollywood Christmas Story," scheduled to air Thursday and Saturday, provides a nostalgic look at film stars from the golden age of Hollywood celebrating the holidays both on stage and in their homes.

"Christmas Past," which will air on Christmas Day, explores little-

known historical aspects of the most celebrated holiday of the year.

"G.I. Diary: G.I. Christmas," set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, looks at the personal stories of American soldiers during the four Christmases of World War II.

NBA airs on Christmas Day

By Christopher Hill
TV Data

This week NBC's coverage of the National Basketball League begins with two games on Christmas Day. Not surprisingly, one of them will showcase Michael Jordan and the champion Chicago Bulls.

But first up is the Los Angeles Lakers visiting the Los Angeles Clippers. If there is a team in the NBA with an identity problem, it is the Clips. Perennial backseaters to the headline-grabbing Lakers, the Clippers are more likely to feel like visitors than the home team when their cross-town counterparts travel to the L.A. Memorial Sports Arena.

The Lakers started out slowly this season, but after Magic Johnson announced his retirement, the team shook free of its initial shock and rebounded by working its way to the top of the Pacific Division by early December. Still, the NBA season lasts until April, and the jury is still out on how the



Michael Jordan Showcases the star

team will make up the loss of Magic's leadership.

The late game features the healthy, resurgent Boston Celtics visiting Chicago Stadium for their second meeting of the season with Mr. Jordan and the Bulls. The first time around, in early November, the teams played a crazy old Boston Garden, and the Bulls thoroughly dominated the Celtics,

winning their shootout by 132-113.

Still, at the beginning of December, the Celtics were battling the New York Knicks for the top spot in the Atlantic Division. Through the first month of the season, Larry Bird was shooting better than 50 percent from the field and seemed to be unhampered by the heel problems that have limited his effectiveness for the past two seasons.

But through the early going, Jordan's Chicagoans were the class of the league. The Bulls ended December playing better than .850 ball, which carried them to the top of the Central Division, and to the best record in basketball.

On Saturday ABC picks right up with coverage of two NFL Wild Card games. Sites and teams had yet to be set at deadline, but the Monday night crew of Dan Dierdorf, Frank Gifford and Al Michaels cover the same, and Brent Musburger, Lynn Swann and Dick Vermeil cover the other.


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Is Santa insurable?

Metrol

If you ran a life insurance company, would you be willing to give Santa Claus a life insurance policy? A few experts at Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance evaluate some of the factors that might go into their thinking.

In evaluating the risk of insuring Santa, the company would scrutinize the more hazardous aspects of his work - risks he shares in common with private pilots and skydivers.

Most experienced pilots are acceptable risks, and Santa earned his "wings" long ago. However, the company would examine carefully the application of any pilot, who regularly landed a private craft on rooftops. The company adds, "It's obvious that Santa has an excellent safety record and this would work in his favor."

Santa's slide down the chimney can be likened to skydiving. The company is most concerned with beginning skydivers. It requires five freefall jumps before skydivers can qualify for life insurance. Santa would most likely be assessed a moderate extra charge in recent public appearances. Santa remained "chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf." This may endear him to young children, but it does not help his assessment as an insurance risk. So he would most likely be assessed a further modest premium for his ability to shake, when he laughs, "like a bowlful of jelly."

When Santa's smoking is considered, the underwriting club

clears, even for the pipesmoking Santa. At Northwestern, only cigarette smoking is considered in underwriting.

Northwestern Mutual underwriters point out, however, that in the final analysis, it would be almost impossible to determine how much to charge Santa Claus for life insurance.

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What's the best time to take a ski vacation? The ski season is divided into several midseasons: pre-Christmas, Christmas/New Year, January/February and spring. Which you choose depends on your schedule and budget. The pre-Christmas period offers the biggest bargains and the smallest midweek crowds. Check capability - they can virtually guarantee good skiing conditions even when Mother Nature doesn't cooperate.

During the Christmas/New Year period, ski resorts sparkle, but prices are at their holiday peak and crowds are densest. January rates and crowds are again lower, while both pick-up once more in February.

Rates generally begin to drop after Easter, and in late spring, when many skiers consider the snow to be best of all; prices approach the pre-Christmas low.

How much skiing does the resort offer each day? Your lodging, equipment rental and lift tickets are fixed costs, so you'll be squeezing extra value from those dollars with every extra hour of skiing offered by the resort. Some resorts offer night skiing, and those with high-speed quad chairlifts and gondolas will give you more time actually skiing, versus waiting in lift lines.

What kind of skier are you? If you are a dedicated, experienced



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skier, your primary interests are ski terrain and snow conditions. Keep in mind that a larger ski area offers a greater amount and variety of advanced terrain. If you are a novice or intermediate skier you would like to get better, then you'll want to inquire about ski school programs at the resorts you are considering, and whether the resort offers special beginner packages that include lessons and equipment rental.

If someone in your group doesn't ski, what else is there to do? Many leading resorts offer plenty to keep the non-skier busy, including gourmet dining, swim-

ming, ice skating, indoor tennis, horse-drawn sleigh rides, snowmobile tours and shopping.

What's available for children? The best family resorts have day care for infants and toddlers, and age- and skill-appropriate ski instruction for children from preschoolers to teens.

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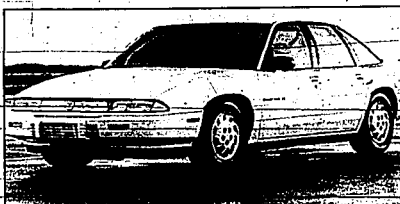
Grand Prix has 1992 look

PONTIAC, Mich. — Grand Prix, Pontiac's sporty mid-size car line, has enhanced styling and performance for 1992 with across-the-line availability of anti-lock brakes (ABS), a 2.1 liter V-6 replacing the 2.3 liter 4-cylinder as the standard engine, an STE-inspired look on the Grand Prix LE sedan and a sportier look for the SE sedan.

The Grand Prix sport coupe series has an aero-performance package and 210 horsepower 3.4-liter Twin Dual Overhead Cam 24-valve engine that gives drivers the confidence to push it to the edge — but never over.

The more aggressive-looking sport sedan series also offers a 3.4 V-6 as an option, providing balanced performance that instills confidence under all driving conditions while offering customers exceptional value and sophisticated sport styling with sedan functionality.

The STE touring sedan again tops the line and remains one of the most completely equipped mid-size sedans available from any manufacturer. GT and GTP models offer up-level comfort, performance and handling in a mid-size coupe, with the SE



Pontiac Grand Prix LE Sedan is the company's mid-size value leader this year.

coupe offering Grand Prix comfort and distinction at a more affordable price.

The Grand Prix LE sedan — receives an STE look in 1992 with the SE sedan also benefiting from exterior enhancements.

The new STE-look on the LE sedan is the result of adding an STE light bar with integral fog lamps, STE front and rear fascias, STE wide bodycolor bodyside moldings and GT (grid) taillamps.

The SE sedan's upgraded appearance includes new sporty and aggressive looking 16-inch 5-

blade aluminum wheels, red molding insert, body color nameplates, GT (grid) taillamps, body color rear filler applique, sport appearance package with body color aero package, dual exhaust and body color mirrors when the power mirror option is selected.

The upgraded looks join additional availability of ABS in 1992 and also the debut of a "second gear start" transmission switch that highlight a number of major safety features, while adding an additional dose of controlled performance to the Grand Prix line this year.

Be aware of trouble signals

Has this happened to you? Your car stalls in traffic when the air conditioner is turned on. Or it keeps running after the ignition is turned off. These are classic signs your engine is overdo for attention.

Maybe you've driven into a transmission shop because the automatic transmission is shifting erratically. After a test drive the mechanic reports your problem is not in the transmission at all; the engine needs a tune-up. (A "stall" signal, because it is losing power, signals the transmission to shift to a lower gear to relieve some of the strain.)

These are a few clues to a common automotive malady, neglected tune-up. In contrast to cars of the '70s and earlier which require a complete tune-up every 10,000 miles, high-tech engines in most vehicles on the road today can be driven longer before needing tune-up services.

In the interests of more efficient engines with reduced exhaust emissions, auto engineers have incorporated sensors and computerized controls to keep engines operating efficiently even after service is needed. That's the good news. The bad news is that people tend to neglect needed automotive service to a point where postponed preventive maintenance sometimes becomes catastrophic repairs.

Technology has not eliminated the need for preventive maintenance. Regular tune-up and



services should be a normal part of auto ownership.

Car dealers now provide their customers with diagnostic analysis forms with which vehicle owners can more accurately report performance discrepancies to their service departments.

Car Care Council lists several other indicators that an engine may need tune-up services:

• Excessive fuel consumption. (The Council recommends keeping records of gas purchases and mileage in order to calculate gas mileage. A consistent drop in miles per gallon over several fill-ups, when driving conditions remain fairly constant, indicates the need for service.)

• Hard starting. American Automobile Association says most of their emergency road service calls are from motorists whose vehicles won't start. And neglected maintenance usually is a root of the problem. Careful attention to tune-up services, beginning with an engine analysis once a year, helps prevent car trouble.

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("Forest worker") and STRANGER ("Outsider"), have been filled in for you. The numbers in parentheses beside the clues indicate the lengths of the answer words. When each grid is completed, put the five sets of shaded letters in alphabetical order, without rearranging the letters within any set, and they will spell a bonus word related to the puzzle's title.

A. Man with the Golden Touch

ST	1	RANGER
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	5	

1. Forest worker (6)
2. Tress (4)
3. Sea inlet (4)
4. Ascends (5)
5. Animal worker (7)

- Outsider (8)
- Socrates's poison (7)
- Recess in a room (6)
- Showy flowers (6)
- Crime writer Raymond (8)

Bonus Word _____

B. Ring Binder

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1. Short-short dress (4)
2. Rhyme's partner (6)
3. Snub (6)
4. Running score (5)
5. Kitchen surface (7)

- Zodiac twins (6)
- Benedict Arnold's crime (7)
- Old-style illumination (8)
- Not physically (8)
- Meet (8)

Bonus Word _____

C. Ah, the High Life!

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	5	

1. Below (5)
2. Play, as a guitar (5)
3. Scottish girls (6)
4. Of the heavens (12)
5. That lady (3)

- Do dirty clothes (7)
- Speaker's stand (7)
- Sweet, silky stuff (8)
- Of good eating (13)
- Church helper (5)

Bonus Word _____

D. Leader of the Modern World

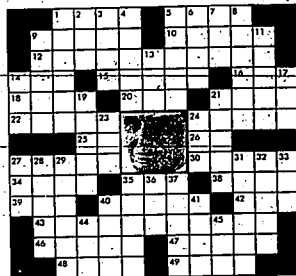
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1. Tennis court divider (3)
2. Gobbled up (3)
3. Guarantee (6)
4. Racing oval (5)
5. Viejo, California (7)

- Shakespearean verse (8)
- Hopping mad (5)
- Senate reprimand (7)
- Where caps are hung (7)
- Formal consent (10)

Bonus Word _____

TELE-PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Actor Baldwin
- 5 Singer Clapton
- 9 Cheer for the die
- 10 Mr. Karloff
- 12 Show, host of "Unsolved Mysteries"
- 14 Mt. Costello
- 15 "War of the Wives"
- 16 Corrode
- 18 Purchases
- 20 Mr. Bertram
- 22 Opposite of "Baja"
- 23 Liana-land
- 24 Gabby or Helen
- 25 "—, the People"
- 26 Felix Unger's
- 31 roommate: Inita
- 32 "Forever"
- 33 Rose and Rosalie
- 34 "Hawaii Five-O" star
- 35 Sweet shop?
- 38 "— Like It Hot"
- 39 She was Nora Charles
- 40 "Guns of Navarone" actress
- 42 Peggy of "Step by Step"
- 43 TV's Perry Mason: 2 wds.
- 45 High-hat
- 47 She's Rebecca Howe
- 48 Harbor towers
- 49 Witnesses

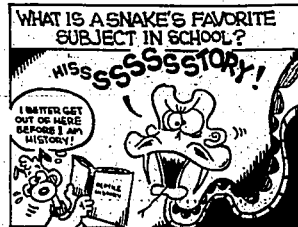
DOWN

- 1 "The Sea — Us"
- 2 Tech area
- 3 "— Since Eve"
- 4 Actress Burnett
- 5 "Bernaby Jones" star
- 6 Goes bad
- 7 Author Levin
- 8 Actress Tyson
- 9 "Peanuts" character
- 11 Do an Axel
- 13 "Cats" poet's ID
- 14 Mauna —
- 17 Hobert's ist
- 18 Sittler
- 21 He was Tommy Bradford
- 23 Rev.'s talk
- 24 School dance
- 27 "— My Children"
- 28 UK islands
- 29 "Bye Bye Love" songlover
- 31 Actress Liu —
- 32 Actress
- 33 "The Old Man and the —"
- 35 Abandoners
- 36 Grillec
- 37 Alan and Antony
- 40 Bad air
- 41 Lip to
- 44 "— Again"
- 45 Cell or mod
- 47 Irish

SOLUTION




- A. Man with the Golden Touch
 1. RANGER
 2. CHAIR
 3. CRIB
 4. MOUNTAIN
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 2. GUITAR
 3. SCOTCH
 4. HEAVENS
 5. LADY
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 2. GOBBLER
 3. GUARANTEE
 4. RACING
 5. VIEJO
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Stories of the Season

Allie's Christmas

Allie was prepared for the worst Christmas of her whole life

By Mary Cook

Allie lay curled up in a tight ball in her little bed. Although her left foot was asleep, she refused to move it, knowing from past experience that the space outside the immediate perimeter of her body was cold as ice. She kept her eyes tightly closed, hoping that she could somehow go back to sleep and wake up much later to find that she had slept through Christmas.

The early morning sounds of her father stoking the furnace in the basement and her mother running water in the kitchen finally forced her mind awake. At last, she squinted her eyes open and saw slits of dawn peeping through the cracks between the heavy canvas her father had stretched across her screened window. On her goose-down comforter, there was a sprinkle of fine, dry snow — like the powdered sugar on her mother's pound cake.

She knew her mother was trying ever so hard to make a good Christmas for her and her little brother, Joey. Her father, too, was trying. Yesterday, he had brought home a big brown chicken which he had picked out in the alley; and her mother had made stuffing just the way Allie liked it — without too much sage.

Allie and Joey had blown eggs and dyed them with food coloring and her mother had crocheted holders for the eggs and hung them on the tree along with strings of popcorn and cranberries and the shiny balls and tinsel saved from other years. It was pretty good, but she'd never had, Allie had to admit, but still she couldn't bring herself to leap out of bed and face Christmas morning.

She was afraid she couldn't keep up the pretense all day. She knew her mother suspected something was wrong because she kept looking at Allie with that sweet wondering look she had. "There isn't any Santa Claus," Allie said inside her head. "And if there isn't any Santa Claus, then it's not fine, and everyone had congratulated her. She'd even forgotten that her patent leather shoes were too tight! And she'd been very polite and thanked Santa for the mesh stocking full of funnies, even though it was a joke.

"Allie," her mother said softly from the open door. "You haven't forgotten it's Christmas, have you?"

"Oh my, is it time to get up already?" Allie pretended to yawn, noting the puzzled look on her mother's face.

Her mother came over to the bed and unpinned the elastic bands that kept Allie from getting uncovered in the night. "There's snow on the floor," she said, picking Allie up and carrying her over to the adjoining bedroom where Joey

course, it had to be true. That explained why Marcella, whose grandfather was the richest man in town, always got the most and best toys for Christmas.

Allie had never really cared that Marcella got more presents than she because she and Joey had always gotten for the toy they had asked Santa for and they had always had nice Christmas. Besides, in a strange way, Allie felt sorry for Marcella because her parents were divorced and she couldn't spend Christmas with both her father and mother the way all the other children she knew did.

Allie knew that her father couldn't possibly buy her such an expensive present this year because, since the depression, he had been unable to sell any houses. And she had overheard him telling her mother that lots of people had cancelled their insurance policies. "Try to keep the grocery bill under \$20 if you can, Em," her father had said. After that, her mother had started skimming the thick cream off the milk Mr. Swenson delivered twice a week. Then she and Allie would share it in a quart jar until it turned into butter. And, for supper, she often served cornmeal pancakes with bean soup or macaroni and cheese or hash.

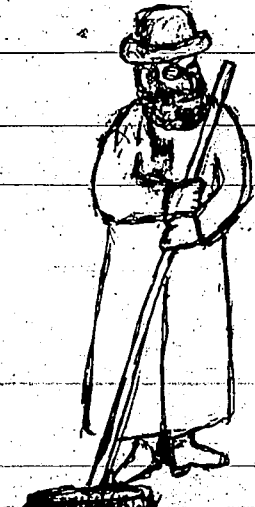
Her mother had even torn up beautiful pink tulle for an evening gown to make a dress for Allie to wear when she sang her solo part in the Christmas Eve program at the church. And, when Allie had protested, saying her mother needed it, her mother had said, "Heavenly, I'm embarrassed to be seen in it any more. Besides, you look so pretty in pink."

Allie almost forgot how miserable she was, recalling Christmas Eve at the church. She really had looked quite nice in the pink dress when she checked out her reflection in the closet mirror. And she felt she had sung quite well, though at first she had been rather frightened. But it had said, "Heavenly, I'm embarrassed to be seen in it any more. Besides, you look so pretty in pink."

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slept in a crib next to his father and mother. But Joey was already up and in the living room rummaging through his stockings, which had hung next to Allie's on the back of the overstuffed chair because they didn't have a fireplace to hang stockings.

Allie went into the bathroom and brushed her teeth and hair and put on her warm robe and slippers before joining Joey. As Allie started for her stocking, she tried to avoid looking at the area under the tree where "Santa" always placed her special toy. But then, out of the corner of her eye, she saw her. It was Dorothy! She couldn't believe it!

"Oh, oh!" she exclaimed. "It's Dorothy! Santa brought me Dorothy! Santa brought me Dorothy!" Allie said, holding Dorothy close in her arms. "You must have been pretty sure you were going to get her," her father said as he came from the kitchen with his coffee cup steaming. "You've named her already."

"Oh, yes!" Allie said, holding Dorothy close in her arms. "I named her after Dorothy, in the book you gave me, Daddy, about the land of Oz." The well-worn book had belonged to her father and had an inscription in it which read, "To Will from Papa, Christmas 1906."

Later, she put Dorothy down and looked in her stocking. There were oranges and nuts and candy canes in both stockings and jacks for Allie and a cap gun for Joey.



Together, the whole family opened the wrapped presents under the tree. Allie thought her mother really seemed to like the pitholer she had made for her at school. She had made a glass case out of felt for her father, who put his glasses in it immediately and said they fit perfectly.

Allie's father had given her another Oz book called "Ozma of Oz," and he had given Joey an Uncle Wiggley book and a firetruck. Their mother had knitted sweaters for both of them and their Aunt Thekla had sent them both mittens with knitted hats to match. Their mother had given their father a new bathrobe to replace the ugly, worn-out robe he always wore. And her father had given her mother a new midnight blue coat. Her mother was obviously delighted, though she gave her husband a puzzled look and said, "It's beautiful, Will, but how?"

After they all got dressed, their mother served breakfast on the dining room table. They had baked apples and bacon and fried cornmeal mush, which Allie and her father both loved.

While they were eating, Allie, who was eager to run over to Marcella's, asked her father what time it was. He reached into his watch pocket as he always did, but his big gold watch wasn't there.

"Where's your watch, Will?" her mother asked.

"Allie's father turned red, and

flushed looking and then said, "Oh, I left it at the jeweler's to get fixed."

"Oh!" Allie's mother answered with a quizzical expression. "I didn't know it was broken."

"Well, it was," he said, pushing his chair away from the table. And rising abruptly, he went to the closet, got out his coat and cap and went out the front door.

Allie helped Joey struggle into his leggings and galoshes so that he could go outside and try out the shiny new sled Santa had brought him.

As Allie helped dry the breakfast dishes, she failed to notice that her mother seemed preoccupied, because Allie was so anxious to get to Marcella's. When the dishes were done, Allie wrapped Dorothy in an old doll blanket. Then, wearing her old coat, her new hat and mittens and her big black galoshes, she went to the back door to cut through the alley to Marcella's. However, she couldn't open the back door because a big lump of snow had fallen off the roof and frozen in the night right against the door.

She ran back to the front door, and went outside; and after waving goodbye to her father and Joey who were scraping the snow off the front walk, she scooted around the house and through the alley to Marcella's.

Marcella lived with her mother and grandparents in a big two-story

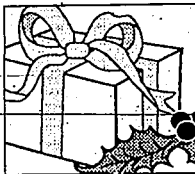
Time Off

Party's great on starry night with Christmas in air

Creating a distinctive look for a holiday party can be as much fun as throwing the party itself. With a festive theme in mind, you can bring an artist's touch to your table with very little effort. A star motif is a good one to try. It carries an air of celebration and the shape is easy to apply to a variety of surfaces.

A hand-written invitation on a gold foil card, and envelopes sprinkled with star confetti, will alert revelers that a star-spangled fête is in the making.

Coordinating a "Starry, Starry Night" motif is easy. Look for



foods, such as star fruit and star-shaped cookies, to serve as hearty accompaniments to the menu in honor of the holidays this

year. Perrier has introduced a limited edition label featuring a galaxy of golden stars which add sparkle to any table or bar.

A tip from Perrier Group party planner Jane Lagzin: Create a stencil on an inexpensive tablecloth by tracing different-sized stars on a sheet of acetate and

carefully cutting them out. Using a brush or a sponge, stencil the stars with gold paint on the tablecloth in a random pattern. A dark cloth provides a dramatic nighttime sky effect. For napkins, cut a 12-inch square of fabric with pinkish shears and stencil stars in the corners.

Carry the star theme to other parts of the table by draping garlands of stars around votive candleholders and floral arrangements, and place toy "fairy wands" at each place setting. Write guests' names on place cards with a gold pen, and decorate with more gold stars.

Color your holiday

The poinsettias have been a welcome splash of color this holiday season. They don't have to be packed up with the Christmas ornaments, though.

Poinsettias are tropical plants, like philodendrons. And, like philodendrons, they make fine houseplants. Treat them as you do most other houseplants and they will carry over until next fall when you can force them to color up again in time for next Christmas.

Poinsettias like a brightly lit room with no drafts. They like usual household temperatures and their soil evenly moist. When the soil dries down about an inch or so, poinsettias want another drink. They don't like wet feet, though, and prefer that you throw out the water that collects in the saucer below the pot.

In spring, cut the whole plant back to within six inches, of the soil surface and repot it in good houseplant mix. A bigger pot won't be needed because you should prune the roots back at the same time.

After the nights have warmed to 55 degrees your poinsettia would probably like to live outside in a brightly lit spot without



Green Thumbprints
Cathy Walworth

full sun. Never allow its soil to dry out, and continue to feed it with a good houseplant fertilizer every two weeks. Pinch it back regularly to insure a bushy plant.

On Oct. 1, bring the plant indoors where it can live in a bright room during the day and enjoy an uninterrupted 16-hour night. If you don't have a room that will provide absolute darkness (that means never flipping on the light switch for "a minute"), you might try a closet or upend a box over the plant.

By early December, your poinsettia should have colored up and will no longer need to be kept in an absolutely dark room at night. Put it out where you can enjoy its brightly colored leaves once more.

Cathy Walworth is an avid Twin Falls gardener. Write to her in care of *The Times-News*.

Get you don't know your candy canes

Did you know that 1.2 billion candy canes will be made for the holiday season? That's five for every man, woman and child in the United States. If 1.2 billion candy canes were lined up in a row they would stretch 400 million feet or 75,758 miles — that's enough to go one-third of the way

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