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## Good morning

### Today's forecast:

Hazy with light winds and areas of fog and snow. Highs from 35 to 45 with lows in the teens.

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## Magic Valley

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A small business incubator for manufacturers will go up soon in Jerome.

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# Gorbachev relinquishes power

Los Angeles Times

MOSCOW — Mikhail S. Gorbachev, the last president of the Soviet Union, resigned Wednesday night, stoutly defending his ultimately failed attempts at transforming his homeland and voicing alarm at what the future holds for it.

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"We are now living in a new world," Gorbachev said in a brief farewell address. It was a world the 60-year-old career Communist had an enormous role in creating, but that finally held no place for the revitalized Soviet socialism that was his longtime ideal and goal.

Earlier in the day, Gorbachev assured President Bush he would transmit the last remaining prerogative of his office — the Soviet "nuclear button" — to Russian Federation President Boris N. Yeltsin immediately upon his resignation. "And so, Mr. President, you can spend Christmas evening in peace," Gorbachev promised.

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Mikhail Gorbachev, final leader of the Soviet Union, signs decrees to shift control of nuclear weapons to Russian Federation President, Boris Yeltsin.

## Former Soviet leader: 'It's that time'

*Editor's note - The writer, a correspondent in the Moscow bureau of The Associated Press, was the only print journalist to witness Gorbachev's resignation inside the Kremlin.*

By Alan Cooperman  
 The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Three minutes before Mikhail S. Gorbachev announced his resignation Wednesday, he straightened his

sheaf of papers and said in a soft voice: "If you have to go, you have to go. It's that time."

The television cameras in the elegant Kremlin reception room were not yet on Gorbachev was looking down at the desk, not at his aides. He clearly was talking to himself. And he clearly meant what he said.

All of Gorbachev's actions and bearing Wednesday — his brisk stride, his calm smile, his even voice, his solemn but

dispirited remarks — testified that he was ready to go.

Not happy, of course. But ready.

The contrast with the August coup was striking. Then, Gorbachev was defiant. He refused the plotters' entreaties to resign. He insisted they were misguided — and even lectured them about just how misguided they were. At one point, he made a secret videotape and tried to smuggle it out of the Crimean vacation house where he and his

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## Bush salutes legacy

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush said private and public goodbyes to Mikhail S. Gorbachev on Wednesday, then told the American people that the United States will extend diplomatic recognition to Russia and five other republics of the dismantled Soviet Union.

Despite the "potential for instability and chaos," Bush said the transformation of the Soviet Union is in the national interest of the United States. "The nuclear threat, while far from gone, is receding," he said in a televised address on Christmas evening.

"Our enemies have become our partners," Bush said, declaring that the end of the Cold War, and the toppling of the totalitarian Soviet state, was a "victory for the moral force" of democratic values.

Bush interrupted his holiday at . . . Please see LEGACY/A2



## Shoppers seeking big post-Christmas savings might be disappointed

By Craig Lincoln  
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Sorry to break the news, but you're a little late if you waited until today to shop for bargains.

That's because holiday sale shopping has taken a turn for the earlier. Retailers are putting on sales as soon as they can these days.

"Merchandising has really changed," Idaho Retailers Association President Tim Brennan said earlier this week.

The old way of marketing called for full-priced selling before Christmas and dumping unsold merchandise at big discounts afterwards, Brennan said.

But a troubled economy and deep-indebt retail chains looking to increase their cash flows forced retailers into pre-Christmas sales in the late 1980s.

And lots of them, too. For example, this year's Thanksgiving Day Times-News carried ads from nearly 60 Magic Valley stores that were having sales the weekend after Thanksgiving, the traditional start of the Christmas buying season.

Last year's Christmas and Dec. 26 newspapers carried sale ads from fewer than 30 stores.

## Big retailers stay aggressive

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — After-Christmas sales traditionally are a time-for-nationwide retailers to clear out leftover holiday and gift items and make way for new merchandise.

But in this weak economy, and after suffering a disappointing holiday season, many are abiding on the post-Christmas

This year's post-Thanksgiving sales generally advertised discounts from 10 percent to 30 percent. A few major chains fought for the early bird shopper's attention with deeper discounts between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the days immediately after Thanksgiving.

Last year's post-Christmas sales, however, often had items marked down 50 percent. So there were better deals on fewer items.

Call it a modification due to competition. "It's still a fact that people don't have incentive to cut prices before Christmas because there's going to be a demand," Brennan said. "There is more incentive to offer Christmas. It's just not as significant as it used to be."

That notwithstanding, today will be the second- or third-busiest day of the year for many retailers because customers return what they got for Christmas and because people who received cash for Christmas like to spend it soon after.

If your gift-giver saved receipts, the Better Business Bureau says, you should have many happy returns.

But don't wait. The bureau says many stores have time limits on when merchandise can be returned or exchanged.

period as a chance to grab business while they can.

Many retailers planned to run extra discounts and special offers after Christmas even before they knew the outcome of the season, said Thomas J. Tashjian, a retail industry analyst with First Manhattan Co.

Storeowners, who have struggled all year to get nervous consumers to spend, . . . Please see RETAILERS/A2



Shoppers crowding malls for post-Thanksgiving sales were treated to a number of discounts in a switch from the old way of selling.

## Christmas gifts of food, goodwill abound across United States

The Associated Press

Crumpled paper from unwrapped Christmas presents littered the floors of homes across the nation Wednesday. But some of the best presents — freedom, peace and charity — couldn't be contained in gift boxes.

For the first time in six years, there were no American hostages in Lebanon. And in the past two years, the nation's . . . was at rest.

Volunteers served Christmas meals to the old, the sick and the poor. Tough economic times slowed donations, but those who could gave gifts of clothes to the homeless and toys to children.

"We could give nice presents to all our friends, but giving something to people we don't know is the greatest feeling in my life," said Josh Dumelt, manager of El Torito restaurant in Cupertino, Calif., which prepared a Mexican feast for 600 homeless people.

Americans released this year from captivity in Lebanon preferred private observances with their families.

In sunny Southern California, surfers waxed up new boards and zipped up just-unwrapped wetsuits to enjoy 4-foot waves at Malibu. New parkas, skis and snowboards were tried out in the mountains.

The Christmas spirit also hit Wall Street, where Merrill Lynch & Co. opened its

corporate headquarters so more 1,000 senior citizens could use the telephones free.

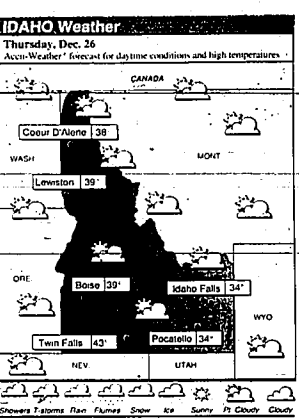
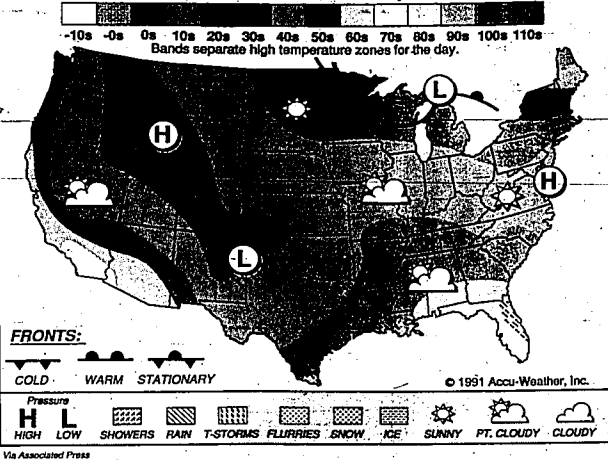
In Tucson, Ariz., the homeless and needy feasted on a turkey dinner at an unusual venue — a topless bar. Two hours before closing, the club had served 500 diners, said Larry Dellheimer, chief financial officer of TD's Show Club.

"The girls that work here volunteer their time on Christmas day," Dellheimer said. "They're dressed, of course."

# Weather

## NATIONAL Weather

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Dec. 26.



City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	45	29	0
Atlanta	63	32	0
Boston	31	16	0
Chicago	42	17	0
Dallas	51	30	0
Denver	48	18	0
Des Moines	47	24	0
Detroit	40	24	0
Honolulu	80	69.01	0
Houston	56	37	0
Indianapolis	44	22	0
Kansas City	56	25	0
Las Vegas	58	32	0
Los Angeles	64	46	0
Memphis	53	32	0
Miami Beach	65	58	0
Minneapolis	40	23	0
New Orleans	54	42	0
New York	40	28	0
Oklahoma City	49	29	0
Omaha	47	28	0
Phoenix	65	46	0
Pittsburgh	37	29	0
Portland, Me.	23	06	0
Portland, Ore.	48	39	0
Reno	46	19	0
St. Louis	49	27	0
Salt Lake City	29	24	0
San Francisco	58	45	0
Seattle	52	42.06	0
Spokane	38	31	0
Washington	46	31	0

## Weather summary

The National Weather Service says high pressure at the surface and at the upper levels of the atmosphere kept fog, smoke and pollutants trapped in some Idaho valleys Christmas day.

Morning clouds cleared above the lower valleys, allowing bright sunshine and blue skies over most locations Christmas afternoon.

Afternoon temperatures around the Gem State were a little warmer than normal for many areas. Lewiston was the warm spot with 46 degrees. Other afternoon readings included 38 degrees at Boise, 30 at Pocatello, 35 at Coeur d'Alene and 36 at Mountain Home Air Force Base.

Hagerman recorded the Idaho's highest temperature Christmas day at 48 degrees. Rexburg recorded the lowest at 10 degrees below zero.

Miami recorded the nation's highest temperature on Wednesday, at 81 degrees. Lancaster, N.H., recorded the lowest one, at 17 degrees below zero.

## Parts of New Mexico, New York receive white Christmas.

**The Associated Press**

Parts of New Mexico and New York had a white Christmas, but rising rivers in Texas spoiled the holiday for many.

The Guadalupe River continued to rise Wednesday at Victoria, in southeastern Texas, closing more roads and highways. Heavy rain and flooding in Texas has left 15 dead and caused millions of dollars in damage since last week.

The Colorado River was rising in Wharton, about 50 miles southwest of Houston, where a junior high school was readied as a shelter. The river was expected to crest at 7 feet above flood stage late Thursday.

Light snow dusted New York City in the morning, but didn't stick. It was the city's first Christmas Day snowfall since 1985.

Light snow also fell in southern Vermont, east-central

New York, northeastern Pennsylvania and the east side of El Paso, Texas.

Snow fell in the upper Ohio Valley and southeast New Mexico. Rain fell in the lower elevations of southern New Mexico, southwest Texas and the Texas panhandle. Rain also was scattered along the Washington state coast.

Alaska continued to have dangerous wind chills, with the reading expected to reach 50 below zero near Bethel.

But a usual cold spot, International Falls, Minn., warmed to 37 by early afternoon, tying the record high for the date, set in 1940. Temperatures were 15 to 20 degrees warmer than normal in the upper Mississippi Valley.

There were no reports of heavy rain during the six hours ending at 1 p.m. EST. Snowfall during that period included 1 inch at Roswell, N.M.

The low temperature for the Lower 48 states was 9 below zero at Jackson, Wyo.

Temperatures around the nation at 3 p.m. EST ranged from 4 at Caribou, Maine, to 80 at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

## Workers cut through wall to remove man's body

**HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP)** - Walter Hudson, who made headlines when he slimmed from 1,200 pounds to 320 pounds three years ago, gained almost all the weight back before he died, an official said Wednesday.

Police initially estimated Hudson's weight at 600 pounds after he died Tuesday of a heart attack. But when his body was removed, it was 1,125 pounds.

Ten men were needed to remove Hudson's body from the home in suburban New York City, authorities said.

They had to cut out a section of Hudson's bedroom wall Tuesday night because he wouldn't fit through the door.

# Gorbachev

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Bush by telephone, the Interfax news agency reported.

At 7 p.m. Moscow time, a wan and glum-looking Gorbachev, appearing live on state-run television, announced that he was stepping down, ending almost seven years at the Kremlin's helm and one of the most hopeful, and yet contradictory, reigns in Russia's long history.

Gorbachev's resignation had been inevitable since Saturday, when Yeltsin and the leaders of 10 other Soviet republics clinched an agreement on creating a loose "Commonwealth of Independent States" on the ruins of the rapidly disintegrating Soviet state.

Gorbachev steadfastly opposed the commonwealth, even in the final seconds of his presidency, saying on TV: "I firmly came out in favor of the independence of nations and sovereignty for the republics. At the same time, I support the preservation of the union state and the integrity of this country."

"Developments took a different course," said Gorbachev, bobbing his head for emphasis. "The policy prevailed of dismembering this country and disuniting the state, which is something I cannot subscribe to. I am worried by the fact that our people have lost the citizenship of a great country. The consequences can be unpredictable."

But he expressed "hope and faith" in the ultimate wisdom and force of spirit of the more than 290 million Soviet people, who he rightly noted were liberated from the "totalitarian system" under his reformist leadership.

After his speech, the red hammer-and-sickle flag that had flown over Gorbachev's official Kremlin residence was struck and replaced with the white, blue and red tricolor of Yeltsin's Russia, an unequivocal emblem of the new order.

Gorbachev signed a decree relinquishing the duties of commander-in-chief of the 3.7 million-man Soviet armed forces, the world's largest standing force, and transmitting the right to order the use of the Soviet nuclear arsenal to Yeltsin.

The Russian leader did not show up, as expected, at Gorbachev's offices after the resignation, press reports said. Soviet Defense Minister Yevgeny I. Shaposhnikov took part in transferring the launch codes and hardware for implementing the command-in-chief of the button now."

A Russian correspondent asked Shaposhnikov later Monday evening.

"In dependable hands," the marshal answered with a smile.

Addressing the Russian legislature in the morning, Yeltsin said that although he will possess a "single button" commanding the 27,000 Soviet nuclear warheads, he will need the consent of leaders of the other republics where the arms are based - Ukraine, Belarus, Byelorussia and Kazakhstan - to use it. A hot line telephone is being installed to tie the end, Yeltsin said. He told deputies that details cannot be disclosed because they are state secrets.

Banishing the last vestiges of the old order, he resigned supreme here for more than 73 years, the Russian legislature voted 137-14 to change

the name of the republic to "Russian Federation," deleting the label "Soviet" and "socialist."

With Gorbachev's resignation announced in an uncharacteristically terse 12-minute speech, "an entire epoch in the history of our country and the world comes to a close," Tass diplomatic correspondent Viktor Runov commented.

But the man who led the Soviet Union since the death of Konstantin U. Chernenko on March 11, 1985, moving the political arena.

"I am not going to run into the woods," Gorbachev, speaking to CNN after his resignation, recalled telling Bush in their phone call. Although he opposes the idea of the commonwealth, he said he would unite with Yeltsin and leaders of the other republics to toil for its success.

"I will stay with them till the end if they work to promote democratic changes and better life for the people," Gorbachev said. If they don't, he said, "I will go to the forest to give his assessment."

Job offers have poured in for Gorbachev from countless quarters, including American universities. But the ex-Soviet leader indicated that he wanted time to think. He also said he had a genuine vacation since 1985 - "and each of those years could be counted as several."

Reports in the Moscow-based press have said Gorbachev intends to head the Fund for Social and Political Research, a think tank known as the "Gorbachev Fund," which he founded after the August putsch, and which employs some 200 people.

# Legacy

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Camp David, Md., briefly to make the televised address, lying to the White House and returning to his retreat afterwards. He spoke nine hours after Gorbachev bade farewell to the Soviet people.

Bush praised the president of Russia, Boris Yeltsin, and said he looked forward to working closely with him.

He extended U.S. recognition to Russia, Ukraine, Armenia, Byelorussia, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.

He would move quickly to establish diplomatic relations with these states and build new ties to them," Bush said. "We will sponsor membership in the United Nations for those not already members."

The president said, too, that the

United States recognizes as independent states the remaining six former Soviet republics - Moldova, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Tadjikistan, Georgia and Uzbekistan. "We will establish diplomatic relations with them when we are satisfied that they have made commitments to responsible security policies and democratic principles, as have the other states we recognize today," Bush said.

Eleven of the 12 states formed themselves into a commonwealth last weekend, with Georgia the only exception.

The president hailed Gorbachev for joining with the West in a "search for peace across the globe."

"President Gorbachev acted boldly and decisively to end the bitter divisions of the Cold War and

contributed to the breaking of a Europe whole and free." Bush said in a statement issued less than an hour before he made his televised address.

"Our partnership led to unprecedented cooperation in repelling Iraqi aggression in Kuwait, bringing peace to Nicaragua and Cambodia, and independence to Namibia," he added.

Gorbachev's record establishes a "solid basis" in which the United States can work with Gorbachev's successors, the written statement added.

In the days since 11 of the 12 remaining independent Soviet republics formed a commonwealth, the United States had refrained from formal recognition, perhaps out of respect to Gorbachev.

# Time

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family were under arrest.

On Wednesday, Gorbachev gave every indication that he was receding to turning over power to Russian President Boris Yeltsin and the new Commonwealth of Independent States.

His remarks were simple and dignified, without anger or vindictiveness. He said it was his "moral duty" to continue to voice his regrets about the disintegration of the union, but did not suggest that there was anything more he could do about it.

He displayed his steady nerves by going live on television - not just in the Soviet Union, but throughout the world via the Cable News Network, which scored an unparalleled scoop with the exclusive broadcast and a follow-up interview.

CNN's president, Tom Johnson, also came away with a historic souvenir.

After sitting down in front of the camera, but before it began to roll, Gorbachev said he'd forgotten to tuck a pen in the pocket of his black suit.

So Johnson fished from his own pocket a shiny black Mont Blanc ballpoint and handed it to the 60-year-old Soviet leader, who used it to sign the decree giving up his post as commander-in-chief and transferring authority over the country's nuclear arsenal to Yeltsin.

"How much do you think I can get for this?" Johnson said later, waving the pen outside Gorbachev's Kremlin office building as a CNN camera crew cheered and patted each other on the back.

The physical transfer of the

"nuclear button" - actually a suitcase containing secret launch codes - took place just minutes after the speech and CNN interview. KGB guards ensured that no cameras or reporters were present. They hustled the Soviet and foreign media down one carpeted Kremlin hallway, while commonwealth military chief Yevgeny Shaposhnikov was ushered into Gorbachev's private office to receive the nuclear launch codes.

As the TV crews headed to the exit, they ran into a pair of guards rushing down another corridor, away from another pack of photographers. Camera flashes showed something large, and bright red, in the guards' arms.

It was the Soviet Union's hammer-and-sickle flag, just lowered from atop the Kremlin.

## Idaho road report Retailers

The report of road conditions was not available from the Idaho Department of Transportation Wednesday night.

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.

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face the slowest time of their year in January and February. So, they reason, as long as millions of consumers are in the stores looking for after-Christmas bargains, now is the time to pick up whatever extra business they can.

Sears, Roebuck and Co. plans an aggressive television and newspaper advertising program and special sales through Jan. 4. Part of the company's campaign is in home furnishings, including bed and bath items, furniture and appliances.

"We anticipate strong results in the week after Christmas," said Matt Howard, Sears' senior vice president for marketing.

In newspaper ads on Christmas day, R.H. Macy and Co. Inc.

promised specials for shoppers arriving Thursday morning. Televisions and VCRs were among the items marked down.

The after-Christmas period will cap a difficult season in which retailers battled to win sales. Consumers, burdened by concerns about the economy and job security, cut back their holiday spending, buying fewer expensive items.

Overall, Christmas was a disappointment for store owners. Securities analysts said this week final results will show industry-wide sales were little changed from the depressed levels of last Christmas. "That translates to a drop in sales. Their inflation is factored in and means the third straight disappointing Christmas for the industry."

## Idaho lottery

**BOISE (AP)** - The winning numbers Wednesday night in the Lotto America-Idaho Super Lotto game are: 13-27-37-43-44-51. (Thirteen, twenty-seven, thirty-seven, forty-three, forty-four, fifty-one). Estimated jackpot: \$2 million.

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## Study: Breast cancer, X-rays may be linked

BOSTON (AP) — Widely used X-ray tests have been implicated for the first time as a cause of breast cancer, apparently raising the risk in women with an inborn susceptibility, researchers report.

Their study found that moderately strong X-rays significantly raise the risk of breast cancer in women who carry a particular gene that occurs in more than 1 million American women.

They say that increasing use of X-rays could help explain why breast cancer appears to have become more common in recent decades.

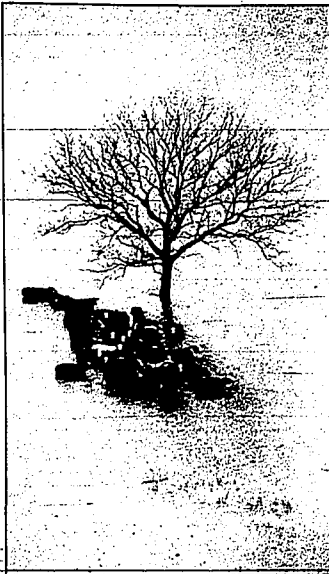
Since most carriers of the gene do not know they have it, the researchers said their work suggests that doctors should cover all women's breasts with lead shields during X-rays and use non-X-ray tests whenever possible.

Until now, only relatively high doses of radiation have been clearly associated with an increased risk of breast cancer. Dr. Michael Swift, who directed the new study, said the amount of radiation that appeared to trigger this cancer in gene carriers was "appallingly low."

"It would be a lot easier world if this were not true," Swift said. "But if it is true, it demonstrates a way to prevent perhaps 5,000 to 10,000 cases of breast cancer per year. That would be very welcome indeed."

Swift and colleagues at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill found the cancer link in people who carry the ataxia-telangiectasia, or AT, gene.

## Huge mass of water moves downstream



Flooding from the Colorado River strands cattle in La Grange, Texas.

WHARTON, Texas (AP) — Forecasters on Wednesday warned residents of rural southeastern Texas to brace for record flooding as water from days of heavy rain surged down several rivers toward the Gulf of Mexico.

Flooding has killed at least 15 people and caused millions of dollars in damage since last week.

In this city of 10,000, officials prepared to accommodate 1,500 people at a shelter in a junior high school, City Manager Bob Miller said.

Thirteen residents spent Christmas Eve at the shelter and five had registered by late afternoon to spend Christmas night.

"This is a Christmas I'll remember all right," said 89-year-old Evelyn Shanklin, who slept Tuesday night on a foam pad in the seifoll gymnasium.

There was record flooding in rural areas along the San Gabriel, Little Brazos, Brazos and Navasota rivers, said John Patton, a National Weather Service hydrologist.

The Brazos and Little Brazos rivers were more than 4 miles wide above Texas Highway 21 in east-central Texas, Patton said.

The Navasota River was about 2 miles wide at Texas Highway 30, about 70 miles northwest of Houston, he said.

The flooding has deluged farmland and forced hundreds of people from their homes.

"Residents should prepare for flooding as bad or worse as in modern history all the way downstream," Patton said.

The mass of water moving downstream wasn't expected to reach the Gulf of Mexico until next week, forecasters said.

The flood wave on the Brazos and Trinity rivers was retarded by reservoirs and partly soaked into farmland.

"One hates to think what the flooding would be without those reservoirs," Patton said.

The Colorado River, which runs by Wharton, was expected to crest midnight Thursday at 7 feet over flood stage, Miller said.

In southern Texas, livestock died Tuesday as levees crumbled near the junction of the Guagalupe and San Antonio rivers, Patton said.

"Many levees broke, flooding all the highways in the area and drowning many, many cattle," Patton said. The exact number of dead livestock wasn't immediately known.

The entire Goliad State Park in southern Texas was under water except the headquarters building, the superintendent's residence and the mission, Patton said.

There were no reports of injuries or missing campers.

Showers on Wednesday were scattered from Lubbock in northwest Texas to north of San Antonio in southern Texas.

Most major highways remained open, the Texas Department of Transportation reported Wednesday.

The Trinity River was slowly easing back into its banks in Dallas, where hundreds spent Christmas mopping out their homes.

Neighborhoods remained inundated, Red Cross volunteers using mobile kitchens to serve about 1,000 Christmas Day dinners of turkey and dressing to residents.

Toys for children were provided by the police department's Santa Cop program.

The Red Cross offered cleanup kits including mops, scrub brushes, buckets and sponges.

Others received temporary housing in hotels or emergency vouchers for food and supplies.

## Soviet disintegration leaves treaties in doubt

WASHINGTON (AP) — The demise of the Soviet Union leaves in doubt commitments to scores of treaties with the United States ranging from nuclear arms reduction to international accords on pollution and polar bears.

Some, such as a convention on the rules of warfare, date back to the tsarist-era 19th century. Others, like a U.S.-Soviet treaty on fishing rights in the Bering Sea, are only months old.

So far it appears the new emerging states, eager for quick recognition by the United States and the West and entrance into the United Nations, are ready to accede to all major bilateral and international accords.

In terms of treaty law the old Soviet republics appear to be buying into the Baker check list, said David J. Scheffer, an international law expert with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. "It's in their self-interest to do so."

Secretary of State James A. Baker III, on his just-completed five-day swing through five Soviet republics,

made it clear that adherence to conventions on arms control and human rights must precede admission to the international community of nations.

He came away with assurances from the republics they will strictly abide by such accords as the international Non-Proliferation Treaty and the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty signed by President Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev in Moscow last July.

Still, there are dozens of protocols, some outdated, some irrelevant, that will need to be examined as the new governments in the Soviet Union evolve.

To name just a few, the Soviet Union and the United States have accords in such areas as atomic energy, education, environment, fisheries, grain, health, housing, narcotics, nuclear tests, pollution, post, space, taxes, telecommunications, trade, transportation and visas.

The Soviet Union belonged to multilateral and international

agreements on the rescue of astronauts, hijacking and terrorism, intellectual property, maritime pollution, satellite communications, the political rights of women, patents, tourism, wheat, whaling and polar bear protection.

Lithuanian Ambassador Stasys Lozoraitis, whose Baltic state was recognized by Washington last September, said American and Lithuanian officials are now going through old U.S.-Soviet agreements "paragraph by paragraph" while breaking ground on new treaties covering intellectual properties and patents. "It won't happen in one or two days. Maybe one or two years," Lozoraitis said one example of the thorny problems arising out of the dissolution of the Soviet Union is revising a multilateral agreement that assigns fishing catch quotas in the north Atlantic. Lithuania is seeking one-fifth of the Soviet total.

The Soviet disintegration "certainly complicates things," said an official of the U.S.-Soviet Exchange

initiative, which under the General Exchanges Agreement sends more than 1,200 American high school, college and graduate students to the Soviet Union every year and receives an equal number of Soviets.

The official, who asked not to be identified, said the republics have shown tremendous interest in the exchange program, which was recently renegotiated for another year, but "it's not clear to us yet what direction we'll be going" in working out the legal aspects of the exchange agreement.

## Sex priestess leaves prison early

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The self-styled high priestess of the sex-based Church of the Most High Goddess was released from prison Wednesday, after serving 150 days of a one-year sentence, authorities said.

Mary Ellen Tracy was convicted of prostitution in 1989. After losing her case on appeal, the 48-year-old former Mormon went to jail.

Prison overcrowding and credit for time served shortened her sentence, said her husband, Will Tracy.

Deputy Benita Hinojosa of the Sheriff's Information Bureau confirmed that Mrs. Tracy was released from the county's Sybil Brand Institute for Women.

Mrs. Tracy, who was called Sabrina Aset by her followers, claimed she was the priestess of an ancient religion that required to conduct sexual rituals. The men who participated left a "sacrifice," usually money.

Prosecutors argued that her Beverly Hills home was a brothel,

and her "acolytes" were customers. The Tracy's pursued an appeal by asking the U.S. Supreme Court to hear their contention that their activities were protected by the First Amendment guarantee of freedom of speech and religion.

Meantime, the couple have no plans to reopen the church, Tracy said.

"It's going to be very difficult until we have something from a higher court which prohibits the police from interpreting our doctrines," he said.

## Letter 'bomb' was gift wallet

HOLDEN, Maine (AP) — A police bomb squad blew open a Christmas package suspected of containing explosives, only to find a wallet intended as a gift inside.

Because of a rash of mailbox pipe bombings last month, Carlton Lane of East Holden became suspicious when he received a package addressed to a name he did not recognize and with an unfamiliar return address.

Lane discovered the 12-by-4-inch box wrapped in Christmas paper in his mailbox Tuesday morning.

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A camel-handler takes the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show animals for a stroll in New York's Rockefeller Center Wednesday.

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# Bush compiling economic growth plans; unveiling expected soon

Boston Globe

WASHINGTON — The White House said Tuesday that President Bush has made "preliminary decisions" on some elements of his economic growth package and expects to finalize it before he leaves next Monday on a 10-day trip to Japan and other Asian nations.

The president is pondering whether to announce some aspects of the package before his Jan. 28 State of the Union address, when he is expected to present a slate of proposals. Some aides are concerned that waiting that long could increase economic anxiety while unreasonably heightening expectations for quick solutions.

"Some think the wisest move is to put a little heat on members of Congress and announce some of the details while they are at home in their states and districts," said one official. "Then, we can also avoid the expectations game about the speech."

A top Republican lobbyist with access to the administration said Bush is capable of springing "a January surprise" in his package, possibly proposing to switch \$10 billion to \$20 billion from the defense budget to pay for a new health insurance plan or other social program.

But one senior Bush aide said of

that suggestion: "I can't rule anything out at this point, but I haven't heard anything on the order of that magnitude. Some dollars will be shifted from defense, but that was planned under last year's budget agreement."

Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney has argued vigorously against digging into the Pentagon budget next year.

Basically, in drawing up the fiscal plan, Bush has asked his economic aides to "tell me what works," said presidential spokesman Martin Fitzwater.

Two elements of the Bush package appear in place. One is a renewed bid to reduce the capital gains tax; a move that is unpopular with many Democrats in Congress, who say it is designed to help only wealthy taxpayers. Bush is considering whether to send that proposal to Congress as a separate bill.

A proposal for a higher investment tax credit on new plants and equipment, designed to encourage businesses to invest and create new jobs, also is expected. Bush aides believe Democrats would go along with that proposal.

Some Republicans have suggested that Bush stop with those two proposals, calculating that, combined with Federal Reserve Board's lowering of interest rates, the economy

# Savers hurt by interest rate cuts

NEW YORK (AP) — Lower interest rates have made home buyers gleeful, but low yields on certificates of deposit and other savings are bringing slim returns for millions of Americans dependent on interest income.

As the government tries to jumpstart the economy by making money cheaper, yields on simple savings accounts have tumbled.

The average Super NOW checking account pays a mere 3.71 percent annually as interest rates tumble to levels not seen in decades.

"People who derive a large percent of their income from CDs or bonds or money market funds are hurt," said David McLaughlin, a partner with the financial planning firm Chase Investment Consultants in Charlottesville, Va.

Often, such people are retired, living on savings and pension checks. A spokesman for the American Association of Retired Persons in Washington said more members are calling wondering whether they should shift their funds out of the conventional, short-term savings instruments they are accustomed to.

Experts say that unless the money is needed for day-to-day living, investors should consider longer-term securities like 10-year government bonds, which have higher yields, or opt for greater risk with stocks or stock mutual funds.

On the whole, Americans receive more interest income than they pay in interest fees.

For the seasonally adjusted annual rate as of November, Americans had received \$714 billion in interest income while they paid out \$106 billion in interest expenses associated with loans.

"So what we receive in interest income is seven times greater than what we pay," Mitchell Held, chief financial economist at Smith Barney, Harris Upham & Co., said.

But overall, lower interest rates "actually help the economy because they allow companies to spend money" and keep business growing, and that eventually filters down to employees — the consumers.

About 25 percent of retired Amer-

icans live near the poverty line and therefore are unaffected by interest rate changes.

Most others have very stable expenses.

"They probably already have bought that car, their house is almost paid for, they already have that TV and aren't about to go out and buy a new suit every couple of months," McLaughlin said.

Aside from necessities like food and housing, and gifts and occasional travel, their spending patterns are not likely to be altered that much despite lower interest rates, experts say.

Craig Hoogstra, director of the AARP's financial services division, offered this hypothetical: Someone with \$10,000 to \$50,000 in the bank is losing only between \$1 and \$4 each day after taxes if the yield on a CD falls from 8 percent to 4 percent.

While it means all the money in the world to someone who needs it for necessities, someone who has \$50,000 in the bank is more likely to

be worried about whether they're making "the best use of assets if it's taken them a lifetime to work up to," Hoogstra said.

Also, prices aren't rising nearly as fast as when interest rates were higher.

In the first 11 months of this year, consumer prices rose at an annual rate of 2.9 percent.

In the same period last year, when one-year certificates of deposit were yielding 3.41 percentage points more, the annual inflation rate was about 2.5 percentage points higher.

While interest rates have fallen slightly faster than inflation, much of the purchasing power of the money that people earn on their investments has been preserved.

McLaughlin sees the whole interest rate scenario as a redistribution of wealth.

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# Santa's namesake no longer avoids children

DALLAS (AP) — Not until he went into the Navy in 1966 did Santa Claus start using his real name.

And even then he didn't want to. "When got to boot camp, they went through the whole alphabet without calling me," Claus recalled, chuckling. "The guy calling the roster for our company asked if there was anyone he had missed, and when I raised my hand, he said, 'Well, you must be the clown who signed up as Santa Claus.'"

"I thought I was in a whole bunch of trouble, but he turned out to be a pretty

good guy."

Life has gotten easier for Santa Michael Claus, 44, a technician with Southwestern Bell in Dallas. In his youth, Claus shied away from his name, red suits, beards and children carrying wish lists. That's all changed.

"I enjoy it. It's fun to be a little bit of a name this time of year," said Claus, who explains to curious children that he isn't the real Santa, just his namesake.

"I have four daughters. That's the way we explained it to them, too." Claus even played Saint Nick in the

Christmas play at his church this year, something he hadn't done since 1970, when he put on a tattered red suit for a department store in New York which on strike from his job at the phone company.

"I didn't have my beard back then," Claus said. "I was young. I didn't look the part and I felt real uncomfortable. It was a terrible experience."

He swore never to play the part again. But this year, when his daughter told him they needed a Santa Claus for the church Christmas play, he decided to help out.

# Youth due in court for book fine

WRENTHAM, Mass. (AP) — An 8-year-old boy who owes \$2 in overdue library fines could face larceny charges if he doesn't show up in court to give an explanation.

James DeFrancisco was among more than two dozen people the Wrentham library notified must appear in district court Monday in a crackdown on failure to return books. The \$2 fine is the maximum the library imposes.

Patricia DeFrancisco, insists she returned the book her son borrowed, Stacy Says Goodbye, about six weeks ago.

"I was amazed when I received the notice," she said. "I can't believe the police have the time to pursue this, never mind the court system."

Assistant Magistrate A. Ross Pini said James won't go to jail, but even if the fine is paid, he may still have to file a larceny complaint unless the 8-year-old appears at the court hearing with an explanation.

"We want our property back so that others can use it," said head librarian Mary Tobichuk. "When it gets to the point where people are being inconsiderate, we have to take some kind of action."

# Hospital reports boy-baby boom

POTSDAM, N.Y. (AP) — Maybe it's the rural area near Canada, but in Santa Claus to bring a boy for Christmas.

All 16 newborns in seven days at Union-Potsdam Hospital were boys.

That was almost double the normal birth rate for the 70-bed hospital. And Patricia Stein, a head nurse, said she was surprised by having 16 consecutive births of the same sex, is

about one in 65,000.

"I guess these little boys just wanted to be here for Christmas," Stein said.

First Adam was born, on Dec. 15. Then came Sanford, Dennis, James, Jacob, Ryan, Taylor Austin, Joshua, McKenzie, Richard, Andrew, Taylor, Michael, Raymond, Cody, Michael, and then Daniel on Dec. 21.

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# Keating out of jail for the holidays

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former Lincoln Savings owner Charles Keating Jr. walked out of jail for the holidays, free on \$300,000 bail.

Keating, 47, left the Federal Metropolitan Detention Center shortly after noon Tuesday, denouncing the continued detention of his son, Charles Keating III.

The younger Keating remained in custody because he had not posted the \$150,000 bond. "There is no legitimate excuse for my son to be in jail. It's an unjust, continual onslaught of government against us," Keating said.

Keating said his attorneys would "let him comment further on his case but he said there were "a million things" he wished to say.

"I can't wait to get to the stand to say them," he said, "I think I'm innocent. I know I'm innocent."

Keating, his son, and three others were charged in a 77-count federal indictment that accuses them of using



Charles Keating Jr. said Tuesday, upon released from jail on \$300,000 bond, there is no 'legitimate' reason his son should remain. The younger Keating had not posted his bond.

five complex schemes to swindle who bought bonds issued by American Continental Corp. of Phoenix.

The Keatings were denied bail reductions Monday. Keating son-in-law Thomas Mulhern and other family members had posted three Mulhern later added \$14,000 to secure the elder Keating's release.

The federal indictment followed Keating's conviction in state court for fraud in the sales of bonds to Lincoln investors.

American Continental was the parent company of Irvine, Calif.-based Lincoln Savings. Lincoln collapsed at a cost of \$2.6 billion.

The other defendants are Judy J. Wischer, former president of American Continental; Robert Wurzelbacher, former American Continental senior vice president and a Keating son-in-law; and Andrew F. Liggett, the company's chief financial officer. Wischer and Wurzelbacher were released previously on bonds of \$300,000 each. Liggett was freed on \$200,000 bond.

# Nation's capital breaks another homicide mark

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's capital awoke Christmas morning to discover the city had broken its record of killing for the fourth straight year.

FBI statistics last year made Washington the nation's homicide capital. Two fatal shootings Tuesday brought the 1991 murder count to 485, two more than the 483 recorded in all of 1990.

The year's 484th homicide victim was found at 8:10 p.m. Tuesday. He was pronounced dead at D.C. General Hospital.

A man was found fatally shot in the chest about 11:30 p.m. Tuesday. He was pronounced dead at D.C. General Hospital.

More women and more teenagers were killed in 1991 than any previous year — 73 and 48 respectively.

But for the first time since 1988, when drug-related violence sent the homicide rate soaring, there is growing

evidence crime has begun to level off.

The 372 homicides in 1988 marked an increase of 147, or 65 percent — over the 1987 figure.

In 1989, the number rose by 62 — or 17 percent — to 434.

Last year there were 49 more homicides than in 1989 for an increase of 11 percent.

FBI figures for 1990 found Washington had a homicide rate of 77.8 per 100,000 residents, the highest of any city in America.

Preliminary statistics this year compiled by police show drug-related homicides have declined for a third straight year.

There also has been a decline in assaults by firearm.

"If you look at the whole issue of assaults with a deadly weapon, last year versus this year, there is a pretty significant drop ... so I think things are beginning to level off," Police Chief Isaac Fulwood said last week.

# Another newspaper dies - does it matter?

WASHINGTON (AP) — He can't quite put his finger on it, but John Morton, who earns his living learning everything he can about newspapers, says he can sense a difference when he visits a city with only one paper.

"It's hard to define or quantify and I don't want to make too much of it, but you can just tell when you go into a town where there are two competing newspapers," says Morton, a newspaper industry analyst for the brokerage house of Lynch, Jones & Ryan.

Two academic investigators — one in political science, one in journalism research — say they've found proof-to-back-up Morton's judgment.

"They say they've come up with quantifiable differences in the way people behave as citizens, depending upon how many papers they read."

"Many in the newspaper field agree that exposing people to more than one paper does make a difference. Like Morton, they may feel it passionately even if they can't prove it mathematically."

The matter took on new relevance this month when Dallas became the latest — and the country's largest — one-paper city.

The Dallas Times Herald went out of business and its rival for 106 years, the Dallas Morning News, bought the assets.

And that, according to the American Newspaper-Publishers Association, left 37 cities with two competing newspapers under separate ownership and another 38 where one owner controls both dailies.

The 37 with separate ownerships include 19 cities and towns where two papers have separate editorial staffs and compete in gathering the news but jointly operate advertising, marketing and printing functions.

Unlike other products — cars, lawn mowers, light bulbs — U.S. newspapers are manufactured locally, tailored to the locality, and likely to both reflect and help shape the community.

Every time a local newspaper disappears — and the number has gone from a peak of 2,600 in 1909 to 1,611 in 1990 — the amount and variety of news, especially local news, available to Americans diminishes.

The trend is toward less competition. Earlier this year: Another long-running rivalry ended in Little Rock when the 172-year-old Arkansas Gazette closed and its assets were bought by its rival, The Arkansas Democrat.

The largest afternoon paper in Louisiana, the States Times of Baton Rouge, ended a century and a half of publishing, leaving the Morning Advocate the only paper in town.

Another Louisiana paper, the 96-year-old Shreveport Journal, ceased publication, leaving the Times without a local competitor.

The Knoxville Journal became a weekly, making the News-Sentinel the only daily published in Knoxville, Tenn.

The Hudson Dispatch of Union City, N.J., was bought out by a nearby competitor, the Jersey Journal of Jersey City, leaving Union City with no locally published paper.

And more closings are coming. The jointly owned San Diego Tribune and San Diego Union plan to

# Hollywood, Fla., Sun shuts down for business review

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) — The Hollywood Sun, which cut back last year from daily publication to three times a week, has shut down operations and laid off its more than 40 employees.

"We were informed this morning that the Hollywood Sun would cease operation on a temporary basis while a business review could be done," William Pollard, executive assistant to the editor, said Tuesday.

He said no schedule was given for completion of the review, but "we are hopeful in the future to provide Hollywood with a hometown newspaper."

The Sun, which two years ago had 164 employees and a circulation of 31,000, was founded as the Weekly Sun in 1935, and merged with the South Broward Tattler in 1942.

The Sun-Tattler, as it was known for a time, expanded to five days a week in 1959 and six days in 1963.

It published its last edition as a daily newspaper March 31, 1990, after cutbacks that included layoffs of nearly half its staff.

Hollywood-Sun was published Thursday, Friday and Saturday and two regional editions in western Broward County were published Thursday.

merge early in 1992, and San Diego will replace Dallas as biggest single-paper city. Additionally, the Richmond (Va.) News Leader will cease publishing in June 1992, making the Times-Dispatch the only paper in Virginia's largest city.

Challenging conventional wisdom, William Blankenburg, a University of Wisconsin journalism professor, says newspapers without competition can be better newspapers.

"Once you get down to one newspaper, it gets bigger," Blankenburg says, "and bigger newspapers tend to be better because they've got more staff in them, which can mean more depth of coverage and more diversity of coverage."

Political Denis J. Vermeer, director of the Freedom Forum Media Studies Center at Columbia University, disputes the view that the loss of competition inevitably undercuts the quality of a community's democracy.

"Democracy is diminished if the newspaper that is doing really had a page and truly provided alternative information," Dennis says. "But all too often that isn't the case. It's been a cliché to say that a voice is stifled, the public is diminished. Maybe, maybe not."

Political scientist Jan Vermeer of Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln said his research suggests elections are less competitive when people have access to only one newspaper.

Journalism researcher Dominic Lasorsa of the University of Texas finds a difference in the number of things people think about when more newspapers are available.

Lasorsa studied 92 communities across the country, tried to compensate for all other factors, and found that in places where people had access to a few newspapers they were likely to list a lot of problems and potential solutions when asked an open-ended question such as, "What do you worry about?"

In communities where 90 percent or more of the people saw only one daily newspaper regularly, fewer problems and fewer solutions were mentioned.

Lasorsa thinks his findings support

"basic democratic theory, the notion that if you have freedom of expression and more sources of information, you're going to be aware of more alternatives and weigh them more closely."

Vermeer said he looked at voting results in U.S. Senate elections in 1986 and 1988 in 190 counties and found that "for each additional paper circulating in the county, the election was 1 percent closer" — a small but consistent pattern.

"My rationale was that if you have more than one newspaper, it is easier for candidates to get some coverage, and there's competition between the newspapers in providing fuller coverage," Vermeer said.

In telephone interviews, other journalism researchers were asked their views on whether local newspaper competition makes a difference.

Some observations: "WHAT HAPPENS TO SUBSCRIBERS?" Walter E. Niebauer Jr. of Iowa State University conducts "orphan subscriber studies" to find what happens to readers after their newspaper disappears. Some simply stop taking any paper, he said, and some are dropped by the surviving paper.

Typically, he said, the surviving newspaper aggressively goes after the subscribers of its deceased rival for a while. Later, it weeds out less desirable subscribers, those in the hinterlands who are costly to distribute the paper to, and sometimes those in the city who are less likely customers for advertisers.

After a paper becomes the only one in town, "typically, circulation goes up and then down again as the newspaper gets rid of marginal subscribers," Niebauer said. "While there is competition, the two papers fight it out even for unprofitable circulation. When the competition ends, the survivor just goes after the more desirable portions."

Thus, he said, total newspaper circulation in Washington, D.C., Buffalo, N.Y., Cleveland and Philadelphia was about 3.1 million the year before competing dailies died in those cities. Eight years later,

# Former commander in Korea is dead

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gen. Richard G. Stilwell, former commander in chief of U.S. forces in Korea, died Wednesday, the Army said. He was 74.

Stilwell, who retired from the Army in 1976, died of cardiac arrest at Fairfax County Hospital in suburban Virginia.

Stilwell served in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. He was a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, where he later served as commandant of cadets.

From 1949 to 1952, he served as chief of the Far East Division of the CIA and later took command of a

regiment in Korea, where he remained until December 1953. Twenty years later, Stilwell was named commander in chief of the United Nations Command in South Korea, as well as commander in chief of U.S. forces there and commander of the Eighth Army.

He served in that post for three years, longer than any of his predecessors. The Army said in a statement announcing his death.

Stilwell served twice in Vietnam, the first tour in 1963 when he was appointed chief of staff to Gen. William Westmoreland; and the second in 1968 when he assumed

command of troops in the northern provinces of South Vietnam.

His army career spanned 39 years by the time of his retirement. In 1981 he returned to the government to work four years as deputy secretary of defense. He was president of his own consulting firm based in Virginia. Stilwell's decorations included the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, and Purple Heart, as well as awards from foreign governments, including Vietnam, Greece, Italy, Belgium, France, Russia, Thailand and South Korea.

Funeral arrangements for Stilwell were incomplete, the Army said.

total circulation stood at 2.3 million.

Morton said about 25 percent and 50 percent of the circulation of the disappearing paper typically also disappears.

Why? In some cities as many as a quarter of readers of the disappearing newspaper already took the surviving paper. Others who were loyal to the closed paper find themselves uncomfortable with the survivor and wind up taking an out-of-town paper or they stop subscribing to any paper.

WHAT HAPPENS TO NEWS-PAPERS? Don Pember, a communications professor at the University of Washington, thinks journalistic sharpness wanes when a newspaper is left without a local rival.

"When I was a reporter, the one thing that generated as much pressure on us to do a good job as anything was the fact that the competition was after the same story," he said.

But Blankenburg draws a different conclusion. "When newspapers no longer have to chase fires against each other, they can think more," he said. "You get more depth coverage."

Steve Lacy of Michigan State University said what is lost with the loss of competition is "the random story discovery factor."

He explains: "The more reporters you have, the greater chances they will stumble upon more stories. I'd rather see 10 reporters working than five."

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# Opinion

## Editorial

### If you're under 45, you've never seen a world like this

Americans of a certain age are about half convinced this week they've fallen through the looking glass.

The Soviet Union is dead - not ill, not dying - gone. The great counterweight to the American experience for the past 45 years is no more.

With it died a whole set of assumptions - that the world was divided between patriots on the one hand and implacable foes of freedom on the other, that all else was secondary to defense, that America had always to command the moral high ground in an endless battle of ideologies.

Because the Soviet Union was there, we went to the moon, launched the Peace Corps, established the Marshall Plan, jump-started the Japanese economy, invented the microchip and went to war in Vietnam and Korea.

If there had been no Soviet Union, Joseph McCarthy, Richard Nixon, Henry Kissinger, Ronald Reagan and maybe even John Kennedy might have spent their lives pumping gas or teaching history at Harvard.

In the '50s and '60s, Americans grew up under a nuclear cloud, half expecting their lives to end in a fallout shelter. Ten years ago this week, as the war in Afghanistan entered its third year and Ronald Reagan called the Soviet Union an

"evil empire," the Union of Atomic Scientists moved its famous doomsday clock one minute closer to midnight, to 11:58 p.m.

As recently as 1983, in the wake of the Soviet destruction of a Korean airliner that killed 139 Americans, B-52 crews slept in their planes, awaiting the order to launch World War III.

The KGB that read all of America's important mail, the Warsaw Pact that massed 3,000 tanks on the West German border, the nation that sent the first satellite into space, orbited the first astronaut and invented the space station - all are as dead as the Berlin Wall.

If you're younger than 45, you've never before lived in a world like this one.

It's a safer place, to be sure, but a lot more complicated. Peril comes from unexpected places nowadays, and a strong, diversified economy is a lot more valuable than a store of jet fighters.

Can America adjust? The devil we knew forced us to take paths we might not otherwise have taken. Will we do otherwise when there's no clear and present danger? It's an open question.

"Man is a pliable animal, a being who gets accustomed to everything," Fedor Dostoevski wrote. Maybe even peace.

## Activists won't stop with fur coats

Carol Bachelder, an animal rights activist from Boise, said in Saturday's paper that says people need to be educated about animal issues. I think she is absolutely right. Once people are enlightened, they will be horrified at the thought of having donated their hard-earned money to organizations that subscribe to the following beliefs:

• Animal rights activists would much rather risk our young people's lives on a war in the desert to fight for the oil it takes to make the synthetics they claim we should wear. The irony is that the oil spills create ecological havoc, killing hundreds of thousands of animals.

I guess since we don't see the tens of thousands of animals that die due to the pollution and contaminations created by the factories which transform the oil into synthetics on anybody's back, they don't count.

• Faced with the prospect of saving your child's life or that of your dog, they would choose their dog. In the words of Ingrid Newkirk, founder of PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals), "A rat is a pig is a dog is a boy."

AIDS has taken the lives of 125,000 people; 200,000 are dying and 1.5 million are infected. Countless human beings are dying or suffering from cancer and so many other ailments, and yet these people go around burning and vandalizing medical laboratories where animal research is done to come up with a cure for these diseases.

In their eyes, the life of a rat is more important than yours. They say research can be done with computers. I'm sorry, but computers are not living organisms, they don't respond the same way. If I sprayed pesticides on my computer, it would refuse to die. I suggest a more relevant name for these organizations, PUTH (People for the Unethical Treatment of Humans).

### Marta Moyle Reader comment

Just in case you think all these people want is to stop you from wearing fur, you should know the following:

These animal activists compare meat consumption to the behavior of mass-murderer Jeffrey Dahmer. On Aug. 9, they placed an ad in the Des Moines Register which read, "Milwaukee ... July 1991 ... They were drugged and dragged across the room ... their legs and feet were bound together ... their struggles and cries went unanswered ... then they were slaughtered and their heads saved off ... their body parts were refrigerated to be eaten later ... its bones were discarded in the trash. It's still going on."

It went on to say, "This scenario is a reality for over 16 million sensitive individuals who lose their lives every day in this country for nothing more than the fleeting taste of meat." It finished by saying, "If this leaves a bad taste in your mouth, become a vegetarian." This is just an example of how the money you donate to these organizations is spent.

Earlier this year, activists smashed a pie into the face of the 19-year-old Iowa Park Queen in Des Moines, Iowa.

In their view, a breakfast of bacon and eggs has become "a breakfast of death." McDonald's is now McDeath.

They oppose rodeos, circuses, aquariums, zoos, hunting, fishing - in short, any animal use by humans.

When you give in to their pressure to stop wearing fur, you are giving them the power to harass you at the meat counter or steak house. Our forefathers came to the new

world, running away from oppression; they were looking for freedom of religion and freedom of choice. Now we have in this country a group of people who subscribe to the very beliefs our ancestors were running from.

They seem to be saying, "Do what we want you to do, subscribe to our beliefs or you will pay the consequences." As evidenced by Steve Simmons from PETA when he says their group pressured women wearing furs at airports throughout the United States. And by their burning and vandalizing of medical laboratories throughout the country.

Medical researchers didn't think they would be vandalized; fur wearers didn't believe they would be harassed. Meat eaters don't believe they will be aware, walk carefully around the meat counter.

In Aspen Hill, PETA's animal sanctuary, 30 animals which had been rescued by PETA were killed earlier this year. Wendy Thacher, PETA's veterinarian, said they were killed because there was no place else for them to go. The animals were too cramped in their pens, so they killed them.

The same Aspen Hill which PETA promotes as a safe haven for rescued animals failed to pass a routine USDA inspection. The facility was found to be in violation of the Federal Animal Welfare Act.

PETA is the leading animal activist organization, the one they all look up to. They received over \$10 million in donations last year, and they don't have money to build a few extra cages and clean up their place?

Marta Moyle and her family raise mink in the Heyburn area.

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## Letters

### Nation's heritage is Christian

"There would be no Christmas celebration without Christ. The happy holidays and seasons greetings are to commemorate the birth of our Lord and savior, Jesus the Christ. Jesus is the example of love, service and sacrifice for us to follow.

This country was founded largely because Christians and other faiths were persecuted by oppressive dictators and denied freedom of religious expression because of the state churches like the Church of England.

Our founding fathers, while not all members of the same church or denomination, had common religious beliefs which run like golden thread through the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. These self-evident truths common to all the founders included: A respect for a creator as a supreme power in the universe, obedience to a moral code such as the Ten Commandments, responsibility of mankind towards his fellow man - the Golden Rule, belief in life after death and a judgment day in the next life.

The founders, including Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, John and Samuel Adams, referred to these fundamental beliefs and the "religion of America" and said they all belonged to the same religion although not to the same church. These great men referred to churches as "establishments" of religion (First Amendment in the Bill of Rights). Thomas Jefferson called these beliefs the "religion in which God has united us all."

As we celebrate Christmas and exchange gifts, let us remember God's gift to mankind - Jesus the Christ - and Christ's gifts of salvation and eternal life for us. These are the gifts of real world.

As we enter a new year, let us keep God's two great commandments: to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul

and with all thy mind" and to "love thy neighbor as thyself." Doing these two things would truly bring peace on earth and good will toward men.

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### Hang on to spinning world

Since his birth, Santa Claus has been traveling from house to house at a fast rate. Times haven't changed. Light still travels at 186,000 miles per second. So Santa's new transportation can't change, but the starting and stopping takes time so nothing short of a miracle can change Santa Claus.

The years continue by as fast as Christmas seasons. The clocks aren't losing too much time going into Daylight Savings Time. Probably logic should continue to influence the people of the world. We are all on easy street. Don't worry, we can't get off the street unless Santa waves his wand.

The crumbling of the Berlin Wall, which we thought was one of the greatest things that could happen to the free world. The worldly sense seems to have developed a few more leaks since that time. The stop-lead, consisting of money, food and consumer goods (used by Santa Claus and the United States) isn't enough to help all the world. Can Santa change things?

Try explaining to a hungry father how to tell his hungry child, "There is a Santa Claus." By the turn of the century, the laws will need to share to a large extent, unless Santa Claus can lower the national debt.

May we try to take the gum out of the world picture and show our relations and friends that things could be worse. The good Lord has preserved what health we have and may we thank him for it (especially in helpful ways for each other). We should each try to be someone's Santa Claus.

If history repeats itself, when will Public Works Administration, Civil Conservation Corp and National Youth Administration be starting? Probably when the national debt goes beyond all figures. Only Santa Claus knows.

The coming of the new year is Santa's way of saying, "One more time." Santa Claus says, "Treat a child like you want him to be and he may be."

May your 1992 spin with pleasant things. For some, 1991 didn't. Hang on if speed affects as the world turns. Some of this may be true or false. When you leave the wailing wall, close the gate if you are the last one out.

KEN SHEW  
Twin Falls

### Shame on Scrooges

In the Dec. 20 letters, "Shun pagan yule tradition" stuck with me so that I write this letter.

I think it's sad for anyone to liken themselves to Ebenezer Scrooge with his "Bah Humbug!" attitude and to the man from Nova Scotia who hung a stuffed Santa Claus suit in effigy. This same person who only moments earlier was referring to being religious and quoting scripture from the Bible. I think there are very few of us who do not believe that Christmas has become overcommercialized. There is nothing perfect here on earth; therefore, everything surrounding this holiday is not going to be perfect. But a lot of good comes from this celebration - a few being the spirit of family, community love, compassion and giving.

Christmas also reminds one of a Christian's most opportune times to witness the true meaning of Christmas to non-believers. It was brought up to not only fear the Lord but also to accept Christ as my savior and to share his overwhelming love with others. When I see the joy and happiness Christmas

brings to so many children and adults alike, I'm confident that Christ has a beautiful smile on his face.

Last year as I was tucking my son into bed and after we had prayed together, he said to me, "Mom, Santa is kind of like Jesus. He loves children and he likes to give presents."

As Christians, isn't that our goal - to strive to be much like Christ as we can? This year, some little boy no longer "believes" in Santa Claus, but his foundation built on Christ's love is strong and will last forever! The Old Testament scriptures referred to (Jeremiah 10:1-5 and Deuteronomy 12:31-32) are two of God's many warnings to us not to worship idols. The Old Testament is full of wonderful teachings, but we also move on to the New Testament and the freedom that is offered.

Religious outspoken people cause me to doubt and become angry with the Christian Church at times (and I fear that they have caused many to leave the church because of its hypocrisy). In discussing this with a very wise and elderly pastor, he told me that religious can mean many things. Being a Christian has only one meaning.

DONNA VANLDEREN  
Buhl

### Angry at car dealer

Yes, Virginia, there is a Scrooge.

On Dec. 23, I went shopping for a used car. My first stop was a dealer that my family had dealt with many times over the years. It was sticky they were "Burr." I found a car I like, drove it and made an offer that was accepted after the salesman checked with his manager. I told the salesman I would return later with the person who was helping me purchase the car.

Several hours later, we returned and asked for the salesman but were told the manager could help us. He informed us the wrong price

sticker was on the car that morning - "It was early and cold" and "how the car was priced correctly." It had increased \$3,000.

Mad, we left; but curious, on the way out I asked another salesman if I could please talk to the salesman I had dealt with early that morning. I was told he had been fired. Two days before Christmas, a man is out of a job because of a mistake that was most likely not his, and I'm out of a car and certainly faith in car dealers.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Scrooge - a local car dealer. Bah, Humbug, Scrooge.  
NANCY CHOCKER  
Kimberly

### She received rude treatment

My granddaughter in Romeville, Ill., sent me, by Federal Express, a round-trip plane ticket from here to Chicago for my birthday Oct. 5. I flew from Boise to O'Hare and flew back to Boise Dec. 7.

To my surprise and terrible shock, my one grandson was falsely accused by a bar-faced liar and my two little dogs taken away - both 11 years old which I loved very much. I am 86 years old, not well anymore and now a yellow-bellied noney car could treat me this way. My doctor had warned me before I left to stay calm, that I could have a heart attack or stroke if I got all shook up.

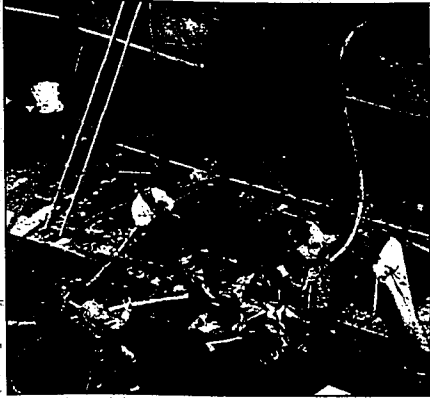
I know there was more than one involved and I send them this message: If I ever stop to their level, I'll go out in the desert and stick my hand in a badger hole.

But I thank the Lord he gave me this "Dowager's Hump." All these ignorant shuns and insults roll off my hump like water off a duck's back. I will not have a heart attack or stroke but I wish and Irish blood tells me I will get even.

WINFRED R. HALL  
Twin Falls



**World**



At least 11 people died Wednesday when firebombs destroyed a shopping center in Istanbul, Turkey. Police said scores of separatist Kurds shouted 'Long live Kurdistan' as they threw firebombs inside.

**Kurds attack retail center; at least 11 die**

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — A mob shouting "Long live Kurdistan" threw firebombs at a clothing store Wednesday, setting the seven-story building ablaze and killing 11 people. Authorities blamed Kurdish separatists.

The attack was in Istanbul's Bakirkoy district, on the European coast of the metropolis, part of which is in Asia and part in Europe. Most of the deaths were blamed on smoke inhalation.

Three Istanbul banks and an office of the Turkish Airlines later were damaged slightly by firebombs thrown at night by unknown arsonists, police said. Anonymous phone calls to newspapers claimed these attacks on behalf of the "People's Liberation Forces," a group not heard of before.

Istanbul Gov. Hayri Kozakcioglu said 17 people were hurt at the clothing store, three seriously, and a child was among the dead. Seventy people were taken into custody, and at least 10 of them had firebombs.

He said notes found at the store indicated the attackers were from "the PKK" separatist organization, referring to the outlawed Marxist Kurdish Labor Party, which has been waging guerrilla war since 1984 in southeastern Turkey for an independent Kurdish nation.

Turkish officials have voiced suspicions that the guerrillas have been given aid and perhaps weapons from neighboring Iraq, where some of the rebels are based. The rebels have denied any help from Saddam Hussein, who has been cracking down on Iraq's own Kurdish minority.

**Explosives litter 'fields of death' in Cambodia**

Boston Globe

KAMBONG SPEU, Cambodia — Geckos scuttled along the brick walls of the district hospital. No one would dream of sweeping the floors away because they provide the front line of sanitation, snuffing up the flies and malarial mosquitoes that swarm through the squalid wards. The electricity is down, and it takes the eyes a few moments to adjust to the gloom of the overcrowded wards of the tin-roofed, single-story structure. There are sobs, there are moans. The rank stench of vomit, disinfectant, unwashed bodies and purifying flesh fills the close air. If away by has an odor, this is it. If Cambodia's 13-year-old civil war has a bottom line, it is here.

The patients lie on low wooden platforms or on straw pallets strewn helter-skelter on the concrete floor. The luckier ones are attended to by family members who tend to basic needs. A mother crouns uselessly as she wipes sweat from the brow of her 5-year-old son, both of whose legs have been amputated above the knees. The stumps are swathed in knitted bandages.

Nearby, a woman props up the head of her soldier husband with one hand while scooping rice from an iron pot with the other. The 19-year-old soldier chews slowly. He has all the time in the world: his empty eye-sockets are hidden beneath twisting tangles of gauze; his right arm was ripped away by the same mine blast that blinded him.

Each of the hundreds of patients here has a different story, but most are simple variations on a familiar theme.

Kim Samy, 16, was foraging for food when he tripped a mine on a hillside near his village when the tripped a wire and the world went black. She resurfaced into

Hospitalized survivors told state TV that about 50 people entered the store shouting slogans and hurling gasoline bombs. "The thick smoke forced us to run to the upper floors, where we tried in vain to kick open the locked doors to the fire exit ... I don't remember the rest," said one survivor, rescued by firefighters mashing doors with axes.

President Turgut Ozal condemned the attack in a televised statement, saying "Those who have interpreted the patience, restraint and calm our nation displayed so far as weakness, should realize that they are grossly mistaken. Those handfuls who do not consider themselves Turkish citizens have no place in our state or its sacred land."

It was Ozal who initiated a policy of liberalization towards the Turkish Kurds and arranged for lifting of a ban on the Kurdish language. The Iraqi Kurdish separatists are struggling separately for more autonomy from Saddam across the border in northern Iraq. They have said they don't support the Turkish Kurds' guerrilla attacks, which appeared to be increasing.

Hours earlier, officials said Turkish Kurdish guerrillas attacked a remote military outpost in the mountains near the Iraqi frontier, killing 10 Turkish soldiers.

It verified that Kurdish separatists firebombed the store, the attack would be the first of its kind in a major city such as Istanbul, Turkey's largest. Most attacks have been in the southeast, where the borders of Iran, Iraq and Syria converge with Turkey's.

a red world of pain, her left leg gone, her womb and lower intestines perforated by shrapnel of metal. The first news she received was that her husband-to-be's family had called off the wedding.

The incident occurred in November at about the same time that Prince Norodom Sihanouk, Cambodia's former king, made his triumphant return following a U.N.-brokered pact ending, in theory, the country's long conflict.

There are at least 30,000 amputees within the country itself, and more than 5,000 among the hundreds of thousands living in camps across the border in Thailand. The vast majority of these victims have lost their limbs to land mines.

"Because so many land mines have been planted in so many parts of the countryside, we must realistically accept the bitter truth that the peace will be nearly as bloody as the war," said Chhun Bunthor, director of the regional hospital in the western province of Battambang.

International relief agencies reckon that anywhere from 600,000 to 2 million mines and other explosive booby traps have been sown in rice paddies, along muddy mountain tracks and jungle trails and in villages whose inhabitants have fled the fighting.

The government has made a token effort to mine some of the minefields laid by its military. But most of the devices have been sown almost indiscriminately — and with meager, if any, record-keeping — by the Khmer Rouge.

One indication of how thickly some regions are sown with mines is the clearing team sweep an area near the northwestern settlement of Thmar Puok. In just one square kilometer, they detected 6,000 mines.

**Handcuffed skeleton unearthed**

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli archaeologists have unearthed a handcuffed skeleton believed to be that of a hermit monk who died more than 1,000 years ago, the Antiquities Authority announced Wednesday. The man was about 25 and his wrists were bound with an iron chain, a

statement said. The skeleton was found in a small cell partly hewn into the rockface, it said.

Archaeologists believe he was an ascetic who "wanted to suffer to become more holy ... whose purpose was to be alone and close to God," said Authority spokeswoman Efrat Orbach. This form

of asceticism was most common in the Byzantine period, between the 4th and 7th centuries A.D., when many churches existed near the site, she said.

The skeleton was found at a dig in south Jerusalem in the past month, and more detailed findings may be released in several months, she said.

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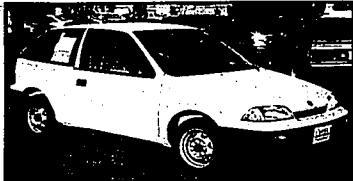
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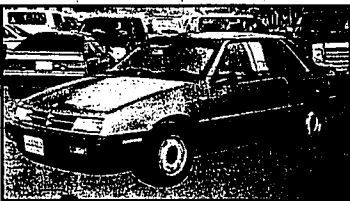
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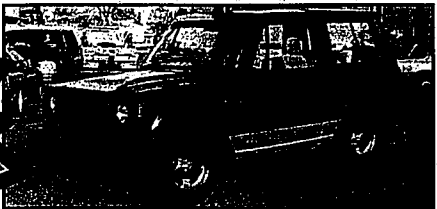
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# Sports

## Clay says aloha to Cardinals

The Associated Press

HONOLULU — Georgia Tech put in a new punt return play for its Aloha Bowl game against Stanford.

It didn't work very well the first time. On the second occasion, however, it went just as planned.

Willie Clay broke loose for 63 yards to the Stanford 31, setting the drive to Shawn Jones' 1-yard touchdown run with 14 seconds left. When Jimmy Lincoln skirted right end for the 2-point conversion, Tech had an 18-17 victory over No. 17 Stanford.

Clay, a senior cornerback, said the idea of calling for a fair catch didn't enter his mind. "Fair catch my last punt return at Georgia Tech? No way," Clay said. "I was catching that ball, I didn't even know where I was on the field. ... I just caught the ball and ran straight up the sideline."

Clay said the sideline return was put in especially for this game. "We've returned punts up the middle all year," he said.

Even with Clay's return and Jones' TD run, Tech still trailed 17-16 with the conversion to come.

"It was an option and the defender could either take the quarterback or the pitch. He took the quarterback and Shawn pitched the ball out," Lincoln said. "There were two guys outside and one was supposed to be picked up by the wide receiver, but somehow he didn't so I had to cut back real quick."

Cardinal coach Dennis Green gave Clay the credit for making the big play.

"It was a good punt to the left corner, but we didn't make any tackles. It was our worst coverage of the year," Green said. "It was a great punt return."

Tech coach Bobby Ross said that return hadn't been used since the first game of the season.

"The last time we used it was against Penn State," Ross said. "We got a little buildup on that side and ran down the sideline."

Green said his team "didn't have that 'sic em' attitude that we had all year."

The Yellow Jackets (8-5) needed seven plays to get in the end zone after Clay's punt return. Jones got the TD when he took the snap from center, took a step back, and then



Left, Georgia Tech defenders drag down Stanford's Tommy Vardell (44) after a short second-quarter gain. Above, Georgia Tech coach Bobby Rose and jubilant players celebrate their 18-17 victory Wednesday.

Aaron Mills with 5:39 to go before halftime. Stanford extended the lead to 17-10 on Tommy Vardell's second TD run, a 2-yard run with 2:23 left in the half. The drive started when Coy Gibbs recovered a fumble by Tech's David Hendrix at the Yellow Jacket 25. The key play was a 29-yard pass from Steve Stenstrom to Jon Pimkinney on third and 15 from the 30.

The Cardinal took the opening kickoff and marched 48 yards in six plays, scoring on Vardell's 6-yard run 2:38 into the game following a 15-yard pass from Stenstrom to J.J. Lasley.

Georgia Tech needed just 3 1/2 minutes to tie it, going 60 yards in 10 plays. Jones hit Michael Smith with a 2-yard pass on third and goal with 8:33 to play in the quarter.

The Yellow Jackets went ahead 10-7 on Scott Sisson's 24-yard field goal as time expired in the quarter. Tech had to settle for a field goal after getting a first down at the Stanford 5.

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**Briefly**

### Basketball clinic for 5th, 6th graders soon

**BUHL** — Buhl High School basketball coaches Loyd Garey and Joe Shepard and Indians varsity players will conduct a clinic for fifth and sixth grade boys and girls at Buhl Middle School.

The clinic, which runs through Jan. 25, will be 2-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The fee is \$15.

### Mississippi State calls on fans to 'Pick a Play'

**MEMPHIS, Tenn.** — Mississippi State coach Jackie Sherrill's call for fans to design a play-to-use-in-the-Dec.-29 Liberty Bowl has drawn 500 entries.

The deadline for submitting the "Pick a Play" entries was Tuesday.

Mississippi State plays the Air Force Academy in the bowl game in Memphis.

Sherrill, the Bulldogs' first-year coach, and offensive coordinator Watson Brown will choose one contest-winning play, which Sherrill said will be adapted for use in the game.

The fan submitting the chosen play gets two game tickets, a Mississippi State game jersey and a chance to talk with Sherrill.

The play will be published Sunday in The Commercial Appeal, which published entry forms for the contest.

### Raiders place cornerback on injured reserve list

**LOS ANGELES** — The Los Angeles Raiders said Wednesday they have placed cornerback Garry Lewis on injured reserve due to an ankle injury.

He will be replaced on the roster by rookie cornerback Tahuan Lewis, who was on the practice squad.

The players are not related. Los Angeles plays at Kansas City Saturday in the opening round of the NFL playoffs.

### Prairie Creek Snowmaker cross-country ski race nears

**SUN VALLEY** — Lovers of the classic diagonal stride cross-country skiing technique can strut their stuff Saturday, Jan. 4, in the annual Prairie Creek Snowmaker Race.

This noon, on the U.S. Forest Service's Prairie Creek trail system north of Sun Valley, is strictly classical technique, at a time when freestyle (skating) dominates the Nordic racing scene.

It picked up the "Snowmaker" tag a couple of winters ago, when the Sun Valley area was in the depths of a snow drought.

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### Furrer leads Gray to 20-12 win

The Associated Press

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** — After leading the Gray to a 20-12 victory in the Blue-Gray all-star game on Wednesday, Will Furrer said he didn't think his performance impressed the NFL scouts.

The Virginia Tech quarterback threw a 44-yard touchdown pass just before halftime and directed a late scoring drive that sealed the victory.

"I think the NFL's impression of you is pretty much sealed before the game," said Furrer, the Gray's most valuable player. "But I played pretty well, and that's nice."

Furrer said he had a huge advantage over other players because Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer directed the Gray offense.

"A coach's have to reclaim all the terminology in one week," he said.

The Gray scored with less than two minutes to go in the first half on Furrer's pass to John Brown III of Houston, and scored again on its first possession of the second half after Vanderbilt's Corey Harris's 43-yard kickoff return.

Anthony McDowell of Texas Tech had a 1-yard touchdown run with 11:27 left in the third quarter that provided the eventual winning margin.

Jim Sweeney of Fresno State, who coached the Blue offense, said the Gray defensive line was the difference. Blue quarterbacks were sacked twice and spent much of the afternoon trying to elude the rush.

"They were physically very strong, much stronger than us," Sweeney said. "We were using maximum protection, but even though we had seven people blocking their five, they were too strong for us to handle."

After the Blue closed to 17-12 with seven minutes left on its only touchdown, the Gray wasted more than five minutes off the clock with Furrer at the controls.

That set up the second field goal of the game by Roman Anderson of Houston, the NCAA's career scoring leader. Anderson had missed a 37-yarder after the snap was bobbled, but he got another chance because the Blue team was offside. Anderson's 32-yarder with 1:56 left provided the final margin.

The Gray scored the only touchdown of the first half after getting the ball at its own 29 with 2:52 remaining. Using a muddle-offense, Furrer completed two passes for 23 yards, and a 4-yard run put the ball on the Blue 44.

Furrer then looked deep to Brown, who stumbled on his way down the field but got behind Fresno State defensive back Emory Braxton and caught the touchdown pass with 1:46 left.

Furrer said he decided to go long when he saw Brown was covered by only one man.

"I knew JB III was one-on-one with the corner," he said. "He's our speed man and I knew he would be there."

"I was in the right place at the right time," Brown said. Please see GRAY/B2



The Gray's Marc Boutte (93) of LSU downs the Blue's Bobby Wright of Nebraska Wesleyan.

### Magic's story caps off year

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Magic Johnson's announcement that he tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS was the overwhelming choice as The Associated Press sports story of the year for 1991.

Johnson's Nov. 7 announcement received 338 points and 29 first-place votes in balloting released Wednesday by the AP. Johnson, who had led the Los Angeles Lakers to five NBA titles, announced at a dramatic news conference that he was retiring from pro basketball because of the positive test.

Minnesota's tense seven-game victory over Atlanta in the World Series was second with 236 points and three first-place votes. The Twins beat the Braves 1-0 in 11 innings in Game 7, the fourth game of the Series decided on the final swing.

Mike Powell's long-jump record was third with 177 points and two first-place votes. He jumped 29 feet, 4 1/2 inches on Aug. 30 at Tokyo, breaking the previous record of 29-2 1/4 set by Bob Beamon at the 1968 Olympics.

The New York Giants' 20-19 victory over Buffalo on Jan. 27 in the closest Super Bowl ever was fourth with 120 points, followed by Nolan Ryan's record seventh no-hitter, a 3-0 victory over Toronto on May 1. Ryan, who struck out 16 and walked two in the game, received 112 points and eight first-place votes.

Chicago Bulls finished sixth for their first NBA championship, a five-game victory over the Los Angeles Lakers that ended with a 108-101 win. Please see STORIES/B2

### AP hails Fontes as NFL's top coach

The Associated Press

After Detroit lost to Washington 45-0 on opening day, it looked as if Wayne Fontes might have trouble keeping his job as coach of the Lions.

Fontes lasted the whole season and, in fact, got the Lions' turned in the right direction and into their first playoff berth in eight years. For that achievement, and for keeping the team together in the face of injuries ranging from tragic to controversial, Fontes was chosen Associated Press NFL Coach of the Year.

After the award was announced Wednesday night, Fontes said it made him feel embarrassingly "Messianic." He said all the Lions deserved the credit for the turnaround.

"I'm a believer that a lot of factors go into winning," Fontes said. "If there's any praise or glory coming to Wayne Fontes, I want it to be shared."

Fontes, 52, edged Joe Gibbs of the Washington



Fontes

Redskins in voting by sports writers who cover the NFL. Fontes, whose team finished with a 12-4 record, received 26 votes to Gibbs' 24.

"I think the speech I made to the players after the Washington game was maybe the most important speech I ever made in my life," Fontes said. "Afterward, we all felt better. I remember we were all laughing when it was over."

The players were so upset after that defeat, in which All-Pro running back Barry Sanders did not play, that they criticized the coaching staff, demanding changes.

But with Sanders back, the Lions won five straight. They kept pace with the Chicago Bears in the NFC Central. Please see FONTES/B2

### Wood River snatches No. 1 spot in A-2

The Associated Press

Hailey's Wood River High School pulled off a hat trick to grab the No. 1 spot in the weekly Associated Press boys high school basketball rankings.

The Wolverines ranked third among A-2 teams last week, knocked off No. 1 Kuna, No. 2 Burley and No. 5 Bishop Kelly of Boise in a four-day span to vault to the top of the poll.

Blackfoot, Malad and Wilder stayed atop the other three divisions in voting by Idaho sportswriters and broadcasters.

In A-2, the once-beaten Wolverines got 11 of the 13 first-place votes cast and 58 of 65 points. They were followed by South-Central Idaho Conference arch-rival Jerome, while Kuna, Burley and Bishop Kelly followed in order.

In A-1, unbeaten Blackfoot remained on top with nine first-place votes and 61 points. The Broncos were followed again by Meridian. Coeur d'Alene moved from fifth to third while Idaho Falls slipped into the rankings at fourth and Centennial of Meridian, Boise, Borah of Boise and

Pocatello shared fifth. In A-3, undefeated Malad got nine first-place votes and 59 points. The Dragons were followed again by Soda Springs, while Lapwai, Firth and Teton of Driggs again rounded out the top 10.

In A-4, Wilder defended its No. 1 position with nine first-place votes and 59 points. The Wildcats were followed again by Shoshone with two first-place votes. Troy was third, followed by Carey, while Hansen made its first appearance, in more than a decade in the rankings at fifth.

# Tartabull narrows field to 3 teams

NEW YORK (AP) — Free agent outfielder Danny Tartabull appears to have narrowed his teams to the Texas Rangers, Chicago White Sox and the California Angels.

The outfielder met in California Saturday with Rangers general manager Tom Grieve, club president Tom Schiefel and assistant general manager Wayne Krivsky.

"We're trying to explore all our different options," Grieve said Wednesday.

"We discussed the possibility of Danny playing in Texas. We really didn't characterize it as an offer. They were some concepts and ideas that could form an offer."

Tartabull, 29, is the top remaining free agent. He hit .316 for the Kansas City Royals last season with 31 homers and 100 RBIs.

Dennis Gilbert, Tartabull's agent, wouldn't identify the other teams interested, but a source

familiar with the talks, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said Wednesday that the White Sox and the Angels were involved.

The source said Gilbert has been told to expect an offer from White Sox chairman Jerry Reinsdorf, and that he is having preliminary discussions with Angels president Richard Brown.

California had expressed open interest in Tartabull, but Angels general manager Whitey Herzog criticized Gilbert during the winter meetings at Miami Beach, Fla.

Gilbert also represented Bobby Bonilla, the top available free agent of the offseason, and Herzog felt Bonilla never intended to play for California and used the Angels to increase the New York Mets' offer.

"If he changed agents, I might be interested,"

Herzog said of Tartabull.

"I'm not going to make an offer to any of Dennis Gilbert's players."

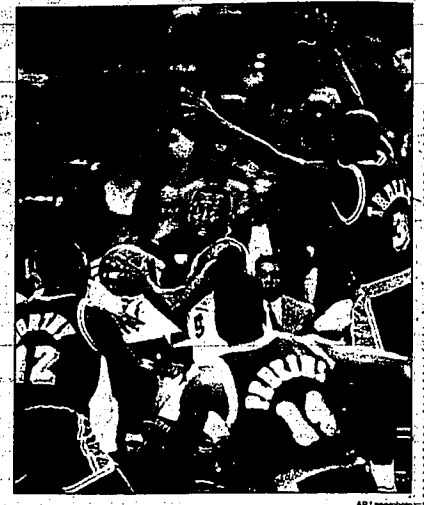
Tartabull last week rejected Kansas City's offer of salary arbitration and may negotiate with the Royals through Jan. 8, but a deal with the Royals is unlikely.

Grieve said that if the Rangers sign Tartabull, it wouldn't mean they would try to trade Ruben Sierra.

Sierra is eligible for free agency after the 1992 season.

"I think they certainly would be one of the better offers around," Grieve said.

"I don't think it would necessarily mean a trade. The stronger you are, the better your players, the more flexibility you would have. It just creates flexibility."



The Los Angeles Lakers defense swarms around Los Angeles Clippers Danny Manning as he reviews his pass options during first quarter NBA action Wednesday.

# Infant baseball team already under fire

DENVER (AP) — The Colorado Rockies, all of 6 months old, already are being criticized. Their lease is too generous. They're not paying as much as the Florida Marlins for front-office talent.

Nonsense, says general manager Bob Gebhard, hired away from the World Series champion Minnesota Twins.

"We're not one bit concerned what the Marlins do," Gebhard said. "We both have probably different directions to get to the rainbow at the same time."

Florida has been accused of raising the pay scale for scouts. John Antonucci, the Rockies chairman, counters by saying his team is "going to operate in a fiscally responsible manner."

The only comparisons being made are in the media," Gebhard said. "Frankly, I'm not aware of half the people they've hired. We're doing what we feel is best."

Two years from now, fans won't be talking

about scouts, they'll be talking wins and losses. They know to expect a lot of losses. The last 10 expansion teams averaged 102 in their first season.

"That doesn't mean I think we're going to lose 100 games," Gebhard said. "I'm just saying it takes time. Expansion clubs don't win championships overnight. We're competing with clubs that are well-organized, that have been in operation for many years. We just have to be patient, wait for our young players to develop, build that strength and quality and quantity in our minor-league system."

Colorado's philosophy will be to focus on youth.

"There is no quick fix," Gebhard said. "If the expansion draft is done properly, if you use your money wisely in your development and scouting programs, you're going to build that strong foundation. You're not going to win that first year. But who has?"

That doesn't rule out free agents. This is really the first expansion since the free agent era began.

"You might sign a star, say, a pitcher in his mid-30s. But if you do that, you might find yourself back at square one after a few years," he said.

"You may be only fooling yourself into thinking you can win the whole ball of wax right away."

Gebhard, 48, knows something about building a team. He was hired Sept. 25 after five years as the Twins' vice president and director of player personnel.

"I've been a very important part of the resurgence of the Minnesota Twins," Twins general manager Andy MacPhail said.

"When he came to us, we unfortunately bore some resemblance to an expansion team. To be honest, I don't think an organization can do any better than Geb."

"He's a workaholic."

# Lakers flip Clippers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers, who no longer have Magic Johnson, and the Los Angeles Clippers, who have played well recently, had seemed to be narrowing.

But not on Wednesday at the L.A. Sports Arena, where the Lakers outclassed the Clippers 85-75.

Only a basket at the buzzer by LeBron Ellis kept the Clippers from establishing a team scoring low. That record of 74 was last matched in 1981.

Green had 20 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Lakers, who jumped out front early and had a comfortable advantage most of the way.

Byron Scott had 18 points and 11 rebounds for the Lakers, and James Worthy and Sedale Threatt added 14 points each.

James Edwards was the Clippers' leading scorer with 15 points, and Danny Manning had 14. The victory ended a three-game losing streak by the Lakers, who had gone into a brief drive after beating the Bulls at Chicago a week ago.

The defeat, meanwhile, was just the fourth flip the Clippers in their last 12 games, which included an eight-game win string.

The teams' records were close going into the contest, with the Lakers' victory giving them a 17-10 mark while the Clippers now are 15-13.

The Lakers took almost complete control of the game in the third quarter. The Clippers had made a run to close to within 54-47 early in the period only to have the Lakers retaliate with three consecutive fast break baskets — two set up by Green steals.

# Marlins GM dreaming of quality players

MIAMI (AP) — Even on Christmas Day 1991, Florida Marlins general manager Dave Dombrowski is sure to be thinking about April 1993. That's when the National League expansion franchise plays its first game.

"High on my Christmas wish list would be a lot of quality players available to be selected in the expansion draft that turn out to be All-Star-type performers," Dombrowski said.

"Also on my Christmas list would

be a quality manager, a guy that can be around for a long time as part of your organization."

By Christmas 1992, the Marlins likely will have a manager.

All-Star-type performers are more problematic, although the search is under way.

Only 6 months old, the Marlins have already hired 25 scouts, a staff comparable to those of established teams.

"Scouting is going to be the

backbone of our organization," Dombrowski said.

The team signed its first player this month — Clemente Nunez, a pitcher from the Dominican Republic who is just 16 but already throws an 87-mph fastball.

The Marlins hired Andre Vasquez as director of Latin American operations, and Dombrowski said they will make the most of Miami's proximity to Latin America.

"Right now it has to be a plus for us," he said.

His scouts will also comb the domestic market. The second player to be signed with the team was Rusty Bumgardner, a 6-foot-6, 265-pounder former offensive lineman at Wake Forest.

There has been speculation among general managers and agents that the Marlins will try to become competitive quickly by signing free agents a year from now.

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# Gray

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"It was tripped up by the defensive back... and I lost the ball. But when I turned around there it was."

After Harris' long return to begin the second half, the Gray took nine plays to go 52 yards for McDowell's touchdown. The big play was an 18-yard pass from William & Mary quarterback Chris Hake to Rodney Blackshear of Texas Tech on third-down.

Blue finally scored a touchdown midway through the fourth quarter. San Jose State quarterback Matt Veatch, the Blue's most valuable player, completed three passes for 39 yards and Scott Lockwood of Southern California

capped the drive on a 1-yard TD run with 7:16 remaining.

The Blue went for a two-point conversion but Veatch's pass was overthrown.

The Gray opened the scoring midway through the first quarter on Anderson's 29-yard field goal. The Blue responded with two field goals by Kenny Stucker of Ball State. He kicked a 31-yarder late in the first quarter and added 29-yarder in the second.

Furrer completed 8 of 15 passes for 113 yards, while Veatch connected on 12 of 19 for 124 yards.

The Blue's other quarterback, Mark Barsotti of Fresno State, threw for 121 yards but was intercepted twice.

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On June 12,

Duke's upset 79-77 victory over defending champion UNLV in the NCAA basketball tournament semifinals on March 30 was seventh with 109 points.

Carl Lewis' world record of 9.86 seconds in the 100 meters on Aug. 25 at Tokyo was eighth with 94 points. Lewis was four-hundredths of a second faster than the previous record of 9.90 set by Leroy Burrell at the U.S. Championships two months earlier in New York.

The advance of 39-year-old Jimmy Connors' advance to the semifinals of the U.S. Open tennis tournament was ninth with 78 points. Connors was eliminated in the semifinals on Sept. 7, losing to Jim Courier 6-3, 6-3, 6-2.

The Sept. 9 indictment of former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson on rape charges was 10th with 65 points. Tyson's loss to James "Buster" Douglas was the AP's top story of 1990.

Voting was conducted among AP member newspapers and broadcasters.

# Fontes

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all season and went 8-0 at home.

And they did it despite the kind of injuries and distractions that could destroy a team. Fontes deserves credit for keeping them focused despite the loss of quarterback Rodney Peete, linebacker Mike Cofer, nose guard Jerry Ball, and offensive linemen Mike Utley and Eric Sanders.

"I'm not surprised that we've had players step up and fill in for all our injured guys," Fontes said. "I had a feeling they would. I'm close to my home, I've been in their homes, and a lot of them have been in my home. I just had a feeling they'd come together, and they did."

They especially needed that togetherness when Utley was knocked out during a game against Los Angeles' Raiders.

"It was a tragic situation, but we knew Mike would want us to go out and do what we had set out to do," Fontes said.

Last season, Detroit was 6-10 using a run-and-shoot offense. The

defense needed serious upgrading. This year, Fontes refined the attack to take full advantage of Sanders' magnificent skills. And of defense got much better — Ball and linebacker Chris Spielman were All-Pro.

"We're not done here yet," Fontes said. "The thing you have to like about this team is most of the key players are still young guys. What we really need now is an All-Pro under the center. Then we'll really be something."

"I'm proud of what we've accomplished in a short time. But I really hope our best days are still ahead of us."

# NBA box score

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# Sharks take bite out of merchandising business

The Associated Press

The expansion San Jose Sharks have the worst record in the NHL, but they have the look of champions. While they're not tearing up the league on the ice, the Sharks have taken the biggest bite of the NHL's merchandising sales.

Sharks paraphernalia ranks number one among NHL teams, according to NHL's licensing agent, and third overall in professional sports, behind football's Los Angeles Raiders, and baseball's Chicago White Sox.

San Jose owns a whopping 28 percent share of the NHL market. And CCM, the Sharks' licensing agent, gives the Sharks a slight edge over the Chicago Blackhawks (20 percent to 18) and a large edge over other NHL franchises.

"Why are the Sharks having all this office success?"

"Novelty plays a big part in (the team's sales)," Sharks media director Ken Arnold said. "With the collectables market-booming, new team items sell well. We are unique."

"However, at a major sporting goods store in New York, San Jose items are far outselling those from the four newest NBA franchises — Orlando, Minnesota, Miami and Charlotte — combined.

**Team travels to Sun Valley**

SUN VALLEY — The San Jose Sharks of the National Hockey League will take a break from their schedule to pay a visit to Sun Valley next week.

The public is welcome to watch practices from Dec. 29 to Jan. 1 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Jan. 2.

The team is scheduled to practice from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. on Dec. 29, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Dec. 30, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Dec. 31, and 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Jan. 1.

"There's a strong ownership commitment... in terms of financial support," NHL president John Ziegler said.

Their marketing aspect has been a pleasant surprise. They've done all the right things so far.

The burgeoning Bay Area, with San Jose now the third-largest city in California, is key to the Sharks' present and future.

Santa Clara County, residents of which make up 40 percent of Shark crowds, has the second-highest per capita income in the country.

Currently, the Sharks inhabit the Cow Palace, some 30 miles from San Jose.

The Cow Palace has a seating capacity of 10,888 and the Sharks have had 14 consecutive sellouts.

As for the torrid sale of Sharks jerseys, the simplest explanation seems to be fashion.

The colors and the logo have

unisex appeal, according to CCM.

"We find that women buy hockey T-shirts and jerseys same as men," said Stam Fabiano, national sales manager for CCM. "Women love the color teal, and men gravitate toward black."

"I like the emblem, too, the shark biting a stick," said one fan.

The colors are officially Pacific teal and black, with a smattering of white. The logo shows a shark leaping out of a triangle and biting into a hockey stick. The triangle is in reference to a shark-breeding West Coast area known as the "red triangle."

CCM has sold 40,000 Sharks jerseys nationwide, and are back-ordered for 30,000 more.

"We had a number of color combinations," Arnold said. "We researched color schemes with business groups, mixing and matching. We had a plan, and

wanted a unique color. Also, we needed a name no other sports team had, and one indigenous to the area."

A contest to name the San Jose franchise drew 5,700 responses with 2,300 different entries, including one from Italy.

Among them: the Blades, Fog, Screaming Squids, Grizzlies, and the San Jose Cansecos.

Originally, the name 'Sharks' finished second to Blades. "We rejected Blades," Sharks vice president Matt Levine said. "Market studies indicate the name closely identified with gangs, like switchblades."

Part of the Sharks' mystique may be their miserable play.

"It's the complete reverse of the Chicago Bulls-Michael Jordan phenomenon," Levine said. "Bulls' products sell, but it's helped by the team's on-court success. We were selling before we played a game. Sales were driven up through curiosity."

Fans attending Sharks' games are buying souvenirs at a rate of \$2.50 per person, 2½ times the industry standard.

"I would say this is the greatest demand generated by a new team since I've been in the business," said one store owner.

"We keep running out of (San Jose) jerseys."

## Where have all the 'entertainers' gone?

MOOSE JAW, Saskatchewan (AP) — The Golden Jet is now the Golden Jaw.

Once known for his blistering slapshot, Bobby Hull now fires verbal blasts at the NHL.

He doesn't like what he sees in the league.

"Where have all the Stan Mikitas, Yvan Cournoyers, Henri Richard and Davey Keons gone?" Hull asked. "The league used to be full of them. They were the guys who used to entertain royally."

"Those 5-foot-9, 170-pounders aren't around, except the odd one, like Theodore Fleury."

"All you see are these big kookalooks. That's why the game looks like it's played by robots. They all play the same way, other than a chosen few."

"They're all like trees."

Hull made his comments in a visit to Moose Jaw, and said there was more thinking on the ice in his day.

"We used to do things for a reason," he said. "Mikita, Bobby Orr and Gordie Howe did things for a reason. Now they don't have a reason."

"When we had the puck, we didn't want to give it away. Now, they work their rear end off to get the puck, then they dump it in. That doesn't make sense."

Comments like that won't endear Hull to the NHL establishment, but he said he doesn't care.

He would like to work for the league in some capacity, but conceded it likely won't happen.

"They blackballed me in 1972."

That was the year he jumped from the Chicago Blackhawks to the Winnipeg Jets of the fledgling World Hockey Association, and his presence gave the WHA credibility.

The experience made Hull a millionaire but there was a hidden cost, and he now looks back with regret.

"I'd played 15 years in Chicago and I owned the city. I owned the people. When I retired, if I had stayed there I could have done anything I wanted."

Instead, Hull spent seven seasons in the WHA. He takes a pride in the quality of the Jets, but says jumping leagues wreaked havoc on his personal life.

"With the move and everything, it was one of the reasons for the breakup of my family," said Hull, who is in his third marriage.

"I told Winnipeg that if they came up with a million bucks, they had themselves a hockey player. I thought that would scare them off. I didn't want to leave Chicago. But I gave Winnipeg my word."

## Women's baseball in 1940s: Players, league like no other

Los Angeles Times

With Madonna and Geena Davis starring as 1940s pro baseball players who overcome sexism and inside fastballs to save America's sagging spirits during World War II, Columbia Pictures' coming "A League of Their Own" can't help but be outrageous, audacious and occasionally dramatic.

The movie, as odd as it sounds — women, playing hardball for a living? — is based on fact. In the long history of professional baseball in this country, women have had their own league only once. It was called no surprise here — the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League and it lasted from 1943 through 1954.

Remarkably, however, no matter how far out the movie gets, it will be hard-pressed to outdo the real thing. You can't have high jinks and romance? Singing and dancing? Pain and broken hearts? The original cast had it all.

— On a tour of South America, two players manage to escape from their chaperon long enough to break into a local liquor store. They got caught, avoided prosecution by paying for damages out of their meal money, and still got to the game on time.

— Right before a game, a player learned by letter that her fiancé had been killed in a crash landing on Okinawa. She played the game.

— A baserunner jumped up to dispute a call at second base and accidentally decked the umpire, a moonlighting pro football player.

— Wearing a splint on a freshly broken ring finger, a catcher threw out the first three runners who tried to steal on her.

"These are enough anecdotes to supply an entire team of fictional players, but in reality, they happened to only one player, Lavon 'Pepper' Davis. Now a spry 67-year-old widowed grandmother living in Van Nuys, Calif., Pepper had more than her share of adventures, but she was far from unusual. The league, she says, was full of exuberant athletes who played hard on and off the field, bonded by a zest for both life and baseball.

"You have to love baseball to go through what we did," said Pepper, who played shortstop, catcher, first base and pitcher for three teams during her 10 years in the league.

She was a contestant for the movie, spending 22 days on the set in Evansville, Ind. Her answer to the obvious question is, no, Madonna is not playing her. Pepper relates most closely to the Geena Davis character, a catcher. And she has read the script, reporting that it met her approval by "treating the baseball seriously and with respect."

Breaking down social barriers was not the reason women were given their one and only chance to play baseball.

"Chewing-gum magnate P.K. Wrigley, who owned the Chicago Cubs, decided the league as a patriotic diversion for war-weary Americans, but it was also an insurance policy that would keep major league club owners in business in the event the majors had to close because of all the players finding their bus for rides."

So that the public would perceive them as women, players had to wear makeup on the field and keep their hair long while playing on teams with such unashamedly sexist names as Chicks, Daisies, Peaches, Belles and Lassies.

"We had to look like ladies and play like men," Davis said.

Slang was discouraged, grooming emphasized, slacks banned. Each team employed a full-time female chaperon to screen dates and scrutinize moral conduct. The treatment the players received reflected the mood and attitudes of a different generation, and the women accepted it without protest.

But they still managed to have fun. To lighten the load of a 130-game season, pranks were standard procedure: Limburger cheese on chaperons' heads, light bulbs, slings were in Oreo cookies. All-night bus rides were made enjoyable by marathon song sessions.

"We were young and healthy and we loved it," said Davis, who wrote the unofficial league song, which is being used in the movie.

It should be reported that an eagle-eyed chaperon did not deter either the women or the men.

"We called them Clubhouse Clydes and Locker Room Lennies," Davis said.

"They'd line up outside after a game and you'd manage to slip them a phone number. There were ways to bend the rules — you wouldn't have a social life at all if you didn't."

Pepper was Pepper Paire in her playing days, a clutch hitter who twice led the league in RBIs. She was also the life of the party. Any party. According to a 1989 article in Smithsonian magazine, Pepper and a

teammate, Faye Dancer, escaped prying eyes in one small town by drinking beer in a cemetery.

"We were both clowns," said Dancer, who lives in Santa Monica, Calif. In the interests of historical accuracy, she added: "But it was me who climbed the hotel fire escape with the beer. Pepper had a bad knee."

Pepper and Faye grew up in West L.A., went to school together and were sports phenoms at an early age.

That was in the late 1930s and early '40s, when women's softball was a hot ticket with Hollywood stars. Pepper, who remembers getting \$5 from Jimmy Durante to buy hot dogs after a game, credits her brother Jge for getting her started.

"I was 18 months older, but he didn't mind his little sister tagging along," she said. "If they wanted him on their team, they had to take me. A few years later, if they wanted me, they had to take him."

Joe, now an engineer at Northrop, acknowledges that "Pepper had a lot stronger arm than I did," he said. "I always said, if I had her arm, I probably would have been in the majors."

As a kid, Davis was paid gas money to play for local softball teams, helping her family buy groceries. One of her team's sponsors was a grocery store, which rewarded a winning effort by letting each player fill up a brown paper bag with food.

"I learned early: If you want to bring home the bread, you better win," Davis said.

Even though she was earning about \$600 a month as pro, she decided to sit out the 1954 season.



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# Bengals players wonder why

CINCINNATI (AP) — Sam Wyche's former players would like to know why he's leaving the Cincinnati Bengals. They were stunned Tuesday when the team announced Wyche quit as head coach and Wyche said he was fired. "I'm confused as well as everybody in Cincinnati," safety David Fulcher said. "It's upsetting. I'm disappointed if they let Sam go. And if Sam quit, then I'm mad because I never saw any quit in this guy. If he quit, the pressure had to throw him out. The guy loves the game of football. If there's a job open tomorrow, I'm sure he'll go for it." Wyche generally was respected by his players, even those who had feuded with him. Quarterback Boomer Esiason had urged the front office to accommodate Wyche and bring him back for the last two years of his contract. Instead, Wyche and general manager Mike Brown wound up at odds during their three-hour meeting Tuesday. Wyche

wanted more say in how the team was run, instead of having Brown make all personnel decisions. Brown evidently refused. Whether Wyche quit or was fired is a million-dollar question. If he was fired, the Bengals will be obligated to pay the last two years of his contract, worth \$1 million. If he quit, the team doesn't have to pay him. Wyche has turned the matter over to his lawyer. Brown declined to talk about specifics. "We're going to miss him," Esiason said. "I'm going to miss him. It's kind of an empty feeling right now." "It's been a shock," running back Eric Ball said. "Bumey (Bussey) and myself have been on the phone wondering what's going on. I think it probably had a lot to do with Sam wanting to have a little to do with the say

with personnel. This is disappointing to know we're going to have to go through all these changes. He's done well by the players." Several players said that following Sunday's 29-7 victory over New England, Wyche told the team he'd be back next year. "I can believe it, but I'm bummed. No, I can't believe it," punter Lee Johnson said. "I'm sure the majority of the guys are bummed out." After a 3-13 season that was the worst in franchise history, the players figured there would be some changes. "But everyone felt Sam would be here next year," tight end Eric Kattus said. Esiason wondered what Wyche's departure will mean for the no-huddle, quick-snap offense. "We're losing a terrific mind," receiver Tim McGee said. "It's going to be pretty hard to replace him. There are not too many characters like him."

# Bucs' owner reportedly offers Parcells job at Tampa Bay

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Bill Parcells, who won two Super Bowls before leaving the New York Giants for the broadcast booth this season, reportedly has been offered the job of trying to rescue the floundering Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Two newspapers reported Wednesday that Bucs owner Hugh Culverhouse is willing to pay Parcells more than \$1 million a year to return to coaching and that he wants an answer by this weekend. The Tampa Tribune, quoting an unidentified source, said Parcells has been offered a multi-year contract worth \$1.5 million annually, a deal that would make him the highest-paid coach in the NFL. The Orlando Sentinel said Parcells met with Culverhouse in New Jersey on Monday, their second meeting in as many weeks. The offer is for five years and

complete responsibility for personnel decisions, the newspaper said. "I have no comment on that," Culverhouse said when The Sentinel reached him by telephone on Christmas Eve. He ended the call to his home by hanging up, the newspaper added. Calls to Culverhouse's law offices and the team's administrative offices went unanswered on Wednesday. The owner's home number is unlisted. Parcells, who lives in Upper Saddle River, N.J., spent his first year after quitting the Super Bowl champion Giants as an NBC commentator for NFL games, while the Bucs were struggling through their ninth, consecutive losing season. Tampa Bay finished with a 3-13 record in Richard Williamson's first full season as coach.

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# Magic Valley

## Around the valley

### Fines for overweight trucks rise in new year

**BOISE** — On Jan. 7, penalties for operating an overweight truck on Idaho highways will increase for the first time since 1929.

The current penalties range from \$10 to a maximum of \$100.

Under the new law, penalties for an overweight truck can be as high as \$518. "There is no maximum amount set by the new law," according to Mark Young, spokesman for the Idaho Transportation Department. "A 20,000-pound violation is also fined \$100 under current law, but increases to \$2,484 in January."

An exception will be made for trucks hauling loads that are either unsafe or impractical to unload, such as livestock or hazardous materials.

### Storm-warning sign going up this spring at Utah border

**BOISE** — The Idaho Transportation Department has awarded a contract on a project to place electric storm-warning signals on Interstate 84 near the Utah border, and work will begin next spring.

The overhead signs are being put up in response to a number of serious accidents that have occurred in the last few years, caused by blowing dust and snow. The signs will warn motorists of bad driving conditions and road closures. High winds, blowing snow and dust hazards make the stretch of I-84 from Cotterell to the Utah border one of the most dangerous in Idaho.

### Group aimed at discouraging youths' drug abuse will meet

**TWIN FALLS** — An organizational meeting for Youth to Youth, a program designed to discourage drug and alcohol use by youngsters, has been scheduled for next month.

According to Marcia Lanting, drug education coordinator for the Twin Falls School District, the session is scheduled from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 9. It will be held in the teacher's lounge at Twin Falls High School.

Minnie Inzer, director of the Boise Youth to Youth program, will be a featured speaker.

Further information can be obtained by phoning Lanting at 733-6900.

### Sign up now for February's Boulder Mountain Ski Tour

**SUN VALLEY** — Entries are open for the 17th annual Boulder Mountain Ski Tour, scheduled for Feb. 1.

The 30 kilometer cross-country race and tour is set for Feb. 1, at Senate Meadows in Sun Valley.

The entry fee is \$40 through Jan. 13. It fee jumps to \$50 from Jan. 14 through 28. The deadline for race entries is Jan. 31, but touring class entries will be taken race morning.

For information or an entry form, call the Sun Valley-Ketchum Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-634-3347.

### Grain-marketing seminar scheduled for early January

**TWIN FALLS** — A grain-marketing school will be presented by the University of Idaho - Cooperative Extension Service next month.

Two sessions are scheduled locally, one at the Twin Falls County Extension Office, 256 3rd Ave. E., on Thursday, Jan. 9, and another at the Burley Law Enforcement Building in Burley on Friday, Jan. 10.

Bill Mendenhall, of WSI Union Seed in Burley, Larry Jackson of Futures International in Boise and Mike Morgan, broker with Sinclair and Co. in Twin Falls, will be the featured speakers.

Purpose of the seminar will be to provide basic training in using the commodity market to protect farmers from price changes in the grain market, according to Bill Hazen, Extension agricultural agent.

Both sessions will begin at 10:15 a.m. The cost is \$5.

### Idaho's red meat production takes dip from last November

**TWIN FALLS** — November commercial red-meat production at Idaho packing plants declined 11 percent from the previous year and 12 percent from October's level.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Lawmakers to face school reform



Michael Legg and Savannah Mason study a science lesson at Lincoln Elementary. Legislators will be looking at several education reform packages during the upcoming session.

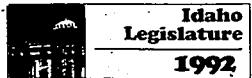
By Drew DeSilver  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Education reform, in one form or another, is sure to be a hot topic in the 1992 Idaho Legislature. But whose version of reform, and for how much will it cost?

Gov. Cecil Andrus has served notice that his "Strong Start" reform package will be his top priority for the 1992 session. The five-part program aims to ensure that children start school ready to learn, expand the role of parents in education, allow individual schools more autonomy, bring computers and other high-tech equipment into Idaho classrooms and provide special learning activities before and after school.

Andrus has already mailed Strong Start grant applications to local school districts, although the program has yet to be funded. Scott Peyron, the governor's press secretary, said Andrus would ask the Legislature for the money, but has not yet said how much he will request.

But Strong Start is only one of several reform packages that will find their way to the Statehouse.



## Second in a series

The business-backed Idaho Education Project has recommended, among other things, that the Legislature establish a "Schools of the Future" program. It would select schools around the state to serve as test cases for reforms, allowing each school to make whatever changes it deemed desirable.

The Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry will propose a reform package drawn from the IEP recommendations, executive director Steve Ahrens said.

Also released within the last year were the Idaho Workforce 2000 report and the report of the Task Force on Hispanic Education. Those reports focused on

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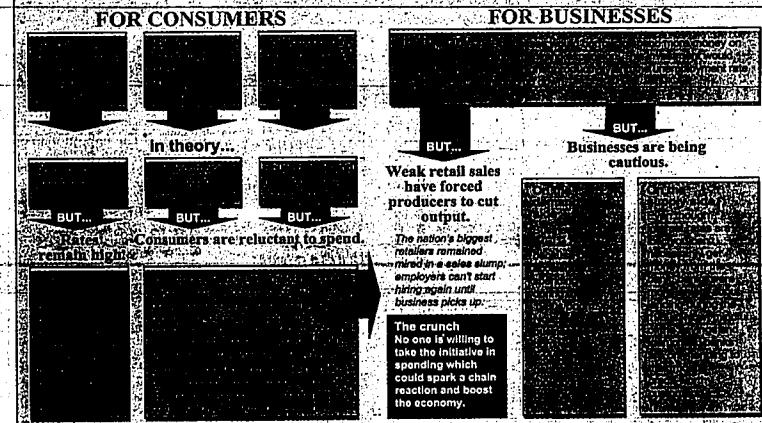
## Economic gridlock

Why the economy is sluggish despite lower interest rates.

In an effort to spark the economy and to counter the sharp decline in lending brought on by the recession, the Federal Reserve cut two important rates for loans to banks, the federal funds and discount rates. Banks, with their cost of borrowing lowered, cut the prime rate, the basis for a range of other loan rates to customers.

The Fed's action is meant to boost consumer confidence and lure borrowers to spend money, in the hopes of setting off a cycle of stimulated sales, new jobs and higher productivity.

### Lower interest rates should make it cheaper to get a loan.



Source: Professor David Choi, Columbia University. AP (Elio Rosen, Karl Oude, Dawn Dealala)

# Lower interest rates cause holiday rush on refinancing; will it work?

By Craig Lincoln  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Refinancing was the word this week at local banks.

"I'm thinking in my own mind that maybe I'd better jump in and refinance my house," West One Bank manager Bill Babcock said.

He wouldn't be alone. The Federal Reserve last Friday slashed key lending rates to levels not seen since the 1960s. Its discount rate, the rate it charges to make bank loans, dropped from 4.5 percent to 3.5 percent.

That started other interest rates tumbling. Prime rates, the interest banks charge their best customers, have generally fallen to 6.5 percent.

Some home loans, even car loans, are available at 8.5 percent in Twin Falls. "We are getting a lot of calls to see if it's feasible to refinance homes," First Federal Savings Bank President Richard Allen said.

Consumers won't celebrate alone. A classic jump-start method of stimulating a sluggish economy, interest rate cuts also can bring a variety of benefits on businesses.

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— Richard Allen,  
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Here is a summary of what the Fed's interest-rate cut may do for the economy, economists and bankers say:

- Lower interest costs for corporations may prop up corporate profits, First Security Bank economist Kelly Matthews said.
- "Then the key thing we need is to somehow stop the layoffs that are occurring," Matthews said.
- Corporations may also be able to restructure their debt into more suitable arrangements, he said.
- Homeowners and consumers may be able spend more money — low spending rates are a bugaboo that is prolonging the national recession — through refinancing and lower personal interest on car loans.

...This time around, Matthews says, the jump-start of lower interest rates may not be as effective as in the past. The national economy is troubled as much by debt as by low spending. "In reality, we have a structural problem out there that reflects too much debt in many sectors of the economy," he said.

And there are winners and losers in almost any shift in economic policy. As interest rates decline, people who save earn less money off of interest.

And that is causing concern, especially as people who are living off the interest on certificates of deposit have to roll money out of a maturing certificate into another one at a much lower rate, Allen said.

That may tempt some savers to look for investments with higher returns and more risk, Matthews said.

"I think they should be relatively cautious in doing that," Matthews said. "If they put money in a wrong place, either with added risk or added maturity, they may get caught in a situation where they lose some of their principal."

"That's quite a different situation than a lower return," he said.

# Abandoned Richfield ranch awaits wetlands decision

By Michael Hofferber  
Times-News correspondent

**RICHFIELD** — The future of the abandoned 2,000-acre Riverwood Ranch remains in limbo as the federal Farmers Home Administration continues to wait for new rules regarding wetlands easements and related property transfers.

The FMHA announced more than a year ago that it planned to transfer ownership of the old ranch, and a half dozen others like it in Idaho, to a state or federal agency for conservation purposes.

The Shoshone District of the Bureau of Land Management has expressed interest in taking over the ranch, even though its citizens' advisory council has gone on record opposing the transfer.

**'This river is an important fishery which could be improved with proper management.'**

— U.S. Fish and Wildlife's Charles Lobdell, recommending property's transfer to BLM

"The eroding tax base and ongoing depopulation of the community of Richfield and Lincoln County will only be exacerbated by the creation of more federal land in a region which is entirely dependent upon the maintenance of a viable agricultural economy," the 10-member council wrote in a letter to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Dennis Nelson, chief of the FMHA Farmers Program in Idaho, said the letter would be considered in making a decision

about the ranch once the agency receives instructions from its national office. "The regulations are out in proposed form now."

Special provisions of the 1987 Farm Credit Act and the 1990 Farm Bill require the FMHA to evaluate foreclosed properties for their conservation value. Those with wetlands, riparian zones or sensitive fish and wildlife habitat must either have an easement granted or have the entire property transferred to public ownership.

The bulk of the Riverwood Ranch, which

borders the Little Wood River for six miles, lies in a riparian zone. It was turned over to the FMHA in 1986 by its owner, who was unable to make a living on the ranch.

Charles Lobdell, field supervisor for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, has recommended in a letter to the FMHA that the entire ranch be transferred to the BLM.

"This river is an important fishery which could be improved with proper management," Lobdell said. "The riparian habitat along the river is in various conditions of health and could also be improved with plantings and elimination of grazing."

Lobdell said the ranch could provide habitat for waterfowl, trout, upland game birds, including pheasants and sage grouse, big game animals, and various small mammals and non-game birds.

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# Predator control on hold

By Michael Hofferber  
Times-News correspondent

**KETCHUM** — Predator control on public lands in Idaho is in limbo as federal land management agencies scramble to comply with national environmental laws.

The agency that handles problem predators, Animal Damage Control, applies to the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management for permission to kill troublesome coyotes, bears and cougars on federal lands.

Its activities are covered under a 1979 environmental impact statement by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Trouble is, Animal Damage Control was transferred to the federal Department of Agriculture in 1986 and the program's 12-year-old environmental impact statement is outdated.

The USDA's draft environmental impact statement on predator control was released more than a year ago and promoted more than 4,000 written comments. Responding to those comments has delayed release on the final environmental impact statement.

Once scheduled for release last summer, the environmental assessment has been postponed repeatedly. ADC spokesman Rick Wadwig reported last week that the final environmental impact statement for predator control is now expected in July 1992.

Since environmental assessments of predator-control activities in local districts of the BLM and Forest Service are tied to the national environmental impact statement, their legality is questionable.

"If this thing keeps going it could get into a moratorium on ADC," said Delmar Vail, state director of the BLM, during last month's annual meeting of the Idaho Woolgrowers Association.

All six southern Idaho districts of the BLM are now working on predator-control environmental assessments for 1992. But being based on an outdated environmental impact statement could make them easy prey for groups opposed to the controversial killing of predators on public lands.

"We fully expect appeals," said Alan Thomas, the Idaho BLM

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# Business manufacturing incubator to be built in Jerome

By H.R. Weixel  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** — A business manufacturing incubator — a facility in which small businesses are established and grow under the watchful eye of experts — is going up in Jerome.

The Region IV Development Association's board of directors this week set in motion the process that will eventually lead to construction of a 15,000-square-foot building to house the incubator, according to the association's executive director, Joe Herring.

When it's completed, the center will house from five to 10 small manufacturing businesses.

Herring said the facility will probably be located at the Jerome Industrial Park.

To build the incubator, the resources of the association and the College of Southern Idaho will be combined, Herring said.

"This has the potential of being the entrepreneurship of the Northwest," he said. Jerome was chosen because "the town has the most ideal light industrial growth in the area," he said.

The incubator will complement a similar

small business incubator at CSI, Herring said, larger items than the CSI facility can handle.

Possible tenants would include horse and utility trailer manufacturers, sheet-metal work, wood furniture construction and clothing makers, Herring said.

People who want to get started in business would set up their operations in the incubator, get help in managing and manufacturing practices and in one to three years move into their own buildings, Herring said.

"We call these new business adventures 'embryo,'" he said.

"We expect to place these new businesses

in some of the empty buildings on Jerome's Main Street."

Construction of the building could be completed in 1993. Potential tenants should contact Herring at 736-3064.

Herring said the center was located in Jerome to diversify small business development in the Magic Valley.

"There is some distrust outside Twin Falls, that says Twin Falls is where everything happens," he said.

"So we want to get rid of that distrust and open up in locations in an eight county area in south-central Idaho."

The overall organization overseeing the new enterprise is unique, Herring said. The Region IV Development Center will combine the services of the Idaho Small Business Development Center, Service Core of Retired Executives, Small Business Association, Region IV Development Association, Region IV Development Corporation, South Central Private Industry Council and the College of Southern Idaho.

"This will be a one-stop shop for economic development. Our goal is to foster economic and human resource development in southern Idaho," he said.

## Craters considers face-lift

By Michael Hofferber  
Times-News correspondent

**ARCO** — A new entrance road to the Craters of the Moon National Monument and a new year-round visitors' center are being proposed in a draft management plan released this week by the National Park Service.

The draft plan, which is expected to guide development of the 67-year-old monument for the next 10 to 15 years, is available for public review and comment.

The document says "visitation to Craters of the Moon has changed as the use of RVs has become more popular, and as management of adjacent lands has changed. A current plan is needed to keep pace with changes in visitation and management requirements."

The new entrance is proposed to alleviate congestion along U.S. Highways 20/26. It will be located about one-half mile east of the present entry, on the north side of Sunset Ridge.

A new entrance station and visitors center will be added at a cost of approximately \$3.8 million. The old visitors' center will be remodeled for administrative use.

Other elements of the proposed plan include:

- Rehabilitation of the monument's seven-mile scenic loop drive with additional pullouts.
- Construction of a winter parking area near the new entrance station.
- Designation of a mountain bike and cross-country ski trail following the approximate route of the "Goodale's Cutoff," a 140-year-old bypass along the Oregon Trail.

Adding tents sites to the existing campground and leveling RV sites.

The National Park Service has scheduled two open-house sessions in the Magic Valley to answer questions about the plan and discuss alternatives.

On Wednesday, Jan. 22, an open house will be held in Ketchum from 9 a.m. to the Ketchum Town Square meeting room.

And on Thursday, Jan. 23, an open house will be held in Burley from 7-9 p.m. at the Cassia County School District Office at 237 E. 19th St.

Comments can be made or copies obtained of the plan by writing to: Superintendent, Craters of the Moon National Monument, P.O. Box 29, Arco 83213.

## Hooked



**Bellingham (Wash.)** Ice Hawks office manager Bruce Baskin and his bride, Linda Lucas, stroll through a special arch at the Whatcom County Sports Arena after saying their wedding vows Tuesday. The couple was married at center ice before a British Columbia Junior Hockey League game.

## Church group boycotts Kimberly author's book

By Karen Irwin  
Times-News writer

**KIMBERLY** — Every child needs to believe in a little magic and let his imagination fly, said Bev Stone of Kimberly, the author of "Santa + Martha."

A church-based group in Hamilton, Mont., however, disagrees.

The group from Hamilton boycotted the book after program fliers were circulated in the western Montana ranching town of 2,300 people, telling about a public reading Gary and Bev Stone were going to do on the book, Bev Stone said Tuesday.

The phrases on the flier that the group objected to were "... a narrative production, based on Bev Stone's personal experience with the age-old spirit of Christmas, 'Santa + Martha' and 'The mystical wisdom of the 'Old One,'" according to the Ravalli Republic, a weekly newspaper in Hamilton.

But the people who objected to the book never read it, Bev Stone said.

"The group felt that Flower Blue (a character in the book) was an evil spirit," said Bev Stone. "But he's the one that says kids need four hugs a day."

No representatives of the group could be reached for comment.

"The boycott did not have much effect on the reception they received in Hamilton, Bev Stone said. The

people they met were quite friendly. But she said, she is concerned that people who don't know her book might really believe the group.

"We've tried to fill the book with kindness," she added.

She said the book is about the birth of Christ and Santa Claus's role. Everyone should become a Santa or a cheerful giver because it is Christ's birthday, she said.

"If they can find something devilish about that then they will about anything," said Bev Stone.

She said book sales had been strong and she hasn't noticed a decline since the incident.

"People in Hamilton said it would help book sales, but that remains to be seen," she said.

"We're going ahead with a positive outlook and if people don't like the book they don't have to buy it or they can write their own."

This event won't have a major effect on how she writes her next book, other than being more cautious about her wording and aware that controversy will exist, Bev Stone said.

"Perhaps, it will give me thicker skin," she said.

"I'm one of those people that thinks things are good and I have to realize that not everyone believes the same.

She said she felt she was lucky that it didn't happen in a large area because it gave her a little taste of criticism rather than a large dose.

## Mountain Home man critical after rollover

The Times-News

**MOUNTAIN HOME** — A Mountain Home man remained in critical condition Wednesday night after rolling his truck three miles east of here Christmas morning.

Marin B. Popoca, 25, was taken by helicopter to St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise after rolling

his truck on Highway 30, said an Elmore County sheriff's dispatcher. Popoca was not wearing a seat belt and was thrown from his pickup truck in the 7:40 a.m. accident, the dispatcher said.

Popoca's 1971 Ford evidently was veering off of the right side of the road when he overcorrected to the left, she said.

The truck veered off the left side of the road, rolled and threw Popoca from the vehicle, the dispatcher said.

The truck landed on Popoca and rescuers had to lift the pickup off of him, she said.

A St. Alphonsus spokeswoman said Popoca remained in critical condition Wednesday night.

## Predator

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wildlife coordinator. "It's really not up to us to evaluate the pros and cons of predator control. It's up to ADC to do that."

Since the BLM does not do predator control itself, but merely evaluates proposals of the ADC, it will have trouble responding to appeals that challenge the activity.

"When and if we get appealed, that may put a stop to any predator control," Thomas said.

The Sawtooth National Forest has already put predator control on hold. It began work on an environmental assessment this month, hoping to make a decision by Feb. 1.

"Currently, the forest is operating under an old predator-control plan that does not meet (National

Environment Policy Act) requirements," said Jack Bills, supervisor of the SNF.

Like other national forests throughout the Intermountain region, the SNF is considering proposals by Animal Damage Control to destroy predators that are causing livestock losses.

In 1991, ADC reported 153 sheep killed by predators on Sawtooth forest rangelands. This number is only about one-third of the total kills, according to the ADC. Others are not reported or confirmed.

ADC agents killed 63 predators on the same rangelands in 1991. This does not include coyotes shot by ranchers or shepherds.

For the moment, only the Ketchum Ranger District of the SNF is allowing predator control. That's

because the district began environmental assessments of predator control in 1988 and has reviewed and updated the program annually. Bills explained.

Pioneering a policy of broad-based public involvement in its analysis, the Ketchum Ranger District includes American Humane Society members, concerned citizens, Idaho Department of Fish and Game officials, grazing permittees and agency personnel on the "interdisciplinary team" that makes predator-control recommendations each year.

"The purpose of our program is to maintain losses of sheep at an acceptable level with minimum impact on wildlife, including coyotes, and conflict with other forest users," said Alan Pinkerton, Ketchum District ranger.

For the fifth consecutive year, the emphasis of the 1992 predator-control program in the Ketchum district will be non-lethal methods. At least one herder for each flock of sheep is required and the expanded use of guard dogs is encouraged.

Lethal methods of predator control are prescribed only for areas with confirmed losses of sheep. The methods include culling and shooting, trapping, and aerial hunting.

Confirmed sheep losses in the Ketchum Ranger District, once nearly 400 each year in the mid-1980s, in 1988, after the new program was adopted, losses fell to 200. Only 31 sheep were killed in 1989 and 57 last year.

"The ideal situation from my viewpoint would be no predator control at all," said Alison Beechen of Hailley, who represented the humane society on the Ketchum district's advisory team. "However, I know that my tax dollars are used to fund ADC and its control program, and until that situation changes at the federal level the ADC program will continue despite my viewpoint."

## Death notices

### Frank Toste

**JEROME** — Frank Toste, 66, of Jerome, died Wednesday Dec. 25, 1991, at St. Benedict's Hospital.

Funeral services are pending and

will be announced by the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

### Susan Beer

**CAPE CORAL, FLA.** — Susan

Diane Beer, 31, of Fort Myers, Fla., and formerly of Jerome, died Monday, Dec. 23, 1991, at her parents home in Cape Coral, Fla.

Services will be held in Kokomo, Ind.

## Hospitals

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#### Birns

Casey and Wendy Jo Robinson, of Twin Falls, had a son,

and Robert and Jeri Smith, also of Twin Falls, had a son.

### CASSIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

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## Obituary

### Marilyn Joyce Hays

**JEROME** — Marilyn Joyce Hays, 47, of Burley, died Dec. 22, 1991, at her home.

She was born April 28, 1944, in Wendell, Idaho, the daughter of Guy L. and Priscilla H. Buster Hays. She attended school in Jerome and also the Methodist Church.

She is survived by her mother Priscilla H. Hays of Boise; four sisters: Hilary Boswell of Heyburn, Carolyn Jean Roy of Boise, Linda Lee Hays of Boise, and Carrie Ellen Gause of Jerome; three brothers: Karl D. Hays of Jerome, Jeffrey L. Hays of Jerome, Shelley Lawrence Hays of Spokane, WA.

She was preceded in death by

her father in 1990. Graveside services will be conducted 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Jerome Cemetery by the Rev. E. L. Gause.

Friends may call at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel on Saturday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 and may gather at the cemetery shortly before service time.

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Idaho/West

# Gorbachev has standing offer for work at Nevada casino

LAUGHLIN, Nev. (AP) — If he hasn't stumbled across a better deal in the Help Wanted ads, Mikhail Gorbachev may want to talk to Don Laughlin.

Laughlin, the patriarch of this booming Southern Nevada gaming community, says he will pay Gorbachev \$1 million a year to serve as a host and public relations executive at his resort on the Colorado River.

"He would bring a lot of business to Laughlin," Don Laughlin said Tuesday in a telephone interview from his office at his Riverside Resort. "It would be good for Nevada to have a player like this on our side."

Laughlin, who founded the booming gambling town that bears his name, said he was serious about the offer.

"You don't joke about one million dollars," he said. "It is a very serious offer. We will put the money up in any bank he chooses."

Laughlin said Gorbachev still commands the respect of the world community, despite the disintegration of the Soviet Union and his subsequent fall from grace with his own people.

"He's sort of a hero to the world," Laughlin said. "He went a long way in bringing the world out of the Dark Ages, and taking away the threat of World War III."

"He's made it a much better world," Laughlin said. "In the eyes of the world, he's done a great deed for humanity. As recently as a couple of years ago no one would have dreamed these things would have happened."

Laughlin said he had faxed a letter to Gorbachev "in two different locations in Moscow" offering him the job.

"This is a game we haven't played before," Laughlin said. "I don't know how he will respond. I have high hopes he will take an interest."

Gorbachev, 60, formally announced his resignation during a television speech Christmas Day.

Laughlin said he and Gorbachev are the same age "and have watched decades of world events through similar eyes from opposite ends of the earth."

Laughlin said his resort town "can only benefit from the presence of a man who has proven his ability to turn his great vision into reality."

# Tourists stop in Pocatello but aren't eager to stay

POCATELLO (AP) — More travelers than ever are stopping in Pocatello — but they're not staying.

According to a study by Idaho State University researchers Paul Zelus and Joanne Tolk, travel and tourism activity in southeastern Idaho is growing, with third-quarter figures up substantially.

"They're passing through, but that's an important type of tourism potential for us to tap," Zeles said.

Mary Blanchard, the Greater Pocatello Chamber of Commerce's director of tourism, said the city realizes for now it's a midpoint for Yellowstone and Jackson Hole.

"We're trying to target tourists to get off here and spend their money in our restaurants and gas stations," Blanchard said.

Pocatello Mayor Peter Angstadt said the notion of promoting the city as a stopover is not a new one.

"Really what our marketing efforts are targeted toward is drawing these people and keeping them in town for a couple of days," Angstadt said.

Given that, Ms. Blanchard said, the chamber is helping the city of Pocatello apply for a \$105,000 recreational vehicle grant from the state Department of Parks and Recreation.

The money would go toward the construction of a tourist information center staffed by city and chamber employees.

Blanchard said written inquiries about Pocatello have jumped as well.

In September, the chamber received 132 requests for information about the city, compared with 31 last September. In October and November there were 85 inquiries, compared with 43 for those months last year.

# Workers to clean at derailment

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) — A flaming butane tank car continued to burn down Wednesday at the scene of a Burlington Northern train derailment, one of two freight train accidents awaiting cleanup in the state.

Salvage and repair crews and investigators also were set to resume work Thursday at the site of a more harrowing derailment on a trestle over Interstate 90 west of Spokane.

No injuries were reported from either derailment, although a Greyhound bus and car narrowly avoided being hit by falling rail cars on the freeway.

About 100 people were allowed to return to homes within about a mile of the burning butane tanker on Christmas Eve, more than 44 hours after the area was cleared for fear of an explosion.

The fire subsided, and four other derailed butane tankers were lifted and moved to a nearby rail yard, where crews determined they had remained intact, said railroad spokesman Howard Kallio.

Fire shot 50 to 60 feet into the air following the 10-car derailment early Monday about 30 miles north of Seattle. But the flames were about 10 feet high Tuesday and barely half that Wednesday, Kallio said.

"It looks like it'll burn all day and maybe all night, too," he said.

The tanker was carrying about 33,600 gallons of liquid butane.

The tracks linking Seattle and Vancouver, British Columbia, which normally carry about half a dozen trains a day, probably will be reopened Thursday after the other four tankers are emptied, he added.

Investigators will try to determine why the 42-car freight train was restarted after a stop to check for a burned-out wheel bearing that had been detected by a sensor along the tracks, Kallio said.

# Illegal traps catch eagles

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A 5-year-old bald eagle, its legs crushed in an illegal trap set for coyotes, is not expected to survive.

"This is my third eagle this year," said Martin Tyner, a trapper rehabilitation expert in Cedar City who is caring for the injured bird. The first two, both golden eagles, also had broken bones and crushed tissue from leg-hold traps and had to be put down.

The bald eagle, the national bird, is an endangered species. Harming one carries substantial federal penalties.

"It's pretty gruesome. Trappers need to realize they are causing a lot of damage with these illegal sets (traps). Other wildlife is suffering," Tyner said.

"This thoroughly disgusts me," said Al Robb, president of the Utah Trappers Association.

He said responsible trappers use methods that pose no danger to eagles and most other non-target species.

Eagles are hurt when trappers illegally bait their traps with exposed pieces of meat or dead rabbits. The meat is attractive to both birds of prey and coyotes. State law requires trappers either to bury their bait or use scents to attract coyotes. This reduces the chance of injuring a bird.

"People who use open baits are people who really don't know much about trapping, or are just too lazy to learn about the animal and its travel habits. They are just slobs," said Robb.

# Cactus Pete's Clarifies Facts on Withdrawn Union Petition

An article appeared in this publication on December 14 regarding Cactus Pete's and its dealers "reaching [a] tentative agreement" concerning the recent union organizing drive in the Pit Department. Prior to the appearance of the article, our legal counsel spent nearly two hours in conversation with the writer, who chose not to include any reference to their conversation and did not utilize any of the information provided by Cactus Pete's. The article was extremely misleading, as it strongly implies several things that are simply not true.

The article states that "former blackjack dealer Buddy Bowman charged Cactus Pete's for firing him for union activity, an action prohibited under federal law," and that "Bowman withdrew that petition." All of that is true. The implication of the article, however, is that Cactus Pete's violated federal law and that Bowman withdrew his complaint as the result of Cactus Pete's agreement to change the tip policy to a shift-by-shift split. Both of those implications are untrue.

There were two separate issues and two separate hearings conducted earlier this year by the National Labor Relations Board. The first involved Mr. Bowman's allegation that Cactus Pete's had fired him "for his union activities" — a charge that Cactus Pete's denied. An investigative hearing was conducted, during which an NLRB investigator interviewed, and took formal testimony from, all parties. At the conclusion of the investigation, the agent assigned found Mr. Bowman's charge to have "no merit," and the NLRB Regional Director in Oakland, California, agreed. Under NLRB policy, Mr. Bowman was advised of the finding of "no merit" to his charge, and as a courtesy was given the opportunity to withdraw the charge, which he did. Had he not done so, his complaint would have been dismissed by the NLRB.

The second hearing, held in Wells, Nevada in mid-November, was a "representation hearing" to determine whether the Northern Nevada Casino Employees Association had established a showing of interest sufficient to warrant a representation election to determine whether the Northern Nevada Casino Employees Association would become the sole collective bargaining representative of all Cactus Pete's and Horseshu Pit dealers.

On the second day of the representation hearing, and prior to its conclusion, the petition for election was withdrawn by Mr. Bowman, in his capacity as president of the NANCEA. The Times-News article strongly implies that the petition for election was withdrawn as the result of some kind of "deal" or "agreement" made by Cactus Pete's in return for his withdrawal of the petition. In fact, the petition was unilaterally withdrawn by Mr. Bowman on behalf of the NANCEA — on his own initiative, not at the request of Cactus Pete's or in response to a "deal" offered by Cactus Pete's.

It is important to note that during the time that the election petition was pending, Cactus Pete's was legally prohibited from "seeking grievances" from Pit employees and from changing any existing policies affecting wages, hours or working conditions. Now that the petition has been withdrawn and we are legally able to do so, Human Resources Director Jack Sims, Director of Gaming Mike Kenney and Vice President of Gaming Rob Long are meeting with all Cactus Pete's and Horseshu dealers to get input on the tip policy (and other issues of concern to dealers). They have to date met with approximately 40 dealers, and that process is continuing. We feel it is important that we meet with everyone, so that the input received is representative of the entire group and is not simply the opinion of a few vocal individuals.

Cactus Pete's management team is committed to resolve the issues and dealer concerns relative to the tip policy, and we applaud our dealers for their participation in this process.

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## Idaho/West

# Idaho's fringe cities cast wary eye toward creeping growth

**BOISE (AP)** — Ada County's OTHER cities are growing up in a hurry.

In Eagle and Kuna, the fuse has been lit for a population explosion that promises to lay the adjective "tiny" to rest.

Hundreds of homes are planned in the evolving farm communities, prompting city officials to gaze nervously into the future than ever before. "I'm favorable to growth as long as we know what it's going to look like in the end," said Eagle Mayor Steve Guerber.

Growth-related issues top the agenda in Ada County's outlying communities. The county itself grew by 32,650 people in the 1980s, 18.9 percent to 205,775. That accounted for more than half of Idaho's population growth of 62,622 during the decade and Ada's growth rate was nearly triple the state average of 6.6 percent.

Many Boise newcomers are taking

jobs in the capital city but taking up residence in more rural settings.

Guerber often wonders if he's got a tiger by the tail. Projections say Eagle's population will grow from the current 4,000 to 30,000 in the next 20 years. "It scares me sometimes. My biggest concern is not being able to provide for the basic needs: schools, transportation, utilities."

Many of those worries were addressed by the Eagle Horizons Task Force. It recently drafted a 20-year strategy aimed at protecting the existing rural atmosphere.

In Kuna, new homes are selling for under \$70,000. Schools are well-equipped and relatively uncrowded. That attracts young families.

"Basically, our newcomers are working-class families looking for a community feel and a little more freedom," Mayor Greg Nelson said. The community southwest of Boise has quadrupled in population since the 1960s. Nelson believes the biggest

spurt is yet to come. Fifty homes were built in 1991 and hundreds more are in the planning stages.

That's a big growth for a city of 2,200. Kuna is drafting plans for such urban amenities as bicycle paths and greenbelts — with no current way to pay for them.

While Ada's small towns are in a planning mode, emerging blueprints and standards will only regulate growth. Paying for expanded city services to keep pace is a thornier problem.

So far, major developers have been asked on a case-by-case basis to pick up their share of the tab. Established per-lot "impact fees" on new housing projects may be next.

Unlike Ada County's other small communities, Garden City essentially is limited to steady growth within existing boundaries. The city of 6,500 is pegged for gradual "gentrification" in the 1990s, said planning chief Dave O'Leary.

## Wyoming woman seeks Japanese ties

**JACKSON, Wyo. (AP)** — Ryoko Mason wants to help Wyoming's tourism industry by helping Japanese gain a better understanding of the state.

To do so the Jackson woman, who was born in Japan, is translating business brochures into Japanese for Asian visitors. She also is working to open a Wyoming trade office in her native land in order to lure more Japanese people to Jackson Hole.

Montana already has such an office, and that state is capitalizing on Yellowstone National Park, she said.

"A lot of Japanese don't know what Wyoming is," Mason said. "They don't know most of

Yellowstone is in Wyoming."

Mason said Japan's geographic area is extremely small, and the population is large, so many island residents haven't had much opportunity to spend time in wilderness areas. Her goal, in addition to making supplemental cash, is to bring more Japanese residents to Jackson Hole.

"I've seen this beautiful place and Japan just doesn't have anything like it," she said. "It's like a concrete jungle there. People need a lot of money to get in touch with nature."

A few years ago after talking with some marketing friends in Tokyo, Mason decided Japan's growing

awareness of the health benefits of low-fat beef, and Wyoming's reputation as a leading producer of lean meat should be combined.

But Wyoming currently does not have a stockyard and its meat is processed out of state, making it difficult to determine its origin. Mason hopes to build a plant.

After talking with representatives from a Japanese company, Mason invited the executives here to meet with Wyoming Department of Agriculture representatives. The executives proposed a 50-50 split. If the state paid \$10 million, they would match it in an effort to build a state stockyard.

## Bannock RMC opposes tax cut initiative

**POCATELLO (AP)** — The board of directors of Bannock Regional Medical Center voted to oppose the 1 percent initiative after the hospital's administrator told them the measure would cost Idaho hospitals millions.

Fred Eaton told the medical center's board earlier this week that publicly owned and supported hospitals, ambulance districts and

clinics could lose \$163 million in taxpayer support if the 1 percent initiative is adopted.

The measure would limit property taxes to 1 percent of market value. Signatures are being collected to get the issue before voters in the November 1992 general election.

The Idaho Hospital Association also opposes the tax measure. The Bannock Regional Medical Center's

resolution is similar to that adopted by the IHA.

The resolution said the Pocatello hospital does not get tax levy money from county taxpayers, but that a number of other hospitals in the state rely upon tax support.

According to the IHA, the 1 percent initiative would cost some of those hospitals up to 48 percent of their funding.

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World

# North Korean hereditary rule continues

**TOKYO (AP)** — The son of North Korea's president has been named supreme commander of the country's military, state media reported Wednesday, a major step in the hereditary power succession in the Communist nation.

North Korea's 182-member Central Committee of the ruling Workers Party on Tuesday elected Kim Jong Il to replace his father, Kim Il Sung, in the top post of the 1 million-member armed forces, according to a Korean Central News

Agency report monitored in Tokyo. Kim Il Sung, who turns 80 on April 15, remains the nation's president and head of the Worker's Party, which has 2.4 million members. His 49-year-old son is No. 2 in the ruling party.

It was unclear what impact, if any, the shift in military leadership would have on North Korea's policy.

The North Korean news agency later reported that father and son appeared at a meeting of army political instructors Wednesday. Kim

Il Sung "expressed the hope that the whole army would be faithful to the leadership of comrade supreme commander," the report said.

In Seoul, analysis said the change was unusual because the North Korean Constitution stipulates the president shall serve as supreme commander of the military. "It's another clear indication that power succession in North Korea is in its final stage," said Kim Chang-soon, president of the independent North Korean Affairs Research Institute in South Korea.

The appointment "indicates North Korea badly needs a younger and yet strong supreme commander at a time when it worries about possible pre-emptive strikes against its nuclear facilities," said Katsumi Sato, managing editor of the monthly magazine Korea Today in Tokyo.

Kim Il Sung has ruled since Korea was divided at the end of World War II in 1945. His right-hand man and armed forces minister, Vice Marshal O Jin U, is 80.



Nuns of the Missionaries of Charity, Mother Teresa's order, join in prayer during Christmas Mass Tuesday in Zagreb's main cathedral.

## Croatian fighters celebrate Christmas

**ZAGREB, Yugoslavia (AP)** — Croatian forces sought peace on Christmas Day in underground shelters, where they celebrated. Mass white fighting went on outside across the secessionist republic.

In Zagreb, the first civilian plane allowed to land in the Croatian capital in five months brought tons of aid and Christmas gifts.

Yugoslavia's Serb-dominated federal army, which controls Croatian air space, apparently made an exception to allow the plane to land, officials said. The supplies included medicine, hospital equipment, and food and toys for Croatia's war-scarred children.

Many Croatians in Zagreb and other cities in the republic celebrated Christmas Eve by firing weapons. At least three people were killed in such celebrations, and Croatian radio reported that 100 people were wounded in the Zagreb alone.

In the eastern Croatian stronghold of Osijek, midnight Mass was held in a large underground shelter. Similar services were held in shelters across the republic.

Most of Croatia's 4.7 million citizens are Roman Catholics. Rival Serbs are Orthodox and celebrate Christmas on Jan. 7.

Zagreb residents gathered for traditional Christmas meals on Wednesday, but the civil war smothered much of the holiday spirit.

"We hope that the next one will be eaten in complete peace," said Zvezdana Kuzich, 25.

There were poignant moments that gave people cause to celebrate good fortune, however.

Lela Drobnjak, 54, was reunited with her son Alexander who returned unexpectedly from the front just for Christmas.

"I'm still in shock," she said. "Two weeks ago, we heard about a very bad defeat of my son's brigade and it's very nice to see him again."

Thousands of people have been killed in fighting and more than 500,000 have lost or fled their homes since Croatia declared independence six months ago to the day.

Serbs opposed to Croatian independence and the Serb-dominated federal army backing them have captured more than a third of Croatian territory.

Croat forces retook two key villages, Donji Caglic and Mackovac, on the central front Tuesday and one in the Dalmatian hinterland, Croatian radio reported. There was no immediate comment from the other side.

## Israel, Zambia restore relations

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Israel and Zambia restored diplomatic relations Wednesday after an 18-year rupture, the Foreign Ministry announced.

Thirty black African states broke with Israel after the 1973 Mideast war and switched their support to the Arabs. Zambia in southern Africa is the 10th to restore diplomatic relations, and several more have lower-level ties with Israel. Foreign Ministry officials said.

The officials listed the others with full relations as Kenya, the Central African Republic, Togo, Cameroon, the Ivory Coast, Zaire, Liberia, Ethiopia and Congo.

Malawi, Lesotho and Swaziland did not break relations after the 1973 war.

Wednesday's announcement said the technical aspects of exchanging ambassadors were still to be discussed.

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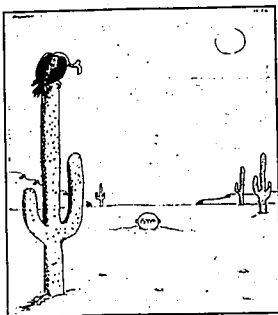
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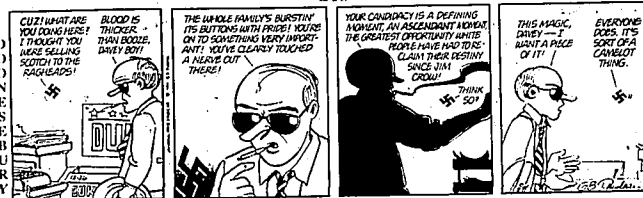


Charlie Brown in Indian country

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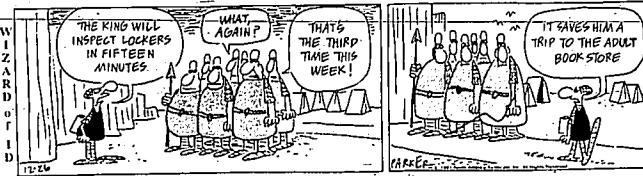
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I DON'T KNOW IF I NEED A FIRE NOW, DAD, I'M HOT FROM CHOPPING AND CARRYING



WELL, THEY SAY "WOOD WARMS YOU TWICE... ONCE WHEN YOU CUT IT AND ONCE WHEN YOU BURN IT"



AND ONCE MORE CLEANING UP



I CAN'T BELIEVE OUR BABY SITTER PUT US TO BED! IT'S NOT EVEN DARK OUT!



WELL, SHE CAN PUT US TO BED, BUT SHE CAN'T MAKE US SLEEP. YOU PLAY THE HORN, AND I'LL ACCOMPANY ON TOM-TOM.



GALVIN, I JUST WANTED TO REMIND YOU THAT SLEEPING IN A BED IS A PRIVILEGE. THE BENCHMATE IS A LOT LESS COMFY.



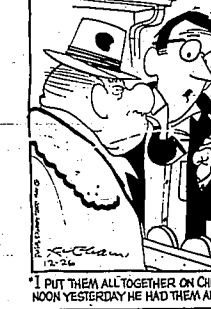
Mr. Skinner, we understand the man you rescued is your boss



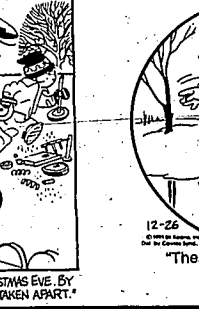
Was! Was? Yes! He fired me for incompetency!



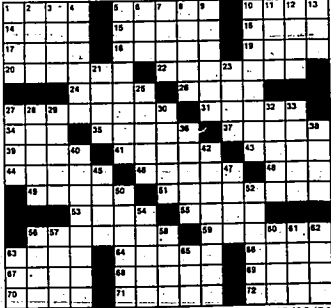
DENNIS THE MENACE



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



- ACROSS**
- 1 Stylish
  - 5 Hoovy rope
  - 10 Travel over water
  - 14 Comic lay
  - 15 Willow rod
  - 16 Arm bono
  - 17 Bedouin
  - 18 Puts a value on
  - 19 Cutting remark
  - 20 Flower parts
  - 24 Rubbing out
  - 24 Secular
  - 28 Aftir gang or prank
  - 27 Upright
  - 31 An equine
  - 32 letter
  - 35 Swift
  - 37 Diurnal
  - 39 Vessel
  - 41 No time
  - 43 Alliance acronym
  - 44 Doctrine
  - 46 Kitchen gadget
  - 48 High hill
  - 49 Kind of poem
- DOWN**
- 1 Applaud
  - 10 Call word
  - 11 Kill
  - 4 Metallic element
  - 6 Trenchman
  - 6 rule (generally)
  - 7 Nip
  - 8 Wanton looks
  - 9 Substitute
  - 10 Like bedroom communities
  - 11 Winklike
  - 12 Concerning
  - 13 Workplace
  - 14 Den
  - 15 Den
  - 22 Kind of money
  - 23 Aerie
  - 27 Upper garment
  - 28 Merman or
  - 29 Berrymore
  - 30 Pluvius
  - 30 Extremely angry
  - 33 Lasso
  - 35 Some singers
  - 36 Decorative transfer
  - 38 Time long past
  - 40 Bleach for the hair
  - 42 Not chatty
  - 45 List
  - 47 Libardine
  - 50 Fastening devices
  - 52 Express
  - 53 distress over
  - 54 Void
  - 56 Polon
  - 58 Youngster
  - 57 Bad
  - 58 Handbag
  - 60 late of exile
  - 61 tide
  - 62 Kiddies
  - 63 Youngster
  - 65 Fish eggs



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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

**ACROSS**  
 1. STYLISH  
 5. HOOPY  
 10. WATER  
 14. COMIC  
 15. WILLOW  
 16. ARM  
 17. BEDOUIN  
 18. VALUE  
 19. REMARK  
 20. PARTS  
 24. RUBBING  
 24. SECULAR  
 28. PRANK  
 27. UPRIGHT  
 31. EQUINE  
 32. LETTER  
 35. SWIFT  
 37. DIURNAL  
 39. VESSEL  
 41. TIME  
 43. ALLIANCE  
 44. DOCTRINE  
 46. KITCHEN  
 48. HILL  
 49. POEM  
**DOWN**  
 1. APPLAUD  
 10. CALL  
 11. KILL  
 4. METALLIC  
 6. TRENCHMAN  
 6. RULE  
 7. NIP  
 8. WANTON  
 9. SUBSTITUTE  
 10. LIKE  
 11. WINK  
 12. CONCERNING  
 13. WORKPLACE  
 14. DEN  
 15. DEN  
 22. MONEY  
 23. AERIE  
 27. UPPER  
 28. MERMAN  
 29. BERRYMORE  
 30. PLUVIUS  
 30. ANGRY  
 33. LASSO  
 35. SINGERS  
 36. DECORATIVE  
 38. PAST  
 40. BLEACH  
 42. HAIR  
 45. LIST  
 47. LIBARDINE  
 50. FASTENING  
 52. EXPRESS  
 53. DISTRESS  
 54. VOID  
 56. POLON  
 58. YOUNGSTER  
 57. BAD  
 58. HANDBAG  
 60. EXILE  
 61. TIDE  
 62. KIDDIES  
 63. YOUNGSTER  
 65. FISH EGGS



**Sydney Omarr**  
Astrological Forecasts

**IF DECEMBER 26 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You work well under pressure, when there is deadline, when big stakes are involved. You are intense, competitive, passionate, sentimental. You harmonize with other persons who seem always willing to lend benefit of their experience; you are fascinated by clocks, watches, antiques, Capricorn. Cancer persons play significant roles in your life. Current cycle spotlights marital status, lifestyle, residence, possibility of addition to family.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): On this day after Christmas you might be missing "For once I didn't miss sending greetings, gifts to those I most wanted to remember." Focus on work include, exciting message from admirer.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Sick close to home if possible. It's day after Christmas but surprise package you'll bump in on late delivery. Emphasis on jewelry, luxury item, an object. You'll be reassured of long Libra involvement.

**SCORPIO** (May 21-June 20): You thought you were forgotten but by 6 p.m. you'll know you were remembered with love and affection. Attention revolves around home, property, family, individual recently released from hospitalizing facility.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Judgment, responsibility, intense relationship. Budget reviewed, you come out better than originally anticipated.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Long distance communication reassures that gift was received. Focus on travel, universal appeal, renewed impact of holiday spirit. You'll encounter bilingual individual who praises your work.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 23): Many of your desires will be fulfilled as you turn on charm, winning behavior by influential persons. Powers of persuasion work to your advantage in "relational" manner. Leo plays outstanding role.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Attention revolves around surprise meeting with individual who had been elusive and resided in exclusive area. Trust intuition. Family member provided accurate background.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Many of your fondest hopes, wishes will be fulfilled. You'll be fortunate in matters of speculation and romance, important contacts made in connection with business, career, Gemini involved.

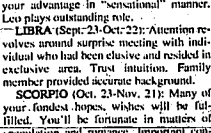
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Despite doubts early in day, you will emerge victorious — you are on solid emotional, financial ground. You'll receive keys, symbolic and otherwise. Door is open — enter! Scorpio plays role.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Learn, through process of teaching. Scenario highlights discovery, variety, opportunity for travel. Emphasis on public speaking, personal responsibility, participation, mutual status. Motivated!

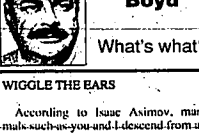
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Domestic adjustment relates to design, color, luxury item, an object. Individual close to you says, "I trust your taste entirely!" Emphasis also on fitness, self-esteem, work methods, nutrition.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Look beyond the immediate, refuse to be intimidated by one who accuses in belittling manner. Termagant could be part of scenario; Don't be shaken; maintain emotional equilibrium.

I PUT THEM ALL TOGETHER ON CHRISTMAS EVE. BY NOON YESTERDAY HE HAD THEM ALL TAKEN APART.



What's what?



EARLY WATCH

Who can monitor our metropolitan alarms between midnight and dawn? Besides police, fire fighters and emergency room attendants. Utility companies — keep around the clock watch. So do pushers of planes and buses, trains and trucks. Historically, though, the pre-dawn watch was an accident of occupation. It fell to the bakers. Woody Allen said: "The wicked at heart probably know something." Q. Isn't fear of speaking in public the most common phobia? A. So it has been said. A questionable claim. Is it not? How about "odynophobia" — the fear of pain.

ALIMENTS

To that list of activity ailments, such as housemaid's knee and tennis elbow, add "pizza cutter's palsy." Caused by repetitive pressure on the palm from the handle of the roller blade. Not every hyena is a strong-jawed meat eater. The "ardwolf" — a hyena — is a weak-jawed insect eater. Q. What's the only country in South America with both an Atlantic and Pacific coast? A. Colombia. To get "Boyd's Curiosity Shop" by return mail, send \$12 to "Boyd's Book," Crown Syndicate, Inc., POB 99126, Seattle, WA 98199.

WIGGLE THE EARS

According to Isaac Asimov, mammals such as you and I descend from animals who could cock their ears directionally. — To pick-up sounds of danger. Genetic vestiges of that muscle-and-muscle memory have come down to us even today. In people, for example, who can wiggle their ears. Clearly, Dr. Watson, that Japanese diner is a Kyoto man. Note he pours hot tea on his feet. A Tokyo man never does that. You know those cameras that pierce-breaking glass and bullet in flight? They now show many sprinters start an instant before they possibly could hear the pistol shot. Researchers insist it's not guesswork. They say those runners are prompted by some other neurological stimuli. But what? Q. I knew milk was sold in glass bottles before cartons. But how was it sold before bottles? A. Laddled out of buckets.

**Valley life**

**Proper disposal of condoms makes safe sex even safer**

**DEAR ABBY:** With all this talk about condoms, there's not a word about how to dispose of them safely. Are we assuming that condoms are used only in the privacy of one's own bedroom? Or do we see the real world and know that they are used everywhere and everywhere?

No mention is ever made of sanitary disposal. To a casual stroller, it would seem that accepted disposal is gravity. A walk in the park, and guess what? Your toddler just picked up an interesting little item. Or one cuts through the parking lot and finds evidence of what has been going on at an earlier time. Please, can't we protect others from the very thing the condom user is protecting himself from?



**Dear Abby**  
Abigail VanBuren

condom manufacturers pick up on it. It would be a public service.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 14-year-old girl who regularly baby-sits on weekends. The child is wonderful, but his mother is the one I'm having trouble with.

—Every time I baby-sit, I wait weeks to get paid. On some occasions, I have even had to call this woman and ask her to please pay me so I can buy birthday presents, etc. I feel pushed and greedy doing this, but how else do I go about it?

So, Abby, please ask your readers to consider their children's sitters. After all, you can put off the telephone bill for only so long before the phone company disconnects your telephone.

—**SITTER IN WAITING**

**DEAR SITTER:** It's customary to pay the sitter immediately after the sitter has sat.

No need to feel "pushy" or "greedy"—be up-front with the wom-

an and tell her you expect to be paid promptly following each sitting. The squeaky wheel gets the oil—so speak up.

**DEAR ABBY:** Your rerun on hugging is now out of date. It should be published with the following warning:

If you are a man and you hug a child, you may be accused of child molestation or pedophilia.

If you hug a woman, you could be charged with sexual harassment.

If you hug another man, you are suspected of being gay.

Well, you can still hug a dog. Or can you?

—**JIM TRUMAN**, GRASS VALLEY, CALIF.

**DEAR JIM:** Yes, but only with the dog's permission.

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As the mother of a toddler 40 years ago, I was appalled when she found a "balloon" and was blowing it up!

With the enormous increase in demand, condom manufacturers can't afford individual packages that unfold to make a proper receptacle for disposal. I hope this makes your well-read column.

**MRS. E.S. SAN DIEGO**  
**DEAR MRS. E.S.:** Thank you for an "excellent" suggestion. I hope the

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**Doctor's Comment**



Joseph W. Brown, O.D.  
Optician, Washington

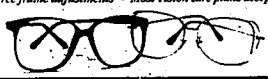
"If you need reading glasses or bifocals, you're not alone. Most people require reading glasses by the age of 40 or 50 as their ability to focus on close objects declines."

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**5 generations**



**TWIN FALLS**—Jay and Barbara LaJeunesse of Twin Falls recently celebrated their 50th anniversary with five generations of the family present. From left to right in the front row is Barbara LaJeunesse and her mother, Maude Udy, both of Twin Falls. Back row, Barbara's daughter, Bonnie McGreer of Stuttgart, Germany; her great-granddaughter, Britini Jones, and her granddaughter, Tami Jones, both of Nanassas, Va.

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**Valley happenings**

**Troop's turkey shoot set for Saturday**

**HOLLISTER**—Boy Scout Troop 99, sponsored by the Hollister LDS Church, is holding a turkey shoot from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The shoot is directly behind the LDS Church entering Hollister from the north.

**Jones' celebrate 40th anniversary**

**HOLLISTER**—Mr. and Mrs. Ora W. Jones will be honored a 40th anniversary open-house from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Hollister Community Presbyterian Church. The couple were married in Ely, Nev. They own a farm and ranch in Hollister and are active in church children; Martha Jensen of Irene, S.D.; Douglas O. Jones and Carl Jones of Twin Falls; Kathy LaGrone of Filer, Teresa Jones of Portland, Ore., and Keith Jones of Battle Mountain, Nev. The couple requests no gifts.

**Coalition slates poker run for Saturday**

**FAIRFIELD**—The Anderson Ranch Recreation Coalition will hold a poker run Saturday. Registration will begin at Fall Creek Resort at 9 a.m. and at Prairie Store at 11 a.m. Riders will leave Fall Creek for Prairie at 10 a.m. to meet Prairie riders. The ride to Fall Creek will leave Prairie at noon. For more information, call Sue at 653-2242 or Trish at 868-3222.

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Macaulay Culkin

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TODAY 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

TWIN CINEMA

# World

## Pope urges mankind to set aside hatred, oppression

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Declaring the world on Christmas to be one of suffering and despair, Pope John Paul II implored "fearful" mankind Wednesday to say it's had it with hatred and oppression.

The pontiff singled out the war in Yugoslavia, where Croatian rebels celebrated Christmas Mass in shelters, forced underground by scattered fighting across the breakaway republic.

In an apparent Christmas gesture, Yugoslavia's Serb-dominated army allowed a civilian plane to land in the Croatian capital, bringing tons of aid and Christmas gifts.

It was an especially blessed holiday for the former hostages in Lebanon, most celebrating their first free Christmas in years with families and friends. Britain's Terry Waite recalled that last Christmas, he and fellow hostages Terry Anderson, Thomas Sutherland, and John McCarthy played Scrabble on a makeshift board cut from the side of a cardboard box.

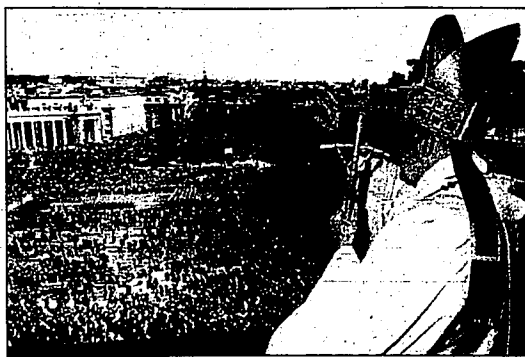
"That was the only thing we did really of any significance on Christmas Day because the rest of the time we were chained up," Waite said.

In the Soviet Union, it was a day of momentous change. Mikhail S. Gorbachev announced his resignation as premier, pushed aside by the new commonwealth of former Soviet republics. With a 14-minute speech, he ended nearly seven years in power that saw the most sweeping changes in the history of the Soviet Union.

Queen Elizabeth II of Britain referred to the political change in her traditional Christmas Day message, speaking of the "bewildering speed" of events in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

She urged the "free world" to reflect on its own good fortune, and help ensure that those countries which have only recently gained freedom do not lose it.

In the Holy Land, the town of Bethlehem was the most festive since the Palestinian uprising began four years ago. Arab shopowners opened for Christmas pilgrims despite a call by Palestinian militants to close Manger Square, ordinarily a crowded parking lot, was cleared and choirs from around the world sang Christmas carols to crowds that opened umbrellas against an occasional drizzle.



Pope John Paul II delivers his annual 'Urbi et Orbi' blessing to the city of Rome and the world from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican.

Palestinian Gabriel al-Ali played with his 4-year-old daughter in the square revered by Christians as the site where Christ was born. He looked at the crowd and said: "It is good. Maybe it is because people think peace is coming."

The pope hailed signs that nations in a world marked by "epochal challenges" are "striving with great hope to reconcile their individual histories and harmonize their respective cultures albeit at times with uncertainty and haltingly."

"The peoples of the Holy Land, which saw the birth of the Redeemer, have finally set out on the path of dialogue and peace," John Paul said from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica overlooking St. Peter's Square.

The pope wished the world a joyful

Christmas in 54 languages, many of them tongues of newly declared independent republics, like Ukraine, represented in the square by a blue-and-white banner.

"In Europe, after the collapse of the walls of division and misunderstanding, there is yearning for mutual understanding and cooperation," he said.

But the pope, who has made numerous impassioned pleas for an end to the bloody Croatian-Serbian conflict, seemed to be losing patience over Yugoslavia.

"Make haste, scattered and fearful humanity, to implore peace, which is both a gift and a task... Enough of hatred and oppression!"

"Let there be an end to war in Yugoslavia, and end to war in the beloved land of Croatia and in the neighboring regions where passions and violence are defying reason and common sense."

In largely Roman Catholic Croatia, a civilian plane arrived for the first time in five months in Zagreb, the capital.

It carried medicine, hospital equipment, and food and toys for Croatia's war-scared children.

Many Croats in Zagreb and other cities, in the republic celebrated Christmas Eve by firing weapons.

At least three people were killed in such celebrations, and Croatian radio reported that 100 people were wounded in Zagreb alone.

### Top banker, police chief executed

BEIJING (AP) — A leading banker, a county police chief and four other people were executed in southern China in separate bribery cases, official reports said Wednesday.

The executions were part of the government's effort to convince the public that it is getting tough on corruption.

However, even official newspapers acknowledge most white-collar crime goes unpunished. Bribery remains key to obtaining a passport, business license, apartment or scarce raw materials.

Gao Senxiang, one of the six executed in southern Guangdong province, had been singled out as an example. Official newspapers nationwide publicized his death sentence, handed down in August.

As director of the Shenzhen branch of the China International Trust and Investment Corporation Bank, Gao accepted about \$346,770 in bribes in exchange for approving loans to Chinese companies and individuals, according to reports in August.

He was executed Tuesday after appealing in vain to the Guangdong Provincial Higher People's Court, according to the state-run Xinhua News Agency.

Also executed Tuesday were Zhang Wenlie, former police chief of Guangdong's Yingde county; Ye Shuzhang, who ran a fruit market and sat on the government committee in Jiang county; Tang Boxiang—a company official; a woman who sold airline tickets and her husband.

The Yangcheng Evening News from Guangdong says each of the six separately used their positions for personal gain. The police chief accepted \$35,000 in bribes for issuing exit permits to leave the country and certificates allowing peasants to move to towns. Peasants cannot move from their native villages without such special permission.

Executions in China are carried out with a bullet to the back of the head.

### Chinese-elected assembly meets for final time

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — About 300 elderly deputies of Taiwan's National Assembly, who were elected to office four decades ago on mainland China gathered Wednesday for their last meeting.

But all nine deputies of the opposition Democratic Progressive Party boycotted the meeting to protest generous "bonuses" the elderly deputies receive for retiring.

The senior members were, among 472 who stepped down earlier this month from the 552-member assembly, which elects the president and can amend the Constitution.

They marked Wednesday's meeting as "Constitution Day" in their last act.

President Lee Teng-hui told the assembly he "wholeheartedly appreciated" the retiring deputies and promised constitutional change to achieve greater democracy.

The governing Nationalist Party fled this island in 1949 after losing a civil war on the Chinese mainland to Communist forces.

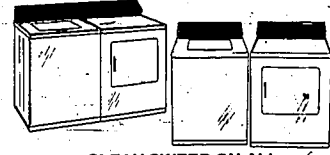
The party froze the old representative in office to ensure its monopoly on power in Taiwan and legitimize its claim to be the rightful government of all China.

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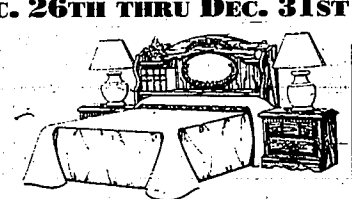
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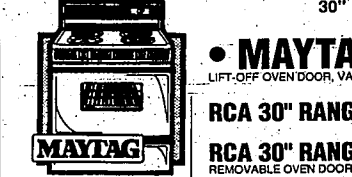
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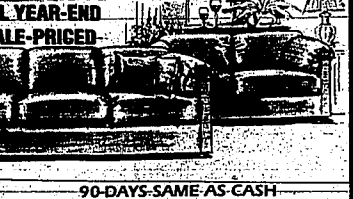
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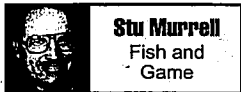
# Outdoors

## Take note of changes in elk tags

**JEROME** — The Fish and Game Commission recently approved some significant changes in elk tags which take effect in 1992.

A sportsman will have to select the type of elk tag to purchase, depending on the area he plans to hunt. Muzzleloaders and archers are included and will only be allowed to hunt in the block of units chosen.

In the past, the primitive weapons sportsmen were allowed to use their tag anywhere in the state.



**Stu Murrell**  
Fish and Game

The three types of elk tags are Panhandle tag with units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9; mountain tag, including units 10, 12, 16A, 17, 19, 19A, 20, 20A, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36, and regular tag which encompasses all remaining units.

Hunters will now be restricted to the block of elk units they select. There are no restrictions on the units a person can hunt for deer.

As in past years, those people who draw controlled-hunt permits will be restricted to that hunt unit.

The commission recognized that some hunters who purchase sportsmen's packages buy their elk tags early in the year and may not be sure where they will hunt.

So hunters may have their elk tag type changed at no charge until Aug. 30, 1992, at Fish and Game offices.

**JEROME** — The winners of the non-game poster contest for Region 4 have some excellent posters with which to compete for state awards.

The winners of the poster contest is "Kids Care" about wildlife.

Derek Stevens, Albion, won the K-2 category with a leaping frog after smiling insects. Honorable mention in this grade level went to John Clark from Albion for an excellent owl.

In the 3-4 grade competition, Albion again produced the winner with Jennifer Clark's hummingbird. Honors mentions went to Wes Hopwood and Pete Schiermer, both Murtaugh.

In 5-6 grade competition, Jasmine Stanger of Rupert's Big Valley School had an appealing frog poster for first place. Jay Seton of Big Valley and Jeffery Brown of Twin Falls' Harrison school were honorable mentions.

Region winners receive a year's subscription to Idaho Wildlife magazine, award certificates and non-game T-shirts.

Three state winners will be chosen.

Stu Murrell is Region 4 conservation educator for the Idaho Fish and Game Department.

## Briefly

### Bonner County man files \$2.5 million suit

**SANDPOINT** — A Bonner County man claims in a \$2.5 million lawsuit against the state Department of Fish and Game that game officers had no basis to obtain a search warrant looking for evidence of an illegal elk kill.

Norman Clark, 48, alleges Fish and Game officers violated his state and federal constitutional rights when they searched a Hoodoo Loop residence and later cited Clark and his brother, Dewey, 52, on game violations.

The Bonner County prosecutor's office later dropped the charges, citing a lack of evidence.

Clark claimed in a handwritten complaint that Fish and Game officers fabricated evidence to obtain a search warrant from a Shoshone County magistrate.

Officers said they asked for the search warrant to look for evidence of fresh elk hair and blood on the property.

The lawsuit seeks damages from six Fish and Game employees and \$1.5 million from the departments of Fish and Game and Law Enforcement.

## Researchers find more chinook spawning nests

### Firm doubles steelhead trapping expectations

The Associated Press

**BOISE** — Idaho Power's fall steelhead trapping season at Hells Canyon surpassed the company's collection goal by more than 50 percent.

During approximately five weeks of trapping that ended on Dec. 5, some 1,225 adults were collected and taken to nearby Oxbow hatchery.

The company estimated 800 would be needed to provide enough eggs for next spring's spawning goal of 1.2 million eggs to supply the company's Niagara Springs steelhead hatchery.

Trapping will resume in the spring and any eggs in excess of company needs will likely be made available to help fill state and federal hatcheries in the region.

Trapping at Hells Canyon ended several weeks early because of the number of fishing caught each day had dwindled to less than a half-dozen and cold weather posed a threat to the company's trapping equipment.

The Associated Press

**BOISE** — Biologists studying the imperiled fall chinook salmon run in the Snake River below Hells Canyon dam this fall found more spawning nests than last year but they credit expanded research rather than higher numbers of returning fish for the improvement.

This was the fifth consecutive year biologists have monitored the 100-mile stretch of river between the dam and Asotin, Wash., during the spawning season.

But Idaho Power, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Washington Department of Fisheries biologists intensified their research by tripling the number of aerial surveys and conducting ground-based research for the first time.

"If we tallied only the redds seen from the helicopter and adjusted our data to compensate for the extra flights, we spotted 32 redds this year, down from 1990's total of 37 and the lowest number since the surveys began," said Idaho Power biologist Phil Groves.

"But by examining more closely sites where a few redds were visible from the air we found another 10 redds in nearby deep water.

Biologists observed nine adult fish this year, down from 18 last year.

"Past research was slight compared to what's now underway," Groves said. "Along with finding redds possibly overlooked in the past, this year's more intensive research determined past counts may have included 'false redds' created by jet boats.

"The new study will provide the thorough research needed to monitor the fish's true conditions and help guide changes in dam operations intended to benefit the fish."

The federal government is considering endangered or threatened species designation for the Snake River fall, spring and summer chinook.

Research was intensified this year to monitor Idaho Power's newly implemented salmon recovery plan which targets fall chinook but is expected to also benefit other anadromous fish runs.

The utility has modified operation of Hells Canyon dam by stabilizing flows in the fall and increasing minimum flows through early summer to provide more water for salmon during spawning and migration seasons.

The beefed-up research efforts, which will determine if the changes are working, are scheduled to continue through 1993.

## Record deer herd means big bucks in property damage

The Associated Press

Suburban cows. Rats with hooves. Four-legged tree killers.

Some areas are in the throes of a deer explosion, and as Bambi's multiply, so do their nasty nicknames. So too do the effects of deer run amok: More highway collisions, more forests devoured, crops consumed and ornamental shrubs chewed up, and more deer-borne ticks spreading Lyme disease.

"In some areas, deer have exceeded what I call the social-caring capacity. Some people view them as a nuisance," said Robert Byrnes of the Wildlife Management Institute, a Washington-based conservation group.

Once reduced to about 500,000 a century ago, an estimated 25 million deer roam nationwide, according to Byrnes.

That's as many deer as occupied the land when the Europeans first colonized it, except there are a lot more people living on it and fewer places to live, thanks to cities, suburbs and interstates.

Deer get into trouble because of their bellies. They eat five pounds of browse daily and consume 600 different kinds of plants, including corn, wheat, timber seedlings and ornamental shrubs.

Last year, deer ate \$36.7 million worth of crops in Wisconsin, where the herd is at an all-time high. The yearly tab on crop damage in Pennsylvania is \$36.4 million per year.

"Crops are the easiest thing out there to eat. It sure beats eating twigs," said John Johnson of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation.

In some areas of the Allegheny Plateau in Pennsylvania and New York, deer consume everything to a height of six feet — which is as high as they can reach. That prevents seedlings from regenerating.

One study by the U.S. Agriculture Department listed deer damage to lumber at \$13.40 per year per acre, which amounts to \$10 billion over the 80-year cycle of a timber stand.

"Agent Orange can't hold a candle to deer. They're four-legged tree killers," said David Marquis, a research manager with the U.S. Forest Service.

They are human killers, too. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says 131 people died in 1989 after their cars or trucks struck



As the number of deer in a herd increases, so does its nuisance factor.

animals. The number involving deer is unknown.

The Wisconsin Insurance Alliance estimates deer damage to vehicles at \$30 million to \$40 million annually, based on an estimate of 20,000 such crashes at \$1,500 per crash.

In Pennsylvania, there were 42,000 collisions with deer last year. Some estimates say the actual number is double because many accidents are unreported.

North Carolina's animal-vehicle accident rate has doubled in the past 10 years, and that means a lot of crumpled front ends.

"Deer are very high centered," said Jack Els, regional claim supervisor for State Farm Insurance in North Dakota.

"So the front bumper survives, but there usually is a lot of damage to the grill, the hood area and quite often, even the windshield.

"We've had cases where the animal ended up in the driver's lap and resulted in some serious injuries."

Humans have tried all kinds of gadgets to repel deer. There are ultrasonic whistles

## Season changes attain goal

By Larry Hovey  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** — Preliminary post-season deer-herd censusing indicates that changes made in the state's fall hunting season dates may have accomplished the goal of preserving bucks in larger numbers.

Although counting conditions haven't been the greatest because snow hasn't concentrated animals on lower winter ranges, the cursory looks at units 45 (North Gooding, King Hill and Glenns Ferry) and 52 (Johnson Hill grade to Richfield and Carey) hold promise.

Bruce Palmer, northside biologist for Region 4 of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, said a grand count on unit 45 turned up 625 deer with totals of 149 bucks, 287 does and 189 fawns. This produces ratios of 52 bucks per 100 does and 66 fawn per 100 does.

The buck segment shows a good upward trend since the ratio 1990 was 44 bucks per 100 does. However, fawn ratio fell from last year's lofty 99 fawns per doe.

On unit 52, which includes the Piaboo Hills, 477 deer were counted with ratios of 22/100 for bucks and 92/100 for fawns.

Some animal rights activists blame the hunting lobby for the deer explosion. "The intent is to provide enough targets for recreational killing and to sell enough hunting licenses. It's a big, bloody business," said Heidi Prescott of the Fund for Animals in Silver Spring Md.

But others say man is responsible in a different way.

"People are seeing more deer on the roads, in mall parking lots, everywhere. It never occurs to them that these places were deer habitat until recently," said Dave Workman of the Washington Department of Wildlife.

Palmer called the buck/doe ratios encouraging because they are close to the new hunting dates that were sought in a statewide survey two years ago but caused some consternation among hunters and landowners this year.

The statewide survey indicated the Idaho hunters wanted to see more and later bucks in all populations. At the same time, the hunters wanted more "quality" (less crowded) hunting in which trophy opportunity would be greater.

The department tried to reach those proposals by taking the hunting season later from the late fall, when bucks are more active and considerable less wary.

In some areas, the move to enhance mature buck segments were sought through limiting male harvest to two or three-point bucks, thus giving more mature males a chance to grow larger in the immediate future.

"That seems to be what took place," said Palmer.

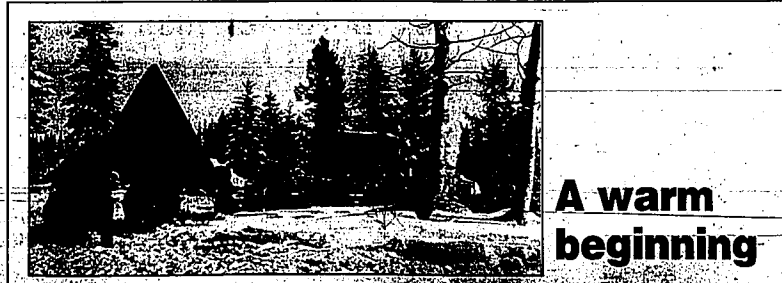
He noted unit 45 always has had a large buck population while the 22/100 ratio in unit 52 "is about on target" for what biologists feel is necessary for a productive herd.

One oddity was seen in unit 52 where two whitetail does and two fawns were seen.

"I have worked with whitetails in northern Idaho but we were surprised to see them here," Palmer said. "Both fawns seemed to carry at least some characteristics of mule deer — medium sized ears, black at the base of the tail but still the large white tail. They could be the result of some cross breeding."

Palmer emphasized that these are preliminary findings. The department will be carrying out more ground counts early next week and into the final week of the year, particularly if snow improves counting conditions.

"When we can put together the whole region, then we can get a pretty good picture of what is happening out there. But right now, we're pleased with what we've seen in the buck population," Palmer said.

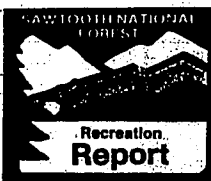


**A warm beginning**

A new warming hut in the Trinity Mountains above Featherhill officially opened Dec. 1. Built by the Idaho Snow Riders Snowmobile Club, the Idaho Department of Parks and U.S. Forest Service, the hut will be open through the snowmobiling season. Those using the facility are asked to respect it and carry out any litter.

# Cold weather rings in winter activities

TWIN FALLS — Cold weather and beaver ponds have combined to let the Sawtooth National Forest offer yet another winter outdoors activity.



Ice skaters may wish to try the frozen beaver pond behind the Sawtooth National Recreation area headquarters building north of Ketchum. The pond has been cleared and the skating is reported to be good.

Current snow depths on the area range from 18 inches at North Fork, 23 inches at Prairie Creek to 39 inches at Galena summit. Stanley has 14 inches of snow.

Conditions for cross country skiing are excellent. North Fork, Prairie Creek and Redfish Lake trails are all in good condition and will be groomed after the next storm. Galena Lodge has 50 kilometers of groomed trails.

groomed and track set. This trail is an easy one for beginners and is 3 miles in length. Conditions for sledding and tubing are very good at the Diamondfield Jack winter sports area. A warming hut and heated restrooms are available at this site for winter visitors.

Magic Mountain ski resort is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day through Jan. 5. For more current conditions, please call 423-6221. For safety reasons, snow tires or chains are required on the Rock Creek canyon road past third fork.

Skiing conditions are excellent at Pomerelle resort on Mt. Harrison. It is open daily 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. including the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Snowmobiling and cross-country skiing are good on the Burley district.

The Howell canyon road is being graded and sanded, but caution is advised.

Average low temperatures in the Sun Valley/Ketchum area have been ranging at -3 degrees. Stanley reports -7 degrees. Avalanche danger is rated moderate to low through the forest.

However, recreationists are advised to check avalanche and weather forecasts before heading into the hills at 622-8027.

Soldier Mountain will be open 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily throughout the holiday season.

That information number is 764-2300. All Sawtooth offices will resume regular opening hours Thursday.

# If coyotes' fleeting image fails to protect predators, BLM will

VERNAL, Utah (AP) — To many, the coyote is a romantic creature symbolizing the unrestrained freedom of open spaces.

In fact, the coyote is downright reviled by some urbanites. Its howling image gracing everything from expensive artwork to cheap t-shirts.

But is it a realistic image? Utah ranchers scoff at the notion. "Nothing romantic about a bunch of lambs with their throats ripped out," said Vic Saunders, spokesman for the Utah Farm Bureau.

"People on the Wasatch Front see Wayne Owens petting a wolf, and they watch Walt Disney movies and hear romantic stories about coyotes," Saunders said. "But those people have no appreciation for the real world, and in the real world coyotes stalk and kill and stalk and kill."

But should taxpayer money be used to kill coyotes in order to protect livestock?

It's a question gnawing at public land managers, ranchers and conservationists alike in the wake of a decision by the Vernal District of the Bureau of Land Management to halt government-sponsored predator control efforts in eastern Utah.

Some say the precedent could prompt other BLM offices in the state to follow suit.

Every year in Utah, approximately 3,000 coyotes are killed by government trappers under the auspices of the Animal Damage Control Act, costing about \$1.5 million to implement. Of that total, about 75 percent comes from state and federal funds, the balance from the livestock industry.

Another 5,000 coyotes are killed annually by sport hunters and ranchers.

"There is no indication that lethal predator control significantly impacts the coyote populations," said E. Dwight Nickas, range conservationist for the Vernal District of the BLM. "They are a versatile species, and indications are coyote populations have actually increased since 1900."

That despite lethal control efforts currently include cyanide poisonings and carbon monoxide cartridges that kill pups in their den. Several other lethal



After the Vernal District of the BLM halted government-sponsored predator control efforts in eastern Utah, some charge the other offices in the state will follow suit.

control methods have been banned. But many conservationists are opposed to those time-honored practices because such methods target all predators, not just those killing livestock. And the appeal filed by the Utah Wilderness Association has sent shock waves rumbling throughout rural Utah where such killing is taken for granted.

Ranchers fear all predator control programs in other areas of the state will now be routinely appealed, and they suspect the appeals are really part of a larger environmentalist strategy to remove livestock from public range lands.

But conservationists say they are seeking predator control programs more compatible with public sentiment and less lethal to coyotes,

and they have been working with the BLM for five years to that end.

"Four or five years ago, all of the predator control programs in the state were ripe for appeal," said George Nickas, assistant coordinator of the Utah Wilderness Association.

"Since that time, we thought we were making progress."

"But in retrospect, we've come to the conclusion that the progress was really window dressing," Nickas said. "The intensity of predator control isn't diminishing at all, and it is not solving livestock depredation."

We finally came to a conclusion that unless we take it to the next level we would not see any progress."

That "next level" was appealing first the Vernal district's "Animal Damage Control Environmental Assessment," and then appealing the

plan the district had been operating under for the past decade. Those actions are currently before the Interior Board of Land Appeals.

Nickas' says there is some justification for predator control programs, even lethal methods. But conservationists are adamantly opposed to the indiscriminate elimination of all predators, coyotes in particular, regardless of whether those predators are actually killing livestock.

In many cases, predators are killed before livestock are ever put on public lands.

"The idea we have to kill 5,000 coyotes every year and lose a thousand sheep and kill another 5,000 coyotes and lose another 1,000 sheep ... there has to be a better way," Nickas said.

# Youth banned from hunting for killing elk

ST. ANTHONY (AP) — Two Rexburg youths won't be able to obtain hunting licenses for 15 years, after they pleaded guilty to charges of illegally slaughtering three elk in October.

Chris Clark, 17, and Jeremy Rose, 15, appeared before Magistrate Keith M. Walker on Monday and admitted they killed the elk found Oct. 30 in the desert-west of St. Anthony. Each pleaded guilty to three counts of killing elk out of season and three counts of wasting a big game animal.

Walker levied \$3,600 in fines on each defendant, but suspended half on the condition that they live up to terms of probation.

Each defendant also is to pay \$240 in court costs. The judgment signed by Walker says the fine and court costs are to be paid within two years, with payments to start Feb. 1.

Each youth also was sentenced to six months in jail, with all but 30 days suspended. The jail terms are to start June 1. Both youths are students at Madison County High School.

Under a state law, the youths must pay the Fish and Game Department \$150 as the cost of replacing the elk. Walker ordered that to be paid jointly.

Each youth also is placed on

probation for six consecutive terms of two years each for a total of 12 years. Their driving licenses were suspended for one year each.

Under special conditions of probation, the judge ordered each youth not to be in any hunting camp or with individuals that have firearms in their vehicle.

Their hunting licenses were suspended for five consecutive three-year terms, for a total of 15 years each.

Walker also ordered each to write a letter to the citizens of Idaho apologizing for their actions.

Each must remain in good standing in school. And before the judge orders each defendant must complete a hunter education course, the judge said.

The Idaho Fish and Game Department brought the charges after an anonymous tipster led to the home of one of the youths. Officers said a seven-point set of antlers was taken from one of the elk, but the animals otherwise were wasted.

Fish and Game officers still are investigating the slaughtering of another elk that occurred at about the same time, but said earlier there is no indication that the two cases were connected.

# Office will salvage bark from yew trees

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The U.S. Bureau of Land Management says it will salvage the bark from Pacific yew trees stripped by the poachers, but an environmental group says it is a small amount compared to what is normally wasted.

Dean Bibbes, BLM Oregon-Washington state director, said the agency doesn't want to waste any of the bark, which is the source of the anti-cancer drug taxol. So it will be collected by H. A. U. S. E. Northwest, which has an exclusive contract to gather yew bark on federal lands.

Stripping the bark all the way around the trunk of a tree kills it. If bark is left around the base of the yew, it will often sprout from the stump.

"The Pacific yew has gone from trash tree to valuable resource in the past year after scientists found it offers a unique weapon against cancer."

With demand for the bark came theft.

BLM Pacific yew coordinator Kent Tresidler said yew bark thefts have been reported on the agency's Coos

Bay, Medford, Eugene and Salem districts.

"BLM has planned a comprehensive inventory of the species in 1992, and one aspect of the study will be to determine how much bark is being stolen so we can take strong actions to deal with the problem," he added.

Wendell Wood of the Oregon Natural Resources Council said environmentalists have no objection to salvaging the bark. But Wood contended it is a small amount compared to what is regularly

wasted by both the Forest Service and BLM, because Hauser contends it isn't economical to gather bark from logging sites where only a few yew trees were cut down.

"They are trying to plug a hole in the dike and the water's running over the top," Wood said.

"We think this is a phony issue to scream about theft of the bark and utilization of what the thieves left when the agency has not taken any steps to assure the resource is fully utilized, and in fact is being regularly wasted and burned."

Wendell Wood of the Oregon Natural Resources Council on salvaging bark

# Bundle up for winter fishing

By Jim Krulich Times-News correspondent

FILER — The key to enjoyable winter fishing is dressing properly.

The objective is to keep the body warm and prevent heat loss while not creating unnecessary perspiration. To accomplish this task, layered clothing is a wise choice.

The concept is that several layers of clothing will provide better insulation than one bulky outer garment. Layers may also be added when the temperature is cold and removed if the temperature increases.

Layers should be compiled with cotton or other absorbing fabrics next to the body. The inner layer acts as a sponge that soaks up perspiration and helps to keep the body dry and warm.

Additional layers function as insulation. Long-sleeved shirts, wool sweaters or pullovers should be layered over the absorbent garment to provide a restrictive barrier against the cold and wind. If the temperature really plummets, an outer shell with a hood may be necessary.

While layering will certainly keep the body warm, don't forget the extremities. Hats or stocking caps are essential for winter fishermen.

On really cool days, a good idea is to wear a standard baseball cap and pull a stocking cap over the ball cap. The bill of the baseball cap reduces glare from the water, and the stocking cap retains additional heat.

Cold hands are uncomfortable, making casting and they will spell the end to a day's fishing. Use dry socks to keep the hands warm.

The effects of cold can be reduced by wearing light gloves or using modified fishing versions. (The ends of the fingers are missing to provide greater dexterity.)

Here are several cold weather tips for winter fishermen: Bring two pairs of gloves in case one pair gets wet. Always carry a rag to dry the hands after catching fish.



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# Experts begin work on salmon recovery plan

SEATTLE (AP) — Seven experts have been appointed to develop a recovery plan for Snake River sockeye salmon, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Thursday.

The Snake River sockeye was declared endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act by NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service in November.

The team of five fisheries scientists, a hydraulics expert and a hydro systems expert will begin developing a recovery plan immediately, said William Fox, NOAA assistant administrator for fisheries.

"We specifically sought the very best people available and, for the most part, selected team members from the academic community to avoid appearances of conflicts of interest," Fox said.

The team will collaborate with the Northwest Power Planning Council to develop a recovery plan for wild

salmon stocks in the Columbia and Snake Rivers.

Members of the recovery team include: Donald Bevan, former dean of the University of Washington's School of Fisheries; James Crutcher, head of the University of Washington fisheries economist; Ted Bjorn, research scientist at the University of Idaho and member of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; John Harville, former fisheries professor and former executive director of Pacific States Marine Fisheries

Commission.

Other members include: Pete Bergman, retired Washington State Department of Fisheries hatchery chief and recreational fisheries expert; Pete Klingeman, professor in the department of civil engineering at Oregon State University; James Litchfield, private consultant and former Columbia and Snake Rivers hydro system operations expert for Northwest Power Planning Council.

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# Catch up on industry trends with latest fly fishing books

Books are back. That is good economic news for any industry, including fishing. Every factor of our lives tend to run in cycles, each segment waxing and waning according to our individual perception of need. We focus our energy as we either master or lose interest in one phase and then by necessity or choice target another.

Cultural events trigger changes in our lives and social environment. Significant books alter our perception of ourselves and our world. Even if you don't read these books, these events alter your life because they act upon other people to whom you must react.

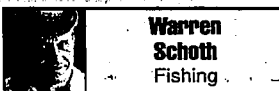
Fly fishing books have always been important in defining the sport for each era. At the turn of the century, the books of Halford and Shues argued the merits of dry fly fishing vs. wet fly fishing and nymphs. The argument was over more than technique; it was about social privilege, social etiquette, public fishing vs. private clubs.

Arnold Gingrich, in "The Fishing in Print" documents well the importance of books to fly fishing. He gives short shrift to "how-to" books; but in spite of his literary bias, the echoes of the tides of styles in technique and design are present as he discusses the literature.

"How-to" books, as inelegant as they may be to literary critics, the trench warfare of the marketplace is fought. The minds, souls and pocketbooks of each generation of anglers are sought as conscripts.

"Selective Trout," by Doug Swisher and Carl Richards, marked the politically correct proselytizing of the last 20 years. It was and is a great book that altered the mindset of post-World War II anglers. It's success caused the re-issue of books of similar theme, including "Matching the Hatch," Ernest Schwiebert; "A Book of Trout Flies," Preston Jennings; and "A Modern Dry Fly Code," Vince Marinato.

People chose heroes, books, flies, techniques and sides. They are still fighting. Some of the true believers of 1972 still refuse to use an attractor pattern and some hidebounds have never tied on a No-Hackle.



A good portion of today's eminent anglers owe their careers to the fact they pursued the newest phase of an old dispute.

Once in a while, a "how-to" book comes along that inadvertently tells us the state of agreement between generations by reviewing what is popular with the public, what is current.

"Tying Dry Flies," Randall Kaufmann, 1991, is a "how-to" book — a book on the technique of tying dry flies. It is an instructional manual similar to his earlier works on nymphs and wet flies. It is, as my argument goes, somewhat more.

Randall Kaufmann is an honest man. He gives good value in everything he does. He worries about his sport, rubs shoulders and calls friends the people who have defined angling in the last two decades.

Randall is also unpretentious, not outwardly burdened by the annoying ego of some of his contemporaries. This quality of personality serves him well as an instructor. A beginner or an advanced tier can utilize "Tying Dry Flies" without intimidation.

Instructions for 40 patterns are set forth in easily understood prose. The accompanying sequential photographs are sufficiently detailed to truly illustrate the process and not confound a tier. In addition, he includes photographs that show the result of bad technique. For someone addicted to the "Monkey see — Monkey do" school of tying, this is particularly valuable.

Randall, as a former commercial production tier, spends no little effort imparting some hard-won techniques for increasing a tier's speed, something most instructors ignore.

Randall, in his introduction says, "... I believe in making it easy and fun." In the book's forward, Jack-Dennis, himself, a noteworthy fly-tying au-

thor, says, "... Randall simplifies the techniques of what many consider the most difficult to tie: I agree with Jack.

The book does something more than give instruction of 40 illustrated patterns. It includes a pattern directory of 200 additional dry fly patterns of which Randall testifies, "These patterns represent the most frequently used and popular dry flies in North America, if not the fishing world."

It is this statement that encouraged me most about "Tying Dry Flies" because the list of patterns tells me what is current, what anglers tie, use and buy. Guess what? They are not all new patterns! In fact, Jack Dennis notes it well, "Randall presents readers with flies that he has had experience with and that work."

It is my hope that the significance of such an approach is not lost upon you as readers, tiers and anglers. As reasonable and common sense as it sounds, it flies in the face of what has been an acceptable philosophy in some of the fly fishing trade for several years. That philosophy, compact version is, "If it isn't new and isn't invented here, it is no good — and neither are you."

When an angler or tier of Randall Kaufmann's credentials puts his weight behind a practical and common-sense approach, one which gives credit to the past and present in an attempt to improve your fishing future, it is an important signal to the trade.

The signal is that fly fishing must be market-driven. The fly fishing consumer demands his best chance at success and requires the trade to provide him the means.

Randall Kaufmann, in "Tying Dry Flies," has developed a balanced synthesis of past and present in patterns, philosophy and technique. I wish the book — and by trying the author's suggestions such as an approach promises all of us who love the sport:

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The cost of killing bison that wander into state land from Yellowstone has become a 'money-losing proposition.'

## Montana loses money killing bison

CORWIN SPRINGS, Mont. (AP) — The state is losing money killing bison that wander into Montana from Yellowstone National Park, a Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks official says.

"It's very much a money-losing proposition," said Bob Martinka, the agency's regional supervisor at Bozeman. "We're trying to do as good a job as we can to reduce the costs of this operation."

The department recoups some of its losses by auctioning bison carcasses, hides and heads, Martinka said, but the receipts are not nearly enough to break even. The sale of 23 bison and their parts has brought in \$17,796 this year, said David Clark-Snustad, chief of the department's accounting bureau. The total of expenses has not yet been compiled for this year.

Killing the bison — usually with a single shot to the head with a large caliber rifle — is just the start of the job. The huge carcasses must then be skinned, processed and transported and that takes manpower and money.

Wardens and contractors they have hired have been using a front-end loader to put the dead animals in pickup trucks and have rented a slaughter shack

from Corwin Springs resident Charlie Mikolich. It took a half-dozen men to process the 12 bison killed on Sunday.

Most of the bison meat has been donated to the Northern Cheyenne Indian tribe, but those people also have to transport the meat hundreds of miles and pay to have it processed before it can be distributed to families on the reservation.

Montana Department of Livestock personnel have also been helping process the animals. That takes staff time, travel expenses, vehicles and money for disease testing at laboratories in and out of Montana.

Martinka said having help from the Indians and the Department of Livestock has helped his department reduce costs.

Neither the wildlife agency nor the Department of Livestock has an overtime budget and employees are expected to take time off as compensation to make up for their overtime.

There are going to be costs down the road this winter when these people want to take their comp time," said John Stutka, director of centralized services for the Department of Livestock.

Some state employees probably just won't get paid for their extra work, Martinka said.

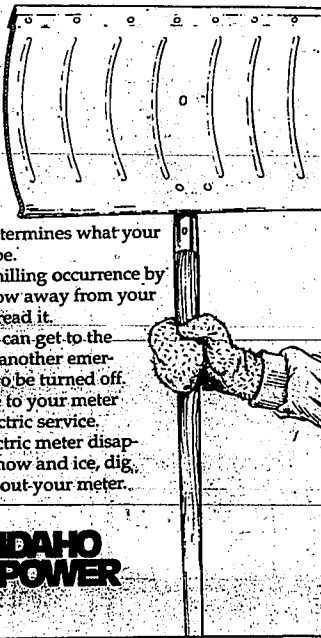
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## Yellowstone's grizzly investment paying off

LAKEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Federal bear managers say Yellowstone National Park's grizzly bear population is making a dramatic recovery from a time 16 years ago when it verged on extinction.

A sharp decline in bear killings is the chief reason, the managers said.

"They're back," Gary Cargill, regional chief of the U.S. Forest Service, told the Intergency Grizzly Bear Committee on Tuesday. Cargill's region surrounds Yellowstone.

Officials said that a 16-year National Park Service program to save the grizzlies appears to be paying off. At least 250 bears now roam northwestern Wyoming and southern Montana, and for the second year in a row, 24 sows were spotted with cubs in the park, said wildlife biologist Dick Knight.

Chris Servehren, the panel's coordi-

nator, said there may be as many as 65 grizzly sows with cubs in Yellowstone today, compared to 30 in 1983.

The biggest factor in the bears' comeback is a reduction in human-caused deaths. No Yellowstone grizzlies were known to have been killed by humans this year, officials said.

"Once we stopped killing them, they began to reproduce," Servehren said.

During the 1960s and -1970s, rangers shot hundreds of grizzlies

fed for years by tourists — because they began foraging in campgrounds and neighboring towns when the park's garbage dumps were closed off.

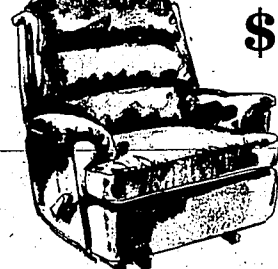
The shootings took their toll. In 1975, the year the Yellowstone grizzly was declared threatened, the bear elimination program ended. Dozens of other steps were taken on behalf of the grizzly, ranging from phasing out livestock grazing permits near the park to handing out brochures to elk hunters.

The conservation of grizzlies has become institutionalized. They're not just doing it to obey the laws," said Hank Fischer of Defenders of Wildlife.

"For the first time, we're cautiously optimistic about the recovery of the bear," said John Varley, Yellowstone's chief scientist.

But officials said the grizzly is not likely to be taken off the endangered list soon, because officials said the number of bears in the park is barely enough for a healthy genetic pool.

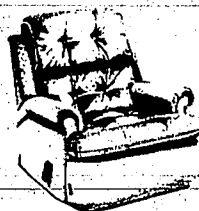
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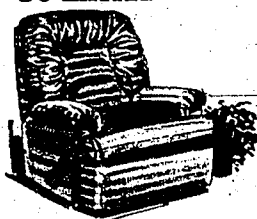
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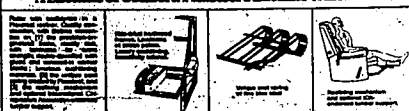
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# Wyoming snags ranch land along Wind River for \$7.8 million

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) — The Wyoming Game and Fish has agreed to pay \$7.8 million for ranch lands along the East Fork of the Wind River.

The land will be bought from Jackson lawyers Gerry Spence and Ed Moriarty. Commissioner Ed McCarthy of Casper said the offer was "a real opportunity ... to make a purchase that would provide a great deal for the future, the future of the wildlife resource of Wyoming and for the people of Wyoming."

Spence said the area can become home to the world's largest natural elk herd and also handle nearly every other big game species in Wyoming.

"What we're doing is preserving for the children of Wyoming and the people of this

state, forever, a great, outdoor sanctuary for people to fish and for game animals to be fed and taken care of," he said.

Art Reese, chief of the department's Habitat and Technical Services Division, said the area contains about 5,400 acres of crucial range for elk.

It also includes 4,200 acres for bighorn sheep, 17,000 acres for mule deer, 5,400 acres for antelope, 5,400 acres for Canada goose, 18,600 acres for peregrine falcon and 1,100 acres for moose.

The area has about 17 miles of streams that contain Snake River and Yellowstone cutthroat trout, brown trout and mountain whitefish, Reese said.

But it is elk the department is focusing on with the purchase. The buy may let the de-

partment increase the elk wintering number from 2,500 to about 5,700, Reese said.

Hunting and fishing opportunities could be a big plus to the local economy, McCarthy said. As the elk herd builds, "we're going to make that purchase price look minute," he said.

The commission vote allowed the department to buy fee title to 28,865 acres at a cost of about \$270 an acre. The buy also includes leases to about 3,250 acres of state land and 5,357 acres of federal land, Reese said. Lease costs push the purchase price to under \$210 an acre.

In contrast, the Montana State Land Board earlier this week bought elk winter range near Red Lodge, Mont., at about \$703 an acre.

But there are still some legal questions to figure out with the Spence-Moriarty purchase. About 15,000 acres of the land fall within historic boundaries of the Wind River Indian Reservation, prompting jurisdiction questions.

"The questions will have to be asked by legal minds on who can hunt and fish, whatever," said Gary Lajeunesse, supervisor of the tribal game and fish department on the reservation.

"That's going to be tough."

"But having the Wyoming Game and Fish purchase it is a lot better than an insurance company buying it," he said. "It opens a lot of positive possibilities."

The department will close the deal and make its first payment of about \$2.6 million

on Dec. 31, Reese said. Another \$2.6 million payment will be made Jan. 6, and the third payment in January 1993.

Commissioners Mary Flinner of Shell and Dan Kennedy of Wheatland opposed the purchase because of price and overall land purchase planning.

"I've never been told how much will be enough land for the Game and Fish Department to own," Kennedy said. "Since I've been on, we've spent almost \$9 million."

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# Focus/Classified



**Communism**

The Communist Party of the Soviet Union was dissolved on Thursday, marking the end of a political system that had ruled the world's largest country for more than 70 years.

The party's dissolution was the final step in a process that began in 1985, when Mikhail Gorbachev became general secretary of the party and launched a series of reforms to modernize the Soviet Union.

The party's dissolution was the result of a series of events, including the collapse of the party's monopoly on power, the rise of nationalist movements in the republics, and the failure of the party to reform itself.

The party's dissolution was a landmark event in the history of the Soviet Union, marking the end of a political system that had ruled the world's largest country for more than 70 years.

## 7 years that shook the Soviet Union

The Associated Press

One of the 20th century's pivotal leaders, Mikhail Gorbachev, transformed the political system of the Soviet Union and helped end the Cold War. But he became a victim of his own reforms.

During his final months in office, Gorbachev lacked real power, and suffered the humiliation of presiding over a collapsing empire of 285 million people.

He struggled in vain to preserve the central government and reluctantly accepted a "transition to a commonwealth," even though it meant his demise as the Soviet Union's eighth and final leader.

He even lost his Kremlin office, which rival Boris Yeltsin took control of Thursday along with most Soviet central government agencies as he moved to close down the Soviet Union that existed for 74 years.

In nearly seven years in power, first as general secretary of the Communist Party and later as president of the Soviet Union, Gorbachev introduced tumultuous reforms that transformed and fascinated the world.

He freed political prisoners, allowed open debate and multi-candidate elections that ended the Communist Party's monopoly on power.

He gave Soviets freedom to travel and emigrate, halted religious oppression, reduced nuclear arsenals, established closer ties with the West and allowed the fall of Communist regimes in Eastern Europe.

In the process, he won the Nobel Peace Prize and accolades from world leaders.

But in a bitter irony, Gorbachev was more admired abroad than at home.

Soviets blamed him for hesitant economic reforms that caused a disastrous drop in production and severed the old supply network, resulting in bread lines, gasoline



Mikhail Gorbachev arrives in Moscow on Aug. 22, 1991, ending a three-day coup. It was Soviet President Boris Yeltsin who rallied the opposition and made possible Gorbachev's return.

shortages and rationing unseen since World War II. The ruble became a worthless currency.

In contrast to his immediate predecessors, Gorbachev radiated energy and drive when he took charge of the economically troubled superpower in 1985. His press-the-flesh politicking initially enchanted crowds at home and set off "Gorbymania" abroad.

authority to the republics, while maintaining a strong central government. It was scheduled for signing Aug. 20.

A day before the planned ceremony, hardliners who bitterly opposed the Kremlin's loss of authority announced they had taken power. Among them were the men Gorbachev chose — his chief of staff, the Soviet vice-president, prime minister, defense minister and the head of the KGB. For three chilling days, they held Gorbachev and his family under house arrest in the Crimea.

Yeltsin rallied the opposition to the coup and tens of thousands of Muscovites gathered outside Yeltsin's Russian government building to show solidarity. When the military refused to attack, the coup collapsed.

Yeltsin was the hero. Many Soviets felt sorry for Gorbachev, but his authority had been permanently damaged along with the credibility of the Communist Party, which appeared to be supporting the putsch.

In the power vacuum that followed, most of the republics declared full independence.

Gorbachev recognized the statehood of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. Ukraine broke away politically, and joined a commonwealth with other republics that left no place for Gorbachev's central administration.

Gorbachev was one of the generation of Soviet leaders born in the 1930s and '40s who lived through the crisis of World War II, the Stalinist years and the era in which the Soviet Union attained superpower status and international prestige.

The Soviet Union was 14 years old when Gorbachev was born March 2, 1931, and baptized in Privolnoye, a village 125 miles from Stavropol in the rich southern Russian grasslands.

His father, Sergei, was a party member and combine driver. His mother, Maria, still lives in Privolnoye, where she attends Russian

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### Gorbachev's rule

MOSCOW — Here at a glance are some of the accomplishments and failures of Mikhail Gorbachev during his nearly seven-year rule of the Soviet Union:

#### Accomplishments

- Opened Soviet society to reform and political freedom, released political prisoners, lifted restrictions on news media and allowed freedom of travel.
- Ruled out use of force to maintain the Soviet empire and allowed the countries of Eastern Europe to break away from the Soviet system. Pulled Soviet troops out of Afghanistan and other guerrilla wars.
- Agreed, in talks with the United States, to drastic reductions in nuclear and conventional armed forces.
- Ended the Communist Party's seven-decade monopoly on political power, introduced multiple-party and multiple-candidate elections and strengthened the elected legislature.

#### Failures

- Moved too slowly on economic reforms, and with half-measures worsened shortages of food, fuel, housing and consumer goods.
- Did not consult with republics sufficiently in planning reforms. Did not give them enough autonomy.
- Underestimated the appeal of his longtime rival, Boris Yeltsin, and mishandled attempts to remove Yeltsin from power.
- Chose aides who turned against him, including vice president, KGB chief, defense minister, prime minister. Lost important allies, such as Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, advisor Alexander Yakovlev and economist Stanislav Shatalin — who became frustrated with Gorbachev's hesitation on reform.
- After the August coup, failed to transform his concept of a union to account for the republics' increasing desire for independence and the right to manage their own affairs.

## Expectations unfulfilled

By Andrew Katiell

In the beginning, Mikhail Gorbachev was the hope of his countrymen. In the end, many viewed him with despair.

Gorbachev ended his rule a victim of the forces he unleashed, a man many of his countrymen saw as a transitional figure who started reforms but could not see them through.

Perhaps his greatest achievement — bringing a measure of democracy to the Soviet Union — was the start of his downfall.

As he made the system more responsive to the individual — he called it "humane socialism" — he made himself vulnerable to challenges from within the Soviet leadership, but not the first time to the people.

Gorbachev delivered on promises of a better spiritual life. He allowed free practice

### Analysis

of religion, free speech and assembly, and largely dismantled the levers of Stalinist terror that sowed fear in the people.

Those early successes gave hope to a people tired and oppressed by generations of Communist hard-liners. But he failed to deliver on "pocketbook issues" — putting meat and potatoes on the table, consumer goods on the shelves — and the people soured on Gorbachev.

Had he made headway in easing chronic shortages of food, fuel and housing, popular support might have kept Gorbachev in office and the union intact.

His first part because he clung to old beliefs, built on a centrally planned system; he wavered on radical economic reforms. He moved too late, and as the old system collapsed, he had nothing to put in its place.

By hesitating on reform, taking few domestic steps that could have kept him in touch with growing decay and failing to involve republic leaders in charting the country's future, Gorbachev alienated the people and the republic leaders, notably Boris Yeltsin.

In his last year, Gorbachev introduced reform by issuing surprise decrees that appeared poorly conceived. As he repeatedly largely ignored them, he became increasingly irrelevant.

At the same time, Gorbachev's blatant openness, and the freedom to travel abroad opened his countrymen's ears and eyes to Western ways. Many Soviets hadn't realized how poorly they lived because they had no basis of comparison. After they'd seen the West, they craved a better life.

One of Gorbachev's biggest mistakes was underestimating Yeltsin, his one-time ally. Please see DESPAIR/E2



The Musilchick family watches Mikhail Gorbachev's resignation speech in their Moscow apartment Wednesday. Soviets became increasingly disenchanted as he failed to deliver on 'pocketbook issues.'

# 7 decades of Soviet turbulence

The Associated Press

**MOSCOW** - From the overthrow of the monarchy to the introduction of a democratically elected government, the Soviet Union has had a tumultuous 74-year history. Following is a brief look at the periods of Soviet rule:

## Soviet power is born: 1917-24

Vladimir Lenin led the Bolshevik revolution that ousted the provisional government that took over after the czar was forced to abdicate. Lenin at first let workers control factories and peasants take over farmland. But he tightened his grip later, founding the secret police. From 1918 to 1920, Russia was torn by civil war between the Communists and their opponents: the Whites. The Communists won, and the Red Army expanded the Soviet empire.

In 1921, Lenin established the New Economic Policy, allowing small industries and retail trade to operate privately. The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was founded in 1922 under a Union Treaty.

## Terror and war: 1924-53

Josef Stalin took over the Communist Party after Lenin's death in 1924 and brutally eliminated his political opponents and became a dictator.

Trying to force modernization, he seized land from peasants in a drive to collectivize agriculture, an action that caused famine. Millions of people were deported to prison labor camps.

Great emphasis was placed on expanding heavy industries in a tightly controlled centrally planned economy.

In the 1930s, Stalin's moved to stamp out opposition with a series of purges. Millions of people were arrested; many were executed, others sent to labor camps. Fear permeated society. Stalin ignored warnings of a Nazi attack and was poorly prepared when German troops invaded in 1941. Hitler's forces advanced rapidly.

Stalin united the country against the invader, and the punishing Russian winter helped defeat the Nazis. After the war, in which the country lost 20 million people, Soviet forces turned eastern Germany into a Communist police state and blocked Western efforts to unite Germany.

Red Army units remained in the eastern European countries they had been freed from the Germans. The countries were isolated behind the Iron Curtain, and the Cold War began.

## Thaw: 1953-64

After Stalin's death, Nikita Khrushchev emerged as Communist Party leader.

Khrushchev criticized Stalin and

eased some of the restrictions and fear gripping society. He freed some political prisoners. Writers, painters and scientists were permitted greater freedom of expression. The government tried to produce more consumer goods and food. In 1956, Khrushchev announced a policy of peaceful coexistence with the West but competition in space and in nuclear arsenals continued. At home, Khrushchev's farm program collapsed and the Soviet Union had to buy wheat from the West. In 1964, Communist opponents forced Khrushchev to retire.

## Era of stagnation: 1964-82

Leonid I. Brezhnev became Communist Party chief. When Soviet satellite countries sought to introduce reforms, the Kremlin shot back. In 1968, Brezhnev sent troops into Czechoslovakia. Despite attempts at agricultural reforms, the Soviet Union had to import food from the West. Brezhnev sought friendly relations with the West, beginning a period of detente that included summits with Western leaders and arms control treaties. But he took a tough line at home against dissent, arresting nationalists, writers and cultural figures.

## Transition: 1982-85

Brezhnev died after a long period of failing health. He was succeeded by two aging Communists, Yuri Andropov and Konstantin

Chernenko, who briefly led the Communist Party before their deaths. Neither was in office long enough to make much mark. Andropov campaigned for labor discipline to improve the economy.

## Perestroika: 1985-91

Mikhail Gorbachev, representing a new generation, was elected Communist Party chief and announced a sweeping reform program known as perestroika, or restructuring. He released political prisoners, allowed freer expression and freedom of movement and negotiated arms control treaties with the West. Although he reduced the core of central economic planning, he hesitated on radical economic reform, and chronic shortages worsened.

Ethnic disputes flared, and the republics declared independence. Gorbachev, who also was elected Communist Party in 1988, ended the Communist Party's monopoly on power.

He introduced democratic reforms that gave the people a voice in government. He also let Eastern European governments go their own way and ended Soviet involvement in a guerrilla war in Afghanistan.

He clung to the idea of preserving a union, but the republics, led by his rival Boris Yeltsin, demanded a commonwealth of independent states, leaving no apparent role for Gorbachev.

# Gorbachev

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Orthodox church services. Gorbachev was 10 when the Nazis launched their blitzkrieg on the Soviet Union.

Gorbachev drove a combine after school as a teen-ager. His performance earned him the Red Banner of Labor in 1949, a rare distinction for an 18-year-old.

His good grades and the party background of his parents gained him a place at Moscow University. He studied law and joined the Communist Party when he was 21. At school he met philosophy student Raisa Titorenko and they married in 1954. After graduating in 1955, Gorbachev returned to the Stavropol region as an official of Komsomol, the Communist youth league.

According to an official biography, Gorbachev's rise was due to his ability "to captivate people with his brilliance.... His originality of thought and his charm attracted people to him."

In 1970, at age 39, Gorbachev was named party first secretary for Stavropol province, becoming Moscow's first secretary in an area the size of South Carolina. Under Leonid Brezhnev's leadership of the Communist Party, granting such a powerful post to a man in his 30s was exceptional.

In Stavropol, Gorbachev met high officials who wanted an active spokesman, including KGB chief Yuri Andropov.

In 1978, Gorbachev moved to Moscow as top party official for agriculture, apparently with Andropov's backing. Two years later, at age 49, he was named the youngest full member of the ruling Politburo.

When Brezhnev died in 1982 and Andropov became party leader, Gorbachev helped lead a drive against corruption.

As Andropov died in 1984, Gorbachev was a candidate to succeed his former mentor. But the party's old guard picked Konstantin Chernenko, a feeble 72-year-old Brezhnev protégé. Chernenko died after less than 13 months. Chosen party chief on March 11, 1985, Gorbachev became the country's youngest leader since Stalin.

Gorbachev likened his sweeping reforms to the 1917 Bolshevik revolution, calling them a revolution "without the bullets."

The keystone was "perestroika," or restructuring. Its main thrust was to reduce central planning and allow entrepreneurs to open quasi-private cooperatives.

"Glasnost," or openness, allowed candid discussion of social ills.

Seeking closer ties, Gorbachev met President Reagan five times and agreed to eliminate the superpowers' medium and short-range nuclear missiles.

Domestically, he revamped the political system, persuading the Congress of People's Deputies to elect him to the new presidency in 1988. Later that year, the Congress invested him with extraordinary powers. Warning that the country was sliding toward dictatorship, Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze resigned.

In 1989, Gorbachev withdrew Soviet troops from Afghanistan, ending a demoralizing and unpopular war. When unrest swept Communist regimes from power in Eastern Europe, Gorbachev did not intervene.

In 1986, Gorbachev lifted the internal exile of physicist and dissident Andrei Sakharov, the 1975 Nobel Peace Prize winner. In 1990, Gorbachev himself won the peace prize in arms treaties and ending the Cold War.



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Two men scramble for cover as opposition fighters take aim at troops loyal to Georgian President Zviad Gamsakhurdia Tuesday in Tbilisi, the republic's capital.

# Fighting erupts when Georgian leader refuses to step aside

The Associated Press

**TBILISI, Georgia** - Georgian President Zviad Gamsakhurdia pledged in an interview Wednesday he would hold out in the besieged Parliament building until death rather than give in to the opposition and resign.

Fighting broke out Wednesday night at Tbilisi airport between the neutral Georgian militia and the opposition, who mistakenly believed a plane that came from the neighboring territory of Chechnya-Ingushetia had Gamsakhurdia supporters on board. Several people were wounded.

Elsewhere in the city, shelling subsided when rebel forces pulled back slightly after pounding the mammoth Parliament building, where Gamsakhurdia and about 1,000 loyal troops are holding out. The Interfax news agency said rebels dropped explosives from a helicopter onto the roof, badly damaging it.

Gamsakhurdia has the support of the working class and of people outside the capital city of Tbilisi, while the intellectuals support the opposition.

The opposition is a loose-knit coalition of democrats, reformers and former members of Gamsakhurdia's government and the rebel National Guardsmen who broke with the president in August.

Reached by telephone, Gamsakhurdia told The Associated



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Opposition fighters look for snipers at the Parliament building Tuesday.

Press he and his supporters had enough arms to withstand the opposition siege. "I will hold until death." But he also called for dialogue with the opposition.

Asked what he would do if the opposition withdrew, the president replied, "I am not blood thirsty." He said he thought the Georgian people were turning against the opposition.

Earlier Wednesday, thousands of pro-Gamsakhurdia demonstrators, carrying portraits of their besieged leader, swarmed Tbilisi University and began organizing their forces to

fight the opposition, reports said. The Georgian Health Ministry said 37 people have been killed and about 250 wounded in the fighting that began Sunday between loyalist forces and opposition rebels demanding Gamsakhurdia's resignation. The struggle has paralyzed Georgian politics throughout much of September and October.

The charismatic Gamsakhurdia won a landslide victory in May's presidential elections. Since then, his critics have accused him of acting dictatorial, and his power base has eroded.

Gamsakhurdia claims the opposition is guided by Russian and former Soviet officials in Moscow who bent on stopping Georgia's independence. Both sides in Georgia accuse each other of shooting first. Witnesses have said government troops opened fire first during an anti-government rally Sunday.

Georgia was the only former Soviet republic that did not join the new Commonwealth of Independent States, which was proclaimed Saturday in the Kazakhstan capital of Alma-Ata.

Both sides say the fighting has nothing to do with the commonwealth, which Gamsakhurdia said was considering joining. But Russian President Boris Yeltsin told lawmakers Wednesday the commonwealth had decided to reject Georgian membership "until its internal problems can be solved."

In the end, virtually nothing was left for Gorbachev to rule.

Some historians would say Gorbachev turned out to be better at dismantling the old system than building a new one. Others will say he was a scapegoat for 74 years of Communist mismanagement and had been given more time and support, he would have seen the reforms he started improve people's lives.

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# Despair

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staff, vice president, defense minister, KGB chief and prime minister - who tried to topple him: - Yeltsin, who built his popularity by being the underdog and attacking the system, moved quickly to fill the power vacuum after the coup. It was Yeltsin who saved Gorbachev, and Gorbachev, beholden to Yeltsin, was forced to allow the Russian leader to take over more and more functions of the Kremlin.

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Dummy's heart ace won, and a trump to South's king exposed the tickish trump break. South returned to dummy in hearts to lead a second trump, but East prevailed. East hopped up with his ace and switched to a low club, and the ensuing heart ruff made defensive book. Since there was no way around the losing diamond finesse, South's game fell one trick short.

How does South avoid the heart ruff? Obviously he cannot do it by leading a trump at trick three, but he can do the next best thing. Instead of crossing to dummy in hearts, he should lead a low club toward dummy's honors. The objective is not to establish a club winner but to eliminate an entry to West's hand.

After the communications are cut, South can afford to lead a second trump from dummy. East wins his ace, but there is no ruff. South loses only one trump, one club and one diamond.

- NORTH** 13-4-4  
 ♠ 6 5 2  
 ♥ A K 4  
 ♦ Q J 2  
 ♣ Q J 8 5
- EAST** 11-10-6-2  
 ♠ A J 10  
 ♥ 8 3  
 ♦ 10 8 6 4  
 ♣ K 10 9 6
- SOUTH** 12-8-7-3  
 ♠ K Q 9 8 7 4 3  
 ♥ Q 7 2  
 ♦ A 5  
 ♣ A 4
- Vulnerable: Both  
 Dealer: North  
 The bidding:  
 North East South West  
 1 NT Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
 1 NT Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
 Opening lead: Heart Jack

- BID-WITH THE ACES** 12-8-7-3
- South holds:  
 ♠ A J 10  
 ♥ 8 3  
 ♦ 10 8 6 4  
 ♣ K 10 9 6
- North South  
 1 NT 3  
 ANSWER: Four hearts. With two trumps and a couple of prime cards, bid four hearts. It should be safer than three no-trump.
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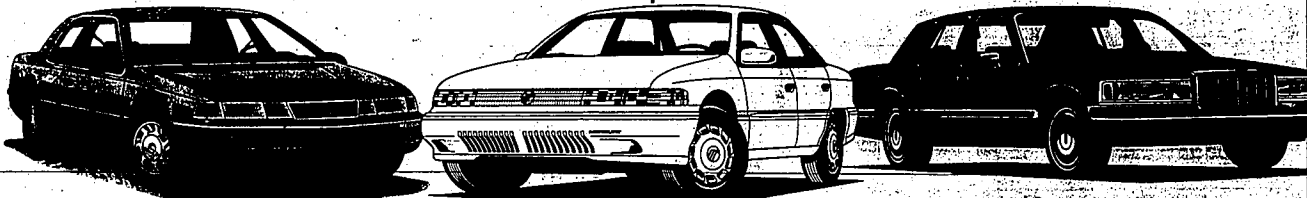
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